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## **City of Kentwood's Fourth of July Celebration Announced**

*Celebration Includes a Full Day of Activities on Monday, July 4*

**Kentwood, Michigan, June 7, 2022** – The City of Kentwood has a day filled with activities for all ages planned on Monday, July 4 for its annual Fourth of July Celebration, including a pancake breakfast, 5K race, parade, carnival and fireworks show.

"Celebrating our nation's independence by participating in Kentwood's Fourth of July festivities has been a favorite family and community tradition for many decades. People of all ages enjoy these events, from pancakes and parades to 5Ks and fireworks," Kentwood Mayor Stephen Kepley said. "Come out and join us for a day filled with festivities when memories are made, and community is strengthened."

The events will begin with a pancake breakfast at Kentwood Fire Station 1, 4775 Walma Ave SE. The \$5-per-person breakfast will be served 7-9:30 a.m. and include pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. It's free for ages 5 and younger.

At 7:30 a.m., racers of all ages will gather next door at the Kentwood City Hall parking lot, 4900 Breton Ave. SE, for registration and packet pickup for the [NN Mobile Solutions 5K Race & Fun Walk](#). The chip-timed race will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the start and finish in front of City Hall. Participants will loop through nearby neighborhoods before coming back on the paved East West Trail to finish. For the safety of all participants, roller skates, dogs and bicycles will not be allowed on the course. All participants will receive a finisher medal and shirt for this race. Shirts are only guaranteed for those who register before June 21.

Following the race will be a parade at 9:30 a.m. The parade route will start at Crestwood Middle School, 2674 44th St. SE, travel south on Walma Avenue SE to Breton Avenue SE, then turn west on 52nd Street SE and end at Challenger Elementary School, 2475 52nd St. SE. Organizations who would like to participate in the parade can visit [kentwood.us/july4](http://kentwood.us/july4) and fill out [the online form](#) to register.

From 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., there will be a carnival behind City Hall featuring a variety of rides and carnival games for all ages. Individual tickets will cost \$1 each. Wristbands will be available for \$20. Tickets and wristbands will only be available at the event. The number of tickets required for each attraction will vary.

City Hall will also be the hub for the evening celebration 4-10 p.m., which will include community booths, a beer tent, food trucks and a fireworks show. A variety of bands, including [Project 90](#), [The Stone Soul Rhythm Band](#) and [Serita's Black Rose](#), will take the stage to perform live music leading up to the fireworks show at dusk. The fireworks will be viewable from City Hall and surrounding areas.

A section of Walma Avenue near City Hall from Fire Station #1, 4775 Walma Ave. SE, to the roundabout will be closed all day to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street and take part in the activities. Guests who are parked at the Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch can take the roundabout out to Breton Avenue heading north or turn left out of the library's parking lot onto Breton heading south.

A section of Breton Avenue in front of the library to the roundabout will be closed for the fireworks display. It will close 15 minutes before the show and reopen 30 minutes after the fireworks are done.

The Kentwood Police Department and volunteers will be on-site to help direct traffic.

The City is seeking volunteers for its Fourth of July Celebration. Individuals who are interested are encouraged to [sign up online](#) or call 616.656.5270. More information about Independence Day activities in Kentwood can be found at [kentwood.us/july4](http://kentwood.us/july4).

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