



KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORT AUGUST 2013

FIRE INCIDENT RESPONSE INFORMATION

Summary of Fire Incident Alarms

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
City of Kent	52	68	47	372	445	339
Kent State University	5	16	10	49	132	130
Franklin Township	16	13	8	83	127	93
Sugar Bush Knolls	1	1	0	4	2	1
Mutual Aid Given	5	6	5	41	36	32
Total Fire Incident Alarms	79	104	70	549	742	595

Summary of Mutual Aid Received by Location

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
City of Kent	0	1	1	5	12	3
Kent State University	0	0	0	1	2	0
Franklin Township	0	1	0	3	4	0
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Mutual Aid	0	2	1	9	18	3

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONSE INFORMATION

Summary of Emergency Medical Service Responses

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
City of Kent	200	195	185	1546	1460	1557
Kent State University	23	18	22	183	227	186
Franklin Township	30	40	32	283	302	223
Sugar Bush Knolls	2	1	0	12	8	5
Mutual Aid Given	4	2	2	32	23	16
Total Emergency Medical Service Responses	259	256	241	2056	2020	1987

Summary of Mutual Aid Received by Location

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
City of Kent	4	1	1	21	8	10
Kent State University	2	1	0	2	3	2
Franklin Township	1	0	0	4	7	2
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Mutual Aid	7	2	1	27	18	14

TOTAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS

	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012	2011
TOTAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS	338	360	311	2605	2762	2582

**KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 2013**

	SEPTEMBER 2012	SEPTEMBER 2013	TOTAL 2012	TOTAL 2013
CALLS FOR SERVICE	1620	1470	15299	14044
FIRE CALLS	362	398	3123	3038
ARRESTS, TOTAL	237	211	1832	1631
JUVENILE ARRESTS	13	5	127	86
O.V.I. ARRESTS	17	15	216	156
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	243	162	2707	2051
PARKING TICKETS	195	370	1884	2627
ACCIDENT REPORTS				
ACCIDENT REPORTS	92	79	570	599
Property Damage	55	47	347	385
Injury	15	13	85	62
Private Property	17	12	110	117
Hit-Skip	5	7	28	35
OVI Related	3	1	22	16
Pedestrians	2	0	14	6
Fatals	0	0	1	0
U.C.R. STATISTICS				
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Rape	0	1	5	4
Robbery	0	2	12	15
Assault Total	20	22	205	190
Serious	1	1	32	21
Simple	19	21	173	169
Burglary	17	12	112	98
Larceny	43	46	327	380
Auto Theft	2	2	14	15
Arson	2	0	10	4
TOTAL	84	85	686	706
CRIME CLEARANCES				
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Rape	1	0	4	1
Robbery	0	1	3	5
Assault Total	17	18	158	152
Serious	0	1	17	12
Simple	17	17	141	140
Burglary	0	1	15	12
Larceny	5	5	49	59
Auto Theft	0	0	2	7
Arson	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	23	25	233	237

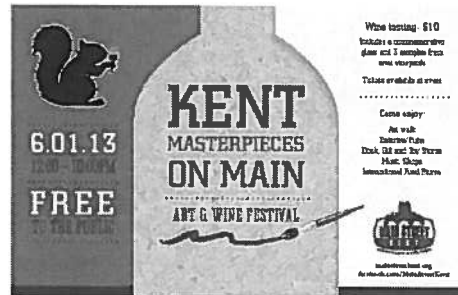
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Main Street Kent 2013 Q1-Q3 Goals & Accomplishments

Events/Marketing Activity – Main Street Kent’s marketing efforts are geared toward bringing people from Kent and surrounding communities here to shop, eat, and experience downtown Kent. Over the first three quarters of 2013, we have executed the following:

- **Chocolate Walk** – Feb. 9: Two hundred tickets were sold at \$15 each. Twenty-four downtown businesses participated in the event. Ticket holders toured downtown Kent, receiving a chocolate treat at each location. Business owners reported seeing lots of new faces, increased sales, and an overall successful event. All proceeds benefited Main Street Kent. We will repeat this event in Feb., 2014.



