

# The Village of Stevensville

## History

Covering exactly one square mile within the confines of Lincoln Township, the Village of Stevensville was plotted in 1871 by Thomas Stevens, a prominent Niles banker. The impetus for the Village's founding was the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad, which opened between New Buffalo and St. Joseph in February 1870. Conveniently located along the railway, the Village of Stevensville became an important station for the line. The Village soon grew to become the downtown area for Lincoln Township and a center for local development. By 1878 the Village proudly claimed itself as home to a hotel, a gristmill, a smattering of stores and shops, two churches, and a couple dozen homes. Stevensville was officially incorporated in 1894, with a population of 250.

Twice in the early part of the century, Stevensville suffered devastating fires, both of which nearly destroyed the Village. The first, on August 9, 1909, burned half the Village to the ground. The second fire occurred on May 28, 1914, burning many major buildings, including the town hall, community center and high school gymnasium. Thanks to the strong tourist and fruit farming industries that provided the money after each fire, Stevensville was quickly rebuilt.

## Observations

Stevensville is a small, rural village close to Lake Michigan. The Village provides residents and tourists alike with a nostalgic reminder of quiet village life. The Village enjoys a low crime rate, friendly neighborhoods, and is easily accessible from Interstate 94. Water and sewer lines are available throughout the Village. The lure of Lake Michigan - only a half mile from Stevensville - is a major attraction during the summer months.

## Taxes

In March 1994, Michigan voters approved a new tax structure (Proposal A). The following table provides a simplistic look at the taxes currently levied within this community. Property tax is based now upon taxable value, not state equalized value.

### General Taxes

General County	4.7723
Law Enforcement/ Public Safety	0.3500
Special Voted 911	0.2500
Senior Citizens	0.3000
LMC College	1.7854
Village	8.7345
Special Voted	0.0000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16.1922</b>

### School Taxes (Berrien RESA)

State Education Tax	6.0000
Non-Homestead (Business)	18.0000
Extra Voted Building & Site	1.4971
Debt Retirement	3.2000
Berrien RESA	0.1745
Special Education	2.1954

### Subtotals

<b>Homestead</b>	<b>13.0670</b>
<b>Non-Homestead (Business)</b>	<b>31.0670</b>

## All Demographic Information is based upon the 2009 Census Estimate

### Population

1980 Census	1,268	
1990 Census	1,230	3.00 % decrease
2000 Census	1,191	13.17 % decrease
2009 Census Estimate	1,137	4.53 % decrease

### Personal Income

Median Family	\$58,929
Average per Capita	\$29,001
Median Household	\$45,000

### Labor Force

Total Work Force	595
Unemployment Rate	6.6 %

### Principal Economic Base Employers

Anstey Foundry Co .....	22 employees
Dee-Blast Corp. ....	30 employees
Griffin Tool .....	25 employees
Internet / Cast-Matic.....	150 employees

### Housing

Number of Dwellings	547
Owner Occupied	344
Renter Occupied	146
Median Rent	\$721
Median Home Value	\$121,600

### Building Permits - 2010

	Number Issued	Dollar Amount
Residential	1	\$182,000.00
Commercial	8	\$65,186.12
Other	21	\$288,554.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$535,740.12</b>



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# Government

## Municipal Hall

Stevensville Village Hall  
5768 St. Joseph Avenue  
Stevensville, MI 49127

Phone: (269) 429-1802  
Fax: (269) 429-7391  
Website: [www.stevensville.org](http://www.stevensville.org)

## Council Meetings

Third Thursday of Each Month  
Start: 6:00 p.m.

## County Commissioner

Debra Panozzo  
(District 7)  
1614 Barbara Ann Drive  
Stevensville MI 49127  
Phone: (269) 429-2131  
[debpanozzo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debpanozzo@sbcglobal.net)

## State Governor

Rick Snyder (R)  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
Phone: (517) 373-3400  
Fax: (517) 335-6863  
[Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov](mailto:Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov)

## State Senator

John Proos (R), District 21  
P. O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536  
Phone: (517) 373-6960  
Fax: (517) 373-0897  
[SenJProos@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJProos@senate.michigan.gov)

## State Representative

Sharon Tyler (R), District 78  
Michigan House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514  
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## U.S. Representative

Fred Upton, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
2183 Rayburn H.O.B.  
Washington, DC 20515  
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Fax: (202) 225-4986  
[tellupton@mail.house.gov](mailto:tellupton@mail.house.gov)

## U.S. Senators

Debbie Stabenow (D)  
133 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
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[stabenow.senate.gov/email.htm](mailto:stabenow.senate.gov/email.htm)

Carl Levin (D)  
269 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Phone: (202) 224-6221  
[levin.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm](http://levin.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm) Access via  
website Contact Center

# Public Services

## Police

The Village of Stevensville is covered by the  
Lincoln Charter Township Police Department.

Chief of Police: Dan Sullivan  
Phone: (269) 429-2444  
Sworn Officers: 9  
Civilian Employees: 2  
Number of Cars: 5

## Fire

Fire Chief: Ron Burkett  
Phone: (269) 428-2385  
Number of Stations: 1  
Professional Firemen/Part-Time/Volunteer: 20  
Vehicles: 6  
Insurance Rate Class: 8 – 9

## Trash Collection

Contact Village Hall for Information  
Phone: (269) 429-1802  
Type: Curbside  
Pick Up Day: Wednesday  
Cost Per Month: No Cost  
Recycling: Every other Wednesday

## Recycling

Berrien County Community Development  
Jill Adams, Environmental Specialist  
(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234  
Program information available online at  
[www.berriencounty.org/recycle](http://www.berriencounty.org/recycle).  
(800) 311-6424

## Water

St. Joseph WFP  
Phone: (269) 983-1240  
Source: Lake Michigan  
Capacity: 16,000,000 GPD

## Sewer

Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Waste Water Plant  
Phone: (269) 983-7719  
System Type: Biological Trickling Filter / Liquid  
Sludge  
Capacity: 13,000,000 GPD

## Telephone

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Residential Customers (800) 244-4444  
Business Customers (800) 660-3000

## Gas

Michigan Gas Utilities  
1-800-778-3802

## Electric

American Electric Power Company  
(800) 311-6424

# Education

Stevensville is served by the  
following school district:

Lakeshore Public Schools  
5771 Cleveland Avenue  
Stevensville MI 49127  
Phone: (269) 428-1400  
Enrollment: 2,890

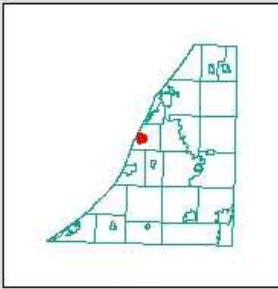


# Economic Development

Berrien County Community Development  
701 Main Street  
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085  
Contact: Daniel Fette, Director  
Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 8617

Lakeshore Chamber  
P.O. Box 93  
Stevensville MI 49127  
Phone: (269) 429-1170  
[www.lakeshorechamber.org](http://www.lakeshorechamber.org)

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