

Kochville DDA Winter 2018 Update

Kochville Township & Kochville DDA

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Business Survey Responses

Did you know, there are over 200 business in Kochville Township's Downtown Development Authority?

The Kochville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is a tax collecting board which works to stimulate investment within the Township's central business district by engaging in capital improvement, beautification, public safety and many other targeted activities.

In December, the DDA sent out a survey to all business in the township. These surveys will be used to prioritize future initiatives of the DDA board. We would like to encourage all business owners or managers to contact us if a new paper survey is needed, or go to <https://goo.gl/forms/jPOz2POa419JnJ8w1> to fill it out electronically. The results from these surveys are incredibly valuable to us as an organization and we greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback.

Record Turnout at Christmas in Kochville

Kochville Township's Downtown Development Authority and a slew of volunteers from the Kochville Township Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, and Saginaw County Sheriff's Department took to Krossroads Park last month to celebrate our annual Christmas in Kochville event.

Christmas in Kochville is perhaps the most widely anticipated community event of the year in the township and this years turnout was exceptionally above par at approximately 1,500+ visitors. Warm weather didn't stop the hot cocoa from flowing or our ice carver from crafting beautiful winter symbols as families looked on in anticipation. Complimentary refreshments and treats required constant resupply to ensure nobody left empty handed.

Santa and helpers earned their stripes this year as they greeted children lined up hundreds deep in their heated tent from 6-8pm. The event was capped by a firework show that dazzled for miles.

This family friendly event is a great photo opportunity to kick off your holiday celebrations.. Be sure to save your first Friday in December so you don't miss out on all the fun again in 2018.



Kochville Fire Department

Have you ever wondered what that feeling is like to either save someone's life? Have you ever thought; how can I give back to My Community? Your Kochville Township Fire Department is always looking to help people answer those simple questions and even train you to do at no cost to you. All you need to do is stop in the Township Office and fill out an application. We currently have openings for Paid on Call Firefighters and Medical Responders. If you have any questions please contact us at 989-792-7596 and ask for the Fire Chief.

As we end this winter; we want to remind everyone that if they have a wood burning fireplace to have it cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep. You can locate one at <http://www.csia.org>. Also we want to remind everyone that open burning requires a permit. If you are having a fire for friends to come over or to cook hot dogs on, a permit is not required. However, the Fire Department does reserve the right to have any open burning discontinued if a complaint is received. If you have any questions, please call our Fire Inspector at 989-792-7596 extension 123



Regional Trail Grant

Kochville Township continues to work toward making the community a walkable one. Did you know that Kochville Township (inclusive of SVSU) includes more than five miles of asphalt non-motorized pathway? Trailheads are available at Krossroads Park (Fashion Square Boulevard) and Elmer Lange Park (behind Township Hall on Mackinaw Road). We are excited to share that the Kochville

Township Board has voted to proceed with allowing the Kochville DDA to finance a DNR Trust Fund Grant application that extends our regional trail system west along Kochville Road approximately 2.5 miles. This new endeavor also takes advantage of an intriguing opportunity to connect with our neighbors west in Tittabawassee Township, as they will be submitting a similar grant to build out east 2.5 miles and meet us around the shared border on Hospital Rd.

Kochville Township has had recent success utilizing the public dollars made available by the DNR Trust Fund Grant in our pursuit of acquiring additional land surrounding Krossroads Park and preliminary scoring suggests this grant has a strong possibility of receiving funding as well. Additionally, we would like to thank the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail group for their kind support and generosity in donating \$100,000 to both Kochville Township and Tittabawassee Township to help make the project possible. Deadline for the grant application is April 1, 2018 and awards are announced in the Fall.

GREAT LAKES BAY REGIONAL TRAIL

Since 2008, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Committee has worked to connect existing rail trail systems in Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties.



Great Lakes Bay
Regional Trail

We are excited about our integral role in developing the regional trail system in the Great Lakes Bay Region and hope these advancements will be enjoyed by residents now and for generations to come. For more information please give us a call at 989.792.7596 Ext 113.

Kochville Veterans Hall

Happy New Year to our families, friends, neighbors & community from us here at Kochville Veterans Hall! We hope your 2018 is off to a great start! Here at the hall, event planning is in full swing for 2018, as well as events being booked into 2019! This year we will see the pattern continue... Weddings, graduation parties, showers, just to name a few. The FUN celebrations continue!



Kochville Veterans Hall will be trying our hand at hosting a few community events this year. Our first event will be a Mom 2 Mom sale scheduled at the hall on Saturday, April 7, 2018. We will be accepting registrations for table space in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for full details on this event via our Facebook page, website, or you can call the hall phone number at (989) 598-3069, (Kerri Malesky, Director of the Kochville Veterans Hall) or the Township Office at (989) 792-7596, directing all inquiries to Jamie Uptmor, Deputy Clerk. More events will follow, and we are excited about the possibilities!

We love showing off our great space! and as always, welcome the opportunity to serve your event rental needs. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, or give us a call!

Sheriff's Department Metrics

The Kochville DDA deeply values the kind support and partnership from our fine deputies, Sara Lofton and Carl Gulacsik. Throughout their tireless efforts they encounter a wide variety of crime including traffic stops, shoplifters, and even very serious felonies like assault. The full data is available upon request but we would like to share some key statistics tracked since we began consolidating their daily reports beginning on 6/14/17 to 12./12/17. Did you know that the DDA Sheriff Patrol responds to about 11 calls per day and more than 90% of all calls fall under just 14 categories?



These top categories include traffic stops, premise checks, alarm responses, property damage, shoplifting, investigating suspicious person reports, investigating disorderly persons, animal safety calls, serving subpoenas, investigating reports of child abuse or neglect, helping the sick, personal injury accidents, and other departmental orders.

Kochville Twp Clerk's Office

Hello fellow residents, I hope you are all staying warm and healthy this winter. The entire State of Michigan will have new voting equipment by summer of 2018. Kochville Township and the rest of Saginaw County Jurisdictions will be receiving their new voting equipment sometime in March of 2018.

The Clerk's office would like to extend an invitation to any of you that would like to serve your community, Kochville Township, as an Election Worker. There could be up to 3 elections in a calendar year. Training is provided and workers are compensated at an hourly rate for their time. If you would like to apply, please visit the Election portion of our website which can be found by selecting "Site Map" on our home page. You can also obtain an application by contacting the clerk's office at 989-792-7596 ext. 116 or clerk@kochvilletwp.com.

Respectfully,

Kevin Machata, Clerk

Jamie Uptmor, Deputy Clerk



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- A full calendar of Kochville Township meetings and events is available online at KochvilleTownship.com; or, stop in at Kochville Township Office!
- Learn what you can throw out and recycle through the Mid Michigan Waste Authority's Website, www.recyclemotion.org
- Kochville Township is online at www.KochvilleTownship.com
- **Like Kochville Township on Facebook to receive more regular Township notes and updates**
- The Kochville DDA offers a matching property improvement grant for businesses and properties within the DDA district. For more information go online to KochvilleDDA.org or call Chris Jacobs at (989) 607-9500.
- Kochville Township is looking for volunteer firefighters! For information call Township Office at (989) 792-7596.
- Thanks so much to all of you that help to make Kochville a great place to be.