



Our Town is Your Town

Village of Kent City

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CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION IN OUR NEWSLETTER.



Welcome to Kent City!

In September of 2014 the Village installed three new welcome signs within the village limits.

You can see them at M37 & Main Street, M37 & 17 Mile Road; and in Leaver Park on 17 Mile Road.

New Village Website.....

Coming Soon!

We started construction on a new Village Website in May 2015. Please be patient with us as we redesign the site to make it a more useful tool for residents and all others who visit it. Keep an eye on the internet for updates and news!



Issue #25: Summer 2015

Village Council

Village President:

John Petruska

Trustees:

Merry Barron

Erik Bitely

Steve Buckner

Jill Krikke

Jeff Sabin

Rood Vaughn

Sewer System 3-1-2014/ 2-28-15

Operation, maintenance, replacement & Debt Retirement

\$ 14,773 Salary & Wages	\$ 7,077 Repair & Maintenance
\$ 19,245 Professional Services	\$ 10,137 Insurance
\$ 2,042 Office Supplies & Postage	\$22,749 Utilities
\$121,681 Depreciation	\$ 4,545 Miscellaneous
\$ 84,000 Bond Debt for Series 1998A issued 06/25/98	
\$ 52,049 Bond Interest & Fiscal charges	

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

Kent City Fall Festival

The 2nd Saturday in September - September 12th is this year's festival sponsored by Casnovia/Kent City Community Foundation. For committee meeting dates, volunteer information or ideas, contact John Petruska @ 616-520-7128 or Cindy Watson @.616-678-5651

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.**



The 2015 Summer Taxes are mailed by July 1, 2015. The due date/last day to pay without interest is **September 14, 2015**.

Summer Village Taxes can be paid at the Village office with correct change and/or check or money order through September 14, 2015. You may also pay your taxes online at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/VillageofKentCityMI> and/or by phone at 1-855-461-9816. For your convenience there is a drop box at the Village Office if you need to pay before or after hours.

Checks made payable to: Kent City Village Treasurer

Office hours are Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 4:00PM.

The treasurer's office will be open until 5:00PM on September 14, 2015.

The office will be CLOSED July 4 and September 7.

Please remember to enclose the bottom tear off copy of your bill when paying so that your payment may be applied to the correct account. If you would like a receipt, you MUST enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please notify Village of any address and/or name changes that need to be corrected.

On September 15, 2015 taxes are turned over to Kent County Treasurer for collection. Please contact their office for correct balance, 616-632-7500 and mail payments to:

Kent County Treasurer
County Administration Building
PO BOX Y
Grand Rapids MI 49504



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.

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.

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.



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.

2015 Calendar

Friday, July 3	Independence Day	Office Closed
Monday, September 7	Labor Day	Office Closed
Saturday, October 31	Halloween	Fire Dept. Celebration 5-8pm
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day	Ceremony @ K.C.H.S.
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Holiday	Office Closed
Friday, December 25	Merry Christmas	
Thursday, December 31	New Year Holiday	Office Closed
Friday, 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 1st—Daylight Savings Ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back!



"NO PARKING"

Due to safety concerns of students, "No Parking" signs have been posted on the north side of College Street .

When school begins in September, this will be strictly enforced.

The Baptist Church parking lot is available as additional parking space if the school lot is full.