

PORTAGER

A Natural Place to Move



A Message from Mayor Patricia M. Randall

When things run smoothly, especially in my home, not a thought is given to the symphony of order and predictability requiring nothing of my time or focus. It can be a gift to know someone else is at the helm. The same holds true for a city. It’s hard to appreciate that all is working well until something unexpected occurs, breaks, bursts, floods, etc. Our Department of Public Works is always doing their job, so you don’t have to even think about it.

The Portage Department of Public Works oversees the maintenance of all major and local streets, parks, trails, bikeways, sidewalks, signs, cemeteries, city buildings, an entire city fleet, and resident services. This includes all curbside programs: Recycling and leaf/brush collection as well as our spring bulk cleanup.

Numbering 42 employees, Public Works is funded differently than any other city department. The department expenditures represents approximately 7% (\$2.5 million) of our General Fund budget which funds the maintenance of parks, cemeteries, and buildings. State road funding provides 54% (\$5.4 million) of Public Works expenses for major and local streets maintenance. Citizen-approved millages provide an additional \$2.1 million for the remaining services, for a total of \$10 million.

The Portage Public Works Department has three divisions:

- 1. The Parks Division** maintains our 20 parks which total 864 acres, 4 cemeteries, and 25 miles of paved bike trails. This division also tends to trees in public spaces as it has managed our Tree City USA designation for the past three decades. These employees also continue to support our events.
- 2. Street Maintenance** manages 244 miles of our major and local road system as well as 166 miles of sidewalks. Department personnel have worked tirelessly to clean up from the tornado and straight line windstorm. The two storms created the equivalent of six years’ worth of brush, so cleanup continues. Despite this unexpected workload, staff continues to perform the Mill and Fill Program, apply chip seal, fill potholes and repair curbs and gutters. When the snow begins to fly again, this crew will then pivot to removing snow and spreading salt to ensure our safety.
- 3. Fleet and Facilities** manages the procurement, maintenance and disposal of the city’s fleet (excluding police and fire vehicles), while continuing to maintain all city owned properties. They work diligently on integrating new technologies that include alternative fuels for vehicles, as well as energy conservation, solar installation and electric vehicle charging stations at city owned facilities.

Combined, Public Works provides many of the city’s most recognized public services in addition to providing and

maintaining the public infrastructure Portage families depend upon. That’s a tall order with high expectations and, thanks to Mother Nature, a never-ending challenge!

As you would expect, the employees of this department have an abundance of talent, licensing, and certifications from building to HVAC, from commercial driver licenses to Pesticide Application, and many more. When competing project bids came in that exceeded our budgeted allotment, we tapped into the talent within this department. Thanks to them we have beautiful pavilions, new cement work, year-round public rest rooms and a remodeled kitchen. It was a win-win as the city saved thousands of dollars and the variety of work made a day on the job that much more rewarding for our Public Works team.

We have outgrown our current location on South Westnedge Avenue so the entire department will move to a new site a mile down the road on Portage Industrial Drive in 2026. In the meantime, expect your streets and drains to be significantly cleaner thanks to the recent purchase of two new street cleaners. Once the deluge of rain subsides, the mowing and weeding will resume.

As we welcome autumn and life continues to speed by, I hope you give a thought to the day-to-day challenges facing our amazing team within the Department of Public Works as they work to take care of everything.

- Patricia M. Randall

City Begins Annual Capital Improvement Program Planning

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the city’s multi-year planning instrument used to identify needs and financing sources for public infrastructure improvements. The purpose of the CIP is to facilitate the orderly forecasting of infrastructure improvements; maintain, preserve, and protect the city’s existing infrastructure system; provide for the purchase or scheduled replacement of equipment; and allocate funding sources.

The CIP is intended to reflect a consensus of community needs based on surveys and planning initiatives, the adopted goals and objectives of the City Council, and the previous CIP budget and plan, and to consider new information to meet the ever-changing needs and priorities of our community.

