The June Membership meeting will be held **Monday June 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.** *Your participation is always welcome and we hope to see you at the meeting!* The link will be in the meeting reminder email to be sent on the morning of Monday June 14.

Please click [here](#) for May 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

With town hall reopening on June 1st, we think it is a good time resume in-person Chamber Meetings in JULY.

June 14 will be the last Zoom meeting. We look forward to gathering together at the cocktail party on June 17th, then on the second Mondays of each month.

*Volunteers are needed to help on Event Committees: Sidewalk Festival (still in the planning stage), Kent Pumpkin Run and (if it's held) the Champagne Stroll.*

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

[Sportmen's Connection](#)

15 North Main Street

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**COCKTAIL PARTY**

**THURSDAY JUNE 17, 2021**

6:00 TO 8:00 PM

**Outdoor on the patio at CLUB GETAWAY**

(59 South Kent Road)

Evite invitations will be sent on June 3 with more details

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**Kent Guide 2021**

**REMINDER:** Advertising opportunities in the new Kent Guide (formally known as The Passport!) are going fast! As in the past, our target audience will be those who are likely to visit Kent, whether for the day
or overnight. However, this year we are extending our reach and capitalizing on the influx of new residents to the northwest corner of CT. We plan to get guides into the hands of residents in surrounding towns, as well as potential tourists. Thus, we have added content pages that will focus on the many services offered by our Chamber members. Lastly, while we will highlight the benefits of visiting Kent in each season, we will not have a calendar of events making the publication useful to readers for several years making it a smart and long lasting investment of your hard-earned dollars! **Deadline to reserve has been extended to June 17.**

Full page $290
Half page $200

*(read more....)*

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**MEMBER NEWS**

**CT Audubon/Deer Pond Farm**

**FIRST FRIDAY HIKE - JUNE 4, 10AM-12PM**, No Fee. Join us for fresh air, exercise and good company. Different trails explored each month. Pace adjusted to participants.

**BIRD ATLAS BLITZ WALK - JUNE 5, 8-10AM** Small group, slower paced walks focused on identifying and coding breeding bird behaviors. Deer Pond Farm adopted CT Bird Atlas block 60D and is the principal atlaser for priority block Pawling-CE for the NY Bird Atlas.

**CT TRAILS DAY 2021 TREE ID WALK - JUNE 5, 10 AM – Noon**. Join our local tree enthusiast, John for this 1.5 mile walk with a focus on some of the 50+ native trees found at Deer Pond Farm.

**ECOLOGY HIKE - JUNE 5, 12:30 - 3:30PM**. Join conservation biologist Jim Arrigoni on a 3 mile hike to one of the farthest corners of Deer Pond Farm. Enjoy different habitats including forests, meadows, streams, and vernal pools. Information and identification of the flora and fauna along the way will be provided.

**HABITAT HIGHLIGHTS HIKE - JUNE 6, 10 AM - Noon** Cathy Hagadorn, director at Deer Pond Farm will lead this hike, stopping to highlight several of our habitat enhancement areas. This includes the Bird & Pollinator Garden, the Fall Migration Rest Stop and the Cathedral Trail Bird Ecotone. Plantings, nest box program and invasive species management will be discussed.

**CT OPEN HOUSE DAY 2021 - JUNE 12 iNaturalist 10-11AM** We will learn to use the iNaturalist app and go out in the field to collecting observations of plants and animals. Please download the app before the program. **Storytime 11AM to Noon**. Join us for a story in the bird & pollinator garden! A scavenger hunt is included too. Geared towards children 9 and younger with an adult.

**BIRDING: JUNE 18, 8-10AM, JUNE 19, 8-10AM, JUNE 22, 8-10AM.** It’s nesting season! Join us as we explore the diverse habitats of Deer Pond Farm that support over 100 species of birds. We will look and listen for birds such as: Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Towhee, Louisiana Waterthrush, Red-eyed Vireo and Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

*(read more about all June programs....)*

Trails remain open to the public daily dawn to dusk too!
Chestnut Woodworking & Tarot in Thyme
Original Music by Glori Wilder, Sat. June 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on the front lawn at 31 North Main St. Free.

