



Our Town is Your Town

## Village of Kent City

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### Contact Us:

#### Website:

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Check out the information in our Newsletter.



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### Village Council

Village President:

John Petruska

Trustees:

Merry Barron

Erik Bitely

Steve Buckner

Jill Krikke

Tom Pieper

Rood Vaughn

## Village Park Improvements

### Leaver Park

Check out the improvements being made to Leaver Park! When you visit the park you will see work being done on the west side...The basketball courts are being updated to include an ice skating rink in the winter

### Ball Creek Park

We are in the process of replacing the smaller basketball court in the park with a full size one. Enjoy playing ball on the full size court.

### Zoning Information for the Village...

Zoning information for the Village of Kent City can be received via our website @ [www.kentcitymi.org](http://www.kentcitymi.org) . You can also contact Tom Knauf, Zoning Administrator @ 616.678.7232. or [vkc.zoning@kentcitymi.org](mailto: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:

<b>Zoning Permits</b>	<b>Building Permits</b>	<b>Fences/Walls</b>	<b>Signs</b>
<b>Dwellings/Additions to existing structures</b>		<b>Porches &amp; decks/Sheds</b>	
<b>Swimming pools &amp; hot tubs / Gazebos</b>		<b>Freestanding Antenna &amp; towers</b>	
<b>Razing(demolition) &amp; moving a building</b>			

**\*\*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.

### 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 pipes**. Use them....but don't flush them.

## **Sewer System 3-1-2013/ 2-28-14**

### Operation, maintenance, replacement & Debt Retirement

\$ 14,329 Salary & Wages	\$ 8,645 Repair & Maintenance
\$ 31,259 Professional Services	\$ 8,257 Insurance
\$ 2,127 Office Supplies & Postage	\$21,171 Utilities
\$121,274 Depreciation	\$ 1,556 Miscellaneous
\$ 84,000 Bond Debt for Series 1998A & B issued 06/25/98	
\$ 57,0231 Bond Interest & Fiscal charges	

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

## **Kent City Fall Festival**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September - September 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Car Show**

**Grand Parade**

**Euchre & Horse Shoes @ K.C. American Legion**

**Fish Fry @ K.C. American Legion—5:00 to 7:30 pm**

**Casnovia / K.C. Historical Society—Open House**

**Tractor Pulls**

**Fireworks**

**\*\*For additional events and details see event program or contact numbers above.**



Once again Village Property Tax Season is upon us! Tax bills for summer are due Monday, September 15th by 4:00pm. After that date all unpaid 2014 bills will receive penalty/interest of 1% per month or any part of a month and will be turned over to Kent County Treasurer for Collection.

### How to pay your tax bill:

- ▶ **In office during regular business hours : Mon-Thurs 8:00am-4:00pm (exact change)**
- ▶ **Payment Drop Box— located in front of the office for after hours.**
- ▶ **By Credit card over the phone—Call 1-855-461-9816**
- ▶ **By Credit card online at—<https://client.pointandpay.net/web/VillageofKentCityMI>**

### Helpful Reminders:

- ▶ **Enclose bottom tear-off copy of your tax bill when paying.**
- ▶ **If you would like a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.**
- ▶ **Make checks payable to Kent City Village Treasurer**
- ▶ **Notify Village of any address and/or name changes that need to be corrected.**
- ▶ **After September 15, 2014 all tax payments must be mailed to:**

**Kent County Treasurer**

**County Administration Building**

**PO Box Y**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49501**

**PH: 616-632-7500**



### **Sewer Bill Reminder:**

The Village of Kent City has quite a few Rental Properties. It is up to the owner of the property to notify the Village Office of whom is renting and whom should receive the Sewer Bill. Please contact the Village Treasurer with this information.



## 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.

### 2014 Calendar

Friday, July 4	Independence Day	Office Closed
Monday, September 1	Labor Day	Office Closed
Friday, October 31	Halloween	Fire Dept. Celebration 5-8pm
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day	Ceremony @ K.C.H.S.
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Saturday, December 13	Santa Train	
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Holiday	Office Closed
Thursday, December 25		
Wednesday, December 31	New Year Holiday	Office Closed
Thursday, January 1, 2015		



## Spring/Summer Leaf Pickup:

Please bag all leaves to be picked

up in the Village during the Spring and Summer months.

During this time we do not use the vacuum attachment for leave pickup.

Sunday, November 2nd—  
Daylight Savings Ends.  
Don't forget to turn your  
clocks back!



Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/  
Walk – Saturday, November 29,  
2014 @ 9:30am. Proceeds to  
benefit Mamrelund Church Adopt-A  
-Family. Contact Cindy Watson @  
616-799-0500 or  
[cwatson@choiceone.com](mailto:cwatson@choiceone.com) for more  
information and registration