



Dear friend,,

Summertime...and the living is - Busy? I get that. Seems everybody everywhere is sharing the sentiment that There. Is. A. Lot. Going. On.

What I hope for you, at least, is that whatever busy-ness you may be feeling, it comes from a wealth of fun options to choose among, not overload of work. Because summer is made for relaxing - for music, for art, for contemplation, preferably experienced outdoors.

Summertime is KLT's favorite because more than any other time of year we get to focus on entertaining you!

In this special edition eNews we're sharing our genre-spanning variety of upcoming public events. Sorry-not-sorry to bump your list of Greatest Hits for fun outdoors in Kent!

1. Starting tonight (7/23) Local fave The Joint Chiefs kick off Kent's first Summer Concert, 5:30 outside Town Hall. Concerts continue every Thursday through September 10th.
2. Then this Sunday (7/26), join us for a meditation stroll atop Skiff Mountain.
3. Next Friday (7/31), learn a new craft as we use natural objects and the sun to decorate tote bags using cyanotype.
4. The following day (Aug 1), continue indulging your creative nature on Kent's first interactive forest x puppetry adventure.
5. Further Follow the Forest by scouting wildlife in the Tobin Preserve (Aug 8) and learning from expert forester Ethan Tapper *How to Love a Forest* (Aug 13).
6. Finally, frolick under the Full Moon on Aug 28th at Emery Park.

No Doubt there'll be more - check back on our [Facebook](#), [IG](#), and [website](#). Watch this space for August's eNews edition. Find us at Kent's Farmer's Market every other Friday. We look forward to sharing the many ways we Summer in Kent!

Warmly,

Connie Manes, Executive Director

Music Makes the People Come Together



2026 Town to Trust MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTED BY:

KENT PARKS AND RECREATION, KENT LAND TRUST, AND KENT LIONS CLUB

THURSDAYS FROM MID JULY
THROUGH MID SEPTEMBER

5:30 - 7:00 PM



PLEASE SUPPORT THE KENT FOOD
BANK BY BRINGING A NON-PERISHABLE
ITEM OR MONETARY DONATION FOR
COLLECTION AT THE EVENT.

Kent Town Hall

7.23 Joint Chiefs

7.30 Isabelle Rose & Friends

8.6 Fiddlers Three w/Ellen Carlson

8.13 The Regulators

Kent Land Trust Field

8.20 Wanda Houston and the HBH Band

8.27 5-Day Knight

9.3 Kenn Morr Band

9.10 Dean Snellbeck & BluesyLand Band

FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK THE KENT LAND TRUST
FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE WWW.KENTLANDTRUST.ORG AND PHONE 860-592-0011

Easy Like Sunday Morning



Reflection on Skiff Mountain

Take a slow and intentional walk with us in nature where attention is gently anchored to breath, body, and surroundings to cultivate calm, presence, and connection.

Sunday, July 26th
9:00 AM

<https://bit.ly/KLTactivities>

Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes.

info@kentlandtrust.org or 860-592-0011

KLT's Skiff Mountain South

Follow Skiff Mountain Road to the top of the hill just before the Marvelwood School soccer fields.

The preserve map can be found at:
<https://www.kentlandtrust.org/anchor-page-for-skiff-mountain-south>

REGISTRATION LINK



At just under 3 miles roundtrip, the Skiff Mountain South trail is an easy to moderate hike with a view. Please wear sturdy footwear and layered clothing. Bring a water bottle and carry an open mind ready to slow down and take in the experience!

Am I Blue?



Cyanotype

Come learn about the art of cyanotype with KLT Kelly Alisha Tobin interns Sam and Ella. Cyanotype is a printing process that uses safe, sun-sensitive chemicals to transfer the image of leaves or flowers to paper or fabric, preserving the image forever. Come make your own cyanotype print!

Kent Town Hall

Friday, July 31st

1:00 PM

Supplies will be provided. Space limited to 20 people.
Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes.

<https://bit.ly/KLTactivities>

info@kentlandtrust.org or 860-592-0011

This activity is for ages 10 and up. Not a drop off program.

REGISTER HERE



Kent Town Hall:
41 Kent Green Blvd, Kent, CT

Event will be held at Kent Town Hall's meeting room.

Please bring any additional items you would like to cyanotype with, such as dried flowers, leaves, lace, buttons, etc.

