



Kent Newsletter

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Friends and Neighbors,

How quickly Halloween came, bringing pristine weather for all the activities and Trick-Or-Treaters, and it was great to see the return of South Kent School's Thriller Flash Mob on the Golden Falcon.

The Holiday season is an exciting time - seeing family and friends, celebrating our traditions, and (hopefully) taking some time to recharge are all ways we connect and reconnect.

Especially in our community, an important way we all connect is in the support of our neighbors. We have all witnessed rising prices of everything from eggs to heating fuel - and supporting our neighbors as we head into winter is something our community truly rocks at! As you begin making your holiday plans, please take some time to support your neighbors - here are a few ideas:

- Make a donation to the Kent Fuel Bank and help Kent families stay warm this winter. Drop off or send in a check, made out to Town of Kent Social Services, and write "fuel assistance" in the memo line;
- Drop off non-perishable food items at Davis IGA or the Kent Town Hall lobby for the Kent Food Bank;
- Make a donation to [The Kent Community Fund](#);
- Drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the upcoming Stuff-A-Truck event (see below);
- Make a donation to the Santa Fund, a program to bring Christmas to local families with children who may be struggling financially. Drop off drop off or send in a check, made out to Town Of Kent Santa Fund.

Giving comes in many forms. Supporting our local businesses and restaurants is another amazing way to give back, so while Small Business Saturday is officially November 26th, let's always consider shopping local!

Wishing you warmth and kindness for the season.

**And as always, remember,
...take a breath,
...give folks a minute,
...assume some positive intent.**

Stay well,

Jean C. Speck
First Selectman
Town of Kent, Connecticut

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Monday, Nov 7 | Region One Board of Education Regular Meeting | 6:30p | zoom

Monday, Nov 7 | Park & Recreation Regular Meeting | 7:00p | zoom

Tuesday, Nov 8 | Town Hall Closed for Election Day

Tuesday, Nov 8 | Housatonic River Commission Regular Meeting | 7:30p | zoom

Wednesday, Nov 9 | Conservation Commission Regular Meeting | 6:30p | zoom

Thursday, Nov 10 | **Planning and Zoning Regular Meeting** | 7:00p | zoom
Friday, Nov 11 | **Town Hall Closed in observance of Veteran's Day**
Wednesday, Nov 16 | **Board of Finance Regular Meeting** | 6:00p | town hall
Wednesday, Nov 16 | **Region One ABC Committee Regular Meeting** | 7:00p | zoom
Thursday, Nov 17 | **Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting** | 6:30op | zoom
Monday, Nov 21 | **Park & Recreation Regular Meeting** | 7:00p | zoom
Thursday, Nov 24 - Friday, Nov 25 | **Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving**
Monday, Nov 28 | **Inland Wetlands Regular Meeting** | 7:00p | zoom

Visit the [Town website calendar](#) for details about Town of Kent events and a complete schedule of meetings, agendas & minutes, locations/Zoom links

Civic Engagement

Board of Finance opening: The Board of Finance is seeking a Kent citizen to fill an empty seat until the next election in 2023. Interested parties should email a letter of interest and resume to: bofclerk@townofkentct.org by November 9, 2022.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th: Not sure if you're registered to vote? Check your registration status on the [CT Secretary of State website](#). Information about voting, absentee ballots and the ballot question to change the State Constitution to allow for early voting is on the [State Election Voting Information page](#) of our website.

Eversource First Thursdays: Through the end of this calendar year, join Eversource on the first Thursday of each month to learn about their energy efficiency programs and offerings in Connecticut.

Register for 1st Thursdays

Job Opportunities: There are often opportunities for employment with Kent Town governments. We now have a tab on our homepage called "[Employment Opportunities](#)" where you will find all of our job postings.

Happenings Around Town

Veteran's Day ceremony: On Friday, November 11th, at 11:00a, there will be a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial on Maple Street to honor the commitment and sacrifice of our veterans. Following the ceremony, St. Andrews Parish will host a luncheon for all veterans.

Kent Memorial Library has programs throughout the month for all ages, including a weekly Music and Rhyme program for children age birth to three and Chess Mondays (NEW!) at 3pm. Visit their [website calendar](#) for complete event information.

Household Hazardous Waste Day: The final Hazardous Waste Day of the year in our area is at Brookfield High School on Saturday, November 12, 9:00a - 2:00p. Visit the [Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority website](#) for details.

15th Annual Stuff-A-Truck Toy/Food/Fund Drive: Come by the KVFD firehouse the weekend of December 10/11 between 8:00 and 4:00p to drop off a new unwrapped toy, monetary donation, or non-perishable food item. The Stuff-A-Truck Campaign assists local children (infants to 16 years old) and families during the holiday season who are in need.

Want to donate but can't make it to the event? Monetary donations can be dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to Kent Town Hall, PO Box 678, Kent, CT, 06757. Beginning November 21st, toy and food donations can be dropped off at Davis IGA, Wilson's Bakery & Cafe and Kent Town Hall lobby.

