



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Kentwood residents,

Whether you were visiting a park, participating in our recreational programs, celebrating a community event or taking a leisurely ride on one of our trails, I hope

you were able to enjoy the beautiful City of Kentwood this summer. As we shift into fall, please remain engaged with the community and join us at our upcoming fall events.

We recently celebrated National Night Out, and I was inspired by the great neighbors and residents watching out for one another in our community. Please remember, "If You See Something, Say Something!" Mindful neighbors help keep our community safe, and your calls can make a dramatic difference.

Continued blessings to you and have a great fall!

Mayor Stephen Kepley

End of Summer Food Truck Festival - Sept. 15

Kentwood's annual Food Truck Festival is back and better than ever with a beer tent, live music and a wide variety of food trucks. This year's event will be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at City Hall. Join us for a fun day filled with live music from four bands, a cornhole tournament and a variety of local eats from nearly 30 food trucks.

Kentwood Drug Take Back - Oct. 27

Kentwood Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration have come together to host another Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 27. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unwanted or expired drugs, which include pills or patches, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentwood Police Department at 4742 Walma Ave. SE. No questions will be asked.

The DEA will not accept liquids, needles or any sharp objects.

Fall Leaf and Brush Drop-Off - Oct. 13–Dec. 8

After receiving positive feedback from the community, the city will continue to pilot a brush drop-off program this fall. The brush drop-off site and annual leaf drop-off site will run concurrently this fall at the Department of Public Works, located at 5068 Breton Ave. SE. Both sites will be open from Saturday, Oct. 13 through Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. The brush drop-off site will accept brush, sticks, tree limbs and logs. We cannot accept grass clippings, trash, dirt, concrete, asphalt, tires, rocks, stones, construction materials, glass or metal. Proof of residency must be shown at the time of drop off. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at 616.554.0817.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat - Oct. 20

All are invited to enjoy free family activities at our Fall Festival outside the Kentwood Department of Public Works on Saturday, Oct. 20. There will be hayrides, face painting, a bounce house and games from 10 a.m. to noon. The festival will also feature a community fall-favorite, Trunk or Treat, where various vehicles will be parked with candy-filled trunks. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and bring their own candy-collection bag for the activity. Local businesses and community group are invited to attend and decorate vehicles with Halloween themes. Those wishing to participate can sign up online.

Trick-or-Treat Hours & Halloween Safety

Trick-or-treat activities are recommended between 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. As residents plan to participate in Halloween activities, the Kentwood Police Department offers the following tips to encourage a safe evening:

- Accompany children during trick-or-treat visits.
- Make sure trick-or-treaters are visible by wearing light-colored costumes, headlamps or reflective tape.
- Keep in mind Kentwood's curfew ordinance.

By exercising our responsibilities as parents and good neighbors, we can help ensure that the entire community enjoys a safe and fun Halloween.



WHAT'S HAPPENING • FALL 2018

SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY CLOSURE

City Hall will be closed on Sept. 3

KENTWOOD FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays (Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

Kent District Library - Kentwood

(Richard L. Root) Branch

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8 will be a special day at the Kentwood Farmers Market to show that Kentwood cares.

Parks and Recreation staff will be on-site to accept donations of nonperishable food and toiletry items for our Little Free Pantry.

Monetary donations will also be accepted for the Youth Scholarship Fund, which helps low-income youth participate in recreational programs.

END OF SUMMER FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Sept. 15, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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- 1–2 p.m. Allie Garland
- 3–4 p.m. Erika Scherry
- 5–6 p.m. Kari Lynch
- 7–9:30 p.m. Orquesta Ritmo

OCTOBER

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT KENTWOOD FARMERS MARKET

Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kent District Library - Kentwood

(Richard L. Root) Branch

Join us as the Farmers Market wraps up the season with a special harvest celebration. There will be music, games and a bake sale.

FRIENDS OF THE KENTWOOD LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kent District Library - Kentwood

(Richard L. Root) Branch

Rediscover great used books and more at bargain prices at this used book sale.

FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to noon

Kentwood Public Works

SOUTH KENT COMMUNITY EXPO

Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kentwood Activities Center

Explore products and services from more than 60 community businesses.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kentwood Police Department

Drop off any unwanted or expired medications.

NOVEMBER

GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 6, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kentwood has 18 voting locations. The Clerk's office is always looking for people who are interested in serving their community on Election Day.

If interested in becoming an election worker, complete an election inspector application, which can be found on our website on the "Elections" page. Return in-person at City Hall or by mail to Kentwood City Clerk, P.O. Box 8848, Kentwood, MI 49518.

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Nov. 10, 9 a.m.

Old Farm Park

Pre-register online at www.kentwood.us/parks. Cost: \$40 per team.

THANKSGIVING CLOSURE

City Hall will be closed Nov. 22–23

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON
EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT:**

WWW.KENTWOOD.US

