

November Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2024

North Kent Connect ~ 10075 Northland Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341 ~ (616) 866-3478

Client Services at North Kent Connect will be **closed**
Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29,
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

SENIOR MONTHLY COMMODITIES by Kent County (outside on south side of NKC building)

Monday, November 4 (early due to the Holiday), 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Please see an NKC case manager to complete an application for this program.

FEDERAL COMMODITIES (TEFAP) by Kent County (outside on south side of NKC building)

Thursday, November 7, 10am - 1pm

- Open to Kent County Residents with a valid Michigan ID.
- For a complete list of federal commodity sites in Kent County, visit Kent Community Action at: accesskent.com/departments/communityaction/TEFAP.htm or call (616) 632-7950.

SENIOR PANTRY by Meals on Wheels (NKC Classroom, north entrance)

Thursday, November 21, 10:00am - 11:30am

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Photo ID & proof of income required for registration.
- Please call Meals on Wheels (616) 459-3111 for income qualifications.

Events at North Kent Connect

NKC Holiday Programs

- Thanksgiving Pantry: deadline to sign up was Thursday, October 31.
- Christmas Pantry: all clients must register by Thursday, December 5 with a case manager.
- Christmas Gift Shop: (for registered clients with children) all clients must register with a case manager.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

Monday, November 4, 10:00am - 11:30am

- KDL Bookmobile will be onsite offering KDL card signups, library materials for checkout and Wi-Fi access with printing available. There will be an ADA chairlift.

RIDELINK NORTH COUNTY PANTRY BUS (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Tuesday, November 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm (first Tuesday of each month)

- Must be 60+ and registered with RideLink: 844-649-8459.
- Must be a North Kent Connect client 60+. Call NKC to reserve your ride: 616-866-3478.
- Currently serving these housing sites: Rockford Towers, River Grove, Richter Place, Mildred Houting, Harvest Way, and Sparta Townhouses.

DISABILITY ADVOCATES OF KENT COUNTY (located in our partner wing on the west side (back) of NKC)

Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 8:00am - 3:00pm

- Jenny Markel, Information and Referral Specialist, will be on site to assist those with disabilities who need help with food stamp benefits, cash assistance, and SSI/SSDI. Call Jenny (616) 323-2214 for an appointment.

STREET OUTREACH (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm

- Arbor Circle Street Outreach services are designed to reach youth and young adults experiencing homelessness right where they are.

PINE REST STREET REACH (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, November 14, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

Area Classes and Programs

INTRO TO RESUME WRITING by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, November 13, 9:30am - 10:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Thursday, November 14, 1:30pm - 3:00pm at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

This workshop is designed for individuals interested in improving their existing resume or creating a new one for that role you have been looking to fill. In this workshop, you will get the most up to date information on how to navigate your job search in today's digital world and learn tips and techniques to create and tailor your resume to stand out to employers. You will receive all the tools and support to make writing your resume easier.

INTRO TO INTERVIEWING by *West Michigan Works!*

Thursday, November 14, 1:00pm - 2:00pm at the *Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)*

Wednesday, November 20, 9:30am - 10:45am at the *Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)*

This workshop provides interview techniques including preparation, follow-up and how to answer difficult questions. You will also get tips on appearance, non-verbal communication skills and more to help you ace your next interview.

To register for this **FREE** workshop, call **West MI Works** at **(616) 754-3611** or visit

<https://jobs.westmiworks.org/montcalm-county-events>

MI MONEY HEALTH by *Michigan State University*

MSU Extension provides resources and education on money management, foreclosure prevention, buying your own home, retirement planning and more to help you and your family be more financially healthy.

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/mimoneyhealth/>

Monthly & Weekly Pantries and Meals

The following pantries as well as our referral pantries may vary due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

FOOD PANTRY at St. Joseph Catholic Church (409 S Bridge Street, Belding)

- Thursdays, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

GROCERY GARAGE at City Impact (288 North Main St, Cedar Springs)

- Thursdays, 9:00am - 11:00am
- Saturdays following the 6:00pm church service, 7pm - 8pm

FOOD PANTRY at First Congregational Church (192 E Bridge St NE, Rockford)

- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

FOOD PANTRY and MEALS at Sparta United Methodist Church (54 E Division Street, Sparta)

- **Pantry:** Monday through Thursday, 10:00am - 1:00pm (*Located in the church office, back entrance*)
- **Community Breakfast:** Every 4th Saturday, 8:00am - 10:00am (*Located in church lower dining room*)

BABY PANTRY at St. Gianna's Baby and Toddler Boutique (1400 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids)

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm - 3:00pm; Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm, 1 visit monthly

MEALS at St. John Paul II Catholic Church (3110 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs)

- Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Mobile Pantries

Saturday, 11/2 at 10:00am - Pine Grove Community Church (Walk up: 8775 E 88th St, Howard City)

Saturday, 11/2 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Friday, 11/8 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Friday, 11/15 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall Street, Belding)

Saturday, 11/16 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Monday, 11/18 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Station (Drive thru: 38 N Second St NE, Cedar Springs)

Tuesday, 11/19 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Drive, Grant)

Wednesday, 11/20 at 10:00am - First Baptist Church of Woodland Park (Drive thru: 9073 North Bingham, Bitely)

Friday, 11/22 at 5:30pm - Peace Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 1225 Twelve Mile NW, Sparta)

Saturday, 11/23 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Drive NW, Comstock Park)

Monday, 11/25 at 4:30pm - First Church of God (Walk up: 101 South Franklin St, Greenville)

If you have questions about a specific Mobile Pantry, please contact the host agency. You can find this information and other food resources online at www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule/. This schedule is provided as a courtesy. It is not guaranteed to be error free, and may be updated or changed at any time, so use it at your own risk. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.feedwm.org/findfood. This site is updated in real time.

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