



# News Worth Sharing

Friends and neighbors,

Here are some shareworthy items as we head into the holiday weekend:

**Town Hall opening:** We are excited to announce Town Hall will reopen to the public on June 1st! We are all grateful for your patience as we kept town hall staff, and the public, safe during the pandemic. We will follow the guidance from the CT Department of Public Health outlining those who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask and those who are not vaccinated must wear a mask in the building.

As we have been offering all along, we still encourage the use of our drop boxes at the front entrance, and phone/email/online options for conducting business.

**COVID-19 Testing Site:** In consultation with the Department of Public Health, the decision has been made to discontinue test site operations. We will be demobilizing the testing site at the Transfer Station as of today. A big "Thank You" goes to our partners at the state level, the on-site testing team from Sema4, and special thanks to the local team of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, and Rick Osborne, who kept the site safe and open for twenty-two weeks!

**Memorial Day Parade:** After having to cancel last year due to the pandemic, **the annual parade is on for this Monday!**

This is a great way to honor the dedication and sacrifice our the veterans.

We received the "order of go" from Parade Marshall Andy Ocif and details and a map of the parade route are below. In the event of rain, the parade will not take place, however, ceremonies will still take place and be held at the entrance to Kent Center School.

The two remaining World War II veterans, Robert Bauer and Larry Rivkin, will be riding in this year's parade in a special vintage military Jeep.

One of the special arrangements to keep an eye (and an ear!) out for is a military flyover!

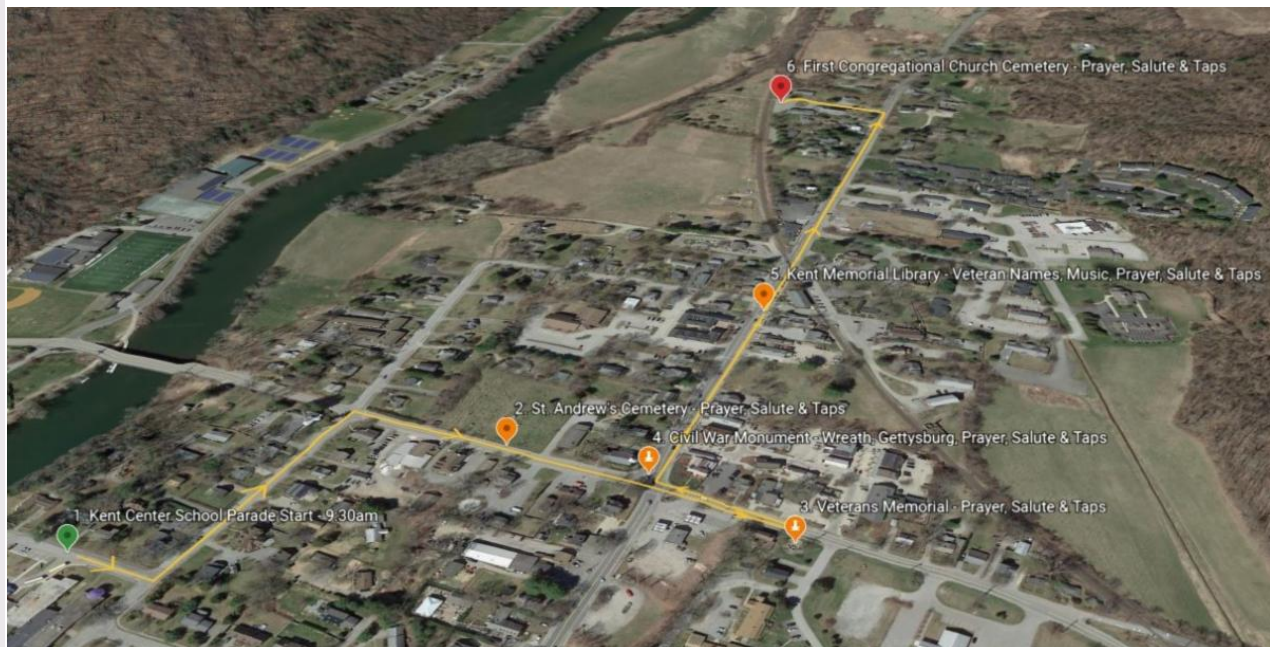
**We are hoping for good weather and a great turnout to show our gratitude for our veterans!**

- *A couple important reminders:* sections of Route 7 and 341 in the village area will be closed as the parade progresses through town. Please arrive early enough to park and find your space to watch the parade, and if you are heading to a business or shop in town around that time, please leave extra time as you may have to wait for the parade to pass.
- 9:30a Parade Step-Off at Kent Center School
- Marching in order:
  - American Legion veterans, including WWII veterans Robert Bauer & Larry Rivkin in a Military Jeep, as well as other veterans in vehicles;
  - 1928 International Service truck, originally owned by E.W. Bull & Son in Kent, restored by Lou & Steve Tencza;
  - Kent Center School Band
  - Kent Boy Scout Troop 11 and Cub Scout Pack 11
  - Kent Volunteer Fire Department
  - Children's Hay Wagon pulled by Billy McCann
- Parade route and stops:
  - parade steps off at 9:30a at Kent Center School;
  - route proceeds to the end of Elizabeth street and turn right onto Bridge Street;

- route proceeds to St. Andrew's Cemetery - Reverend Douglas Worthington of St. Andrew's Church will recite a prayer, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps;
- route continues on Bridge Street, then turn left onto North Main Street. \*\*At this point, the Legion Honor Guard, Veterans and Kent Center School Buglers will continue across the intersection to the Veteran's Memorial on Maple Street where Monsignor Vittorio Guerrera of St. Kateri Church will recite a prayer, followed by a 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps;
- At the Civil War Monument at intersection of Rt 7 and Rt. 341 - Charlotte Lindsey, Secretary of the Veterans Committee, will place a wreath, followed by the recital of the Gettysburg Address by a Kent Center School student. Rev. Worthington will recite a prayer, followed by a 21 gun salute & taps;
- route continues north on North Main Street to The Civil War Monument in front of Kent Memorial Library - First Selectman Jean Speck will say a few words and acknowledge the two remaining Kent World War II Veterans, Robert Bauer and Larry Rivkin. She will also read the names of the deceased Kent Veterans who died in combat in all the wars. Bethany Keck will sing America the Beautiful followed by a song played by the Kent Center School Band. Pastor John Heeckt of the First Congregational Church will recite a prayer, followed by a 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps;
- route continues on North Main Street and turns left into the Kent Congregational Church proceeding to the Kent Congregational Cemetery - Pastor John Heeckt will recite a prayer, followed by a 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps. Parade ends.

Immediately following the parade, The American Legion Hall-Jennings Post # 153 invites the community for ice cream and water, which will be handed out by The Kent Lions Club on the front lawn of the Kent Community House.

Below is a map of the parade route:



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