

CITY OF KENT

BUDGET IN BRIEF

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CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, 2002

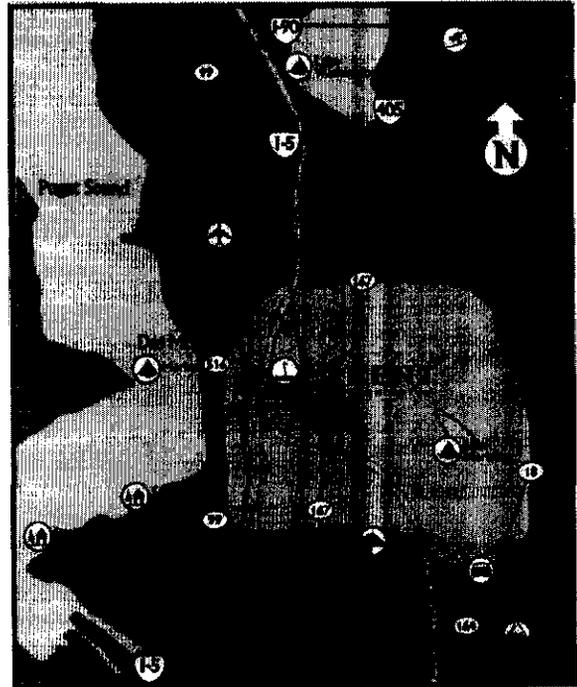
ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Location

Kent's breathtaking setting features a view of Mt. Rainier rising majestically over the landscape, and the Cascade and Olympic Mountains on the horizons. Kent is centrally located between two major ports; Seattle, 18 miles to the north, and Tacoma, 18 miles to the south on the Interstate 5 corridor. The city is seven miles from SeaTac International Airport. Both the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads run through Kent and the city is now a major stop for the regional commuter rail system.

History

Kent was incorporated in 1890, second only to Seattle in King County. Kent has been a major grower of hops and berries, and at one time was considered the "Lettuce Capital of the World". At the same time, dairy farming was becoming an important segment of the Kent economy. In 1899, the first can of Carnation Milk was produced in Kent. Timber harvesting and agriculture remained the dominant industries of Kent until the 1950's when industrial development began to today's significant industrial north core. The City of Kent has expanded from one square mile in area in 1953 to our current size of 28.75 square miles. Since annexation is required of all areas inside the urban-rural line established under the Growth Management Act, Kent will continue to expand in size over the next few years.



Population

Kent is centrally located in the Puget Sound region of Washington State, an area that is home to two million people. It is the second largest city in South King County with an approximate population of 82,782 as of December 2001 and projections of over 100,000 within the next few years. As the new century begins, Kent continues to charge toward not only becoming one of the leading cities in King County, but in all of Washington State.

Elected Officials	
	Term Expires
Mayor	
Jim White	12-31-2005
Council President	
Tim Clark	12-31-2005
Council Members	
Connie Epperly	12-31-2003
Leona Orr	12-31-2003
Julie Peterson	12-31-2005
Bruce White	12-31-2005
Judy Woods	12-31-2003
Rico Yingling	12-31-2003

City Government

Kent operates under a Council-Mayor form of government. The City Council consists of seven citizens of Kent who are elected at large to staggered, four-year terms. The members of the City Council then elect one to serve as President of the City Council. The member elected serves a two-year term as President, and can be re-elected to as many two-year terms as desired by a majority of the City Council. The President of the City Council serves as the Mayor Pro Tem during any absence from the city by the Mayor. The City Council has five committees: Planning, Public Safety, Parks, Operations, and Public Works. Each year the City Council adopts a number of Strategic Goals that the city pursues.

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Economy

Where river steamboats once transported crops to Seattle's public market, truckers now arrive at Kent warehouses to pick up and deliver goods for the global marketplace. The valley's industrial area has one of the largest concentrations of distribution, warehousing, and manufacturing facilities in North America, Kent has a well-earned reputation as an economic barometer for the region. In 2000, Kent purchased 15.4 acres with plans to develop a mixed-use site adjacent to the Kent Rail Station with plans to "Grow the Economy" through public/private development of the site. This will not only provide increased tax revenue but also provide new jobs and link new development with existing historic downtown.

