



Kent Newsletter

Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a busy, hot summer, and we have ended it with some of the most spectacular weather these past days. I hope you are all taking time to enjoy some time outside.

The end of this week, Saturday, September 11th marks 20 years since the tragic attacks on our country. We all remember where we were when we first heard about a plane crashing into one of the World Trade Center in New York.

This Saturday morning, I invite the public to come to a special 20th anniversary ceremony to share your reflections of the day that changed our country forever, honor those who were killed, and honor the many first responders.

The ceremony begins at 8:30a, and will take place at the Town Hall. We will wrap up by 9:15a in order for those attending Jack Osborne's memorial service have time to get across town. I will send out an itinerary in the next day or two.

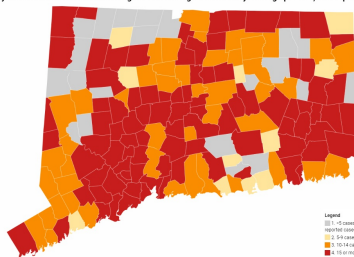
I hope you will join us.

Remember,
...take a breath,
...give folks a minute,
...assume some positive intent.

Stay well,

COVID-19 Updates

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



With concern surrounding the Delta variant, I have reinstated the COVID-19 Update section.

Connecticut continues to have one of the highest vaccination rates at 66.2%. In Kent, 77.2% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated. By age group:

- aged 12-17: 75%
- aged 18-24: 95%
- aged 25-44: 80%
- aged 45-64: 70%
- aged 65+: 100%

Walk-Up Vaccination Clinic: There will be a free, walk-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Kent School Racquet Center located at 11 Skiff Mountain Road, from 2:00p - 5:00p on

September 8th, 2021 specifically for our community! No appointment necessary and all are welcome, age 12 and older. *As of this writing, the booster vaccination is not approved by the FDA. Therefore, the booster will not be available at the clinic.*

HHS, the FDA, and other medical experts recently released a joint statement regarding the COVID19 booster shots. This article includes excellent information on where the approval process is and when we will see availability. You can also find the latest information on the CT.gov website

The Connecticut Department of Public Health and Kent School are bringing the DPH Vaccination Vans to our town to make the COVID-19 vaccine more accessible to our community, so be on the lookout for the yellow SUV when you arrive.

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. **No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.**

The Return of Testing: Kent Station Pharmacy will soon be offering COVID-19 testing at the pharmacy. Results of the PCR tests will be available in 24-48 hours. More information will be available on their [website](#).

The statewide mask policy that is currently in effect, per Governor's Executive Order 13a, is as follows:

Outdoors

- Masks not required

Indoors

- Vaccinated not required to wear masks
- Unvaccinated must wear masks
- Masks are required to be worn by everyone in certain settings such as healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, schools, and childcare.

In the Town of Kent:

In addition to the State guidelines above, masks are required to be worn in all Town buildings.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on COVID-19 guidance and restrictions in Connecticut .

Please keep in mind that businesses and organizations can mandate their own guidelines. Let's continue to support and respect each other and be mindful of varying guidelines.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Wednesday, Sept 8 | [Vaccination Clinic](#) | Kent School Racquet Center | 2:00-5:00p

Wednesday, Sept 8 | Board of Education Kent Center School Regular Meeting | 5:00p

Wednesday, Sept 8 | Conservation Commission Regular Meeting | 7:00

Thursday, Sept 9 | Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting | 7:00p

Saturday, Sept 11 | 20th anniversary ceremony remembering all those lost in the 9/11 attacks | Town Hall | 8:30a

Saturday, Sept 11 | [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#) | Brookfield High School | 9:00a-2:00p

Sunday, Sept 12 | Summer Concert Series: Wanda Houston and the HBH

Band (rescheduled) | Kent Land Trust Field, Route 7 | 3:00-4:30p

Monday, Sept 13 | [16th Annual KVFD Golf Tournament](#) | Bulls Bridge Golf Club | 10:00a

Monday, Sept 13 | [Region One Board of Education Regular Meeting](#) | 6:30p

Tuesday, Sept 14 | [Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting](#) | 6:30p

Wednesday, Sept 15 | [Board of Finance Regular Meeting](#) | 6:00p

Visit the [Town website calendar](#) for a complete schedule of meetings and location/ Zoom links

Your Town Government

Assessor's Office: From Town of Kent Assessor Jennifer Dubray: "All persons liable to pay PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES in the Town of Kent are required to return to the Assessor's office, on or before November 1, 2021, a list of taxable personal property belonging to them as of the first day of October 2021. All business assets include, but are not limited to: manufacturing and industrial machinery and equipment; office fixtures, furniture, equipment and supplies; farm machinery and tools; tools of your trade; electronic data processing equipment.

All horses, ponies, unregistered motor vehicles, vehicles registered out of state that are garaged in Kent and leased equipment located in the Town of Kent are taxable, whether they are a business asset or a personal asset.

Any business or individual required to return a list may obtain the proper form from the Assessor's office, if they have not received a form in the mail. Failure to receive a form by mail does not excuse a property owner from filing."

