

KENT CITY VILLAGE NEWS

Kent City Village Office



Business Property Owners...

Facade Enhancement Program 2019 – 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.

Business News...

Everyone loves to see growth and new businesses moving into the Village. We would like to welcome Kent City Plastics located at 90 Spring Street. We would like to acknowledge the new sign at Kent City Mobile Park and the new window signs at Kent City Farm and Garden.

IN THE KNOW FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL!

To Set the Record Straight ~ Kent City Fall Festival ~ For several years, Kent City has enjoyed a day of celebration in September thanks to many who helped. While it may be the impression of many, because the former Village President organized this event, the Village of Kent City did not or CANNOT sponsor this event. MCL 123.851 allows villages to expend money for observances of Armistice (Veterans), Independence Day, Memorial Day, Diamond Jubilee or Centennial celebrations. It is improper for the unit of government to expend public money for an annual picnic or other celebration that is not specifically authorized by law and does not serve a public purpose.

We've been told Casnovia Old School will be celebrating a fall festival. Watch for more details.

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ZONING NEWS!

Zoning information for the Village of Kent City can be found on our website: www.KentCityMI.org. You can also contact Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator by phone (616) 678-7232 or vkc.zoning@KentCityMI.org. He is in the Village Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any questions you may have.



SURVEY

HELLO ~ Did we hear from you? Thank you to those of you that sent in or dropped off your surveys about the village. If you forgot to do one, you can get one from the office.

SEWER BILLS!!!

Don't forget The Village Office is now taking sewer payments online. Go to our website: www.kentcitymi.org

LOST AND FOUND!!

If you have been to Leaver or Ball Creek Parks and may have left something behind ~ call the Village Office (616) 678-7232

Our DPW guys check the Parks each morning and are bringing forgotten items to the office.

SUMMER COOLING STATION!!

The primary concern of the Village of Kent City is health and safety of our residents. Beginning this year, we are opening our doors to Village residents to offer a place to cool down on Ozone Action Days. Feel free to come to the Village office during business hours on any Ozone Action Day. We are offering our board room to give you a place to sit, relax and cool off. We have books, board games, cards and free Wi-Fi available to you. All pets must be caged within the building.

DPW NEWS!!

Yard waste is the number one question we gets 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.

The weight limit is 30lbs for all yard waste. 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.



PROJECTS FOR 2019

Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Improvement ~ Sections of 15" and 12" sanitary sewer and manholes were installed at the outfall per DEQ requirements. There have been high concentrations of fecal coliform at the sampling weir downstream of the open ditch at the facility on Rusco Road. The enclosed ditch will reduce the potential impact of wildlife.



TAX TALK from the Treasurer

2019 Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2019. The due date is September 16, 2019. 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

In Person: At the Village Office by cash (please bring correct 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. There is a convenient drop box for any after-hours payments in the front of the building.

Online: www.KentCityMI.org

By Phone: (855) 461-9816

The Village Office will be closed on July 4-5 and September 2 to observe the Holidays.

Tax payments will be accepted until 5:00pm on September 16, 2019. Any taxes unpaid on September 17, 2019 will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurer for collections and will incur interest charges. You may their office at:

Kent County Treasurer
County Administration Building
PO Box Y
300 Monroe NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 632-7500

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COMMUNITY NEWS!!

Have you noticed the new Expression Swings in the park? These playground Swings are designed to promote intergenerational play in which an adult and child interact face to face and eye to eye. Research tells us when a parent and a child's eye meet, particularly during play, there is an intense and significant moment of emotional bonding that occurs. Scientists call this "attunement" and it enhances the social, emotional and cognitive well-being of both children and adults. If you haven't checked them out, go give them a try!!!



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!



Welcome!!!

The Village of Kent City would like to welcome Hillary Hilbrand as the new Deputy Clerk. She has lived in the village for 14 years and loves to be part of the community. Give her a quick hello if you see her around town!