The CIP is a key financing and implementation tool for City of Portage planning efforts, such as:

- » The Comprehensive Plan, which addresses long-term goals and needs regarding land use, the transportation network, recreation, and open space, natural/cultural resources, economy and marketplace, utility infrastructure, and community facilities
- » Strategic plans and studies such as the Lake Center District Corridor and Placemaking Study, 2015 Wellhead Protection Plan, 2019 Water Reliability Study, Storm Water Design Criteria Manual, and 2023 Crossroads Area Transition Plan
- » Periodic municipal facility audits, annual reports (e.g. utility operation and maintenance reports, annual traffic count and signal studies), and citizen surveys; among others

Every September the City of Portage begins the annual process to update the CIP. Preparation of the CIP is performed under the authority of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008). Examples of eligible public infrastructure improvements include:

- » Public streets, non-motorized transportation (sidewalk, bike lanes, and multi-use trails)
- » Municipal water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage facilities
- » Parks and other public recreation and cultural opportunities
- » Public facilities such as City Hall, Portage Zhang Senior Center, Public Works, Public Safety, and Parks & Recreation
- » Technology investments, city equipment, and vehicles

Speak Up and Make Your Voice Heard!

Public participation from Portage residents, business owners, and interested stakeholders helps ensure that decisions made on capital investments address the needs and aspirations of the community. The city is seeking input from Portage residents, business owners, and interested stakeholders to submit ideas for capital improvement projects and provide feedback on projects already in the planning stages.

Please visit portagemi.gov/665 to complete the 2025-2031 CIP Survey. The current 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program can be viewed online by following the same link. Questions concerning the CIP can be directed to the Office of the City Manager at 329-4404.

Capital Improvement Program Timeline & Approvals

The schedule below outlines the process and timeline related to the development and approval of the annual six-year Capital Improvement Program.

September: An online survey is open to the public.

October - November: City departments develop and submit CIP project proposals.

November: Survey results are studied and prioritized.

November - January: City Administration reviews and prioritizes proposed CIP projects.

First Regular Council Meeting in April: The City Manager formally provides the final proposed CIP to the City Council for review. The Planning Commission will also be presented with a copy.

April - May: City Council reviews the CIP and conducts budget review sessions.

Second City Council Meeting in May: City Council approves the first fiscal year budget included in the six-year CIP (Fiscal Year 2025-2026) and the annual operating budget.



Planning Commission Adopts Master Plan

On August 15, 2024, the Portage Planning Commission adopted the Portage Forward Together 2024 Master Plan. Over the past two years, the city worked to assess existing conditions, host public meetings, and gather input from businesses, developers, and the community, resulting in more than 800 engagement points. The new Master Plan, presented in an interactive online format that meets state requirements, replaces the 2014 Master Plan.

The updated plan addresses the city’s current and future needs, focusing on quality of life, land use, economic development, and sustainability. It includes 12 sections covering themes like Vision and Goals, Land Use and Development, and Environmental Sustainability. Key community feedback was incorporated, balancing housing demand with natural area preservation and promoting energy sustainability.

The plan also details the future of three subareas: the Crossroads Mall Area, the City Centre, and the Lake Center District, emphasizing mixed-use development to enhance housing and business opportunities. Each section culminates in an implementation list to guide the city’s future actions.

With the new Master Plan in place, the city will prioritize actions to align with its vision, including updating zoning codes and development standards to support more housing opportunities, continuing to involve the community throughout the process.

Scan the QR Code to view the Portage Forward Together 2024 Master Plan



Portage Voter Update

Key Information for the Upcoming 2024 General Election

As the 2024 General Election approaches, it's crucial for Portage residents to stay informed about important dates, voter registration, and absentee voting options. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you navigate the upcoming election season.

National Voter Registration Day: September 17, 2024

On September 17, 2024, the City of Portage will join thousands of partners nationwide to celebrate National Voter Registration Day. This annual nonpartisan event is dedicated to raising awareness about voter registration resources and opportunities. If you haven't registered to vote yet, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. Michigan residents can conveniently register online by visiting the Michigan

1 in 4 people

Aren't registered to vote

or

Aren't sure they're registered

As many as 1 in 4 eligible Americans are not registered to vote or don't know if they are registered. Get **#VoteReady** on **#NationalVoterRegistrationDay**.

Voter Information Center at [mi.gov/vote](https://www.michigan.gov/vote). Let's make sure every eligible voter is **#VoteReady** and participates in the democratic process this November.

Absentee Voting: Plan Ahead!

For residents planning to be away from Portage during the winter months or college students living out of town, absentee voting is a convenient way to ensure your voice is heard. Recent changes to Michigan's absentee voting process might affect how you cast your ballot.

