



# KENT COUNTY

## LEVY *Ledger*

February 10, 2026



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## KENT COUNTY NEWSLETTER



## What's Ahead in the Levy Ledger?

This edition highlights several important updates and celebrations across Kent County government. Readers will find an overview of available Property Tax Credits, recognizing programs that support eligible residents. The issue also celebrates employees with Perfect Attendance, acknowledging their commitment to consistent public service

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You'll learn about Levy Court's continued investment in emergency services through the Paramedic Workforce Expansion, as well as a recap of the recent Congressional tour of the Frederica EMS Station, showcasing the County's progress and priorities in public safety.

This month's Employee of the Month is featured with well-deserved recognition, and the issue also spotlights Kent County's resolving of January as National Blood Donor Month, encouraging community participation in lifesaving blood donations.



# About the **Levy Court**

Levy Court is your County government. comprised of seven elected Commissioners who serve at the will of the electorate. The Levy Court’s responsibilities include: enacting planning and land use ordinances; providing parks and recreation facilities; establishing fees; providing emergency medical services; 911 communications; emergency management; approving sewer system construction; establishing the yearly tax rate and overseeing the county departments that support the mission of Levy Court.

Levy Court offices are located at **555 Bay Road in Dover Delaware**. Residents may call 744-2300 to reach a County Office. Commissioners contact information follows below.

For more information on Levy Court, please visit our website at [www.kentcountyde.gov](http://www.kentcountyde.gov).

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# About the Row Offices

Kent County has four Row Officers: each of which is an elected official and is accountable to the electorate. Each row office performs a distinct function within the County Government. The offices and contact information follows or you can visit their webpages by searching the county's website.

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# Kent County PHONE DIRECTORY

**Kent County Administrative Complex**

**555 Bay Road Dover, DE 19901**

Levy Court	302-744-2305
Assessment Office	302-744-2401
Building Permits & Inspections	302-744-2451
Code Enforcement	302-744-2452
Community Development	302-744-2480
Economic Development	302-678-3028
Engineering	302-744-2430
Facilities Management	302-744-2357
Finance	302-744-2386
Tax Section	302-744-2341
GIS/Mapping	302-744-2416
Information Technology	302-744-2365
Parks & Recreation	302-744-2495
Personnel	302-744-2310
Planning	302-744-2471

**Kent County Emergency Services Building**

**911 Public Safety Boulevard  
Dover, DE 19901**

Emergency Communications	302-735-2200
Emergency Management	302-735-3465
Emergency Medical Services	302-735-2180

**Kent County Library**

**497 South Red Haven Lane  
Dover, DE 19904**

Library Services	302-744-1919
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**Kent County Parks and Recreation**

**1683 New Burton Road  
Dover, DE 19904**

Recreation Center	302-744-2495
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**Kent County Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**139 Milford Neck Road  
Milford, DE 19963**

Wastewater Facilities	302-335-6000
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## Levy Court **UPDATES**

### **Now Is the Time to Apply for Kent County Property Tax Credits**

Kent County residents who may qualify for a Senior School Tax Credit, Elderly/Disability Exemption, or Disabled Veterans Exemption are encouraged to apply now.

#### Who May Qualify:

Senior School Tax Credit: Homeowners age 65 or older and residency requirements. [Click here](#) for an application and instructions.

Elderly/Disability Exemption: Homeowners age 65+ or individuals permanently disabled, meeting income and residency requirements. To apply [click here](#).

Disabled Veterans Exemption: Honorably discharged veterans with a 100% permanent service-connected disability. For more information [click here](#).

#### Deadline:

Applications must be submitted by **April 30** to be considered for the upcoming tax year.

Residents with questions may contact the Assessment Office for assistance at 302-744-2401.

### **62 Employees Achieved Perfect Attendance Awards For 2025**

Help us recognize the 62 employees who achieved perfect attendance in 2025. Their dedication and reliability make a tremendous impact on the services we provide every day.

Although the recent snowstorm affected attendance at our recognition event, we want every honoree to know how deeply we appreciate their commitment throughout the year. From Public Works to Public Safety, Finance to Facilities, and every department in between, thank you for your consistency and your service to our community.

We are proud to celebrate this outstanding achievement and grateful for all you do for Kent County.



## Updates, cont.

### Paramedic Workforce Expansion Request Approved to Support Recruitment and Training

In Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), Kent County EMS successfully used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support Paramedic Trainee salaries, helping strengthen the pipeline of future paramedics. With those funds now fully utilized, Kent County EMS has transitioned to using available Paramedic full-time equivalent (FTE) funding to continue supporting trainees—an approach made possible by recent staffing improvements.

Thanks to ongoing recruitment and retention efforts, Kent County EMS currently has four certified out-of-state paramedics and two paramedic students seeking employment. These efforts have also reduced vacancies, leaving only two (2) available Paramedic FTEs at this time.

To continue building a strong workforce, Levy Court Commissioners approved the addition of six (6) Paramedic positions to the EMS Budget. This expansion will allow Kent County EMS to hire certified paramedics and upcoming graduates while maintaining support for trainees already progressing through the program.



