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Welcome to our web site!

We're an organization of business and professional leaders who provide service to the greater Kent, WA, community. We encourage high ethical standards in our professions, and strive to generate goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Our club is one of more than 29,500 Rotary clubs in 160 countries.

What we do

We provide more than \$20,000 in college scholarships each year to deserving Kent students.

We contribute more than \$30,000 in cash grants each year to organizations that are making a positive difference in our community.

Our "Fishing Hole" event allows hundreds of disadvantaged children to learn the joys of catching a fish.

Rotary "Hoops Park" provides a professional-sized outdoor basketball court for youth in downtown Kent.

The men & women who belong to our club have fun!

Where we meet

Noon Tuesdays at Meridian Valley Country Club.

Want to join?

Give President [Andy Wangstad](#) a call at (253) 631-2321 or send him an e-mail. For more information on Rotary or becoming a Rotarian, go to the Rotary International web site or to the District 5030 web site.

There's also a Kent Sunrise Club which meets 7:30 Tuesday mornings at the Alki Bakery.

ROTARY PLANNER

Club Picnic
August 13
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Board Meeting
August 14
7:30 a.m. at Mitzel's

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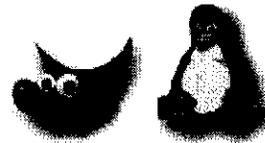
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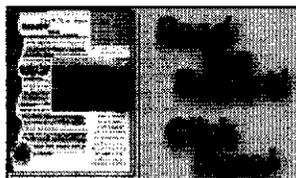

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About Our Community



POPULATION

Kent is centrally located in the Puget Sound region of Washington State, an area that has over two million people. It is the second largest city in South King County with a population of 73,060 and a geographic area of 28.75 square miles. Kent's population is projected to grow to 100,000 within the next few years, and it is anticipated that Kent will become the largest city in South King County.

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 Seattle, 18 miles to the north, and Tacoma, 18 miles to the south. The city is seven miles from SeaTac International Airport. Both the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads run through Kent. The city lies from 25 to 400 feet above sea level in the heart of the Green River Valley in South King County.

CLIMATE

Kent enjoys mild weather with summer temperatures seldom exceeding the mid-80's, and winter temperatures seldom dropping below the low-30's. The average rainfall is 39 inches per year, and snowfall averages 8.6 inches per year.

HOUSING

The average home value in Kent increased from \$185,000 in 1998 to \$197,300 in 1999. There were 133 single-family residential homes on the market in Kent (as of 10/12/99). Average market time is 39 days. (Source: Northwest Multiple Listing Services). The average rents for apartments are \$494 for a studio; \$573 for a one-bedroom; \$643 for a two-bedroom/1 bath; \$732 for a two-bedroom/2 bath; \$878 for a three-bedroom/2 bath. (Source: Dupre & Scott Apartment Advisors, Inc.)

EDUCATION

The Kent School District is the fourth largest district in the state. It has won

many national awards for excellence. State tests score above the national median. Highline Community College is located in west Kent, and Green River Community College is located in Auburn, just southeast of Kent. Renton Technical College focuses on preparing students for careers in a variety of fields.

HEALTH CARE

There are two major hospitals near Kent. Auburn Regional Medical Center, just minutes from Kent, provides full comprehensive services. The center features a renowned cancer treatment center and holds community classes on a variety of health care topics. It is a level three trauma center.

The other hospital, Valley Medical Center, is located in Renton, just north of Kent. Valley Medical is a public hospital providing full comprehensive services. The hospital offers a free physician referral service, community classes and support groups. The hospital also has several primary and full-care clinics throughout south King County.

SENIOR CENTER

The Kent Senior Activity Center is a 21,000 square foot facility offering a variety of programs and social activities for those 55 and older. A variety of social groups meet at the center, including a book discussion group, card games, concerts, dances, and many others. Services provided are health and financial workshops, legal clinics, senior assistance, grooming and health clinics and classes covering a variety of topics. The Mill Creek Café offers homemade breads, soups, salads, pastries, desserts and a different entrée weekdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.