The last year has not been without challenges. We were subjected to a variety of seminal events including a major earthquake in February and the terrorist attack in September. Our economy, like the nations, has declined. Locally our economic condition was complicated by Boeing cutbacks. Each of these major events has created budget constraints. Kent has reacted by making cuts and adjustments just as a business or a family would adjust to the changing economic realities.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services

The Kent Parks Department has been recognized nationally for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management. The Specialized Recreation division was awarded the Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanities Award for the Stewpot Theatre, a theatrical group for disabled citizens. In 2001, a successful public/private partnership allowed construction and opening of a new ice rink. The East Hill Youth Sports Complex, consisting of three ballfields, will be built on special turf that will allow year-round play and is expected to be complete by the end of 2002. Human Services has developed a one-stop plan for Kent Human Service agencies. There is a full range of parks services and classes for youth, teens, adults and disabled citizens.

Leisure Services

1,348 Acres of
Parkland
90 Parks
20 miles of trails
32 Ball Fields
15 Tennis Courts

Ice Skating Rink

Recently, the Parks and Recreation department submitted and received the Washington Recreation and Parks Association *Award of Merit* for an Outstanding Facility and Park. The Kent Valley Ice Centre, which opened in December 2001, is a 66,000 square-foot facility featuring the largest ice arena in the Northwest. The ice rink has state-of-the-art light and sound systems and a top-notch refrigeration system with infrared sensors and computer controls capable of providing ice quality needed for competitive hockey and figure skating. In addition, there is a full featured restaurant with heated view dining overlooking the ice, a 4,000-square foot interactive arcade center, private party rooms, conference and banquet rooms with catering capabilities, ballet rooms and an office-training center. The facility has been designed to accommodate a second ice surface for future development.

The City leases the land on which the arena was built and receives some services in lieu of rent and two hours of ice time and instruction every day for residents. Programs and services include adult hockey leagues for men and women of all skill levels, hockey classes and camps, drop-in hockey sessions, hockey tournaments and figure skating shows and competitions. Skaters enjoy public sessions with live DJs and light shows. Visitors will also find the largest ice skating-related pro shop in the Northwest.

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Golf Course

Golfers can enjoy 27 holes of first class golf between the 6,666 yard 18 hole course and the 1,174-yard Par 3 course. The Driving Range features 32 covered hitting stations with lights, multiple target greens, and a learning center. In addition, a miniature golf course offers a fun recreational opportunity for all ages and skill levels. Fire Creek Grill, a new first class restaurant, was opened in August of 2000 and most recently a merchandising shop was established.

Regional Library

Kent's Regional Library is part of the King County Library System. In addition to a large collection of books, newspapers, magazines, reference works, video and audiotapes, the Library offers a variety of other services. Among those services are many activities for children, including story times, games and songs. In addition to a monthly book club, concerts, plays and presentations are held at the Library. Several classes are offered, including library skills, Web surfing, and many other topics.

Senior Center

The Kent Senior Activity Center is a 21,000 square foot facility offering a variety of programs and social activities for active seniors. A variety of trips as well as social activities are conducted at the Center, including a book discussion group, card games, concerts, dances, and many others. Services provided include computer classes, health and financial workshops, legal clinics, senior assistance, grooming and health clinics and classes covering a variety of topics. The Senior Center also hosts many community events and is actively used all year.

Kent Station

The Kent Station, located just north of downtown, is in various stages of planning and development.

