

October Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2025

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

NKC Holiday Sign-Ups Start Wednesday, October 1.

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

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

Monday, October 13, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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

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

Thursday, October 16, 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: all clients must register with a case manager by Thursday, October 30.
- Christmas Pantry: all clients must register with a case manager by Thursday, December 1.
- Christmas Gift Shop: (for registered clients with children) all clients must register with a case manager by

Thursday, December 1.

PANTRY TASTINGS (NKC pantry)

Wednesday, October 1, 9:00am - 12:00pm

• Join us in the NKC pantry where we'll provide food samples from our Community Garden. Plus, you will have the opportunity to chat with Plainsong Farms. No registration is required to participate.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

Wednesday, October 1, 10:00am - 11:30am

• KDL Bookmobile will be on-site, offering KDL card sign-ups, library materials for checkout, and Wi-Fi access with printing available. The Bookmobile is also equipped with an ADA chairlift for accessibility.

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

Tuesday, October 7, 9:00am - 12:00pm (first Tuesday of each month)

- Must be 60+ and registered with RideLink: 844-694-6589.
- Must be a North Kent Connect client 60+. Call NKC to reserve your ride: 616-866-3478.
- Currently serving: Rockford Towers, River Grove, Richter Place, Mildred Houting, Harvest Way, and Sparta Townhouses.

MERCANTILE BANK IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING SCAMS WORKSHOP (NKC classroom, north entrance)

Wednesday, October 8, 11:00am - 12:00pm

• Mercantile Bank will be leading a workshop focused on identifying and avoiding scams. The class is open to the public. Walk-ins welcome.

PINE REST STREET REACH (NKC lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, October 9 and 23, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

MERCANTILE BANK HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP (NKC classroom, north entrance)

Tuesday, October 28, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

- Mercantile Bank will be leading a workshop focused on Home Buying. The class is open to the public. Walk-ins welcome.

Area Classes and Programs

RESUME WRITING by *West Michigan Works!*

Thursday, October 2, 8:30am - 10:00am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr)

Learn the content and proper format of a resume. Participants will be provided with templates and resources to begin writing modern resumes, tailored to their specific needs. Staff will offer tips and suggestions to help elevate your resume above the competition.

To register for this **FREE** workshop, call **West MI Works** at **616-754-3611** or visit
<https://www.westmiworks.org/workshops/category/in-person-workshops/>

Monthly & Weekly Pantries and Meals

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, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (following the 6:00pm church service)

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

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

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

- Pantry: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm (Located in the church office, back entrance)(**FALL HOURS**)
- 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; and 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

PET FOOD PANTRY by North Kent Kibble at Ballard Christian Church (1633 10 Mile Rd NW, Sparta)

- Saturday, October 18, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Mobile Pantries

Friday, 10/3 at 5:00pm - South Ensley Community Church (Drive thru: 13600 Cypress Ave, Sand Lake)

Saturday, 10/4 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Tuesday, 10/7 at 5:00pm - Fremont United Methodist Church (Drive thru: 351 Butterfield St, Fremont)

Wednesday, 10/8 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Friday, 10/10 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Friday, 10/17 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall St, Belding)

Saturday, 10/18 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Saturday, 10/18 at 10:00am - Red Pine Bible Church (Drive thru: 17195 Red Pine Drive, Kent City)

Monday, 10/20 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Department (Drive thru: 38 N 2nd St NE, Cedar Springs)

Tuesday, 10/21 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Dr, Grant)

Wednesday, 10/22 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Friday, 10/24 at 5:00pm - Peace Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 1225 Twelve Mile NW, Sparta)

Saturday, 10/25 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Dr NW, Comstock Park)

Monday, 10/27 at 4:00pm - 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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