Downtown Kent

Patture. Commerce. Convenience.

Downtown Kent has become a popular destination for visitors, students and residents who want to enjoy all the great shops and restaurants that have made downtown Kent their home.

To be successful, the downtown shops need customers to have quick and easy access to their stores which is why the City of Kent has offered to bring parking meters back to downtown. At one time, downtown Kent had 400 parking meters and the City has agreed to bring back 225 meters in order to free-up the prime parking spaces right in front of the stores.

- Shop local, support your downtown shops a few quarters to park supports Kent commerce.
- The City promised the merchants to have the meters running in time for the 2014 holiday shopping season.
- The new "smart" meters take coins, credit and debit cards.
- To get started, the meters will be set to run Monday Friday, 8a.m.- 5p.m.











"Incorporating single-space meters into the downtown parking plan adds yet another alternative to the variety of free and paid parking choices available in the City's vibrant and bustling downtown. Installing meters in select locations downtown will help keep our prime, on-street parking spaces available for customers. Free short term parking options will still be available for those who don't mind walking a short distance to their destination."



- Heather Malarcik, Executive Director, Main Street Kent

Free parking will still be available in other nearby locations. See map on reverse side for details.