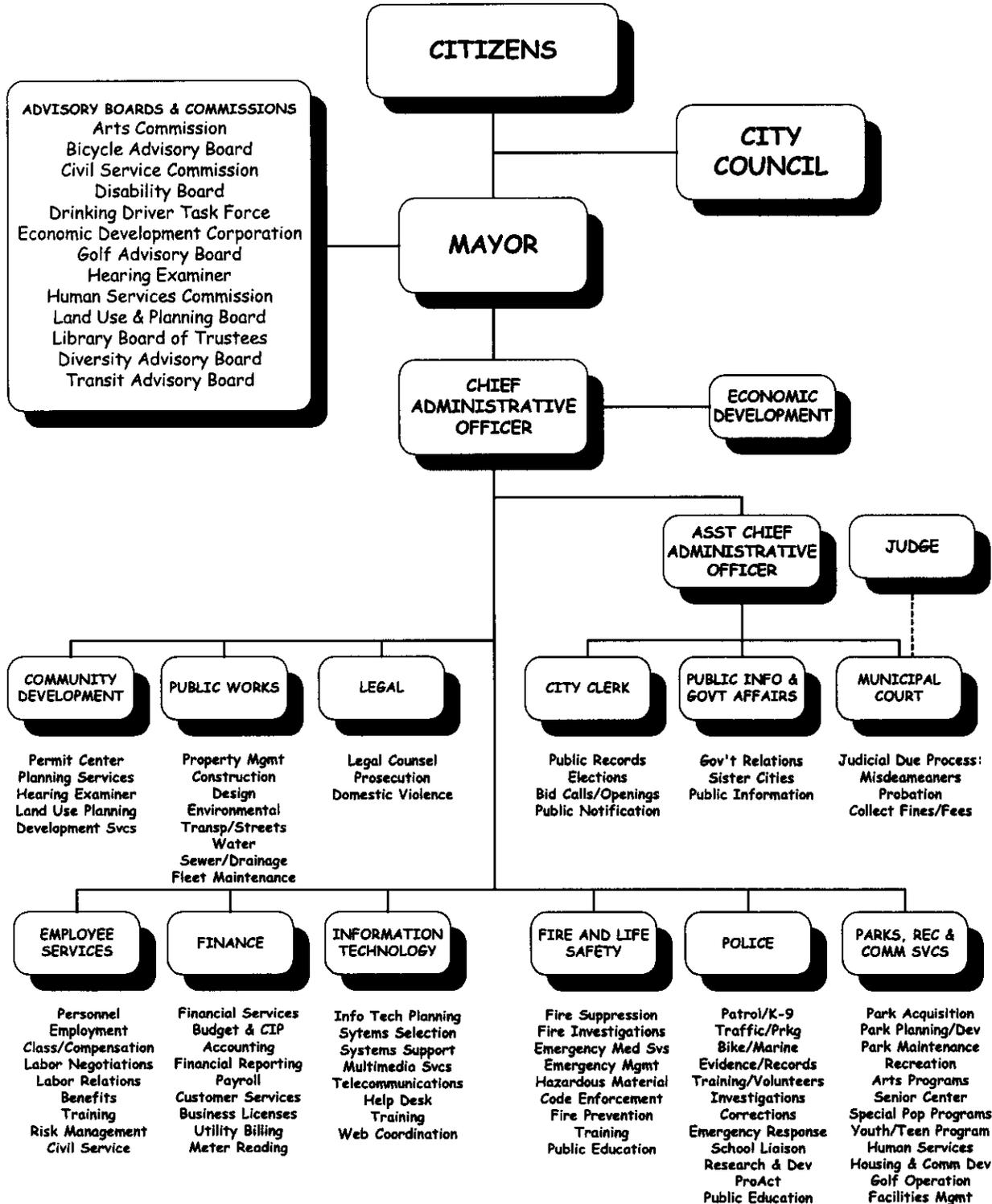
The City will participate in a public/private partnership for the development of an urban village on up to



22.5 acres of prime real estate adjacent to the Sound Transit Commuter Rail Station. The envisioned urban village and greenspace will serve as a social gathering place for the community that attracts people for breakfast through the evening hours. The development of Kent's expanded urban core will strengthen the sense of community that makes Kent one of south King County's most desirable places to live, work, shop and relax.

Residents recently visited the second of three community forums introducing this project. There they got a look at plans to envision a high-quality downtown that will include stores, shops, office complexes, a cinema, entertainment and recreation centers, a college campus and residential units. Building the roads and other infrastructure is expected to begin summer of 2002, with phase one development planned for spring or summer of 2003.