If you need your absentee ballot sent to a location other than your registered address, such as a second home or dorm room, be sure to indicate this on your absentee ballot application. While absentee ballot applications can be forwarded by the Post Office, ballots themselves cannot. You can apply for an absentee ballot online at [mi.gov/vote](https://www.michigan.gov/vote), where you can also specify an alternate mailing address. Remember to provide the dates you'll be at that address, as

well as your email and phone number, to ensure the Clerk's Office can reach you if any issues arise.

Key Dates Leading Up to the November 5 General Election

- » *End of September*: Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters.
- » *October 21*: Last day to register to vote online or by mail.
- » *October 22 - November 5*: Register to vote in person at the City Clerk's Office.
- » *October 26*: Early voting begins in Kalamazoo County, with hours from 9 AM to 5 PM, at four locations throughout the county.
- » *November 3*: Early voting ends.
- » *November 5*: Election Day! Polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Make sure to return your absentee ballot to the Office of the City Clerk or an Absentee Ballot Drop Box before 8 PM.

By staying informed and planning ahead, you can ensure that your vote counts in this important election. Whether you're registering for the first time, voting absentee, or heading to the polls on Election Day, every vote contributes to shaping the future of our community and country.

Property Maintenance Reminder

Be a Responsible Property Steward!

As the fall season brings quick, intense rainstorms, it is crucial to keep our streets free from water ponding, which often occurs when drainage grates become clogged. It's easy to overlook the buildup of lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris in street gutters and on drainage grates, but doing so can lead to significant issues.



The Portage Department of Transportation & Utilities encourages all residents to take an active role in maintaining the cleanliness of street gutters and storm drainage grates adjacent to their properties. Follow these simple yet essential guidelines to help keep our community safe and clean.

- » **Keep Debris Out of the Streets**: Avoid blowing grass clippings, leaves, or any other debris into the street. When it rains, stormwater carries these materials down

the gutter, potentially clogging the nearest drainage grate.

- » **Regularly Inspect and Clean Grates**: Take a few moments to inspect the drainage grates near your property and remove any accumulated debris. For major maintenance concerns, please contact the Department of Transportation & Utilities at 329-4422.
- » **Dispose of Waste Properly**: Never pour used motor oil, chemicals, or other hazardous substances into drainage grates or street gutters. These can cause serious environmental damage and block the drainage system. The Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center accepts used motor oil and other household chemicals free of charge for Portage residents. Visit the HHW Center website at [kalcounty.com/hhw](https://www.kalamazoo-county.com/hhw) to learn more and view their hours of operation.
- » **Avoid Using Grates as Trash Receptacles**: Do not treat street drainage basins as garbage collectors or dumpsters, especially for pet waste. Proper disposal of waste is essential to maintaining a clean and efficient drainage system.

By taking these simple preventative measures, you'll help ensure that storm sewers function at their best, minimize water pooling on streets near your property, and keep your neighborhood looking its best. Your efforts as a responsible property steward are vital to maintaining the beauty and safety of our community.

CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

Protecting our groundwater. Available to any Michigan homeowner, farm, nursery, greenhouse, or golf course owner.

For more information visit our website:
[kalcounty.com/hhw](https://www.kalamazoo-county.com/hhw)
or call 269-373-5211.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Health & Community Services Department

The Michigan **Clean Sweep Program** helps protect the state's natural resources and prevent agriculture pollution by ensuring the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. As a participating Clean Sweep site, the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center will accept pesticide product, free of charge, from any Michigan resident. The HHW Center is located at 1301 Lamont Avenue in Kalamazoo. Visit their website for hours of operation.

Curbside Brush Collection Starts September 30

The City of Portage offers a convenient brush collection program during January, May, July, and October. The city is divided into four zones, with each neighborhood zone receiving one scheduled collection.

For the 2024 October collection, services will begin the week of September 30 in Zone 1. Residents should place their brush curbside by 7 AM on the designated Monday of their zone's collection week.

Zone	Collection Begins the Week of:
Zone 1 (Northwest Quadrant)	September 30
Zone 2 (Southwest Quadrant)	October 7
Zone 3 (Southeast Quadrant)	October 14
Zone 4 (Northeast Quadrant)	October 21

Please ensure branches are between 4 and 6 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter. Each street will be serviced once, and crews cannot return for late placements.

