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**City of Kentwood, Great Lakes Disc Partner to Host Fall Fling
Disc Golf Tournament and Food Drive
*Canned Food Donations Will Restock Kentwood's Little Free Pantry***

Kentwood, Michigan, Nov. 3, 2021 – The City of Kentwood and Great Lakes Disc again have partnered to offer the annual Fall Fling, a disc golf tournament and food drive set for Saturday, Nov. 13.

Community disc golfers of all skill levels are invited to bring a partner for this best-shot doubles tournament at Old Farm Park, 2350 Embro Drive SE, in Kentwood. Each participant will receive a player package at check-in with opportunities for extra prizes during the event. The cost is \$40 per team plus one canned food donation for [Kentwood's Little Free Pantry](#).

“Our Fall Fling has become a popular event for disc golfers to continue playing during the fall season and join together to support a good cause,” said Val Romeo, Kentwood Parks and Recreation director. “Our disc golf tournaments with Great Lakes Disc have helped restock Kentwood’s Little Free pantry with dozens of canned goods again and again. We are very grateful to the local disc golf community for its continued generosity and participation.”

On-site registration will begin at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is encouraged online at kentwood.us/FallFlingDiscGolf. Players will meet at 9:45 a.m. to begin the first round of the tournament. Patty Matters food truck will be on-site with a variety of gourmet burgers, fries and dessert and soda options available for purchase. The event is sponsored by Consumers Energy.

“It's always great to be involved with the community,” said Shea Abbgly, owner of Great Lakes Disc. “Old Farm Park has served as a meeting place for friends and family for many years. This event is a great way for us that have some to give to give back to those in need.”

The Kentwood Little Free Pantry initiative began in 2017 as a community service project in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The small food pantry is open to all community members year-round and is designed to fill an immediate and local need. It offers non-perishable food and personal care items. Anyone can utilize or donate to the pantry. No application is required and no questions are asked.

The demand for Kentwood’s Little Free Pantry has steadily increased since its opening at the Kentwood Activities Center, 355 48th St. SE – and even more so during the COVID-19

pandemic. To help meet the growing need, the City of Kentwood launched another Little Free Pantry this year at the Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, 4950 Breton Ave. SE.

More information about the pantry, including hours and a suggested list of donations, is available at kentwood.us/LittleFreePantry.

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