- **Art & Wine Festival** - June 1: Wine tasting, art, food, and live music filled the downtown for the seventh year! Thousands of people attended this popular event, and area businesses reported significantly more profitable days as a result of the event. All proceeds benefited Main Street Kent. We’re already gearing up for the 2014 event, scheduled for June 7th.
- **Discover Downtown** – Aug. 19: In partnership with the KACC, this annual welcome event for incoming students is a great opportunity to help get them acquainted with the businesses in the downtown. Main Street Kent coordinates a scavenger hunt where students have to go to several businesses to find the correct answer to a specific question. Completed answer sheets are entered into a drawing for many downtown gift cards. Business owners hear customers say months later that they discovered their business during this event.
- **International Festival** – Sept. 14: Our third year putting on this event, downtown Kent was turned into a multicultural experience including live entertainment, international flavors, and an interactive mural for the community to create. This mural is now on exhibit in the front window at Young & Associates on E. Main Street. A passport excursion was offered to attendees who could go to nineteen different businesses for a cultural experience – food samples, art exhibits, crafts, etc. Businesses reported heavy traffic all day and into the evening, with some reporting high sales comparable to those reached during Heritage Fest in July.



- **Family Friendly Halloween** – Thirty-four downtown businesses participated in this year’s event, where families were able to trick-or-treat, do Halloween-themed crafts and play games at Earl’s Nest and Hometown Bank Plaza. This was a great opportunity for people to preview where they will shop for the holidays.
- **Thursday Night Live Concerts** – These summer concerts were held at the Hometown Bank Plaza, and were sponsored by local eateries who handed out free samples of their food at the concerts (along with menus and other “freebies.”) This gave the community a chance to try different foods and enjoy live local music. Event-goers were seen eating treats from many nearby places as well – such as ice cream, popcorn, etc., supporting local businesses – exactly as planned!
- **Sidewalk Sale** – July 20: Though the weather didn’t cooperate, businesses reported an increase in foot traffic and expressed interest in doing more of these group effort sales. We will plan accordingly in the spring and summer next year.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, Nov. 29th – Black Squirrel Friday** This year we’re planning an alternative to shopping the malls! We’re planning an event in partnership with College Town Kent to include: live music, free gift wrapping, cookies and coffee, caroling, special deals and contest, and more.
- **Saturday, Nov. 30th – Small Business Saturday / Sweet Finds Contest** For the second year, we will promote shopping locally on Small Business Saturday with a promotion called the “Sweet Finds Contest.” Shoppers can go on a “hunt” in downtown Kent businesses to find a hidden “sweet treat” (picture of a gingerbread man, candy cane, etc.) and enter their completed entry forms in a drawing for gift cards.

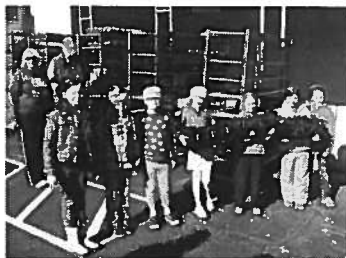
Advertising

- **TV** - Working with TV2, we developed a TV commercial and rolled out a Time Warner Cable TV blitz during June and September, prior to “back to school” and the International Festival, airing mostly in communities surrounding Kent, and some in Kent. The commercial highlighted many favorite shops and eateries in Kent, and was designed to attract people to come explore the newly redeveloped downtown. You can view the commercial here - http://s1283.photobucket.com/user/mainstreetkent44240/media/MSK_generic_HD_zps966f70e6.mp4.html

- **Facebook & Twitter** – Daily updates about community events, business promotions, random acts of art, exciting happenings, new products, and other relevant information about downtown Kent. Our organic following is very close to 3,000. You can visit our Facebook page here - <https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetKent>
- **Website** – Mainstreetkent.org is updated on a weekly basis to reflect current information regarding businesses and downtown activities; also featuring different businesses on the homepage every other week. The homepage has direct links to KSU and the Kent State Hotel, and live feeds from local venues offering live entertainment – Stone Tavern, Kent Stage, & JB’s. KSU is linking an upcoming ad campaign focused on downtown Kent to our website! www.mainstreetkent.org
- **Akron Life** – The November issue of Akron Life magazine will again have a large section about Kent. After a successful advertising collaborative last year, we decided to do it again in 2013. This will create great exposure for Kent, and is an example of more “group efforts” we are trying to garnish with our partners.
- **“Shop Kent” Campaign** – Scheduled for late November, Main Street Kent is coordinating a tabloid section to go in the Record Courier publications. This will focus on the reasons to shop locally, and feature advertisements from local businesses, to promote shopping, dining and entertainment in downtown Kent.