For compete program details, visit [portagemi.gov/280](https://www.portagemi.gov/280). Please contact the Department of Public Works at 329-4444 with any questions.

The Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection Program is not performed for commercial establishments, churches or schools, or on private streets (unless every property owner on a private street has signed an indemnification form).

Brush Drop Off Day - Saturday, October 26

The Oakland Drive Compost Facility will be open for residents to drop off loose brush on Saturday, October 26 from 9 AM to 1 PM. The compost facility is located at 10905 Oakland Drive, just south of West Osterhout Avenue. Staff from the Department of Public Works will be on site to assist residents.



Fall Leaf Pickup Program Kicks Off October 28

City Adds New Zone for Improved Service

The Fall Leaf Pickup Program includes the collection of leaves along public streets and will run from October 28 through December 6. To better accommodate leaf volumes, the city has modified the zone map to include eight zones instead of the previous seven zones.

Leaf collection will occur three times in each zone or until prohibited by weather. The schedule and map below indicate the pickup dates for the eight leaf pickup zones. Collection dates and a handy address locator tool are also available at portagemi.gov/282.

This program is not performed for commercial establishments, churches or schools, or on private streets (unless every property owner on a private street has signed an indemnification form).

- » Place leaves at the curb by 7 AM on your scheduled pickup date.
- » **ONLY loose leaves or leaves bagged in biodegradable paper bags will be collected. Leaves in plastic bags (including biodegradable plastic bags) WILL NOT be collected.**
- » Loose leaves should be raked off the grass and into the street. Leaves bagged in biodegradable paper yard waste bags should be placed next to the curb as close to the street edge as possible. **Please do not block traffic or bike lanes.**
- » The Fall Leaf Pickup Program is separate from the Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection Program (see previous page for brush collection details).
- » Public streets will be swept following the third and final collection, weather permitting.
- » **There is NO burn period in Portage.** Burning of leaves is not permitted at any time.

Objects Placed in the City Right-of-Way Impede Safe Collection Operations

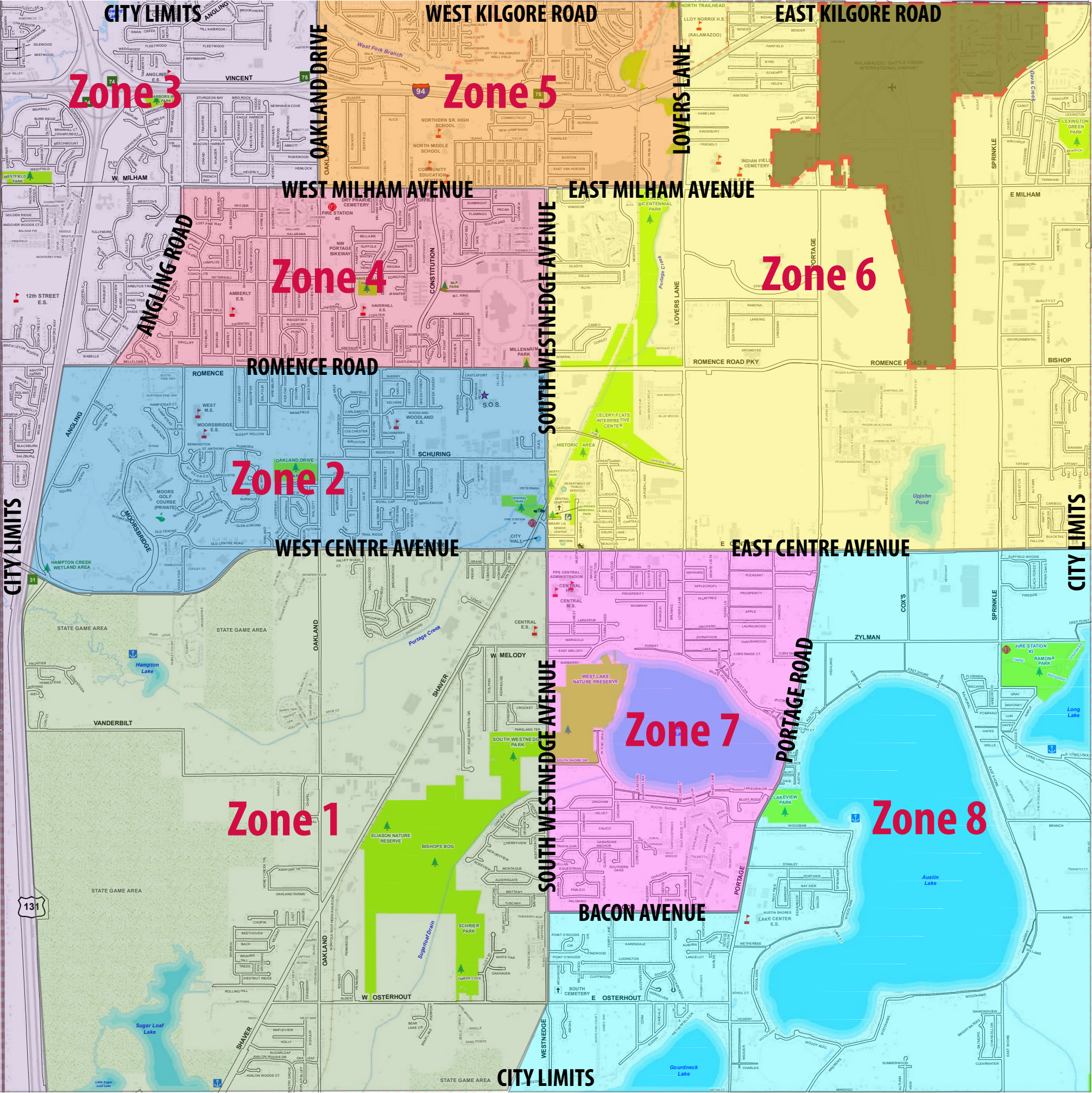
Objects like portable basketball stands, rubbish containers, and other objects placed in the city right-of-way impede collection operations such as leaves in the fall, brush throughout the year, household rubbish in the spring, street sweeping, and snow plowing in the winter.

