

Dear Mayor Strazdas,

I'm biking with my family. We get to the top of a hill. We see the most beautiful thing to us. It is the prettiest sight ever. The splashes of pink, orange, red, and yellow of the sky produce a breathtaking sunset right next to Austin Lake. It was a phenomenal sight and I will never forget that day ever. I love Portage because of the sporting events we have, the time around Christmas, and the colors of the sunsets and all of the beautiful lakes. This is why I love Portage now and why I always will.

I love Portage around Christmas time because of caroling with my Girl Scout Troop, Celery Flats - the tree lighting and the Christmas walk, baking cookies with my mom and her friends and enjoying hot cocoa in the snow. In the winter I love to play with my dog Alaska and run around plus have a snowball fight with my dad and my 2 brothers one is human and one is a dog.

The sporting events are always fun too - soccer, wrestling, baseball, hockey, football, etc. - and all are within 20 minutes of my home. I love to play soccer, ski, tennis, b-ball, some football, and watch my big brother Connor wrestle. I love to play soccer with my dad and my dog Alaska. Me, my dad and my dog bond really well and love to play sports with each other.

I love the colors of all the sunsets especially over all of the beautiful lakes I get to enjoy throughout the year. I love how when the sun is halfway down. The reflection on the water looks like the sunset all over again. Austin Lake, West Lake, Gourdneck Lake and Long Lake are all super close and lots of fun for me, my friends and my family. I love enjoying the different views and perspectives of the sunsets - whether I am riding my bike, relaxing on a boat, sitting on the beach or enjoying a milkshake or ice cream at the West Lake Drive In on Portage road.

Portage is a great place for family and friends to live in. Whether it's enjoying the beautiful sceneries around, going to big or small action packed games, or just and being with friends and family for the holidays. Portage is an amazing place to live. I've lived here for about 5 years which is half of my life and I have loved every second of it. It has been amazing to get to share this wonderful place with everyone. I am so grateful to have this life and to have my friends, family, and even strangers who will eventually become my friends. I love Portage now and forever I will.

Sincerely,
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