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City of Kentwood's Fourth of July Celebration Announced *Celebration Includes a Full Day of Activities on Saturday, July 3*

Kentwood, Michigan, June 21, 2021 – The City of Kentwood has a full day of activities planned Saturday, July 3 for its annual Fourth of July Celebration, including a pancake breakfast, 5K race, parade, carnival and live music, leading up to fireworks at dusk.

“We are excited about the return of Kentwood’s Fourth of July Celebration with a variety of activities community members of all ages can enjoy,” Kentwood Mayor Stephen Kepley said. “We welcome our residents to join us as we celebrate our nation’s independence.”

The Saturday, July 3 events will begin with a pancake breakfast at the Kent District Library – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, 4950 Breton 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, no baby strollers, roller skates, dogs or bicycles will be allowed on the course. All participants will receive a finisher medal and shirt for this race. Shirts are not guaranteed unless registered 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. New this year, Kentwood will honor essential workers by having them lead the parade. Spectators are encouraged to physically distance from other households along the route.

From 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., there will be a carnival at City Hall featuring a variety of rides that will be cleaned between riders 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. Community booths, a beer tent and food trucks will line the lawn behind City Hall. A variety of bands, including the [BareNaked 90's](#), [Asamu Johnson and the Associates of the Blues](#) and [The Adams Family](#), 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. 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. Those 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.

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