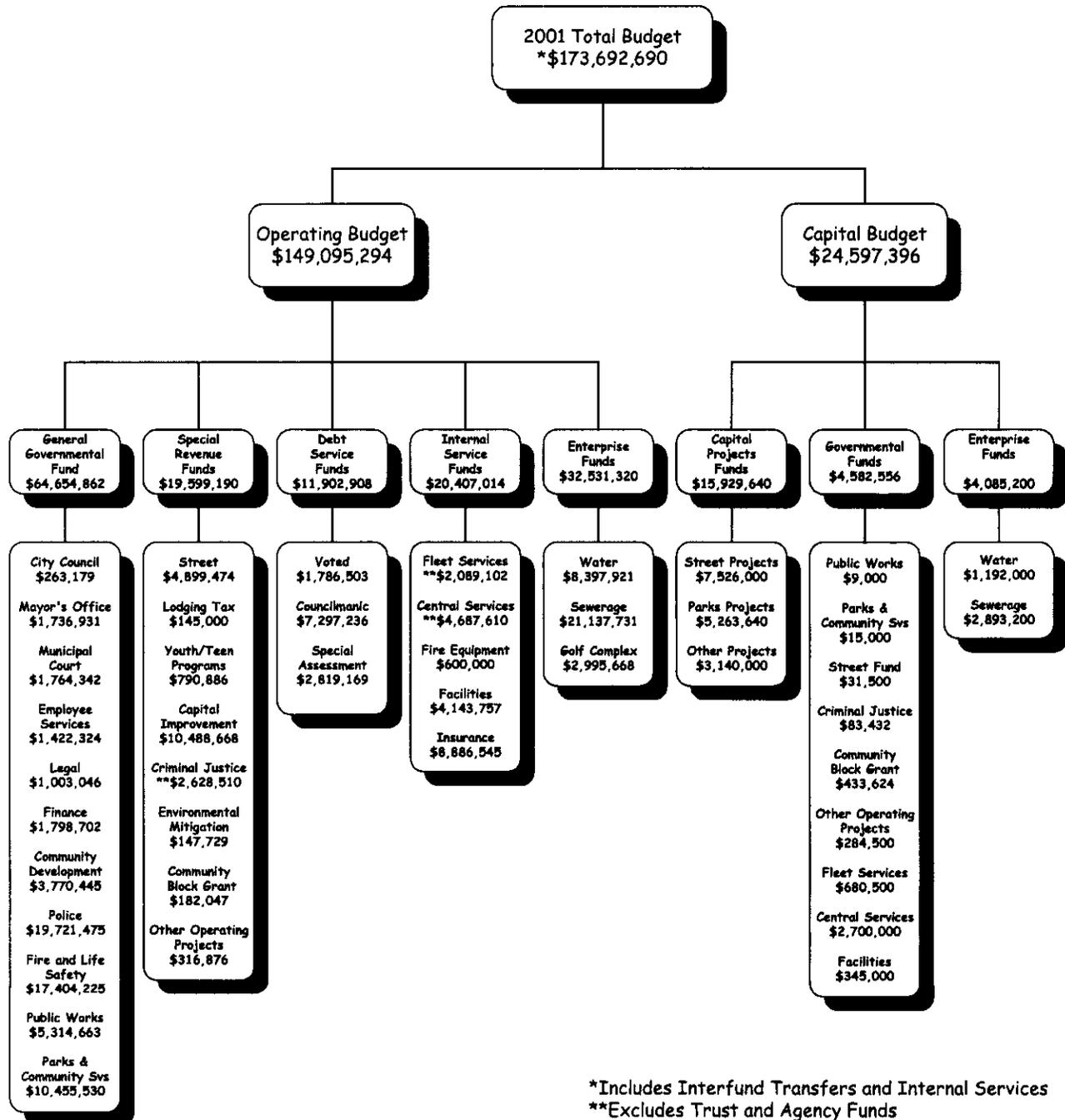
City of Kent 2002 Organization Chart



**2002 BUDGET
COMBINED OPERATING STATEMENT**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Inc (Dec) In Fund Balance</u>	<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>	<u>Ending Fund Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
General Fund	62,008,442	64,678,862	(2,670,420)	8,091,435	5,421,015
Special Revenue Funds					
Street	4,993,734	4,930,974	62,760	637,447	700,207
Lodging Tax Fund	108,774	145,000	(36,226)	43,592	7,366
Youth/Teen Programs	744,162	790,886	(46,724)	243,918	197,194
Capital Improvement	8,544,088	10,488,668	(1,944,580)	2,615,739	671,159
Criminal Justice	2,307,865	2,711,942	(404,077)	1,258,171	854,094
Environmental Mitigation	185,006	147,729	37,277	262,734	300,011
Community Block Grant	615,671	615,671			
Other Operating Projects	601,376	601,376			
Debt Service Funds					
Voted	1,790,000	1,786,503	3,497	57,028	60,525
Councilmanic	7,297,236	7,297,236			
Special Assessment	2,625,089	2,819,169	(194,080)	3,222,952	3,028,872
Capital Projects Fund					
Street Projects	7,526,000	7,526,000			
Parks Projects	5,263,640	5,263,640			
Other Projects	3,140,000	3,140,000			
PROPRIETARY FUNDS					
Enterprise Funds					
Water	8,838,764	9,589,921	(751,157)	3,207,184	2,456,027
Sewerage	24,120,958	24,030,931	90,027	1,345,057	1,435,084
Golf Complex	3,334,500	2,995,668	338,832	(87,062)	251,770
Internal Service Funds					
Equipment Rental	2,657,533	2,769,602	(112,069)	3,238,198	3,126,129
Central Services	7,373,212	7,387,610	(14,398)	89,935	75,537
Fire Equipment	443,281	600,000	(156,719)	381,793	225,074
Facilities Fund	4,302,330	4,488,757	(186,427)	279,172	92,745
Insurance	9,314,897	8,886,545	428,352	1,704,024	2,132,376
FIDUCIARY FUNDS					
Trust and Agency Funds					
Firemen's Pension	258,072	254,936	3,136	3,561,463	3,564,599
Economic Dvlpmnt Corp	8,600	8,385	215	34,157	34,372
TOTAL GROSS BUDGET	168,403,230	173,956,011	(5,552,781)	30,186,937	24,634,156
LESS:					
Internal Service Funds	20,425,400	20,425,400			
Other Transfers	17,832,585	17,832,585			
TOTAL BUDGET	130,145,245	135,698,026	(5,552,781)	30,186,937	24,634,156

