

March Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2025

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

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

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

Monday, March 10, 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, March 20, 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, March 3, 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, March 4, 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, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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.

YWCA (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, March 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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

PINE REST STREET REACH (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, March 13, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- Provides services and connections with individuals experiencing homelessness.

Area Classes and Programs

RESUME WRITING by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, March 19, 9:30am - 11:00am 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.

INTERVIEWING SKILLS by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, March 26, 1:30pm - 3:00pm 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.

JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUES by West Michigan Works!

Thursday, March 27, 11:00am - 12:30pm at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Job searching in today's world should be an intentional practice that aligns with you and your goals. This workshop explores modern strategies that build personalized job search plans based on individual job seeker's strengths and needs, and also offers a toolkit of resources to assist you.

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

Saturday, 3/1 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Tuesday, 3/4 at 5:00pm - Fremont United Methodist Church (Drive thru: 351 Butterfield Street, Fremont)

Friday, 3/7 at 5:00pm - South Ensley Community Church (Drive thru: 13600 Cypress Ave, Sand Lake)

Wednesday, 3/12 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Friday, 3/14 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Saturday, 3/15 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Monday, 3/17 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Station (Drive thru: 38 N Second St NE, Cedar Springs)

Friday, 3/21 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall Street, Belding)

Tuesday, 3/25 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Drive, Grant)

Wednesday, 3/26 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Saturday, 3/29 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Drive NW, Comstock Park)

Saturday, 3/29 at 2:00pm - Alpine Elementary School (Drive thru: 4730 Baumhoff Ave. NW, Comstock Park)

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, March 20, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

- 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:

<https://www.kentcountymi.gov/191/Distribution-Locations-Information> or call (616) 632-7950.

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