Other Filing Deadlines:

- Honorable Discharge Filing Deadline (DD214) due September 30th.
- Blind, Disabled and Veteran's Exemptions are due October 1st.
- Farm Land and Open Space Applications due October 31st
- Forest Land: Certified Forester's Report must be dated not later than October 1st and the Application to the Assessor is due October 31st.
- 2020GL Motor Vehicle Exemption for Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces is due by December 31, 2021

Planning and Zoning Community Survey: The Planning and Zoning Commission is conducting a community survey to get input from residents, property owners, and visitors as part of updating the **Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)** for Kent. If you have not done so already, please take a few moments to participate in this important survey. Thank you!

[POCD Survey](#)

Public Works: An informational meeting was held Thursday, September 2nd via Zoom to share information about a project to repave part of Bulls Bridge Road from South Kent Road to Old Stone Road. Thank you to all those who attended. The project will likely begin in the spring of 2022. We will share information via this newsletter as the project moves along, including a public comment period.

Park & Recreation: The Park & Rec Commission is looking for an After School Program Director. Email Interim Park and Rec Director [Miranda Lovato](#).

Summer 2021 Concert Series: The final concert on Sunday, September 12th is a rescheduled performance by Wanda Houston



and the HBH Band, 3:00-4:30pm, at the Kent Land Trust Field. Bring your blankets and chairs and a picnic! Please bring a non-perishable food items to donate to Kent Food Bank. Presented through a partnership between The Kent Land Trust and Kent Park & Recreation.

Transfer Station: 2021-2022 permits are now valid and should be visible from the rear view mirror of your vehicle.

Glass Recycling: Residents are doing a great job separating their glass for the new glass recycling program. A reminder that candles and drinking glasses cannot be included.

Swap Shop: Transfer Station Manager Rick Osborne is working on signage and we hope to have the ever popular Swap Shop open very soon.

Job Opportunities: There are often opportunities for employment with Kent Town governments. All openings are posted to our [website](http://www.townofkentct.org) / www.townofkentct.org

Civic Engagement

Thank you to the volunteers of the various subcommittees of the Board of Selectmen. Please contact the [First Selectman](mailto:firstselectman@townofkentct.org) / firstselectman@townofkentct.org if you have questions about any of these committees:

- **Broadband Working Group:** This committee is working with the NorthWest Connect group to assess needs for broadband for all and make recommendations.
- **ARPA Needs Assessment Committee:** This group will develop a town-wide needs assessment and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.
- **Kent Sustainability Team:** The Town of Kent is enrolled in the Sustainable CT program, which is guiding the work of the Team to create a more sustainable community through Sustainable CT's various action items. If you are interested in participating in this team, please contact committee chair [Lianna Gantt](#).
- **Noise and Traffic Committee:** This committee will be looking at noise and traffic on Main Street as well as the entire Kent community.
- **Streetscape Building Committee:** This committee makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Main Street Streetscape Project.
- **Swift House Roof Replacement Committee:** This committee is charged with getting bids and making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the replacement of the Swift House roof, chimneys, and other items related to the roof project. The contract has been signed, and work is expected to begin shortly.

Are you an organization in Kent looking for volunteers? We are working to compile a list to make available to the residents of the Town looking to get involved. Please email the [First Selectman](mailto:firstselectman@townofkentct.org) with the name of your organization and a contact person.

Happenings Around Town



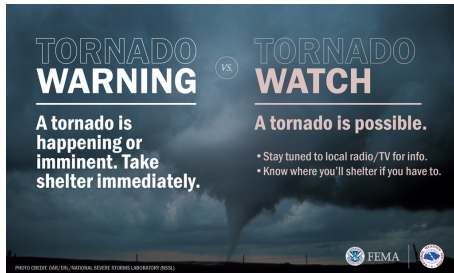
Kent Volunteer Department Firemen's Ball: Mark your calendars for June 11, 2022 for the return of the KVFD's largest, most iconic fundraiser! An evening of dinner and dancing, all for a good cause.

Kent Farmer's Market: Fridays through October from 3:00p-6:00p just south of the Monument (in the same lot as the Fish truck and Chris the Hot Dog Guy). They offer everything from fresh produce and meats to beautiful handmade crafts and craft beer!

Visit the Kent Chamber of Commerce [website](#) for details and vendors.



Did You Know?



September is National Preparedness Month!

We have just hit the peak of Hurricane season, and in the last year have had Tropical Storm Isaias, tornadoes, blizzards, heat waves. and recently truly dodged a bullet with Ida. This month is a great time to create an emergency preparedness plan for you and your family. Visit: <https://www.ready.gov/plan>

Town Updates

Birch Hill: There are no updates regarding the proposed 85-bed substance use disorder treatment facility on the property at 46 Maple Street. The Town of Kent continues to monitor developments.

Cell Tower: Homeland Towers is moving forward with their plan to have their tower up next year.

Primary Care Office:

We continue to explore options with Nuvance Health systems, including the possibility of bringing a primary care office back to town.

Streetscape: All of the temporary easement documents from affected residents and businesses have been signed and sent in to Town Hall. This brings us closer to sending out the RFP bid packages. The committee will continue to meet as the summer progresses.

Tribal Recognition: Currently, there are no updates to report.

Quick Links

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