City of Kent Fund Structure



*Includes Interfund Transfers and Internal Services
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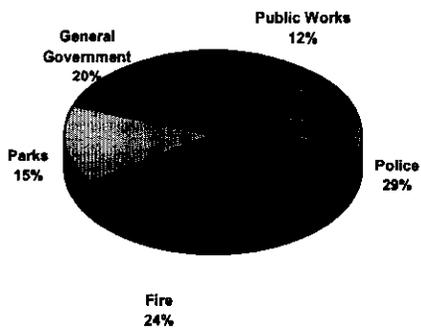
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General Fund

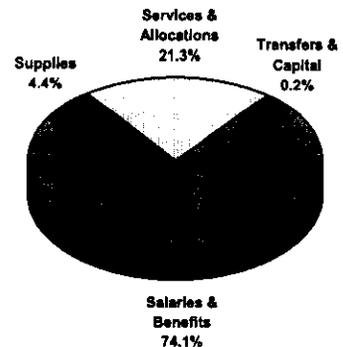
Principal governmental operating fund – self sustaining

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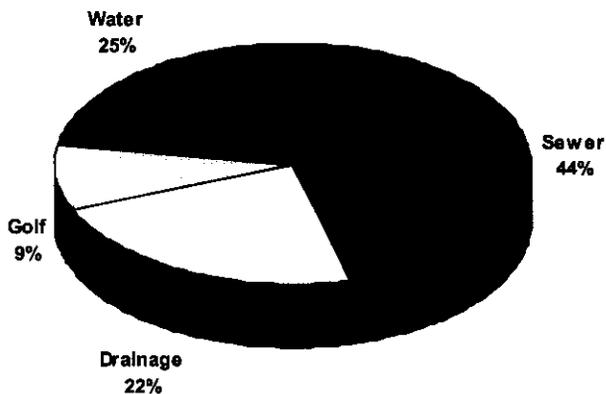


Enterprise Funds

Used to account for the financing of services provided to the general public where all or most of the costs involved are paid for by user charges.

Primary Sources User rates developed for each fund	Fund Name/Revenues	Authorized Use/Expenditures	Primary Uses: M&O/Capital/Debt Service
Water Charges \$7,247,732 Interest Income \$1,541,221 Misc Revenue \$49,811	Water \$8,838,764	Operates & Maintains the Water System \$9,589,921	Salaries/Bene \$1,859,874 Supplies \$617,848 Svcs/Allocations \$3,874,762 Debt \$1,808,637 Capital \$1,192,000 Other \$236,800
Sewer Charges \$15,234,968 Drainage Charges \$7,721,635 Misc Revenue \$145,605 Interest \$1,018,750	Sewerage \$24,120,958	Operate and Maintain the Sanitary Sewer System \$24,030,931	Salaries/Bene \$2,391,946 Supplies \$198,119 Metro Svcs/Chg \$16,543,960 Tftrs to debt \$1,803,706 Capital \$2,893,200 Other \$200,000
Fees \$2,667,000 Merchandise Sales \$565,000 Interest Income \$2,000 Misc Revenues \$100,500	Golf Complex \$3,334,500	Operate and Maintain the Golf Complex \$2,995,668	Salaries/Bene \$984,007 Supplies \$532,915 Svcs/Charges \$807,408 Tftrs to debt \$655,338 Projects \$12,000 Other \$4,000
Utility Billing \$2,154,992 Warehouse \$315,947 PW Ops Admin \$1,562,980 Cost Allocation (\$4,033,919) Net = Zero	Utility Clearing	Collect Expenditures for Utilities and charge back to primary enterprise departments.	Salaries/Bene \$1,340,982 Supplies \$96,103 Svcs/Charges \$2,596,834 Capital Projects \$0 Cost allocation (\$4,033,919) Net = zero
Cash flow reserve	Beginning fund balance \$4,465,179	Ending fund balance \$4,142,881	Budget reserve undistributed
	Total \$40,759,401	Total \$40,759,401	

ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES



Internal Service Funds

Used to account for the collection of costs for special services performed by designated operations within the city that is charged back to other operations within the city.

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	Total \$29,784,375	Total \$29,784,375																							

Trust and Agency Funds

Used to account for assets held by the city as trustee or agent or individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units.

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	Total \$3,862,292	Total \$3,862,292											



Municipal Court

Municipal Court

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☒ **Municipal Court**
City of Kent
1220 S Central Ave
Kent, WA 98032

253-856-5730
Fax 253-856-6730

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Kent Municipal Court Mission Statement

Ensure that all individuals appearing before the Court are afforded Due Process of Law as recognized and guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Washington.

Core Values

- Ensure access to justice for all.
- Treat people equally, fairly, and impartially.
- Process matters in an expedient and timely fashion.
- Uphold the judiciary as a separate but equal branch of government.
- Promote public trust and confidence in the judicial system.

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Parks, Recreation & Community Services

July 10 through August 8, 2002
All concerts are free!



Get ready to join us for a great season of free outdoor performances for the entire family, presented by the City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Kent Arts Commission. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these concerts in some of Kent's most beautiful parks.

The 2002 Summer Concert Series will feature **four "Take-Out Tuesdays"** concerts at noon in downtown Kent, **five "Picnic Performances"** at noon on Wednesdays, **three "Playground Performances"** on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and **five "Thursdays at Lake"** concerts at 7:00 p.m. The complete concert schedule will be featured in the summer parks program guide.

Take-Out Tuesdays

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

July 16, 23, 30, August 6

Kent-Kherson Peace Park, 2nd Avenue & Gowe Street

[For more information about Take-Out Tuesday performances. . .](#)

Wednesday Picnic Performances

(especially for children)

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7

Mill Creek Canyon Earthworks Park, 742 East Titus Street

[For more information about Wednesday Picnic performances. . .](#)

Thursday Playground Performances

(especially for children)

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

July 18, 25, August 1

West Fenwick Park, 3824 Reith Road

[For more information about Thursday Playground performances. . .](#)

Thursdays at the Lake

Parks, Recreation & Community Services

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☒ **Parks, Recreation
& Community
Services
City of Kent
220 Fourth Ave S
Kent, WA 98032**

253-856-5100

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8
Lake Meridian Park, 14800 SE 272nd Street**

For more information about Thursday at the Lake performainces. . .

All concerts are free, donations gladly accepted. Please call 253-856-5050 for more information or email us at culturalprograms@ci.kent.wa.us.

King County Parks Budget Situation

King County is facing a significant budget shortfall in the County's general expense fund. This shortfall may have a major impact on parks. For more information, link to the [King County Parks Web Site](#).

Community volunteers were appointed to the **Metropolitan Parks Task Force** this spring and charged with examining the parks funding crisis. They will recommend short-term and long-term funding solutions and ways to keep as many parks and facilities open as possible despite the budget shortfall. The County Executive and County Council will consider the recommendations along with public comments as they develop a budget for 2003. [More information on the Metropolitan Parks Task Force](#).

The City of Kent is monitoring this process. The main facility in Kent that may be impacted is the Kent Pool at Kent Meridian High School which is operated by King County. The only other King County park in Kent city limits is a portion of the Soos Creek Trail.

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Police Department
 City of Kent
 220 Fourth Ave S
 Kent, WA 98032

253-856-5800

**Emergency
9-1-1**

VISION STATEMENT:

To be a Superior Police Department in the State of Washington.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To protect and serve with pride and integrity.

DEPARTMENT VALUES:

We model pride in the Kent Police Department.