SHOPPING

Downtown Kent has many retail stores including antiques, gifts, clothes, books, furniture, crafts, floral and a variety of others. There is plenty of parking and lots of places to eat. Enjoy the small town atmosphere instead of a crowded mall. Kent also has a regional library and some beautiful parks in the downtown area.

Kent East Hill has a lot to offer for your shopping needs too. There are many retail stores and the East Hill Carriage Antique Mall has a variety of antique shops.

ECONOMIC SPECIALIZATION

Manufacturing, wholesale and transportation represent not only the areas of economic specialization in the Kent economy, but they also have relatively high average wages. The manufacturing sector includes the Boeing Space & Defense facility in Kent.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Kent Parks Department has been recognized nationally for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management. There are 67 parks and open spaces comprised of 1400 acres within the Kent Parks system. There is a full range of services and classes for youth, teens, adults and disabled citizens. Residents can also enjoy 27 holes of first class golf at the Riverbend Golf

Complex.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cornucopia Days - This annual celebration, which takes place in July, features a variety of entertainment, food, a street fair and carnival, and a parade. A project of the Kent Lions Club, this celebration is Kent's oldest continuing event.

Fourth of July Celebration - The Fourth of July Celebration at Lake Meridian is highlighted by a free concert with the Seattle Symphony on July 1. Other event activities feature family entertainment, athletic activities and games, community projects, music, craft booths, food vendors, fireworks and much more.

Summer Concert Series - The City of Kent sponsors this series of free concerts by regional and national performers. Shows include family performances on Thursday evenings, children's concerts on Wednesdays and lunch hour performances on Tuesdays in downtown Kent. These presentations of music, dance and theatre are held in four of Kent's most beautiful parks.

Canterbury Faire - One of South King County's premier arts festivals. Canterbury Faire is a community arts and heritage festival attended by more than 30,000 people annually to enjoy visual, literary and performing arts. The unique and educational medieval village area offers a glimpse back in time, while modern day children's activities, food, crafts and entertainment offer something for everyone. This great family festival is held at Mill Creek Canyon Earthworks Park in mid-August.

Kent Market - A new location for the Kent Market is a renovated building on Railroad Avenue, between Smith and Meeker Streets. The building, built in the 1930s, has more than 14,000 square feet of floor space. Thirty-five indoor vendor stalls allows the market to remain open year-round and allow for permanent vendors, similar to Seattle's Pike Place Market. In addition, 47, 10-foot stalls are on the outside of the building. The building is painted to look like a big red barn and features a clock tower.

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 City Jobline 856-5272
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 Law Department 856-5770
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 DV Victim Advocate 856-5959

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Kent Commons

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KENT CARES

Our mission is to enhance the quality of community life for those residing, doing business, and visiting in Kent. Kent CARES about honest and effective government service; protection of life and property; and ensuring that the City provides professional services to the citizens of Kent.

Our fundamental beliefs and values, which guide the City of Kent in fulfilling this mission, are:

We work together as a diverse Community.

We Act responsibly, reliably, and efficiently.

We Respect the community and each other.

We Encourage and solicit open communication among and between
Kent's City employees, citizens, business people, and visitors.

We Serve each other.



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Jim White served as a member of the Kent City Council for 10 years before becoming Kent's first full-time Mayor on January 1, 1994. He was re-elected to a third 4-year term in 2001.

Mayor White and his wife, Edna, are long-time residents of Kent. They own and operate Crown Hair Design at Southcenter Mall. Their four children attended Kent schools and now live in the Kent area with their own families.

In addition to all the duties and responsibilities involved with his job as full-time Mayor, White served as a past member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), was a former Board Member of Sound Transit, and now serves the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board, and the Advisory Board of the National League of Cities, as well as numerous others.