The Portage Code of Ordinances (Chapter 66, Article 1, Section 66-2) prohibits residents from placing objects in the city right-of-way. The city right-of-way is defined as the area between the curb and sidewalk or, for those without sidewalks, the area 33 feet from the center of the roadway.

Items left in the city right-of-way can result in damage to personal property and city equipment. Residents are asked to remove all objects from the city right-of-way so Public Works employees can provide collection services without damaging their possessions or city equipment.

A safe distance to permanently position items (a portable basketball stand for example) on private property is 33 feet or more from the center of the roadway. Likewise, during trash and recycling removal days, citizens are asked to keep containers on the curb versus on the actual roadway. At no time should bike lanes or sidewalks be obstructed by leaves, brush, or trash/recycling carts.

Your cooperation in helping the city safely perform collection efforts is appreciated. For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 329-4444.



YOUR BACKYARD IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

Portage Community Art Award Exhibition

Ian Sebastian is the winner of the 7th annual Portage Community Art Award. An exhibition of Ian's work, including his winning piece, will be on display at Portage City Hall from September 5 through October 30 during normal business hours.

The Portage Community Art Award is presented as part of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' (KIA) annual West Michigan Area Show (WMAS).



Ian Sebastian's Oil on Canvas "The hunted"

Earn-A-Bike Youth

Developed by Open Roads, this program for children ages 10 to 16, combines fixing a bike with the development of social-emotional skills. Students will learn how to establish lasting connections, manage emotions, and understand basic bike parts and tools. Bicycles are provided by Portage Parks & Recreation. Upon completing the program, students take home the bike they worked on.

- » Wednesdays, September 11 - October 9, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- » Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane)
- » \$50 per participant (Registration required by September 9)

Summer Concert Series

Trippin Billies: A Dave Matthews Band Tribute

The final event of the Summer Concert Series is Trippin Billies. With over 20 years of experience, the band brings a high-energy performance and caliber of musicianship that will have you singing along by the second chorus. Bring a chair or blanket with you for lawn seating and leave yourself a little room to dance and get your groove on!



- » Thursday, September 12, 7 PM
- » Overlander Bandshell (7810 Shaver Road)
- » FREE (No registration required)

Series Sponsor

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of greater kalamazoo

Kids Fix It! Back To School

Make sure your bike is ready to roll back to school. Kids 6 to 12 years old will learn the ABCs of bicycle maintenance and perform basic repairs in this hands-on program with mechanic

Portage Parks & Recreation Events, Camps & Classes

1,000 Acres. 20 Parks. One City.

To find out more and register online, visit mypark.portagemi.gov and click the REGISTER NOW! button.

