

December 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**

Tuesday, December 24 for the Christmas Holiday.

We will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

Regular Pantry will be **closed** December 19.

A Rockford Area Event

Jingle Shop Hop

Monday, December 2, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

• Visit the favorite Rockford Stores: Gild the Lily, North Kent Connect and The Acorn Resale Shop for Discounts, Deals and Door Prizes! The first 50 people at each location will receive a Gold passport and one of the three pieces to create a make-n-take ornament, and to enter to win a gift basket featuring items from all three locations.

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

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

Thursday, December 12, 10:00am - 11:30am (early due to the holiday)

- 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.

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

Monday, December 16, 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.

Events at North Kent Connect

NKC Holiday Programs

- 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, December 2, 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, December 3, 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, December 4, 11, and 18, 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, December 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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

PINE REST STREET REACH (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, December 12, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

YWCA (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Tuesday, December 17, 11:00am - 1:00pm

- Provides help with domestic and dating abuse, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse.

Area Classes and Programs

INTRO TO RESUME WRITING by West Michigan Works!

Thursday, December 5, 9:30am - 11:00am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Thursday, December 19, 9:30am - 10:45am 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.

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 Christmas 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, 12/7 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Friday, 12/13 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Tuesday, 12/17 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Drive, Grant)

Wednesday, 12/18 at 10:00am - First Baptist Church of Woodland Park (Drive thru: 9073 North Bingham, Bitely)

Friday, 12/20 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall Street, Belding)

Saturday, 12/21 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Saturday, 12/21 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Drive NW, Comstock Park)

Monday, 12/23 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.

FEDERAL COMMODITIES (TEFAP) at Peace Lutheran Church by Kent County (1225 12 Mile, Sparta)

Thursday, December 19, 3pm - 6pm

- 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.

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