Locally, Mayor White belongs to Kent Rotary, is on the Board of Directors of the Kent Chamber of Commerce, serves as President of the Kent Sister City Association, and is active in his church.

Mayor White enjoys traveling and has completed several trips to Asia to promote economic development. He has led several delegations to Yangzhou, our sister city in China, and in 1998 led a delegation to visit our sister city in Norway. He also included a visit to Castlereagh, Northern Ireland, with whom the City of Kent recently signed a new sister city agreement. In February 1999 he visited our sister city of Kaibara, Japan, with which we have had a 30-year relationship.

In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his five grandchildren.

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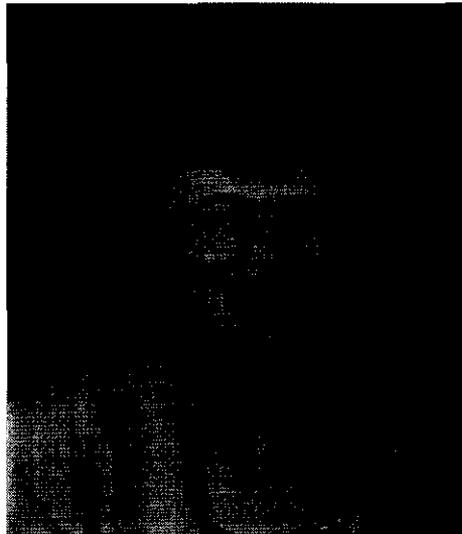
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Council President
Term expires 12/31/2003

Judy Woods has served on the Kent City Council for 19 years. She currently serves as the Council President and as such, oversees all Council committees, chairs the Council Workshop, and serves as Mayor Pro-Tem. Judy also chairs the Parks Committee. She is a former president of the Suburban Cities Association and has served on the Kin County Board of Ethics, the Woodland Park Zoo Bond Committee, the King County Land Conservancy Board, and numerous other boards and committees.

Judy holds a Doctorate in History from the University of Washington and was a History instructor at Green River Community College from 1973-2001. In her spare time, Judy enjoys reading, cultural activities such as live theater and musical presentations, walking and hiking, traveling, and spending quality time with friends and family.

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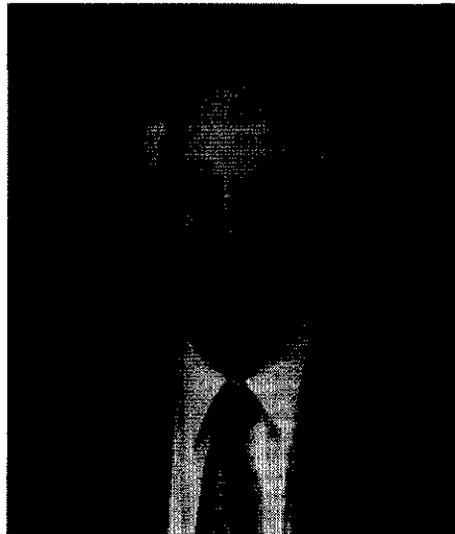
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Term expires 12/31/2005

Tim Clark was first elected to the Kent City Council in 1993. He is chair the Public Works Committee, is a member of the Operations Committee and the Planning Committee, and has also served as Council President.

Tim is on the IC Policy Board of the Suburban Cities Association and is one of two appointees from SCA to the Growth Management Committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council. He is also the Suburban Cities Association representative to the Tri-County Steering Committee on Water Issues. Governor Gary Locke appointed Tim to a one-year term the State Building Codes Council.

Tim recently retired after 30 years of service to the Washington public school system. He and wife Jo live on Scenic Hill in Kent.

