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Kentwood Glow in the Park Event to Feature Fun Run, Glow Dance Party and Other Themed Activities

Event Proceeds to Support Kentwood Parks and Recreation's Youth Programs

Kentwood, Michigan, Sept. 28, 2021 – Community members are invited to illuminate the night with the City of Kentwood's Glow in the Park event 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

Glow in the Park will take place at Pinewood Park, 1999 Wolfboro Drive SE, and feature a variety of glow-themed activities, including light-up playground games and crafts, music, food and a self-timed fun run/walk. Participants and supporters are encouraged to wear brightly colored and glow-in-the-dark clothes and accessories for the event.

Proceeds will help keep Kentwood Parks and Recreation Department's youth programs affordable for all children to participate, have fun and learn with their peers. Donations also will be accepted during the event.

"Ever since the great turnout we had for our first after-dark running event in 2019, we have been looking forward to offering another Glow in the Park night in Kentwood," said Spencer McKellar, lead recreation program coordinator. "This time, we're including a variety of additional activities to encourage all ages to dress up and join us outside with friends, neighbors and loved ones.

"In addition to being a fun way to soak up the fall weather before winter comes, our Glow in the Park event is also for a good cause – helping more families be able to participate in our youth programs."

The lighthearted run/walk will start at 7:30 p.m. with on-site packet pickup beginning at 7 p.m. Participants can choose to do either a 0.3- or 1-mile run/walk along a park path that will be lit with glow sticks and other colorful lights. Volunteers in glow wear will also help light the way. A water station will be provided at the course start/finish line.

Light-up playground games and crafts, music and snacks will be available throughout the event. The fun run will be followed by an after-party with dancing. The evening will conclude at 9 p.m.

Two levels of registration are available online at kentwood.us/GlowInThePark. For entry to the event with a goody bag full of glow supplies, registration costs \$5. For those who also want to take part in the fun run/walk, registration costs \$20 and includes a goody bag, T-

shirt and race medal.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking volunteers for the event. Those who are interested may [sign up online](#).

The City of Kentwood will continue to monitor public health guidance and orders, which may require changes to events. Residents are encouraged to follow [current public health guidelines](#) to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

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