Design/Downtown Beautification

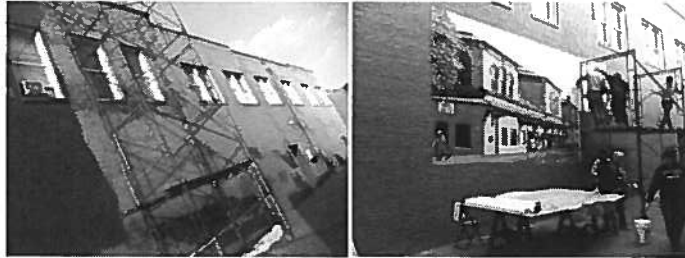
- **Adopt-A-Spot** – Recruited more volunteers to participate in this growing program. The number of hanging baskets increased to 79 this year, and some new flower beds were added as well, expanding up the new part of Erie Street. Heritage Ohio recognized Main Street Kent with an award for “Best Beautification Project” at the Annual Heritage Ohio Awards ceremony.



- **Downtown Clean-Up** – April 27: Designated clean-up day for downtown – over fifty people volunteered their time to help, from various businesses and community groups: Habitat for Humanity, Kent Jaycees, Rotary Club of Kent, Gracylane, KSU Center for Student Involvement, Ametek, Hometown Bank, Portage Foundation, and more. Plans are in the works to schedule more clean-up days this fall and next spring.



- **Graffiti Clean-Up** – Ongoing efforts to remove graffiti in the downtown area through volunteers.
- **Alley Clean-Up** – Worked with building owners to commit to using trash containers rather than plastic bags, consolidate grease containers, regularly power wash alley, remove gum, etc. Also worked with city to get broken railing fixed. It looks much better!
- **Mural Project** – identified graffiti laden area, and worked with building owner, artist, Architectural Review Board, city service department, and other stakeholders from conception through completion. This project has already spurred interest in other building owners, and we hope to do more in the spring.



- **Holiday Lights** – In 2012, we collected \$50,000 to purchase holiday lights for downtown Kent. About one third of these decorations were not yet installed due to construction, so they will go up this year. We’ve secured an additional \$16,000 collaborative investment this year for additional holiday lights and decorating materials. We’re working with the city and Davey on plans to install decorations in November.

Volunteerism – We have been working hard to recruit volunteers to participate on committees, help with projects and programs, and work at our events. The count below includes committee and board meetings, activities, tasks, and events coordinated by Main Street Kent.

Month	Volunteer Hours
January	82
February	101
March	108
April	357
May	125
June	199
July	63
August	130
September	156
Total to Date	1321



**We look forward to a productive fourth quarter, and appreciate the support of the city of Kent!
Please let us know if you have questions or suggestions anytime.**

Main Street Kent

	Approved 5/8/2013	2013 09/30/13	% Raised
INCOME	2013 BUDGET	Actual	
Eligible Towards City Income			
Board Member Donations	\$1,375	\$400	29%
Friend of Main Street Kent	\$4,500	\$2,974	66%
Corporate Sponsors	\$1,500		0%
--Facade Program Sponsorship	\$2,500		0%
--Thur. Night Live Sponsors	\$2,000	\$1,100	55%
--Art and Wine Sponsors	\$2,500	\$4,241	170%
--Event Sponsors - Int'l Fest	\$4,000	\$1,250	31%
--Holiday Lights	\$26,000	\$25,600	98%
--Private Donations - Foundation	\$13,600	\$13,600	100%
Total Corporate Sponsors	\$52,100	\$45,791	88%
Grants			
Advertising Campaign	\$15,000	\$4,350	29%
Chocolate Walk	\$2,500	\$2,822	113%
Art & Wine Festival: Artists	\$5,000	\$2,830	57%
Art & Wine Festival: Ticket Sale:	\$13,000	\$16,348	126%
Art & Wine Festival: Winery Pay	\$550	\$900	164%
International Festival	\$300	\$495	165%
Annual Dinner	\$3,000	\$2,899	97%
Running of the Squirrels	\$2,000		0%
Heritage Festival	\$1,000	\$861	86%
Other misc	\$0	\$597	100%
In Kind Donations	\$20,000	\$10,565	53%
Total without KSU Concert			
KSU Concert			
Total Eligible Towards City Incom	\$120,325	\$91,832	76%
Adopt A Spot Contract with City	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
AdoptASpot Sponsorships	\$10,000	\$8,000	80%
Parking Passes & Misc. Income	\$150	\$239	160%
Celebrate Kent Grant			
City of Kent - contract	\$51,860	\$25,930	50%
Total Income	\$192,335	\$136,001	71%
		\$39,362	