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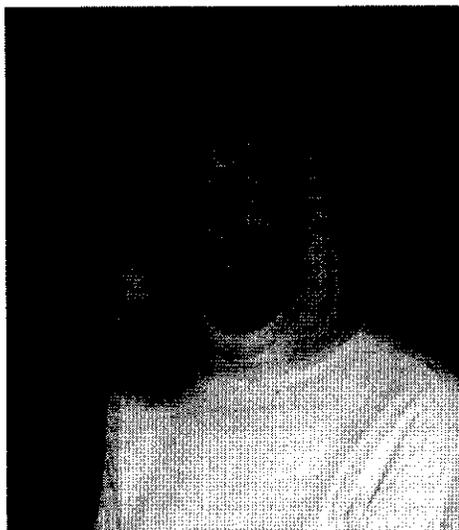
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Council Member Connie Epperly



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Term expires 12/31/2003

Connie Epperly was first elected to the Kent City Council in 1995, and is now serving her second term on the Council. She chairs the [Public Safety Committee](#) and is a member of the [Parks Committee](#). Connie has served on the EMS Task Force and Disability Board, and is a former member of the Kent Planning Commission. She belongs to Kiwanis and the Kent Historical Society.

Connie has lived in Kent all her life and graduated from Kent Meridian High School. She and husband Larry have three children and live in downtown Kent. Connie is employed by Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping and enjoys the pastimes of horseback riding, ice skating, and painting when not involved with City interests.

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Council Member Leona Orr

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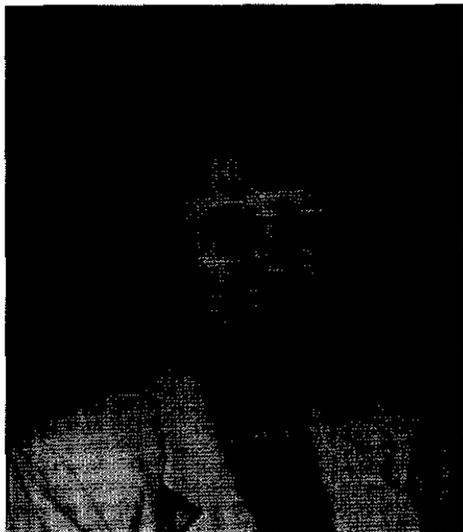
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Term expires 12/31/2003

Leona Orr was first elected to the Kent City Council in 1989. She has been a member of numerous City Council committees during her tenure on the Council and served as Council President from 1997 through 2000. She is chair of the Planning Committee and is a member of the Operations Committee.

Leona also currently chairs the Kent Drinking Driver Task Force and has had other extensive community involvement including the Kent Fire and Life Safety Strategic Planning Committee, the Downtown Stakeholders Task Force, the Kent Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Kent Historical Society, the Kent School District Concurrency Task Force, Kent Community Council for At-Risk Children and Youth, and the Responsible Urban Growth Group of which she is founder and past president.

Leona graduated from Fort Benton High School, Montana, and Kinman Business University. She is currently employed full time as a Line Supervisor in the Mutuel Department at Emerald Downs and also owns thoroughbred racehorses. Leona and her husband Jim are 16 year Kent residents and live on the East Hill.

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Council Member Julie Peterson

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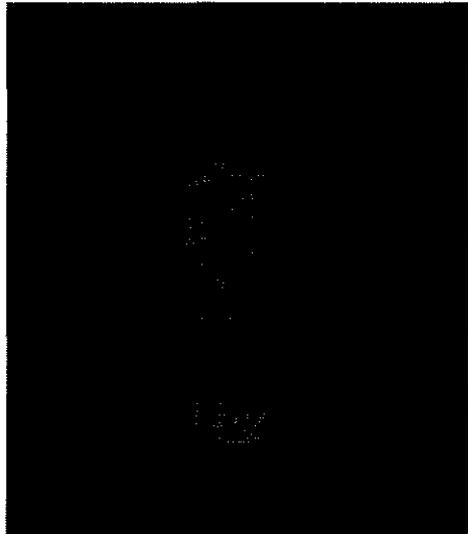
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Term expires 12/31/2005

Julie Peterson was elected to fill out the remaining term for Position 4 of the Kent City Council in 2001 and to serve the full four year term beginning in 2002. She currently serves on the Public Safety Committee and the Public Works Committee and is the designated Councilmember assigned to the Human Services Commission.

