



## Greetings from the Mayor

With all the activities surrounding Kentwood's 50th Anniversary, the summer has seemed to sprint by. As school and fall sports begin, along with the preparation of Kentwood's autumn events, we find ourselves reflecting positively on the 50th celebrations these past few months and looking forward to the beautiful autumn and the active fall ahead.



Contemplating on the recent events around our country, I want to encourage you to act towards others as you would have them act towards you. Our country's Constitution provides us with sacred freedoms in the First Amendment: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. All citizens have this right - though we may not like comments from our fellow citizens or the press at times.

I strongly encourage you to be slow to anger and quick to love; to support constitutional rights for others as you want others to respect yours; and to respond in a positive manner with kindness, gentleness, and compassion. By doing so, Kentwood will be the shining light that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness can be acquired without detriment.

Blessings to you all,

*Mayor Stephen Kepley*

### Trick or Treat

The City of Kentwood will observe trick or treating on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Take precaution while driving on Oct. 31. Please lower your speeds and eliminate any distractions. Remember, no texting and driving!

### New Street Lights

The City of Kentwood is getting a lot brighter – thanks to a conversion to LED streetlights on our major streets.

Kentwood is swapping out 2,661 of our current high-pressure sodium, or HPS, lights to light-emitting diode, commonly known as LED lights. The project will be completed in four phases, beginning Aug. 21, and improve major streets such as 44th Street, 52nd Street and Eastern Avenue.

The first phase of the project is expected to save more than \$35,000 annually in maintenance and repairs.

During this time, you may notice short lane closures throughout the City. We appreciate your patience.

### November Election

This election season will bring some changes to how and where you vote in Kentwood. Some residents will be voting at a new precinct and all residents will be using new voting equipment

If your polling location has changed, you should have received a new voter ID card with your new voting location. If you have questions, please call the City Clerk at 616.554.0730.

We are receiving new election equipment that will tabulate ballots faster; we are also adding new ADA-compliant equipment.

Reminder: if you are a permanent absentee voter, you will still receive an application before each election.

Find ballot and precinct information at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

Fall is here, and we know those beautiful, bright leaves end up on the ground. After you're finished with fall yard clean up, you may bring leaves to the leaf disposal site at 5068 Breton SE, next to the recycling center.

The site opens beginning Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop off. This service is provided to residents of Kentwood. Commercial contractors are not permitted.

This is a leaf only drop-off site. Plastic bags, grass clippings, brush, tree trimmings or trash will not be accepted. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 616.554.0817.

### Fall Leaf Drop-Off



# Join the Celebration!

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## Sept. 16 • End of Summer Food Truck Festival & Cornhole Tournament

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. @ Kentwood City Hall Lawn

Food trucks, beer tent, live music, cornhole tournament and other yard games



## Sept. 30 • South Kent Community Expo

10 a.m. to noon @ East Kentwood High School Fieldhouse

Free event includes nearly 100 businesses and a tasting featuring dozens of local restaurants and stores.

## Kentwood Farmers' Market

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. @ Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Sept. 2 • Sept. 9 • Sept. 16 • Sept. 23 • Sept. 30

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## Oct. 7 • Last day of Kentwood Farmers' Market

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. @ Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



## Oct. 14 • Friends of the Kentwood Library Used book Sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Great used books and more at bargain prices! All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Kentwood Library. More information [www.kdl.org/locations/kentwood](http://www.kdl.org/locations/kentwood)

## Oct. 21 • Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

10 a.m. to noon @ Kentwood DPW 5068 Breton

Free family-friendly event, fall-themed activities such as hayrides, pumpkin racing, bounce house, face painting and games

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## Nov. 7 • Election

Find your polling location at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

## Nov. 18 • Ugly Sweater 5K

Noon start time @ Stormy Creek Golf Course

Register at [www.kentwood50.com](http://www.kentwood50.com)

\$25 to participate. Rate increases to on Oct. 1

