



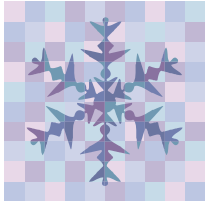
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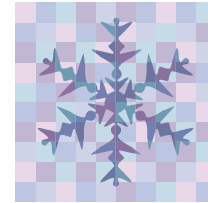
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Snow Reminders



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.

When September comes around, the Village of Kent City will have a new appearance as the first phase of the planned streetscape is completed. The Village has been planning the project with engineer Jim Rozema of Williams & Works, and landscape architect Pat Cornelisse of Cornelisse Design Associates. **Construction is scheduled to begin July 6th. Be Aware of Detour Routes.** A copy of the construction schedule is available at the Village Offices or on the website:

www.kentcitymi.org. During the first phase of the project, you can expect to see new curbs, a new street surface and minor infrastructure improvements. Phase II is planned for the summer of 2011.

DPW Department



Sidewalk Information –

- Permits are required prior to repair of sidewalks. Please contact the Village Office @ 678-7232.
- Please do not park on or over sidewalks.

Sprinkler Heads –

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Yard Waste –

The Village has an area where you can dump tree debris if you are doing major tree or brush removal. This area is locked and fenced. Please call the Village Office to make arrangements. For a complete copy of the Yard Waste Policy visit the village’s website or contact our office.



Zoning Information for the Village...

If you are looking for Zoning information for the Village of Kent City you can either visit our website @ www.kentcitymi.org or contact Tom Knauf, Zoning Administrator @ 616.678.7232.

Kent City Planning & Development

The **Village Council** is always looking for people to help with the development of Kent City by serving on a commission or board. Please contact the Village Office for more information on these public bodies or to be considered for appointment to one. Candidates are appointed by the Village Council and may serve on one of the following:

Planning Commission-Composed of 7 members: Review & amendment of the Master Plan, review of Special Land Use requests, Site Plan review, Review of new residential subdivisions & planned unit developments, etc.

Board of Zoning Appeals-Composed of 5 members, plus 1 alternate: Hear & decide questions arising under the Zoning Ordinance. Requests for dimensional and/or use variances, & appeals concerning administrative decisions are typical items for this board to consider.

Board of Property Maintenance Appeals-Composed of 3 members, plus 2 alternates: Qualified by experience & training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance. As with all other boards, it is appointed by the village council and members serve staggered and overlapping terms.

Downtown Development Authority-

A 9-member board: Purpose is to promote economic growth & to maintain property values in the Downtown District. They also attempt to halt deterioration of property & encourage the upkeep of buildings & grounds.

Business News

- New Business:** “The Crow Palace” – upscale resale shop located @ 63 S. Main Street
- Moved/Closed:** “Habitat for Humanity Restore” moved to Alpine area
 “Kent City Marketplace” has closed

Special Services

Recycle for Tomorrow!

North Kent Recycle & Transfer Station is located @ 2908 Ten Mile Road in Rockford, Michigan. For a complete list, please stop by the Village Office or contact North Kent Recycle: 616-866-5070.



Bluewater Sanitation Waste Tags

Village residents who have signed up with Bluewater Sanitation for their waste tags can purchase them at the Village Office. If you have any questions regarding your service, please contact Bluewater Sanitation at: (616) 887-2300.

Kent City / Casnovia Historical Society

The Kent City/Casnovia Historical Society Museum at 43 S. Main St. is open monthly on the second Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 pm. or you can schedule an appointment by calling Maynard Klein @ 675-5421.



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

Kent County Sheriff Department



Beginning the first of the year 2011, the Kent County Sheriff Department North Substation will only be open for general business purposes on Thursdays and Fridays.

Looking for information? Check out these sites!

Village of Kent City: www.kentcitymi.org
Kent County: www.accessKent.com/services
MI Gov.: www.mi.gov Michigan DNR: 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



Dog Licenses



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

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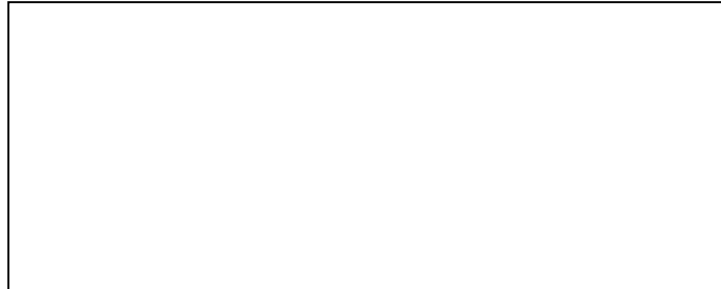
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