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Village of Kent City

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Check us out! We are trying a new format for the Village Newsletter. We would love to have your comments. Feel free to let us know if you like the new style or if there are things you would like to see added to the next one. Your input helps us provide the necessary information.



Leaver Park Improvements

Summer weather brings with it an increase in the use of the village's parks. This year we are happy to have a new addition to Leaver Park for residents to enjoy. In May a new 4 seat swing-set was installed by the DPW department. This was the result of the Equipment Committee's recommendation that another swing set be put in the park to provide another area where kids can play and swing while parents relax and keep an eye on them. Please help us keep our parks clean and safe and we hope you enjoy the latest addition!

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Village Council

Village President:

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Zoning Information for the Village...

Zoning information for the Village of Kent City can be received via our website @ www.kentcitymi.org . You can also contact Tom Knauf, Zoning Administrator @ 616.678.7232. or vkc.zoning@kentcitymi.org . The Zoning Administrator is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Ordinance Reminders:

The Village has ordinances in effect for the following issues:

- **Grass & Weeds - Inoperable Vehicles - Trash & Junk -**
- **Parking on Streets or Village Lot - Snow Removal Streets & Sidewalks -**
- **Noise**

Signs: The Zoning Ordinance requires a Sign Permit for any sign placed or erected within the Village of Kent City, with a few exceptions. Prior to placing any signs within the Village, please contact the Zoning Administrator. Signs placed within the public right-of-way are routinely confiscated and held for 10 days unless prior permission by the Zoning Administrator has been granted for placement of the sign.

Fencing & Walls: Permits are not required to construct a fence or wall; however, they must comply with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance regulates the height and location of fences and walls. Barbed wire and above ground electrically charged wire are prohibited in residential districts.

A free one-page information sheet is available at the Village Office or on the web site. We will mail or fax upon request.

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 Antenna & towers	
Razing(demolition) & moving a building			

****Zoning Permits—are required prior to any form of construction or excavation.**

(For questions on building codes or to obtain a building permit application contact: Casey Patterson, Building Inspector, Tyrone Township Offices - Ph: (616)678-4779, 28 E. Muskegon St.)

For a complete list of ordinances/permits contact the Village Office or our website.

Village Council & Boards



The Village Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Property Maintenance Appeals, and the Downtown Development Authority are the five main boards in the village. To find out more about the functions of these boards/commissions, contact the Village Clerk.

Their meeting schedules are posted in the Public Notice Board outside the Village Office, or you can see them on our website.

The Village Council positions are elected. The other board members are appointed by the Council. Anyone interested in being on a board can submit a letter of interest to the village. All letters of interest are kept on file.

Thank you to those of you who are currently serving on these boards/commissions.

Tips:



Consumers Tips Sheet for First-Time Renters and homeowners with energy saving tips is available @ www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/renters_homeowners_418926_7.pdf

ELECTION NEWS

The next Village election will be held in 2014. Governor Snyder signed 3 election-related bills into law, effective March 27, 2013. One of the laws moves village elections to the even years in November. The Township Clerk will administer the election.



It's that time of year again and Property Tax billing season is here!! And this year because September 14th falls on Saturday, you have until **Monday, September 16, 2013 before 4pm** to pay your tax bill without penalty/interest. Taxes can be paid at the Village Office during regular business hours or by mail. For your convenience, we also have a payment drop box located in front of the office for after hour's payments.

REMINDERS:

- ▶ **Make sure to enclose the bottom tear-off copy of your tax bill when paying tax bill.**
- ▶ **IF you would like a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.**
- ▶ **IF paying at the office by cash, PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE**
- ▶ **Make checks payable to KENT CITY VILLAGE TREASURER**
- ▶ **Confirm that your mailing address and/or name is correct on tax bill.**
Notify Village Office of any changes or corrections.
- ▶ **All late payments made after September 16, 2013 will be assessed a late fee of 1% per month or any part of a month and will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurer for collection. You will need to call the office or the Kent County Treasurer for the exact amount due before mailing your payment.**

Kent City Fall Festival

The 2nd Saturday in September - September 14th is this year's festival. For committee meeting dates, volunteer information or ideas, contact Mr. John Petruska @ 616-520-7128 or leave a message at the village Office.

A list of some of this year's scheduled events includes:

Friday Night: **Beer, Wine & Spirits Tent** @ K. C. American Legion – Open To The Public @ noon

Saturday: **Breakfast @ High School** – 7:00 am—Mason's

Car Show 10am-2pm, Leaver Park

Grand Parade – 11:00 am Main Street

Book Fair – K.C. Schools – see program for details

Casnovia – **K.C. Historical Society** – Quilt Raffle/Open House

Kid's Street Fair - Noon, Main Street Baptist Church

Tractor Pull - starts at Noon, Entrance near fire barn

Beer, Wine & Spirits Tent @ KC American Legion – Open to the Public @ noon

Fish Fry @ KC American Legion—5:00 pm

Concert - Music provided by Our Rock Christian Music @ 8:30 p.m.

Fireworks – @ Dusk, Saturday night – (Rain date Homecoming Night @ K.C.H.S. Football field)



EXCITING NEWS-CREDIT CARDS COMING SOON!

TARGET DATE: AUGUST 1, 2013

The Village of Kent City is in the process of setting up with Point & Pay to start accepting CREDIT CARDS via 1-800 number and on the internet. There will be a convenience fee to pay by credit card; **Fees will be 3% of total bill or \$2 minimum.** The fee does not go to the Village; but rather to Point & Pay Electronic Payment Solutions for processing the payment. Normally a vendor would absorb the administration cost of credit card payments; but by law, the Village is not allowed to absorb these costs. The Village will continue to accept cash and check at the Village Office or through mail at no additional charge.



DPW Department

Yard waste is the number one question we get calls about. The Village provides the service of picking up brush and grass clippings. The Yard Waste Policy is available on the website or by contacting the Village Office for a copy. 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 Manager @ 616-293-0693 to make arrangements.

Other issues: Before planting trees, bushes, and sprinkler heads make sure they are on your property and not in the Village right-of-way.

Kent City / Casnovia Historical Society

Located @ 43 S. Main Street, Kent City—They have many interesting things to see. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you can call Ione Stark @ 616-678-7220.

Calendar

Thursday, July 4	Independence Day	Office Closed
Monday, September 2	Labor Day	Office Closed
Thursday, October 31	Halloween	Fire Dept. Celebration 5-8pm
Monday, November 11	Veteran's Day	Ceremony @ K.C.H.S.
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Saturday, December 14	Santa Train	
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Holiday	Office Closed
Wednesday, December 25		
Tuesday, December 31	New Year Holiday	Office Closed
Wednesday, January 1, 2014		

Sewer System 3-1-2012/ 2-28-13

Operation, maintenance, replacement & Debt Retirement

\$14,980 Salary & Wages	\$12,984 Repair & Maintenance
\$2,815 Auditor	\$ 8,519 Professional Services
\$8,402 Insurance	\$ 0 Legal Counsel
\$1,286 Office Supplies & Postage	
\$18,018 Utilities	\$489 Education/Training
\$117,611 Depreciation	\$96 Miscellaneous
\$79,000 Bond Debt for Series 1998A & B issued 06/25/98	
\$59,211 Bond Interest & Fiscal charges	

Reminder: Quarterly sewer fees are billed the months of **March, June, September** and **December**.

Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/
Walk – Saturday, November 30,
2013 @ 9:00am. Proceeds to
benefit Mamrelund Church Adopt-A
-Family. Contact Cindy Watson @
616-799-0500 or
cwatson@choiceone.com for more
information and registration