Julie has been involved for many years in the Kent community through the Rotary Club of Kent and the Kent Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Peterson is committed to civic involvement and leadership within one's profession and is a member of the Rotary Club of Kent, Washington Association of Realtors Legislative Steering Committee, and is on the Board of Directors for the Kent Food Bank and Emergency Services.

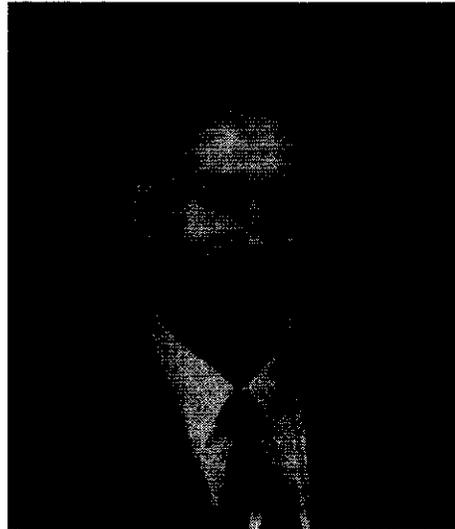
Julie is the Director of Member Services for the Washington Association Housing and Services for the Aging. She has extensive experience with membership organizations and community relations through work with the Greater University, Seattle, and Kent Chambers of Commerce. Her expertise on housing issues includes multi-family property management, property sales and marketing, and residential building and construction. She holds a Real Estate Practitioners License from the State of Washington.

A Northwest native, Julie's roots are in Oregon and Washington. She graduated from Enumclaw High School, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, and owns a home in Kent with her husband, Todd. Her hobbies include gardening, history, archaeology,



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Council Member Bruce White



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Term expires 12/31/2005

Bruce White was elected in 2001 to begin a four year term on the Kent City Council. He is a member of the [Parks Committee](#) and the [Planning Committee](#).

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Council Member Rico Yingling

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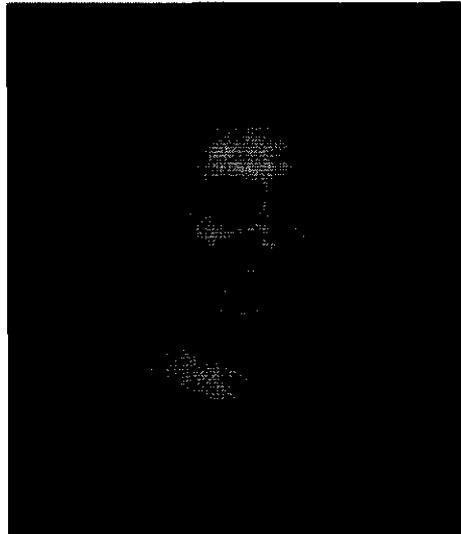
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Term expires 12/31/2003

Rico Yingling was appointed to the Kent City Council in February, 1998 serve out the term of former Councilmember Jim Bennett. He subsequently was elected in 1999 to a four-year term on the Council. Rico currently chairs the Operations Committee and is a member of the Public Works Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Rico is a current board member and past president of the Kent Chamber of Commerce where he is also a member of the Principals Academy Committee. Rico serves on the board of the Kent-based sheltered workshop, SKCAC, is a past president of the Washington State Quality Award and a past examiner for the national Malcolm Baldrige Award.

Rico has a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington and is the Chief Operating Officer at Da Vinci Gourmet Ltd, Seattle gourmet food manufacturer. Rico and his wife Tricia have three sons who have all attended or are attending Kent schools. Rico and Tr belong to the Soos Creek Soccer Club and they can be found playing soccer almost every Friday night.