Damian David, Sara Newell, Jared Russell, McKendree Cortilelso, Payton Henry.



## Updates, cont.

### Frederica EMS Station Showcased as Model of Excellence During Congressional Visit

Kent County welcomed U.S. Representative Sarah McBride on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 for a tour of the newly completed Paramedic Station in Frederica—one of the County’s most significant recent investments in public safety infrastructure. The visit offered an inside look at how Kent County’s Department of Public Safety continues to set a high standard for emergency medical services, both in Delaware and across the country.

The Frederica station is part of a broader, long-term strategy to strengthen response times, modernize facilities, and ensure paramedics have the tools and technology needed to deliver exceptional care. Representative McBride met with County leadership and EMS officials to see firsthand how these improvements support a system that is consistently recognized for its innovation, operational excellence, and commitment to community service.

Kent County’s EMS Division remains one of the few nationally accredited paramedic services in the United States—a distinction that reflects rigorous training, data-driven performance standards, and a culture of continuous improvement. The new Frederica facility reinforces that reputation, expanding capacity and enhancing readiness for the growing needs of residents and visitors.

As Kent County continues to invest in its people, equipment, and infrastructure, the Department of Public Safety stands as a model for how local governments can lead with professionalism, preparedness, and pride. To view photos from Representative McBride’s visit to the Frederica EMS Station, [visit the Kent County Facebook page](#).

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## AWARDS

### **Employee of the Month – February 2026** **Justin Hurley, Department of Public Works**



Kent County Department Heads have selected Justin Hurley, Maintenance Worker III in the Wastewater Treatment Facility, as the February 2026 Employee of the Month.

Justin joined the County in 2012 and has steadily advanced through roles requiring strong mechanical, fabrication, and problem-solving skills. Now serving as a team lead, he oversees maintenance staff, assigns work, and ensures projects are completed safely and efficiently. His responsibilities span mechanical and electrical repairs, carpentry, plumbing, equipment installation, and custom fabrication.

Justin is widely recognized for exceptional craftsmanship and the ability to design, build, or repair complex components under pressure. His work keeps critical systems running smoothly, and his expertise is frequently requested by departments across the County. His skill, creativity, and reliability save significant time and resources while elevating the quality of County operations.

Assistant Director Colby Harrington praised Justin's dedication and technical excellence, noting that his steady leadership and high-quality workmanship make him an invaluable asset to the County. Congratulations to Justin on this well-deserved honor!



## Awards, cont.

### **Kent County Declared January as Blood Donor Month**

At its December 16, 2025 meeting, the Kent County Levy Court officially proclaimed January 2026 as National Blood Donor Month in Kent County, Delaware. This resolution aligned with the national observance and recognized the lifesaving impact of volunteer blood donors across our community.

The proclamation highlighted the critical role blood donations play in supporting patients undergoing surgeries, cancer treatments, and emergency care. Kent County joined the Blood Bank of Delmarva, the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, and other partners in encouraging residents to participate in this vital effort.

“Have you considered donating blood?” The need is constant, and every donation helps strengthen the health and resilience of our community.

The resolution is now part of the official record and reflects Kent County’s commitment to public health and community support.

Make a difference. Give Blood.

### **Kent County Levy Court Announces Presidents Day Closure, Monday, February 16, 2026**

Kent County Levy Court announces that County administrative offices, including the Kent County Administrative Complex, Kent County Public Library, and the Kent County Recreation Center, will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents Day.

There will be no delay of service for Kent County Trash Service customers. Essential public safety and emergency response services will continue without interruption.

All County offices and facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 17.



## New Employee Announcements December 2025 (New Hires for the Month) Kent County Levy Court – 1/27/2026 meeting

### PUBLIC WORKS



John Oates joined Kent County as a Electrician Helper II on November 17, 2025. John brings valuable experience from his previous role as a Foreman with Tri County Electric. Prior to that, he worked at Alphawave Electric as a Foreman.

### ADMINISTRATION



Dariell Williams joined Kent County as a Human Resources Assistant on December 1, 2025. Dariell brings valuable experience from her previous role as a Senior Human Resources Administrative Assistant with Best Egg, Inc.. Prior to that, she worked at American Finance as an Account Manager/Team Lead.

### FINANCE



Heather Lefner joined Kent County as a Account Specialist I on December 8, 2025. Heather brings valuable experience from her previous role as a Sales Administrator with Hooper Inc. Prior to that, she worked at USDA FSA as an Agriculture Loan Assistant.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

**(Reinstatement)** Michelle Zaffora originally joined Kent County as a Paramedic in February 2008. After a period away, she returned to Kent County in November 2025 as a reinstated employee. We are pleased to welcome her back and look forward to her continued career with Kent County.

**(Reinstatement)** Larry Thompson III originally joined Kent County as a Paramedic I in February 2021. After a period away, he returned to Kent County in December 2025 as a reinstated employee. We are pleased to welcome him back and look forward to his continued career with Kent County.

## Consent Agenda 26-02 (Tuesday, January 27, 2026)

- Approval of Levy Court Business Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 13, 2026
- Action item from January 20, 2026 Workshop: Dump Truck RFQ Review



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