*Budget - deducts \$6554 from city contract for overage drawn in 2012

**CITY OF KENT
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARINGS & BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – KENT CITY HALL
325 SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PREAMBLE

V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. MEETING MINUTES

A. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15, 2013 MEETING

B. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15, 2013 MEETING

C. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 MEETING

D. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2013 MEETING

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2013
TO: KENT CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
FROM: HEATHER PHILE, DEVELOPMENT PLANNER
RE: STAFF REPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The following cases appear on the agenda for the November 18, 2013 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting:

OLD BUSINESS

CASE NO.: BZ13-015

APPLICANT: ROGER & CHRISTINA GILPIN

SITE LOCATION: 492 Laurel Drive

STATUS OF APPLICANT: The applicants are the owners of the property.

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicants are requesting an appeal of the City of Kent Building Official's decision to condemn the property and schedule the building for demolition, as per Ohio Revised Code 1.08(B)(2g-h).

ZONING: This property is currently located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zone District.

TRAFFIC: The property is accessible from Laurel Drive.

SURROUNDING LAND USES: The property is surrounded by other residential uses on all sides.

APPLICABLE CODE SECTION: ORC 1.08(B)(2g-h)

ANALYSIS:

This property is located at 492 Laurel Drive and is currently zoned R-2: Medium Density Residential. This property is currently a vacant, single family home.

The property owner is requesting an appeal to the Building Official's order to demolish the house due to blighted conditions. The applicant objects to this order stating this order is in violation of their constitutional rights. The applicant states that the order is not consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, that this property is not in violation with the ORC or the City of Kent
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Municipal Code, and that this property can be repaired. The applicant explains that they intend to repair the structure and remedy any violations on the property.

A fire occurred at this property on November 24, 2009. The only permit issued after the fire has been for a plumbing permit for a hose bib connection in September of 2011. No other permits have been issued for any repairs of the structure. A letter by the Building Official was sent to the owner of the property on May 31, 2013 that explained two violations, based on the Ohio Revised Code: The property contains a vacant or abandoned structure and the water service has been disconnected since at least May of 2008. There are letters in the file for high grass and weed violations and a letter dated August of 2010 from a neighbor complaining about the condition of the house and property. The following is a timeline of events for the property, based on information in the Building Department address files:

5/22/08	Water Service disconnected
6/12/09	High grass and weeds violation letter sent to property owners
11/24/09	Fire occurred at property
4/9/10	Unsafe structure placard posted on property
8/5/10	Letter to the Health Department from a neighbor complaining about the condition of the property - fire damage, graffiti on house, and animal infestations.
9/14/11	Plumbing permit issued for hose bib connection
5/29/13	High grass and weeds violation letter sent to property owners
6/11/13	Civil Infraction fine letter sent to property owners regarding the high grass and weeds
6/31/13	Letter sent to property owner stating the adjudication order #13-12 for demolition

UPDATE SINCE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 MEETING

At the September hearing, the applicant submitted a written statement that said the house would be habitable by October 31, 2013. On September 18, 2013, an electric permit was issued to replace the panel and alter the electric. A final inspection was approved on October 30, 2013. On September 20, 2013, an HVAC permit was issued to replace the furnace. An inspection was done on September 25, 2013 and the work was approved. The building official did a final building inspection on October 31, 2013 and approved the structure for occupancy.

cc: Applicant
Case file
Robert Nitzsche, Chief Building Official
Jennifer Barone, Development Engineer
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Eric Fink, Asst. Law Director