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Who We Are

The Chief and his command staff are responsible for establishing the goals, objectives and policies of the department with direction from the Mayor and the City Council.

Police

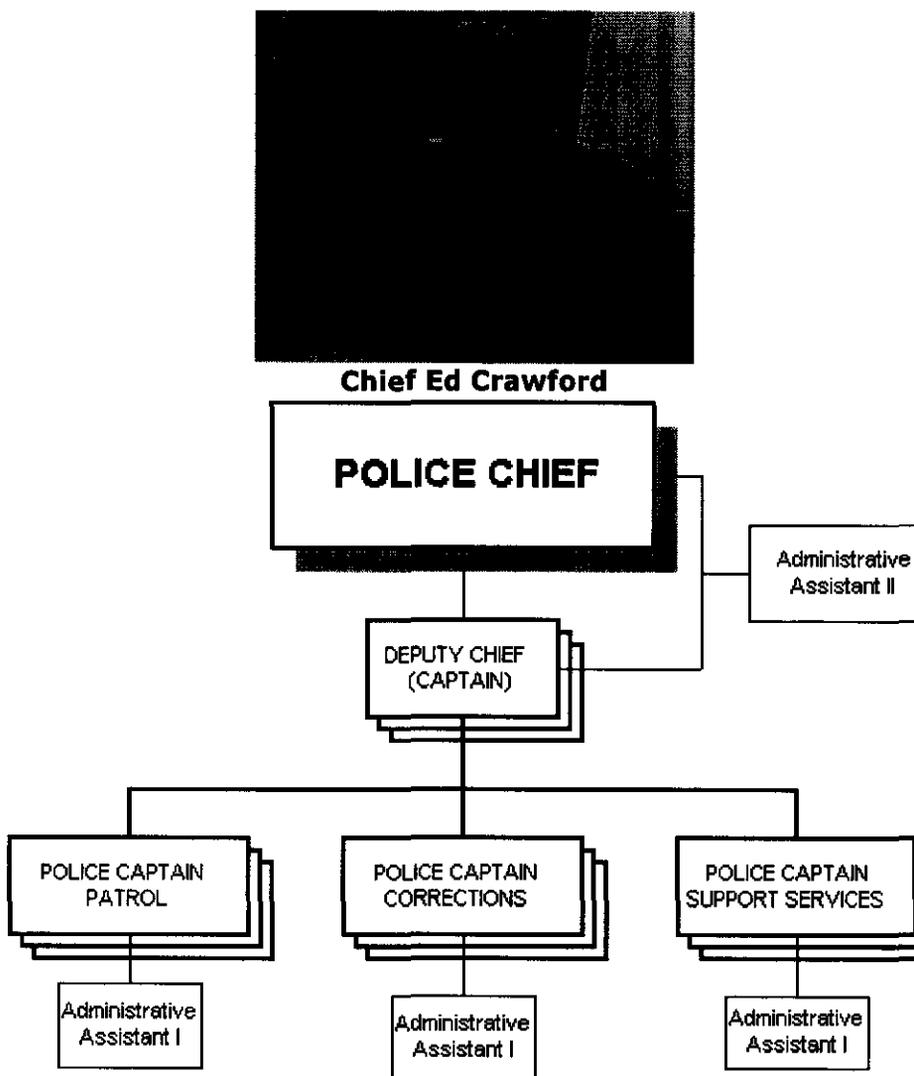
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☒ **Police Department**
City of Kent
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Kent, WA 98032

253-856-5800

Emergency
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Organizational Structure



Kent Police Department Staffing December 2001

- 127 sworn officers
- 27 Corrections officers
- 36 civilian/non-commissioned employees
- augmented by 50+ volunteers

If you have questions about the police department or if you have suggestions for our web site please e-mail us at: [✉ police@ci.kent.wa](mailto:police@ci.kent.wa).

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✉ **City of Kent**
220 Fourth Ave S
Kent, WA 98032

253-856-5200

When the City of Kent incorporated in 1890, the population was 763. Kent was the second city in King County to incorporate.

Kent began as an agricultural area. Hops were the first major crop (first planted in 1878), leading to the rapid growth of Kent in its early years. Almost a million pounds of hops were harvested in 1888. Truck farming began in 1917, and during the 1920s, Kent became known as the "lettuce capital of the world."

Annual floods of the Green and White rivers contributed to the agricultural fertility of the Kent valley. During the Great Flood of 1906, the valley turned into a giant lake, as flood waters rose up to two feet above some houses. The White River found a new channel into the Puyallup River, thus alleviating some of the flooding in Kent.