The Lovers, Dreamers, and Thee

Enchanted Forest Family Day

A magical outdoor experience that encourages imagination while connecting people with the natural beauty of Kent.

Saturday, August 1st

All are welcome, this is a free event.

Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes and guarantee we have enough supplies.

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Start at

Kent Greenhouse & Gardens at 10AM

Use your creativity to create forest adornment, animal puppets, crowns or fairy wands.

Then meet up later at

Skiff Mountain South Preserve at 1PM

For an interactive puppet hike through the enchanted Skiff Mountain forest. Along the trail, families will meet whimsical characters brought to life by the Sova Dance & Puppet Theater with the Connecticut Guild of Puppetry.

*Sova Theater & special guest performances sponsored by Green Feather Foundation.

Detailed directions will be provided upon registration.

REGISTER HERE



Please wear sturdy footwear, bring light hearts and vivid imagination.

Let Me Tell Ya 'Bout The Birds and The Bees



Guided Species Identification Walk

Join KLT Kelly Alisha Tobin Interns Sam and Ella on a nature walk at the Audrey and Robert Tobin Preserve, where we will learn about the Preserve's tree species, look for notable trees, and identify and catalog the various birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates we may come across.

Audrey and Robert Tobin Preserve
Saturday, August 8th
9:00 AM

All are welcome, this hike is mostly flat and is just under 2 miles.
Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes.

<https://bit.ly/KLTactivities>

info@kentlandtrust.org or 860-592-0011

This activity is for ages 10 and up. Not a drop off program.

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Directions to KLT's Tobin Preserve.
Take Route 7 North to Carter Rd., take the first left onto Dugan Rd. Drive slowly to the top of Dugan Road, turn right, and proceed to the parking at the end of the Preserve's access road.

The preserve map can be found at:
<https://www.kentlandtrust.org/anchor-page-for-tobin-preserve>

Please wear sturdy footwear and bring a water bottle.
Binoculars are recommended.

The Prettiest Tree That You Ever Did See



Ethan Tapper in KENT

Renowned forest ecologist Ethan Tapper will share insights on forest ecology, conservation, and the importance of responsible land stewardship.

Drawing on years of experience managing Vermont's forests, Tapper will discuss how healthy forests benefit wildlife, communities, and the climate. The presentation will offer practical perspectives on caring for woodlands in a changing environment while encouraging thoughtful conversations about the future of our forests. Community members interested in nature, forestry, and conservation are invited to attend this **FREE** informative event.

Kent Town Hall Main Meeting Room
Thursday, August 13th 7:00 PM

<https://bit.ly/Tapper2026>

ParkandRec@townofkentct.gov or 860.927.1003

REGISTER HERE



About Ethan Tapper

Ethan is a bestselling writer and ecological storyteller whose work blends science, memoir, and a deep connection to place. He manages a 175-acre forest in Vermont, speaks widely on ecological care, and is the author of *How to Love a Forest* and *Willow and the Storm*.

All are welcome, in person space is limited zoom option available.
Registration is required.

Giant Steps Are What You'll Take

Full Moon Hike

Join Park and Recreation Director Matt Frasher and Kent Land Trust Staff Melissa Cherniske to explore Emery Park after dark. Hiking after dark awakens different senses. After sunset, the forest whispers a different story to those willing to walk its trails. The moon will be full and the adventure will be exciting.

Emery Park

**Friday, August 28th
7:00 PM**

Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes.

<https://bit.ly/fullmoonPR2026>

ParkandRec@townofkentct.gov or 860.927.1003

This activity is for ages 10 and up. Not a drop off program.



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Emery Park is located at 42 Seger Mountain Road

directions can be found at:
<https://www.townofkentct.gov/parks-playing-fields/pages/emery-park>

This is a moderate to difficult trail.
Total hike will be around 3 miles

Please wear sturdy footwear, bring a water bottle and headlamp.
We will provide light refreshments.

Don't Touch That Dial

We'll be back soon with more Great Hits!
Meanwhile mark your calendars for KLT's Annual Benefit.

The highly-anticipated cocktail event will be at spectacular Anderson Acres Farm in Kent Hollow, home to Michelle and Ronald Saltz.

To receive a mailed invitation, please contact connie@kentlandtrust.org.
We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Please Save the Date

The Kent Land Trust Fall Benefit Cocktail Party

Anderson Acres Farm
Saturday, September 26, 2026



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