

Welcome to the Village of Kent City, Kent County, Michigan. Please check out the information in this brochure and we encourage you to contact us with questions or comments you may have. The Village address and contact information is located on the front cover.

Our Village At A Glance

The Village of Kent City is located in the northwestern corner of Kent County at the crossroads of M-46 & M-37. The Village location provides easy and quick access to numerous recreation areas, lakes and parks. Also it is only a 30 minute drive to nearby cities like Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

In addition to agricultural related businesses, there is light industrial and a variety of retail services. The Villages' diverse business base consists of: grocery & hardware, health & beauty, automotive & farm equipment, restaurants and more.



Public Parks

The Village of Kent City has two public Parks.

C.B. Leaver Park (4.43 acres) is located on the south side of Muskegon St. E. (M-46). It contains two pavilions that can be rented for a nominal fee by calling the Village Office. There are charcoal grills, playground equipment, restrooms, a basketball court, and more.

Ball Creek Park (5 acres) is located on Ball Creek Road - ¼ mile east of Main Street. The park has a small ball field, playground equipment & pavilion with tables (in season) and portable restroom during summer.

Property Maintenance



The Village's Dept. of Public Works staff will pick up the following items, free of charge, when placed next to the street surface:

Brush: Bagged leaves, Small bundles of tree limbs and brush- not to exceed 30lb/bag(bnd)
Christmas trees: Collected shortly after the holiday season- not to exceed 30lbs.

Right of Way: The area between the sidewalk and street is public right-of-way. It is Village policy not to plant or place any object in the public right-of-way areas.

Grass & Weeds: Village Ordinance prohibits grass, weeds, and other noxious growth exceeding 10" in height on all lands within 165 ft. of a public street.

Inoperable Vehicles: Inoperable or "Junk" vehicles-including those without current & valid license plate-are prohibited anywhere in the Village, unless stored in an enclosed building.

Trash & Junk: Accumulation on any property for more than 8 days is prohibited by Village ordinance. All trash & junk must be in watertight receptacles. Metal or plastic cans must have tight fitting covers.

Household Hazardous Waste: The Household Hazardous Waste Program is a free service provided by the Kent County Dept. of Public Works. Call (888)217-2850 or (616)336-2501 for more information on what materials can be accepted and near disposal location.

Residential Recycling: The Kent County Dept. of Public Works maintains a free drop-off site for recyclable products at the North Kent Recycle & Transfer Station, 2908 - 10 Mile Road, Rockford (east of US-131, 10 Mile Road Exit). For information on types of materials accepted, call (616)336-2570.

Property Improvements



Prior to construction, demolition, or excavation on property, a Zoning Permit

and/or a **Building Permit** is required. This includes, but isn't limited to: dwellings, additions to existing structures, porches, decks, garages, barns, sheds, swimming pools, hot tubs, gazebos, freestanding antennas & towers. A zoning permit is also needed prior to demolition or moving of a building larger than 200 sq. ft. in area. See Important Contact Information for numbers.

Fences and Walls: A permit is not required to construct fences; however, they must comply with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. A free 1-page information sheet is available at the Village Office with guidelines for height, location, and type. Call the Village Office for a copy or additional information.

Village Safety



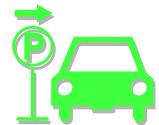
Police Protection: The Kent County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement in Kent City and the surrounding area.

Deputy Todd Frank works with the Schools and can be reached during school hours.

See Important Contact information.

Fire Protection: The Tyrone Township/Kent City Fire Dept. is located within the Village. A 22 member volunteer dept. responds to 911 calls reporting fires and medical emergencies. **Burn Permits** are required before burning on any property. Contact the Fire Dept.

Parking



It is unlawful for any vehicle or trailer to be parked on a public street in the Village between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.



Animals

Pet owners should be aware that:



It is unlawful for any dog/animal in the Village to be allowed to run loose or unattended to the extent of becoming a public nuisance or traffic hazard.



Every property should be kept free of waste (droppings). Citizens walking pets should carry a device for immediate clean up of animal waste.



Kent County requires all dogs over 4 months old to have an annual license. Licenses can be purchased from the Tyrone Township Office or through Kent County Animal Shelter year-round.



Contact information in Important Numbers section.

Senior Services

The Sparta Senior Center provides activities, trips, meals, housing assistance, Health & Wellness services, Bus transportation and other support to persons aged 60 & over. For information about the center see the Important Contact Information section.

Resident Services

For assistance with Video/Cable Customer Complaints the State of Michigan has the following contact information:
Michigan Public Service Commission,
Attn: Video Franchising, 6545 Mercantile Way,
Lansing, MI 48909

Important Contact Information

Bluewater Sanitation 616-887-2300

C.B. Leaver Park:
Reservations: 616-678-7232

Zoning Permits:
Thomas Knauf 616-678-7232

Building Permits:

Casey Patterson, Building Inspector
Tyrone Township 616-678-4779

Police: Kent County Sheriff Substation
790-17 Mile Road, Kent City - 632-6020
Emergencies: 911
Non-Emergencies 800-442-4661

Fire: Tyrone/Kent City Fire Dept.
218 E. Muskegon St., Kent City
Emergencies: 911

Burn Permits:

Fire Chief Mike Rexford 616-474-9532
Evenings 616-675-4156
Asst. Chief Paul Roger 616-887-7381
Evenings 616-678-4124
Fire Mech. Mick Helsel 616-678-7641
Evenings 616-678-4347

Dog Licenses:

Tyrone Township 616-678-4779
Kent County Shelter 616-366-3210

Senior Services:

Sparta Senior Neighbors Center
In Harvest Way Retirement Community
100 Ida Red Ave., Sparta, 49345
616-887-1273

Village Population: 1,061 (2000 Census)

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Village of Kent City

Kent County, Michigan
Inc. 10-23-1908

Visitors and Residents Guide



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A Guide to Programs and Services

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