



VISION

Our parks and programs improve the health and wellbeing of the whole Kent community and beyond

MISSION

To provide exceptional parks, programs, and experiences for all

VALUES

Excellence Opportunity Sustainability Inclusion



Childcare

KPR offers Before & Afterschool programming for Kent City Schools through 6th grade as well as a variety of Summer Camp programming and a monthly Kid's Night Out program.



Athletics

Every season of the year we offer athletic opportunities for both youth and adults. From summer sports camps to adult softball, we pride ourselves on offering a wide variety of options.



Special Events

We host our annual Art in the Park festival every September, adult & youth Easter Egg Hunts each Spring, and our Tree City Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.



Parks

A combination of small neighborhood parks, athletic fields, wildlife preserves, and city wide parks provide an opportunity for everyone to get out, stay active, and connect with nature right here in Kent.





GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

the community

1. Exceptional SpacesOffer excellent facilities that inspire play and strengthen

2. Enriching Connections Connect the entire community with unique and engaging opportunities

3. Exceptional OperationsUtilize strong leadership and an engaged workforce to optimize operations and ensure improvement

4. Enriching ExperiencesProvide a wide array of experiences for all ages that promote fun, health, and community engagement

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The most significant Events in US History over the Past 250 Years

JULY 4, 1776 – Signing of the Declaration of Independence

By issuing the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies severed their political connections to Great Britain. The Declaration summarized the colonists' motivations for seeking independence. By declaring themselves an independent nation, the American colonists were able to confirm an official alliance with the Government of France and obtain French assistance in the war against Great Britain.

DECEMBER 20, 1803 – Louisianna Purchase

The Louisiana Purchase was the purchase of imperial rights to the western half of the Mississippi River basin from France by the United States in 1803. The deal granted the United States the sole authority to obtain the land from its indigenous inhabitants, either by contract or by conquest.

APRIL 9, 1865 - End of the Civil War

Trapped by the Federals near Appomattox Court House, Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union general Ulysses S. Grant, precipitating the capitulation of other Confederate forces and leading to the end of the bloodiest conflict in American history.

NOVEMBER 11, 1918 - End of World War I

After more than four years of horrific fighting and the loss of millions of lives, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. Although fighting continued elsewhere, the armistice between Germany and the Allies was the first step to ending World War I.

DECEMBER 7, 1941 – Bombing of Pearl Harbor

On December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise military attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, effectively bringing the United States into World War II by shocking the nation with the sudden assault on American soil; this event is widely known as the "Bombing of Pearl Harbor."

SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 – End of World War II

On May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered. After the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan surrendered on September 2, 1945, and the Second World War came to an end.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963 – Assassination of JFK

President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in a motorcade through Dallas, Texas, when he was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, who was positioned in the Texas School Book Depository building; Kennedy was pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital shortly after the shooting.

JULY 20, 1969 – First Man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission. Armstrong was the commander of the Apollo 11 mission, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin was the lunar module pilot.

APRIL 30, 1975 - End of the Vietnam War

The end of the Vietnam War, as North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), signifying the fall of the South Vietnamese government and the official conclusion of US involvement in the conflict.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 – Terrorist Attack on USFour coordinated Islamist terrorist suicide attacks carried out by al-Qaeda against the United States in 2001. Nineteen

terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners, crashing the first two into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the third into the Pentagon (headquarters of the United States Department of Defense) in Arlington County, Virginia. The fourth plane crashed in a rural Pennsylvania field during a passenger revolt. The September 11 attacks killed 2,977 people, making it the deadliest terrorist attack in history.

JUNE 26, 2015 – Supreme Court Ratifies Gay Marriage

Supreme Court of the United States ruled in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges that a fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by the Fourteenth Amendment, and that states must allow same-sex marriage.

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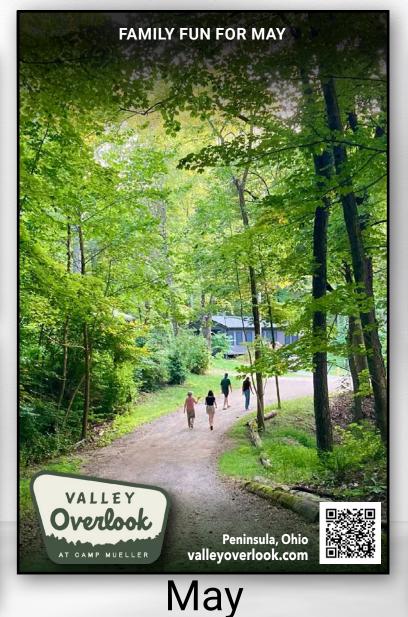


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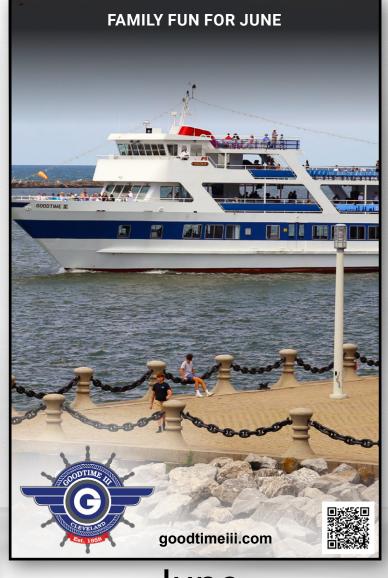










