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## **City of Kentwood Fleet to Parade Through the City on July 4**

**Kentwood, Michigan, June 30, 2020** – A fleet of 12 City of Kentwood vehicles will parade throughout the community on Saturday, July 4 as a way to celebrate Independence Day safely in lieu of its traditional celebration activities this year.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. on the western border of the City near the intersection of Division Avenue and Maplelawn Street and travel toward the eastern border the City, ending around 11 a.m. near the intersection of Burton Street and Forest Meadows Court.

The full parade route and tentative timeline is available online at [kentwood.us/july4](http://kentwood.us/july4). Residents are invited to watch the parade from the nearest street to their home on the parade route while physical distancing from others outdoors.

“The City of Kentwood is pleased to be able to offer a safe, alternate way of engaging with our community on the Fourth of July,” Kentwood Mayor Stephen Kepley said. “It is our hope to inspire joy and celebration for America’s independence by bringing the traditional parade to residents throughout the Kentwood community.”

In early June, the City of Kentwood made the difficult decision to join other communities in canceling this year’s annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and restrictions on large group gatherings, City Commission voted against hosting the event this summer out of an abundance of caution.

The fireworks show planned for July 4 has been postponed to the Kentwood Food Truck Festival this fall.

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