Kent Memorial Library
Lots of events happening in June and throughout the year! Click here for more information. The Annual Book Sale and Car Raffle have begun. These are their 2 major fundraisers so stop by and support the Library!

Kent Land Trust
Celebrate CT Trails Days on Sunday June 6 at 8:30 AM "Muffins and Martins" at Marvelwood School. Meet the Skiff Mountain Purple Martins and walk our .75 mile temporary storywalk.
Food Initiative with Marble Vallery Farm and Kent Food Bank: KLT has partnered with Marble Valley Farm to offer 40 shares of fresh-picked produce each week to families using the Kent Food Bank. (read more....)

House of Books
SATURDAY STORYTIME! First meeting is Sat. June 6 @ 10AM. Storytime returns! Join us on the patio at Swyft for some fun, games, and of course some exciting storytelling! RSVP here
SUMMER BOOK CLUB - First meeting is Wed. June 23 at 6 pm. Join us in person and outdoors at Kent Barns for a discussion of 2019 Pulitzer winner, The Overstory by Richard Powers. We will be reading The Overstory in three parts: June 23: Roots (pgs 1-153); July 21: Trunk (pgs 153-353); Aug. 18: Crown + Seeds (pgs 353-502)
RSVP here

Kent Barns
Second Saturdays ~ June 12. From 10 AM to 6 PM. All shops, galleries, and eateries are coordinating a flower-based theme in their art installations, specialty food creations, and inventory offerings. We look forward to the community coming together to support local businesses and artisans for these monthly events. It's a perfect, family-friendly event to enjoy on the Second Saturday of each month, May - October. Look for news about exciting pop-up shops and author talks throughout the season.

Kent Flower Market
Sat. June 12 from 10 AM to 1 PM. On the front porch of RT Facts, 8 Old Barn Road. This is all outdoors and masks are required. See info on Instagram and Facebook at @kentflowermarket.

CT Antique Machinery Assoc.
Annual Mineral & Gem Show/Swap/Sale, Sat. June 26 from 9AM to 4PM. Held in conjunction with the Danbury Mineralogical Society and the CAMA Mining Museum. Held outdoors on our grounds in Kent. New vendors are welcome to call the museum at (860) 927-0050. Free admission for spectators. This event is largely held outdoors so masking and social distancing will be required in closer quarter situations. BE SAFE.
KENT FARMERS MARKET
Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM
9 South Main St. (across from NAPA Auto)

Support your local farmers and members! Join us each Friday for fresh produce, meats and other treats. Lots of new vendors in addition to our past faithful ones! Visit kentfarmersmarket for a full list of vendors. Please wear a mask.

From David Lehman (CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development): Governor Lamont announced, "Say Yes to Connecticut,” a new summer marketing campaign that promotes safe summer travel to Connecticut. (read more...)

FROM THE TOWN OF KENT

Town Hall opening: We are excited to announce Town Hall will reopen to the public on June 1st! We are all grateful for your patience as we kept town hall staff, and the public, safe during the pandemic. We will follow the guidance from the CT Department of Public Health outlining those who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask and those who are not vaccinated must wear a mask in the building. As we have been offering all along, we still encourage the use of our drop boxes at the front entrance, and phone/email/online options for conducting business.

COVID-19 Testing Site: In consultation with the Department of Public Health, the decision has been made to discontinue test site operations. We will be demobilizing the testing site at the Transfer Station as of today. A big "Thank You" goes to our partners at the state level, the on-site testing team from Sema4, and special thanks to the local team of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, and Rick Osborne, who kept the site safe and open for twenty-two weeks!

TALK TO US
Is your business featuring a special event, live music or incredible sale that you would like to share with others? Post it on the Kent Chamber's Membership Facebook Group page or send us a description to be considered for an upcoming newsletter. Let us help you spread the word!
To join the group, please click here. This group is meant to help communication between all Chamber members, the Chamber Board, and foster a strong business community in Kent.