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Vibrant Downtown

A community focal point where people choose to go to eat, shop, work and play. It should serve as a transportation hub for rail, bus and major highways and provide easy access to things to do.

- Improve Downtown Appearance and Infrastructure - parking facilities
- Pursue Downtown Development and Redevelopment - Kent Station Development, Update Downtown Plan, Implement City Space Plan

Safe Community

A community where citizens feel safe and police and fire services have timely response to emergencies and a visible presence. Criminals are punished in jail and our streets are safe.

- Delivery of Responsive, Effective, Fire, Life Safety and Law Enforcement Services - additional work release crew, continuous improvement of disaster preparedness
- Strategic Management of Police, Fire and Life Safety services - develop, manage and expand alternatives to incarceration, pursue national accreditation for the corrections division, develop a strategy for a public safety bond issue, track County court system changes and respond strategically
- Enhance Community Appearance - Code enforcement Phase 2 revisions to codes and increased efficiency in enforcement, update the criminal code

Effective Transportation System

Our system will offer a variety of safe transportation choices to ensure quicker and easier trips to work, school, shopping and play.

- Plan for Multi-Modal Transportation System - complete the signal synchronization study, complete update to TIP and Comp Plan Transportation element
- Build Transportation System Infrastructure - Continue work on 196th, 277th, 228th and Meeker and Washington, continue construction mitigation and communication
- Enhance Utilization and Safety of Non-SOV and Pedestrian Transportation Alternatives - Advocate for and coordinate with Metro and Sound Transit for services

Strong Local Economy

Kent's economy offers citizens jobs close to home, increasing the amount of time available for family activities. It reflects modern technology and variety of community amenities. The diverse economy means Kent government enjoys a diverse, stable tax base to finance public services.

- Economic Development Strategy - Develop and implement a Boe surplus property strategy, prepare an Economic Development Strategy, complete an industrial land study

Valued Government Services

The City of Kent delivers responsive and efficient services and facilities which the community is informed and that represent maximum return on tax dollars.

- Recruit, Retain and Train a Professional, Productive and Diverse Workforce
- Provide Proactive, High Quality, Dependable Technology and Multimedia Services to Staff
- Enhance Connections and Communication with Citizens
- Provide Strategic Management and Financial Services
- Provide Comprehensive Legal Services to Support City Activities
- Provide Positive Recreation Experiences through Quality Services Partnerships and Facilities
- Operate Effective Land Use Services and Prepare for Potential Annexations
- Implement New Permit Center
- Deliver Comprehensive Utility Services
- Human Services

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Public Works Committee

Monday, July 15, 2002, at 5:00 PM, in Chambers East at Kent City Hall

Planning Committee

Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 3:00 PM, in Chambers East at Kent City Hall

Operations Committee

Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 4:00 PM, in Chambers East at Kent City Hall

Council Workshop

Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 5:00 PM, in Chambers East at Kent City Hall

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers at Kent City Hall.

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Topic	Action	Speaker	Time
1. Street Vacation - Temperance Street: Set Hearing Date	YES	Don Wickstrom	10 m

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 5:00

Chair: Tim Clark

Members: Julie Peterson, Rico Yingling

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Planning Committee

Agenda for Tuesday, July 16, 2002, 2:00 PM

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Topic	Action	Speaker	Time
1. Mobile Home Park Closures and Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance	YES	Bill Osborne	30 min

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:00

Chair: Leona Orr

Members: Tim Clark, Bruce White

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Operations Committee

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Topic	Action	Speaker	Time
1. Approval of Vouchers Dated June 30, 2002	YES	May Miller	05 min
2. Council Agenda Format Changes	YES	Tim Clark	10 min
3. Dedicated Utility Tax Funding for Youth-Teen Programming	NO	John Hodgson	10 min

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00

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Members: Leona Orr, Tim Clark

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