In 1963, the Howard Hanson Dam was completed at Eagle Gorge on the upper Green River, taming most of the flooding. This enabled industrial development to take place on the valley floor, leading to Kent's rapid rise as a major distribution center.

Other Historical Resources

- Students from The Kent School District created a [virtual tour of Kent's history](#).
- The [Greater Kent Historical Society and Museum](#) is at 855 E Smit Street, in Kent. The phone number is 253-856-5185.

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Greater Kent Historical Museum

General Information

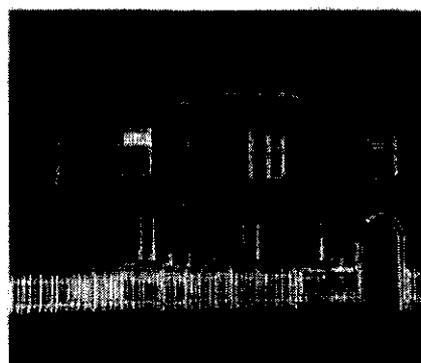
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The bountiful history of the Kent Valley comes alive at the Greater Kent Historical Society Museum in the Bereiter house. The museum is one of Kent's oldest and finest homes, a three story 1908 craftsman style with carriage entry. The home is furnished with donated period furniture and an extensive gallery of local historical artifacts. Outside the museum Stuart Nakamura created *Another Place, Another Time*, an outdoor work of art honoring Kent's Japanese-American community.



Our Mission

The mission of the Greater Kent Historical Society is to collect, preserve and promote the history of the Greater Kent area.

Museum Information

The Museum is conveniently located just east of downtown Kent, in the historic Bereiter house.

Hours of Operation

Wednesday - Saturday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Admission

Free (donation suggested)

Street Address



Greater Kent Historical Museum

Local History

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The following history of Kent is a condensed version taken from the article "Kent - from hops to industry" by John Santana, which appeared in the Kent Residents Guide 2000 (a Supplement to the Kent Reporter). For more information on Kent's history, try the local sites listed on the [History Links](#) page.

Go to [Local Voices](#) now to submit your own slice of local history.

Kent's History

The history of the Kent Valley is rich and diverse, much like the city for which it is named. Before the first white settlers reached the area now known as Kent, nomadic native peoples lived on the land. White settlers came into conflict with these native peoples as the settlers moved in and staked out land claims. In 1856 the U.S. government signed a treaty with the native peoples. The treaty established the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation southeast of Auburn. The native peoples relocated to the reservation, and the white settlers began to farm and log the land in earnest.

In 1878 hops became the crop of choice for farmers in Kent Valley. With the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad, the growing town needed a name to identify its train station. The town chose Kent because the main hop-growing region of England is Kent County. By the time Kent incorporated in 1890 with a population of 853 people, hop farming was a thing of the past. Other forms of agriculture continued to thrive, with lettuce farms and cherry orchards springing up throughout the valley. Some farmers turned to chicken farms as well.

Annual flooding plagued Kent, and in 1946 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began a flood control study. The result of the study was the Howard Hanson Dam on the upper Green River, completed in 1961. With the dam's completion, the Kent economy shifted toward industry. By 1970, Boeing had built its aerospace center in Kent, and three large highways (I-5, I-405, and State Highway 167)

connected Kent to neighboring cities. Kent continues to develop as a significant center of industry and commerce today.

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Cultural Programs

Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Bring a Wide Array of Cultural Events to Kent!

The City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Kent Arts Commission are pleased to announce the schedule for upcoming events. The events are presented with support from the King County Arts Commission, Washington State Arts Commission and other donors. Public number for tickets and information: 253-856-5050.

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Fourth Annual Fourth of July Splash

An old-fashioned Fourth of July for families at beautiful Lake Meridian Park. [For more information about the Splash...](#)

Kent Cornucopia Days Presented by the Kent Lions Club

Kent's largest street fair is scheduled for July 11, 12, 13 and 14. For more information, please visit www.kcdays.com

2002 Summer Concert Series

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16th Annual Canterbury Faire

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Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Residency

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Spotlight Series 2002/2003 Season Preview!

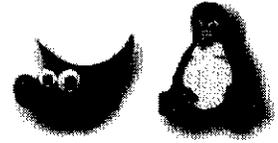
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