

**JULY 2, 2021-
FOURTH OF JULY
FIREWORKS
DUSK**

**VIEWING AREAS AT:
C.B. LEVER &
BALL CREEK
MEMORIAL PARK,
SPRING STREET PARKING LOT**

**THANK YOU TO OUR
SPONSERS:**

**CHOICE ONE BANK
WELLER TRUCK PARTS
A&J MASONRY
KERKSTRA SERVICES
GRANGER WASTE
MAYAN BUZZ CAFÉ**

**FOOD TRUCKS--SPRING ST.
LET'Z TACO ABOUT IT
GRETCHEN'S KITCHEN**

**TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT &
PERFORMANCE BY
ALGOMA CHRISTIAN BAND**

**BLUE TREE MARKET-
MAIN ST. PAVILION**

IMPORTANT DATES

**JULY 5, 2021-
OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 6, 2021-
OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021-
TAXES DUE**

KENT CITY VILLAGE NEWS

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Visit our local library for all the summer reading programs and special events available in Kent City!



BUSINESS NEWS

Everyone loves to see new businesses and improvements in the Village.

We would like to welcome to Kent City:



**STAR CUSTOMS
MAYAN BUZZ CAFÉ—OPENING SOON**



Attention Village

Business Property Owners

Facade Enhancement Program 2021 – The Village is again offering this program for a fourth year. The purpose of the Façade Enhancement Program is to provide assistance to owners of properties classified as C1 & C2 located within the boundaries of the Kent City Downtown Development Authority for the purpose of renovation and upgrade to the façade on existing buildings. For full program information and application stop by the village office or check out our website @ www.kentcitymi.org.

OFFICE NEWS

This year we said goodbye to three long-time employees, Steve Evink, Jill Krikke and Mary Portell. Steve worked for the DPW/Sewer for 22 years, and Jill served on the Village Council for 21 years. They will both be sorely missed! Mary has been the Village Clerk for 39 years, and has put her heart and soul into the Village of Kent City. Mary was recently acknowledged on the 2021 Municipal Clerk's Honor Roll for all her hard work and dedication.

Happy retirement!

We welcome our new DPW/Sewer Department employee, Jaime Teesdale working alongside Jay Pike. Jay has been employed with the village for 24 years. Another new face you will see is Ashley Scudder who came on board May 13th and is the Village Clerk.

TAX TALK FROM THE TREASURER

2021 Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2021. The due date is September 14, 2021. Always remember to enclose the bottom portion of your bill with your payment to insure your payment will be applied to the correct account.

Please notify the Village of any address and/or name change corrections or fill out the back of the tax bill.

All payments can be made one of four ways:

By Mail: Village of Kent City, PO Box 296, Kent City, MI 49330

(If you would like a receipt, you MUST enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope)

In Person: At the Village office by cash (**please bring exact change**), check or money order made payable to **Kent City Village Treasurer**. The office is now accepting payments by Credit / Debit Card during office hours. The Village office is open 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday – Thursday. A convenient drop box is located at the front of the building for after hour payments and for those who wish to limit in-person contact.

Online: www.KentCityMI.org

By Phone: (855) 461-9816

The Village office will be closed July 5th and September 6th to observe the holidays.

Taxes payments will be accepted until 5:00pm on September 14, 2021. All taxes unpaid on September 15, 2021 will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurer for collections and will incur interest and penalty charges.

You may contact their office at:

Kent County Treasurer
County Administration Building
PO Box Y
Grand Rapids, MI 49501
(616) 632-7500

Debra Forth,
Village Treasurer



DPW DEPARTMENT

Yard waste: The Village offers pick up of brush and grass clippings.

The Yard Waste Policy is available on the website or by contacting the Village Office.

The weight limit for all yard waste is 30lbs. A plastic trash can with handles is much appreciated or the brown yard bags.—If you have bushes with thorns please leave those out of the container/bags and place neatly stacked at end of driveway.

This service does not include trees that you have taken down or major trimming. The Village has a secured area where you can dump tree debris.

Contact the DPW @ 616-322-3212 or 616-293-0693 to make arrangements.

Remember, before planting trees, bushes, and sprinkler heads, make sure they are on your property and not in the Village right-of-way.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

SAW GRANT—\$747,000.00

The Village of Kent City is wrapping up our SAW Grant, which allowed for the inspection and mapping of the storm drain and sewer systems, and updated the technical systems and equipment. This information has provided a 30 year plan for repairs and improvements. This grant paid for 90% of the storm drain investigation and 100% of the sewer system investigation.

Sewer Rate Increase

Sewer usage rates are raising for the first time in over 20 years.

Starting with the June bill, sewer rates went up from \$29.00 per REU to \$35.00 per REU per month.

This will result in a normal residential household increase from \$87.00 per quarter to \$105.00 per quarter.

The increase is necessary to maintain and repair the infrastructure of our sanitary sewer system.

NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!!

Just because a product is marked disposable or flushable does not mean it won't play havoc with your sewer system. All across the US communities are experiencing serious back ups that are attributed to an increase in wipes, napkins, or paper towels being flushed.

This is leading to serious maintenance problems and costly backups.

Our advice is to **KEEP THE WIPES OUT OF THE PIPES!!!**

Use them....but don't flush them!

STREET BEAT

The Village of Kent City has a Street Administrator who is responsible for overseeing street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting. The Street Administrator also issues permits for sidewalks and the driveway approach (the portion of the driveway between the sidewalk & road).

Randy Clay, Street Administrator

(616) 678-7232

vkcitystreets@kentcitymi.org

UPCOMING PROJECT: SOUTH MAIN STREET PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

The Village of Kent City was awarded a Community Development Block Grant through Kent County Community Action in the amount of \$150,000.00 to rehabilitate the public parking area. Stay tuned!

ZONING INFORMATION

Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator

616.678.7232 ext. 4

vkz.zoning@kentcitymi.org

Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday

ZONING INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND

ON OUR WEBPAGE:

www.kentcitymi.org

Permits Authorized By The Zoning Administrator:

- Zoning Permits
- Building Permits
- Fences/Walls
- Signs
- Dwellings/Additions to existing structures
- Porches, Decks & Sheds
- Swimming pools & Hot Tubs
- Gazebos
- Freestanding Antennas/Towers
- Razing (Demolition) & Moving a Building

BEFORE any outside home improvements, please contact the Zoning Administrator to see if you need a permit.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

President: Bert Rose

Trustees: Merry Barron, Randy Clay, Greg Goss, Sue Smalley, Gabby Zobel

The Village of Kent City has five main boards:

Village Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Property Maintenance Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority.

Meeting schedules are posted in the Public Notice Board outside of the Village Office and on the Village Website. Council positions are elected, and other board members are appointed by the Council. Applications for Boards of the Village can be submitted to the Village.

All letters of interest are kept on file.

TRUSTEE VACANCY–

The Kent City Village Council currently has one open seat. If you are interested, and are a qualified elector of the Village of Kent City, please send a letter of interest or the completed Application for Boards to the Village Council by July 5, 2021.

Applications will be reviewed by the Council at the Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 2021.

THANK YOU TO THOSE OF
YOU CURRENTLY SERVING
OUR COMMUNITY!



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