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# THE VILLAGE CRIER

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## **Autumn is Falling Fast!**

School is back in session and the cool winds (and rains) of autumn are moving in. This colorful and crisp season also brings plenty of falling leaves and more yard maintenance with it.

### *Leaf Pickup*

Many residents have commented on how easy the job of raking leaves has become since the new vac equipment was purchased by the village and also on the great job the DPW employees do picking up the brush & grass clippings. **Leaf pickup has been scheduled for October 14 until first snowfall.** Leaves "**only**" need to be raked to the edge of the street. **Anything else** in the leaves plugs the machine and/or damages it. We hope this reminder stops the repeated violators or this may force the village to suspend these services.

Remember! No burning of leaves within the Village Limits!

## **Yard Maintenance:**

The Village's Dept. of Public Works will pick up the following items (at no charge) when placed next to the street surface:

- Small piles of brush -Thorned brush must be separate in small piles
- Small bundles of tree limbs-no larger than 6" in diameter & no longer the 6' long-tree butts must face the street.
- Christmas trees (after holiday season)
- Grass Clippings that are put into 30 gallon or less plastic or vinyl containers. The grass shall be put in the container loose; not bagged. The container shall be identified "Grass" with 6" letters or larger. The weight limit on each "package" shall not exceed 30 lbs. so that it can be loaded onto a truck by one person.

For a complete copy of the Yard Waste Policy visit the village's website or contact our office.

## **Snow Removal – Streets and Sidewalk**

Private snow contractors must clear all snow from the public streets and sidewalks. Residents are prohibited from blowing or shoveling snow into the streets or leave on the sidewalks. As a courtesy the village removes snow from the sidewalks and does the main school route first. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear of snow & ice. Please be considerate of the DPW employees when they are removing snow.

**\*\*Important:** If you have sprinkler heads near the edge of the street or sidewalk, please mark them and contact the Village Office to let us know where they are marked. The Village is not responsible for damage to sprinkler heads that are placed in the street right-of-way.

**Parking-** Vehicles need to be parked so that the streets and sidewalks are accessible for snow removal equipment. The municipal parking lot south of Matthews & Associates is plowed by the village. No vehicles are to be left parked overnight in this lot. **\*\*Remember; please do not park on or over sidewalks.**

**Mail Boxes**

Please check your mailbox post to be sure it is stable before the winter season is upon us and that the box is securely on the post. Mailboxes and / or supports that are damaged as a result from snowplowing are not subject to replacement by the Village.

**Kent City Fall Festival**

While Mother Nature decided to make her presence felt during this year’s festival, residents and other festival goers did not allow her to put a damper on the events. A festival committee meeting will be scheduled in October to wrap up this years event. Contact John Petruska @ 616-678-7383 or watch our website for the date.

**Recycle for Tomorrow!**

The Kent County Dept. of Public Works Saturday collections are scheduled each year. No appointment is needed for Saturday collections, but if you have a large amount of material to dispose of or if you have containers larger than 5 gallons, please call ahead. The remaining scheduled date for 2008 at the North Kent Transfer Station is: October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**November 2008 Election**

As a reminder: The Village of Kent City conducts its own elections in the odd years so there will not be any positions on the November ballot. The next election is September, 2009.



***Don't forget to Vote!  
November 4th @  
Tyrone Twp. Community Bldg***



**Flu / Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic**

We will be hosting another flu/pneumonia Vaccination clinic at the Village Office on October 15, 2008. Watch for flyers with times and fees.

**Looking for information? Check out these sites!**

Village of Kent City: [www.kentcitymi.org](http://www.kentcitymi.org)  
Kent County: [www.accessKent.com/services](http://www.accessKent.com/services)  
MI Gov.: [www.mi.gov](http://www.mi.gov) Michigan DNR: [www.mi.gov/dnr](http://www.mi.gov/dnr)

Many events/activities are listed online through community websites.  
We encourage you to take a moment and check them out.

**Do you know about these services?**

Notary Service – Village Clerk  
  
Township Library – free computer use  
  
Village General & Zoning Ordinances on the internet @ [www.kentcitymi.org](http://www.kentcitymi.org)



**Dog Licenses**

Spay or neuter for 50% savings.

