

# October Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2024

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

## NKC Holiday Sign-Ups Started Monday, September 30.

### Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

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

**Monday, October 14, 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.

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

**Thursday, October 17, 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

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

**Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 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.

#### NKC COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAM (NKC Pantry, north entrance)

**Wednesday, October 2, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

- Join us in the NKC pantry where we'll provide food samples and you'll have an opportunity to chat about recipes.

#### KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

**Monday, October 7, 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.

#### STREET OUTREACH (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

**Wednesday, October 9, 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, October 10, 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

### Area Classes and Programs

#### JOB SEARCHING TECHNIQUES by West Michigan Works!

**Thursday, October 3, 10:00am - 11:15pm** at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

**Thursday, October 24, 10:00am - 11:15pm** at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

In this workshop, you will get the most up to date information on how to navigate your job search in today's digital world. You will learn tips and techniques on how to find your next job, where to apply, and what to avoid when job searching. Whether you are looking for your first job, or it's been a few years since you last looked for employment, this is the workshop for you!

## **INTRO TO RESUME WRITING** by West Michigan Works!

**Thursday, October 10, 10:00am - 11:15am** at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

**Thursday, October 17, 10:00am - 11:15pm** 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!

**Wednesday, October 23, 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

## **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

**Friday, 10/4 at 5:00pm - South Ensley United Methodist** (Drive thru: 13600 Cypress Ave, Sand Lake)

**Saturday, 10/5 at 10:00am - Pine Grove Community Church** (Walk up: 8775 E 88th St, Howard City)

**Saturday, 10/5 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church** (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

**Friday, 10/11 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center** (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

**Tuesday, 10/15 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ** (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Drive, Grant)

**Wednesday, 10/16 at 10:00am - First Baptist Church of Woodland Park** (Drive thru: 9073 North Bingham, Bitely)

**Friday, 10/18 at 4:30pm - Belding High School** (Drive thru: 850 Hall Street, Belding)

**Saturday, 10/19 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church** (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

**Saturday, 10/19 at 10:00am - Red Pine Bible Church** (Drive thru: 17195 Red Pine Drive, Kent City)

**Monday, 10/21 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Station** (Drive thru: 38 N Second St NE, Cedar Springs)

**Friday, 10/25 at 5:30pm - Peace Lutheran Church** (Drive thru: 1225 Twelve Mile NW, Sparta)

**Saturday, 10/26 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church** (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Drive NW, Comstock Park)

**Monday, 10/28 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/](http://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](http://www.feedwm.org/findfood). This site is updated in real time.

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