Holiday Happenings: There are so many events and activities happening during the holiday season in Kent. We're pulling together info from the community to send out in a special newsletter. If your civic organization or not-for-profit group is planning an event and would like information included in the newsletter, please email the [first selectman](#) with "holiday happenings" in the subject line by November 15th with information.

Town Updates



Kent Senior Center November Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Bingo with Kent Parks & Rec 2-3 pm	2 Medicare Enrollment Day (By Appointment)	3 Healthy Living Speaker Series Planning for your future 10:30 am	4
7 Chair Yoga 10-11 am	8	9 Board Games & Cards with Marlene Wood 10-11 am Arts & Crafts for Thanksgiving 11-noon	10 Healthy Living Speaker Series How to Manage (and afford) Prescriptions 10:30 am Senior Lunch noon	11 Veteran's Day Senior Center Closed 
14 Chair Yoga 10-11 am	15 Bingo with Kent Parks & Rec 2-3 pm	16 Arts & Crafts 11 am-noon	17 Healthy Living Speaker Series Hartford Healthcare 10:30 am	18
21 Chair Yoga 10-11 am	22	23 Arts & Crafts 11 am-noon	24 Thanksgiving - Senior Center Closed	25 Day after Thanksgiving - Senior Center Closed
28 Chair Yoga 10-11 am	29 Bingo with Kent Parks & Rec 2-3 pm	30 Arts & Crafts 11 am-noon		

The Kent Senior Center is open!

Kent Social Services is hosting a number of activities and events for seniors including yoga, Arts & crafts, board games and cards, and more...

Senior Lunches are back! We are partnering with local restaurants, schools and organizations to bring a delicious new menu every other Thursday. Register by Monday each week by calling 860.927.2205 or emailing ssasst@townofkentct.org.

Healthy Living Speaker Series: Each Thursday at 10:30a, Kent Social Services is hosting lectures relevant to seniors.

[Please check out their newsletter on the Town of Kent website for details on all programs.](#)

Park & Recreation: Registration is open for Winter Basketball and Ski & Snowboard Club and lessons. For details and to register, visit the new [Park & Rec online registration portal](#). It's recommended that families create an account to register for all Park and Rec activities.

Social Services: A number of Social Services programs are supported by the work of Kent's amazing volunteers. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities to serve your community, please contact Social Services Director Samantha Hasenflue via [email](#) or by calling her office at 860.927.1586.

Kent Energy Assistance Program: Contact Kent Social Services to make your appointment by calling 860-927-1586 or emailing socialservices@townofkentct.org. Program runs from October 17, 2022 through May 31, 2023. More information and required documentation is on the [Town of Kent](#) website.

Planning & Zoning - Plan of Conservation and Development: The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 10th to hear comments from the public on the draft POCD. The draft document can be found on the [Town website](#).

Streetscape Update: The bulk of the project wrapped up this week, and corrective work, final tie-ins and punch list items will take place in the next few weeks. Thank you everyone - especially the village businesses - for your patience and perseverance!!

Birch Hill: Plans are currently under review with the Land Use and Building departments to renovate the property into the proposed 85-bed substance use disorder treatment facility at 46 Maple Street. The Town of Kent continues to monitor developments.

Cell Tower Construction: The tower is now online! AT&T is the initial carrier, and we expect Verizon to be added in 2023.

Federal Tribal Recognition: No recent updates - the Town continues to monitor developments. Documents can be found on the Bureau of Indian Affairs website under [Petition #401 Schaghticoke Indian Tribe \(SIT, CT\)](#).

Do You Know...

The Kent Lions Club is sponsoring regular blood drives: The next opportunity to give blood in Kent is Monday, December 19 from 11:00a - 4:00p at the Kent Community House. The Red Cross makes it easy to make an appointment and keep track of your donation history. Download their app or register through the [Red Cross website](#).

The Red Cross currently has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors. Eligibility update: If you were previously deferred from giving blood due to travel to Europe and 'mad cow', you can now give blood.



COVID-19 Updates

The COVID-19 Community Level in Litchfield County continues to be MEDIUM. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on community levels through the [CDC website](#), both locally and in areas you may be traveling to. Wear a mask if recommended, including people with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children 6 months & older. The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible. Use [CDC's COVID-19 booster tool](#) to learn if and when children and teens can get boosters to stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Masks and COVID-19 home test kits: We are currently out of COVID-19 home test kits, but continue to have masks available in the front lobby at Town Hall. Please take advantage of drive-through testing at the Transfer Station and continue to stay smart when protecting your health and others.

COVID-19 Testing at the Kent Transfer Station Continues: Tuesdays from 2:00p to 6:00p.

COVID-19 Information:

[CDC COVID-19 website](#) | [CT Vaccine Portal](#) | [State of Connecticut Coronavirus Information](#) | [State of Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) | [Town of Kent Testing Information](#)



Quick Links

[Town Of Kent](#) | [Discover Litchfield Hills](#) | [Housatonic Valley Association](#) | [Kent Affordable Housing](#) | [Kent Chamber of Commerce](#) | [Kent Center School](#) | [Kent Community Fund](#) | [Kent Emergency Management](#) | [Kent Historical Society](#) | [Kent Land Trust](#) | [Kent Memorial Library](#)

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