The August Membership meeting will be held **Monday August 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Kent Town Hall (large meeting room)**. The possible cancellation of the Champagne Stroll will be discussed. Please attend the meeting to voice your opinion. Your participation is vital and we hope to see you at the meeting!

**PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED IN TOWN HALL DURING THIS UPCOMING MEETING**

Please click [here](#) for July 12, 2021 meeting minutes.

*Volunteers are needed to help on the Pumpkin Run and the Champagne Stroll committees.*

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Kent Sidewalk Sale Days continues through today and tomorrow, Sunday August 8.
Support our local merchant members!
A schedule of sales and events is available [here](#)

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**Important Town Issues affecting Kent Businesses**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN:** There are monies available from the Federal Government for Kent businesses who have suffered some financial loss during COVID. The Town of Kent from will receive a total of $821,855 over a two-year period. The first allocation of this funding is in the amount of $410,927 and must be distributed by the end of the calendar year. The first step in the needs assessment process is to email [ARPA@townofkentct.org](mailto:ARPA@townofkentct.org) with a brief narrative about how COVID-19 has economically affected you or your business. ([read more...](#))

**FOOD TRUCKS:** The Town of Kent recently removed the suspension previously put in place for peddlers permits, although they cannot currently issue any peddler permits. As of now Food Trucks are only allowed on private property. Per the Town Attorney there are 4 criteria for private property owners to host food trucks: Must be private property; not open to the public; food is not being sold; they must contact the Torrington Area Health District themselves. The Board of
Selectmen is discussing the ordinances allowing food trucks to sell food on public property. At the July 12 Chamber of Commerce meeting, the topic was discussed, and the Chamber Board of Directors is looking for input from the members as to taking a stance on this or should it be up to each individual restaurant business to fight or support it. Attached is an email of concern about this topic from Elissa Potts, owner of the Fife ‘n Drum Restaurant, Inn and Gift Shop.

The Town of Kent is looking for volunteers for various projects that come before the Board of Selectmen
• Broadband Working Group: This committee will work with the NorthWest Connects group to assess needs for broadband for all and make recommendations. Legislation assed Public Act 21.159 – equitable access to broadband.
• ARPA Needs Assessment Committee: this is in very early stages but will develop a townwide needs assessment.
• Kent Sustainability Team: The Town of Kent is enrolled in the Sustainable CT program, which will guide the work of the Team. In the coming months, the team will use the Sustainable CT framework to develop a plan for Kent.
• A Noise and Speed committee is possibly being formed.

Please contact First Selectman Jean Speck (firstselectmen@townofkentct.org or 860.927.4627) if you are interested in joining any of the committees.

If you see a Public Act you are passionate about, take some time to read the language and feel free to contact me or one of our legislators if you have questions.

MEMBER NEWS

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Kent Memorial Library is excited to bring back it’s annual fundraising benefit this month. This year’s party “Together Again,” will be held on Saturday, August 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The venue is at the home of P.H. & Anne Nargeolet at 104 Spooner Hill Road in South Kent. The event will include music by AlgoRhythmics, catering from Kent School, and an open bar all “en plein air”. Proof of vaccination will be required upon entry. Library Director, Sarah Marshall states “We’re celebrating Kent this year by having a special auction featuring only local art. We’re fortunate to have so many renowned artists here, such as Joy Brown and Peter Woytuk, among others. We hope people will want to add a ‘piece of Kent’ to their homes, especially our newest residents!” Local artists Elizabeth Place, Susan Grisell and Heather Scofield are also among the artists whose work will be auctioned. Anyone may view and bid beginning August 15 in the Library, and at the event on August 28 until 7:30 pm. Telephone bids, 860.927.3761, will be accepted during open hours at the Library until August 27. For more information visit www.kentmemoriallibrary.org/art-auction/. (read more...)

KVFD GOLF TOURNAMENT: Monday Sept. 13, 2021 at the Bulls Bridge Golf Club. For registration/sponsorship information please contact golf@kentfire.org.