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instructors from Pedal Bicycle! Participants must provide their own bike, helmet, and a chaperone.

- » Saturday, September 14, 9 - 11 AM
- » Millennium Park (280 Romence Road)
- » Rain Location: Celery Flats Pavilion (7335 Garden Lane)
- » \$10 per participant (Registration required)

Oktoberfest

Hosted by the Portage Parks Foundation

Grab dinner and a German beer, enjoy LIVE music and dancing, food & refreshments for purchase, the Family Fun Children's Run, children's activities, and more. The Biergarten opens at 4 PM (non-alcoholic options also available). Proceeds from this event support the Portage park system.

- » Saturday, September 14, 4 - 9 PM
- » South Westnedge Park (9010 South Westnedge Ave)
- » FREE Entrance (No registration required)



40th Annual Peacock Strut Walk/Run – 10K & 5K

This fun fitness event raises funds for the Portage Community Center, the only human services agency in Portage that aids Portage residents to **Make Life Better**. The 10K & 5K courses of the Peacock Strut wind through the beautiful Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Trail. The top three men and women in both the 5K and 10K will receive a plaque. Medals will be available for the top three finishers in each 10-year age category. For more information and to register, visit runsignup.com/Race/MI/Portage/PeacockStrut.

- » Saturday, September 14, 8 AM
- » Grain Elevator (7335 Garden Lane)
- » Packet pick-up: Friday, September 13, 5 - 7 PM & Saturday, September 14, 7 - 8 AM
- » \$32 per participant (Registration required)



Fall Festival

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Fall in love with autumn in Michigan and celebrate the change of seasons at Fall Festival. Enjoy historical demonstrations such as broom making, glassblowing, cooking and more! Visit with live animals and make memories to take home at our fall

craft station. Celebrate fall on the historical side of Celery Flats with fun activities for the whole family.

- » Sunday, September 22, 10 AM - 2 PM
- » Celery Flats Historical Area (7335 Garden Lane)
- » FREE (No registration required)

League Certified Instructor (LCI) Training

Take your cycling skills to the next level and become a League Certified Instructor (LCI) with the League of American Bicyclists. Participants must pass the Smart Cycling course and have a membership with the League of American Bicyclists. Get your membership at bikeleague.org/join-now. Registration for training is limited to 16 participants and scholarships are available thanks to Pedal Bicycle Shop and Bike Friendly Kalamazoo.

- » Day 1: Friday, September 27, 5 - 9 PM
- » Day 2: Saturday, September 28, 8 AM - 6 PM
- » Day 3: Sunday, September 29, 8 AM - 3 PM
- » Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane)
- » \$575 per participant Registration required by September 6



The Portage Farmers Market is moving to the Portage Zhang Senior Center for the remainder of the season!

Reconstruction of the City Hall parking lot necessitates the relocation of the Portage Farmers Market right across the street to the Portage Zhang Senior Center for the rest of the 2024 market season. Parking is available at the Portage Zhang Senior Center, on Brown Street and Courier Drive, at Portage Parks & Recreation, Comerica Bank and the Portage Community Center.

School might be back in session, but the Portage Farmers Market is still brimming with fresh produce and new finds! From apples to zucchini, our vendors offer a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Say hello to new bakers who are sure to tantalize your taste bud and new artists who will satisfy your needs for cozy blankets, cuddly crocheted friends, and handmade pottery items for your home. There's something new every week, so be sure to visit often!

The market is open rain or shine every Sunday through October 13, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Portage Zhang Senior Center. For more information, follow us on social media, visit our website, or stop by the Market Manager booth to learn more about the market.

YOU HAVE MORE FRIENDS THAN YOU KNOW

Healthy Eating on a Budget With KVCC

Healthy eating can be efficient, delicious, and affordable too! Culinary and nutrition experts will share their best tips for nutritious cooking on a budget. Learn meal planning to avoid over-purchasing at the store, learn how to expand meals with simple pantry ingredients, discover how to save money while shopping, explore resources available throughout the community to assist, and sample inspirational dishes cooked throughout the class. This informative session will prepare you to engage in cooking with a new can-do perspective. Learning materials included.



- » Tuesday, September 10, 1 - 2:30 PM
- » \$45 Members / \$50 Non-Members (Registration required)

Digital Photography for Beginners

This engaging three-class series is for those new to digital photography. Learn the essentials, from mastering camera settings to understanding composition basics with hands-on exercises to apply these concepts.