Purchase before March 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid penalty fees.

Call the Kent County Animal Shelter @ 616-336-3210 for details.

**Purchase by mail:** Kent County Animal Shelter, 711 Ball Ave., NE, G.R., MI 49503.

**Online:** [www.accessKent.com](http://www.accessKent.com)      **Locally:** Purchase @ Tyrone Township Offices during the months of December, January, and February. For information call 616-678-4779.



**Halloween Cider & Donuts**  
**Tyrone Township Fire Department**  
**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



**American Legion**

Sunday Breakfast - Every week @ 8:00a.m  
Friday Fish Fry – Every week @ 5:00p.m. (Starts October 10<sup>th</sup>)



**Christmas Tree Removal**

If you would like the Village to dispose of your Christmas tree,  
please place your trees butt edge to the street  
and they'll be picked up by the DPW Department



**Santa Claus is coming to Kent City!**

Boys & Girls keep your eyes peeled for  
Santa to make his big entrance on the  
Marquette Railroad train –  
**Saturday: December 13, 2008**

**Calendar**

- Wednesday, October 15, 2008.....Flu/ Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic @ Village
- Friday, October 31, 2008.....Halloween – Visit the Fire Dept. from 5-8 PM
- Tuesday, November 4, 2008..... General Election @ Tyrone Township
- Thursday, November 27, 2008.....Thanksgiving Holiday
- Saturday, December 13, 2008.....Santa Train @ Main Street
- December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Holiday
- Wednesday, December 31, 2008.....Village Office closed at noon
- Thursday, January 01, 2009.....New Years Day Holiday

# Important Contact Information

## Village of Kent City Office Hours & General Information:

**Phone: 616-678-7232**

**Fax: 616-678-4256**

**\*Mail Slot in door for after-hour drop off**

**\*Message recording for after-hour calls**

Monday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday	Closed

### Village Council Members:

President – John Petruska  
Steve Buckner  
Jill Krikke  
Sandra Wylie

Merry Barron  
Thomas Pieper  
Bert Rose

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Village Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - Board of Zoning Appeals

(meets per applicant request)

Periodically - Downtown Development Authority

\*All meeting are open to the public

For more details, schedules are posted at Village Office

### Village Officers:

**Officers:** Clerk – Mary Portell

Treasurer – Darrell Rotier

### Village Staff:

Deputy Clerk – Jennifer August

Zoning Administrator – Tom Knauf

DPW Sewer Lagoon Operator – Steve Evink

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## Community Building

The Community Building (previously located @ the Town Hall) is now located in the Tyrone Township Offices. The room is available to be rented for events. Call Tyrone Township at 678-4779 for rental information

### Police Protection

The Kent County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement within Kent City & the surrounding areas.



**Emergencies: (including crimes & suspicious activities)**

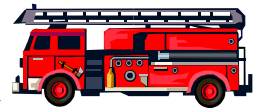
\*Always call 911

**Non-emergencies:** 1-800-442-4661

**Deputy Todd Frank** works as the Resource Officer. He can be reached during school hrs.: **(616) 678-4214 x2211** He can be reached during summer hours at the Kent County Sheriff's Dept. **(616) 632-6220**

The Kent County Sheriff's Dept. Sub-Station is located at: 790 – 17 Mile Rd, Kent City, MI 49330 – **(616) 632-6020.**

### Fire Protection



The Tyrone Township/Kent City Fire Department is located within the Village limits at:

**218 E. Muskegon St., NW (next to Leaver Park)**

It is a 21 member volunteer department which responds to **911** calls reporting fires and medical emergencies within the area.

#### **Burn Permits:**

Required before burning any items on a property.

Please contact one of the following to request a permit:

**Fire Chief Mike Rexford-** (616) 474-9532 –days/pager  
(616) 675-4156 -evenings

**Asst. Fire Chief Paul Rogers-**

(616) 887-7381 –work  
(616) 678-4124 –evenings

**Fire Mechanic Mike Helsel-**

(616) 678-7641 –days  
(616) 678-4347 -evenings