

January Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2025

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

*Building and Services at North Kent Connect will be **CLOSED***

Tuesday, January 14 for a Staff In-service.

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

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

Monday, January 13, 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, January 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

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

Monday, January 6, 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, January 7, 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, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 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, January 8, 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, January 9 & 23, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

Area Classes and Programs

RESUME WRITING by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, January 8, 11:00am - 12:30pm at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Thursday, January 16, 11:00am - 12:30pm at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Wednesday, January 29, 1:30pm - 3:30pm 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.

COVER LETTER WRITING by West Michigan Works!

Thursday, January 23, 9:00am - 10:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Create a good first impression with an effective cover letter! Learn layout and format guidelines as well as content suggestions. Participants will be provided with templates and resources to write customized cover letters. **Participants are encouraged to create a Pure Michigan Talent Connect account at www.mitalent.org prior to the workshop.

JOB SEARCHING WITH A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND by West Michigan Works!

Thursday, January 30, 9:00am - 10:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

This workshop provides helpful information about background checks and job search strategies for someone with a criminal background. You will learn how to navigate applications and how to answer specific interview questions regarding your criminal background. You will also get information about programs and resources that may be able to assist with your job search efforts.

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, 1/10 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Saturday, 1/11 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Wednesday, 1/15 at 10:00am - First Baptist Church of Woodland Park (Drive thru: 9073 North Bingham, Bitely)

Friday, 1/17 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall Street, Belding)

Saturday, 1/18 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Tuesday, 1/21 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Drive, Grant)

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

Monday, 1/27 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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