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## **Kentwood Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series Kick Off on June 6**

**Kentwood, Michigan, May 20, 2024** – The City of Kentwood’s Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series will return for the 2024 season on June 6.

The Farmers Market will run 4:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday from June 6 through Aug. 29 behind Kentwood City Hall, 4900 Breton Ave. SE. The Summer Concert Series will take place 7-8:30 p.m. on select Thursdays on the lawn behind City Hall.

“We’re looking forward to offering more farm fresh goods and great music for our community to enjoy outside City Hall all summer long,” said Val Romeo, Kentwood Parks and Recreation director. “Whether you’re looking to shop for local produce and homemade goods or want a fun night out with friends and loved ones discovering a new band, the Kentwood Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series offer the perfect summer experience.”

The Farmers Market will provide a variety of local goods for sale, including fresh produce, baked goods, crafts and more. It will feature 20-plus local vendors and include special activities throughout the summer. The market accepts food assistance benefits, including [SNAP](#), [Double Up Food Bucks](#) and [Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH](#). The market’s season sponsors are JCI South Kent and Renewal by Anderson of Greater Michigan, and the market’s artisan sponsor is Metronet.

In addition, community members will have the opportunity to enjoy this year’s Summer Concert Series featuring ten local music groups every Thursday June 6-Aug. 15, skipping July 4 for the annual Kentwood fourth of July Celebration. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and are welcome to bring their own food, beer and wine to enjoy during the show. Food trucks will also be on-site each week with food and drinks available for purchase.

Diamond sponsors of the concert series include NN Autocam, Inc, Mary Free Bed Orthotics & Prosthetics + Bionics and Macatawa Bank. Gold sponsors of the concert series are Bloom Sluggett, PC, Metronet, MCSA Group, Inc., Renewal by Anderson of Greater Michigan and SaboPR.

Here’s the full lineup of the free activities, food trucks and concerts:

- **June 6:** Opening day and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Kentwood Farmers Market. The Summer Concert Series kicks off with [Nathan Walton and the Remedy](#) concert at 7 p.m., playing original soul-rock. Food trucks include PizzaMI, Kool Breze, El Jalapeno and Lazy Man BBQ.

- **June 13:** The [Chris Canas Band](#) concert at 7 p.m., performing the blues with food trucks Silver Star Café “Airbourne Burritos,” Sanse Filipino Cuisine, Kona Ice of West Grand Rapids and Patty Matters.
- **June 20:** [Grupo Viento](#) concert at 7 p.m., featuring Tejano music. Food trucks include Taste of Toya’s World, Desi’s Tropical Sno Shack, Boujee Bowls and The Falafel Truck.
- **June 27:** Bike Night at the Kentwood Farmers Market featuring additional bike vendors plus a group bike ride. The Summer Concert Series will feature [Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations](#) at 7 p.m., performing R&B, pop, funk, Top 40 hits, soul and classics. Food trucks include El Global Mobile, Lazy Man BBQ, Furniture City Creamery and Dune Buggy.
- **July 4:** No Farmers Market or Summer Concert on July 4 but a full day of activities, including a pancake breakfast, 5k run, pancake breakfast, carnival, live music, beer tent and fireworks. Details online at [kentwood.us/July4](http://kentwood.us/July4)
- **July 11:** [Roosevelt Diggs](#) concert at 7 p.m., featuring blend of folk, country, blues, bluegrass, and rock-n-roll. Food trucks include Sanse Filipino Cuisine, Kool Breze, Luna Bella’s LLC and Sweet Racks and Smokin Butts BBQ.
- **July 18:** [TYPO](#) concert at 7 p.m., playing rock, country, pop and urban favorites. Food trucks include Silver Star Café “Airborne Melts,” PizzaMI, Patty Matters and Kona Ice of West Grand Rapids.
- **July 25:** [The Soul Syndicate](#) concert at 7 p.m., performing R&B, funk, soul and Motown medleys. Food trucks include Desi’s Tropical Sno Shack, The Falafel Truck, Dune Buggy and PJW Creole Cuisine.
- **Aug. 1:** [The Bootstrap Boys](#) concert at 7 p.m., playing a fresh take on classic country. Food trucks include Street Frites, Kool Breze, Boujee Bowls and Casa de los Abuelos.
- **Aug. 8:** National Farmers Market Week and Watermelon Mania at the Kentwood Farmers Market. [MexiCuba](#) concert at 7 p.m., featuring mix of Salsa, merengue, bachata and Cuban traditional music. Food trucks include Skinny Kenny’s BBQ, El Jalapeno, Taste of Toya’s World and Desi’s Tropical Sno Shack
- **Aug. 15:** The [Sarena Rae Band](#) concert at 7 p.m., performing soulful original music plus a variety of covers. Food trucks include Dune Buggy, Los Pinches Tacos, Kool Breze and Sanse Filipino Cuisine.
- **Aug. 22:** Dog Days of Summer at the Kentwood Farmers Market featuring additional vendors and services for your furry friends. Food trucks Patty Matters and Desi’s Tropical Sno Shack will be there.
- **Aug. 19:** Back to School Bash at the Kentwood Farmers Market with food trucks Taste of Toya’s World and El Jalapeno.

All concerts will be live streamed by [WKTV Community Media](#).

Parking will be limited at both City Hall and the Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, 4950 Breton Ave. SE. Residents can find additional parking at the Kentwood Justice Center, 4740 Walma Ave. SE, Kentwood Fire Station 1, 4775 Walma SE, Kentwood Public Works, 5068 Breton Road SE and on-street parking in nearby neighborhoods.

The Kentwood Farmers Market still has a few openings for vendors and volunteers. Individuals who are interested can learn more and apply at [KentwoodFarmersMarket.com](http://KentwoodFarmersMarket.com).

For additional information about the Summer Concert Series, visit [kentwood.us/SummerConcertSeries](http://kentwood.us/SummerConcertSeries).

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