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Community Invited to City of Kentwood’s Kickoff to Summer Celebration *June 8 Festival to Feature Food Trucks, Live Music, Sports Tournaments and More*

Kentwood, Michigan, May 22, 2024– The City of Kentwood is inviting community members to its Kickoff to Summer Celebration, a fun-filled festival for all ages slated for Saturday, June 8.

The Kickoff to Summer Celebration will feature a variety of food trucks and artist vendors as well as a beer tent, children’s activities, live music and cornhole and beach volleyball tournaments in the area around City Hall, 4900 Breton Ave. SE.

“We’re delighted to celebrate the beginning of the summer season with another fun festival that has something for all ages,” said Val Romeo, Kentwood Parks and Recreation director. “With a fantastic lineup of food, artists, musicians and activities, we’re looking forward to a full day of sharing the best in summer flavors, sights and sounds.”

The free-to-attend festival will begin with a beach volleyball tournament 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the courts near City Hall at 5068 Breton Ave. SE. The tournament will feature four-player teams competing for a championship prize of shirts and a \$100 credit toward this fall’s Kentwood Parks and Recreation indoor volleyball league.

The volleyball tournament is limited to six teams. The cost to participate is \$100 per team. Those interested can [register online](#) or call 616.656.5270.

Food trucks, artist vendors and the beer tent will be on-site 11 a.m.-8 p.m. for the festival. A wide variety of cuisines will be available through 20-plus food trucks – everything from barbeque and burritos to baked goods and cold treats. The beer tent will feature a variety of brews including local craft favorites from Railtown Brewing Company. More than 15 artists will sell handmade jewelry, art, clothing, and more. The cost for food, beverages and artisan goods will vary by vendor.

Live music will start at 11 a.m. with [Jessie Ray and the Carolina Catfish](#), followed by [DJ Snax](#), [Lighting Matches](#) and [Par-Ilo Connection](#).

The cornhole tournament will run 2:30-6:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind City Hall. The double-elimination tournament will conclude with a trophy awarded to the top team.

Each cornhole team will consist of two players, and participants must be 18 or older to compete. The cost to participate is \$40. Only one teammate needs to complete the registration [online](#) or by phone at 616.656.5270.

Kids activities such as face painting, an obstacle course, hoop shoot, and an art activity will be offered throughout the day.

The event's diamond sponsors are Macatawa Bank , Mary Free Bed Orthotics & Prosthetics + Bionics, and NN Autocam Inc, gold sponsors are Bloom Sluggett, PC, Metronet, MCSA Group, Inc.,Renewal by Anderson of Greater Michigan, and SaboPR.

Volunteers are needed for the festival. To find more event information and sign up to volunteer, visit [KickoffToSummer](#).

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