Students will come away with a thorough understanding of digital photography basics and begin developing their unique photographic style. Spaces are limited and scholarships are available.

- » Photography Basics, Monday, September 16, 1 - 2 PM
- » Equipment Basics, Monday, September 23, 1 -2 PM
- » Shooting Basics, Monday, September 30, 1 - 2 PM
- » \$60 Members / \$70 Non-Members (Registration required)

Healthy Feet Series

Join Dr. Jon Deming, DPT, for a 4-week healthy foot lecture series. Get a comprehensive overview of various foot health topics from understanding the causes and symptoms of different types of injuries to treating and preventing them. You will also learn useful information to help keep your feet in good shape and healthy enough to allow your body and lifestyle to remain active. Know your "itis" and understand common foot



ailments, hear about non-invasive treatment options for various foot problems, and learn about foot health, balance, and shoe gear-myths and misconceptions.

- » Wednesdays, September 18 - October 9, 10 - 11 AM
- » FREE (Registration required)

PZSC Cars & Cocktails Fundraiser Car Show

Join us for our fall PZSC Cars & Cocktails Fundraiser Car Show! Enjoy two bars with beer, water, pop, food, and snacks available for purchase (cash or credit/debit) and live music! The entire PZSC parking lot is reserved for car show participants. Show your car, truck, or motorcycle – call 548-4052 for registration information. Thanks to Aetna for generously sponsoring this event.

- » Friday, September 20, 4 - 7 PM
- » FREE and open to the public (Donations accepted)



Credit/Debit Cards Accepted at City Hall Treasury Counter

To pay by card via phone call 1-844-974-3997, Option 1

To pay by card or e-check via internet go to www.portseattle.gov/water

WATER & SEWER Utility Rate Schedules

Monday/Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm
Friday: 8:00am-Noon
Closed Saturday/Sunday

Water & Sewer Utility Rate Schedules	Inside Portage City Limits Sewer	Inside Portage City Limits Water	Outside Portage City Limits Sewer	Outside Portage City Limits Water
	\$8.57/unit	\$3.77/unit	\$8.57/unit	\$3.77/unit
	1 unit of water = 1000 Gallons			

NEVER MISS A PAYMENT

Stop in to make a payment, or water/sewer bill, or register your account.

Once registered, you may sign up for automatic billing and auto-pay.

ALL NON-E-CHECK PAYMENTS: \$3.95 online and in-person; \$4.70 via phone
(maximum payment per transaction amount \$500)

WEDNESDAY: \$5.50 online and in-person; \$6.20 via phone

To Pay by Check: Make Payable and Mail To:
City of Portage Treasury, 7600 S. Westendge Ave. Portland, OR 97203-5117

To Pay by Drop Box

Drop Box: 24-hour service available for "Pay by Drop Box" only. Only drop off City Hall at 7600 S. Westendge Ave. Look for the "Night Drop Box" sign near the curb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEED HELP WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL?

Community Action Agency is taking applications for customers who have water/sewer bills that are past due. Please contact Community Action Agency at 1-877-422-2726.

SENIOR CITIZEN WATER DISCOUNT

The City of Portage offers a 10% discount on water commodity and base quarterly charges for customers who are 65 and older. The discount is available at the customer's primary residence only. Applications are available at the Treasury Office in Portage City Hall, the Portage Senior Center or at the city website at www.portagegov.com/water to apply for the water discount.

The Water Quality Report is available for viewing at waterqualityreport.portagegov.com To receive a copy by mail, please call 269-323-4422.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this change to benefit both the community and the environment. Questions concerning utility billing can be addressed by calling the Treasury Office at 329-4455.

Contact the Treasury Office at 329-4455 with any questions. Remember, unpaid taxes after March 1, 2025, will be transferred to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer for collection.

A large, dark blue, curved sign for City Hall Portage. The sign features the text "City Hall" in large white letters, "PORTAGE" in smaller white letters, and "A National Place to Stay" in green script. The sign is supported by a stone wall on the left and a concrete base. In the background, there are three flagpoles with the American flag and two Michigan state flags, and a white globe on a pole. The sign is surrounded by a bed of mulch and various plants, including red-leafed shrubs and yellow flowers.

» Monday, September 2

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