

Chapter 6

Community Facilities

Police and Fire

Kimball Township maintains two fire station facilities. One is adjacent to the Township administration offices located on Allen Road near the intersection of Griswold Road. The other fire station is located in Smiths Creek along Henry Street.

The Township does not maintain a local police force. Instead, police services are provided to the Township by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police.

Health Care

The Township possesses one major health care facility within its borders. The Mercy Family Care Center is located at the corner of Wadhams and Lapeer Road. Township residents can also use Mercy and Port Huron Hospitals, which are located nearby in the City of Port Huron. Several clinics and health care facilities are available in the City of Marysville as well.

Utilities

Sanitary sewer and public water supply systems are important not only from a public health and safety standpoint, but also permit higher density development. Public utilities also allow larger scale nonresidential uses to be built.

Sewer Services

Sanitary sewers service a limited portion of Kimball Township. This service is provided by means of the City of Port Huron's Department of Public Works, Utilities Division.

The Port Huron's Wastewater Treatment Plant is a regional facility that serves industrial, commercial and residential customers in the City of Port Huron, and the Townships of Port Huron, Fort Gratiot as well as Kimball. The plant has a design average flow of 20 million gallons per day and is currently treating an average of 12 million gallons per day.

The Utility Locations Map identifies the extent of sewer service in Kimball Township at this time (2005). As the map indicates, sewer service is primarily limited to the centers of population around Wadhams and Sparlingville, in the northeastern portions of the Township. Those not currently served by this system have to rely on individual septic systems for wastewater treatment.

Water Services

Water service is provided to a small portion of Kimball Township by means of the City of Port Huron's Department of Public Works, Utilities Division.

The City of Port Huron obtains its water from the St. Clair River, approximately one-half mile south of the Blue Water Bridge. Water is transferred by means of pipeline to the City's Water Filtration Plant. This plant is a regional facility that provides safe, potable water to residents of the City of Port Huron, and the Townships of Port Huron, Fort Gratiot as well as Kimball.

The Utility Locations Map indicates the extent of water service in Kimball Township at this time (2005). As is the case with sewer service, water service is primary limited to the centers of population around Wadhams and Sparlingville, in the northeastern portions of the Township. Those not currently served by this system must rely on individual well systems to satisfy their water needs.

Gas Service

The Southeastern Gas Company provides natural gas service to the Township.

Electric Service

The Detroit Edison Company provides electrical service to the Township.

Telephone Service

Local telephone service to the Township is provided by two companies, SBC/Ameritech and Verizon. Local calls may be made to all portions of the Township, as well as to the Cities of Port Huron and Marysville and Port Huron Township.