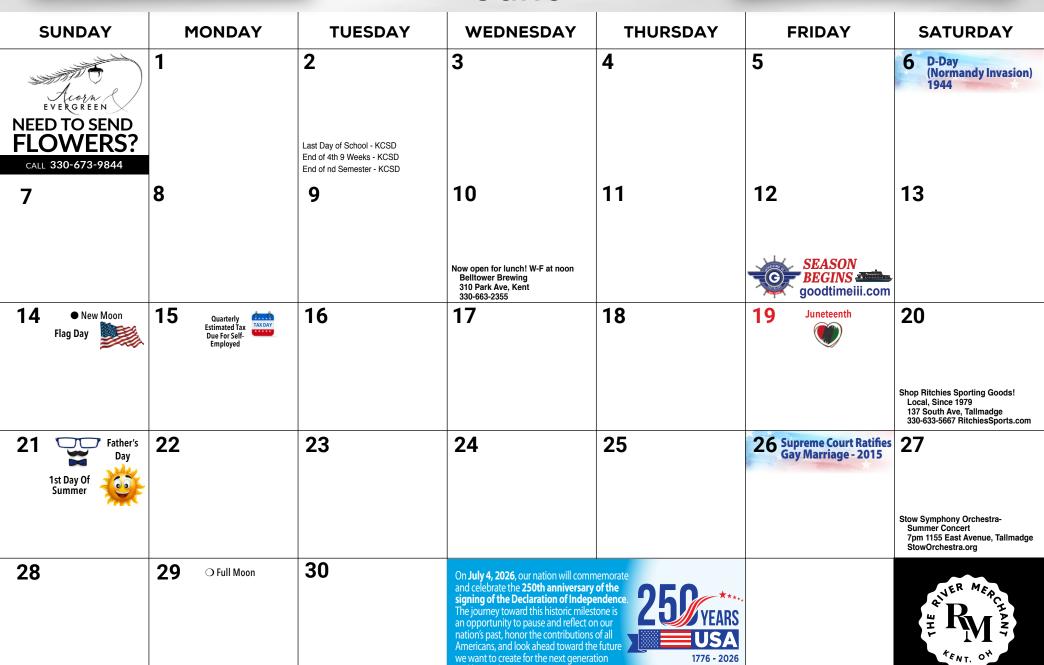


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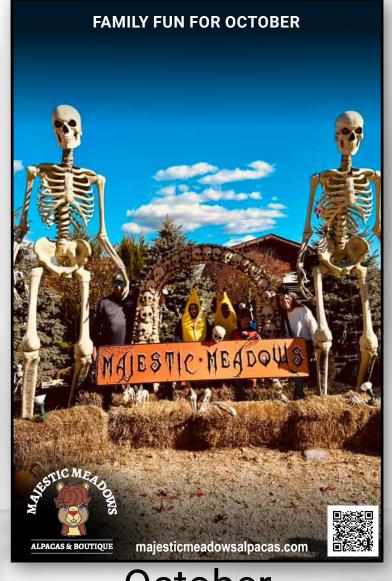
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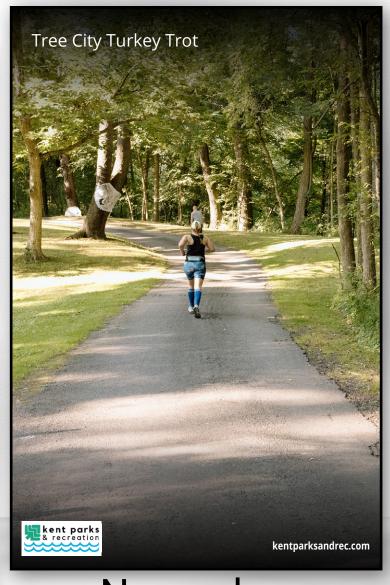


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 General Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 • New Moon	10	11 End of World War I	12	13	Kid's Night Out
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6	7 Bombing of Pearl Harbor - 1941	8 • New Moon	9	10	11	12
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A word from the Publisher

Now this one seemed to go faster than ever! 2025 wasn't as rough personally as 2024, but it sure was interesting in many ways.

With the world as goofy as it is at times, it can be easy to get caught up in all the chaos and go a little bit crazy. We can all fall into a trap of taking it all too seriously

It's important to remember what truly is important in our lives.

Family. Friends. Laughter.

When we do things that create experiences and memories with each other, I think we are happier and more satisfied. Our phones are incredibly convenient, but are we too dependent on them? They can be used for good. They can be used for... not so good. Remember to "touch grass", as they say, and get out and enjoy what life really has to offer. I know I will try to do better.

Enjoy your 2026 Town Planner Community Calendar. It would not have been possible without the generous support from the sponsors in the calendar. I hope you have a chance to thank them!

Remember...Work hard! Play hard! And have a safe, healthy, and prosperous year.

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