

# PORTAGER

*A Natural Place to Move*



## A Message from Mayor Patricia M. Randall

As we ring in the New Year, I am filled with hope for all of the good things that will happen. Our society reveres all that is new: a new year, a new day, "new and improved." A common tradition that is practiced globally in January is the setting of resolutions. It is driven by both cultural tradition and the desire for a psychological, "fresh start" feeling. Popular goals focus on health, finance and general self-improvement. Collectively, we can easily be swept up by the shared energy of others and strive to develop better habits for self-improvement all around.

For those who choose to set goals, know that your Portage City Council is doing the same. In November we held our annual retreat. This is a goal setting session during which we discuss a variety of topics and prioritize them. We then direct the management team to research best practices and processes to achieve these goals as we continue to fine tune

our list. Once they present the results of their fact finding and recommendations to Council for deliberation, we may modify but, ultimately, make a decision.

This year, Council will focus on four strategic areas:

### 1. Local Businesses

- » Recalibrate the Downtown Development Authority
- » Explore the Business Improvement District along Airport/Portage Road area
- » Optimize redevelopment in and around The Crossroads
- » Attract sporting events to drive economic tourism

### 2. Citizen Engagement

- » Expand resident engagement through social media, print and events
- » Facilitate neighborhood mediation to increase harmony and build community

### 3. Single-Hauler Success

- » Assist to ensure a smooth transition for ALL residents!

### 4. Maximize Centers of Excellence

- » Elections

- » Land Use Regulations
- » Public Works Department
- » Emergency Management
- » Property Tax Poverty Exemptions
- » Succession Planning/Staff Development

Carried over from last year are our Housing Initiatives. Stanwood Crossings is well on its way with two of the forty-two houses now completed. The city, in collaboration with the county, will have four new houses on vacant lots built on Amos Street. Several other housing developments are in the building phase, with others in the pipeline for approval.

Our list may be long, but our commitment to each is strong. As the year progresses, I will provide updates on our progress. Following and attending our council meetings is also a great way to stay informed.

I wish you well on the success of your own resolutions as we all strive to be better and do better. Together, we will build a stronger community!

— Patricia M. Randall

## Public Safety Leadership Changes

### Nicholas Arnold Retires; Matthew Wolfe Appointed as Director of Public Safety

The City of Portage is entering a new era of public safety leadership as longtime Director Nicholas J. Arnold retires and Deputy Director Matthew V. Wolfe steps into the top role. The Portage City Council approved Wolfe's appointment at its regular meeting on December 16, 2025.

Director Arnold concludes more than a decade leading the Department of Public Safety and a distinguished 38-year career in law enforcement. Under his leadership, the department expanded its community engagement efforts, strengthened



Nicholas J. Arnold retired December 16, 2025 after 11 years of dedicated service to the Portage Department of Public Safety and 38 years in law enforcement.

public safety operations, and navigated major initiatives and regional challenges with professionalism and care. His years of service leave a meaningful and lasting impact on the City of Portage.

"With deep appreciation, the City of Portage thanks Director Arnold for his steady leadership and commitment to our residents," said City Manager Pat McGinnis. "We wish him the very best in his retirement."

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Matthew V. Wolfe was confirmed as Director of the Portage Department of Public Safety on December 16, 2025.

Director Wolfe holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Grand Valley State University, received specialized training in Police Staff and Command from Eastern Michigan University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #285, where he earned a Graduate Certificate from the University of Virginia. His extensive experience in police operations, administration, and

emergency response make him well-equipped to oversee the city's police and fire divisions, and emergency services.

"We are excited to appoint Matthew Wolfe as our next Director of Public Safety," said City Manager McGinnis. "His long-standing service, proven leadership, and deep commitment to Portage make him the ideal choice to guide the department into its next chapter."

## Lakeview Park Renovation Named Public Works Project of the Year

The City of Portage is proud to announce the Lakeview Park Renovation has been named the **Public Works Project of the Year** by the **American Public Works Association** (APWA) Southwest Michigan Branch in the Structures Category (\$1–5 million).

Completed in October 2025, the renovation modernized one of Portage's oldest parks with a \$1.87 million investment, funded through a combination of American Rescue Plan Act funds,

the city's Capital Improvement Program, and private donations.

### Key Improvements

- » 810-foot canal boardwalk with 24 new light poles
- » Game Pocket recreational area with tables and seating
- » Expanded fishing piers with shade canopies
- » Inspirational Garden pergola, updated trails, lighting, and landscaping
- » New bike rental system and repair station



Game Pocket recreational area with tables and seating

The project improves safety, accessibility, recreational opportunities, and environmental quality, including planting native species and removing invasive plants. Construction was managed by OCBA Landscape Architects and Balkema Construction, Inc., with support from the Portage Department of Public Works.

"This project allowed us to upgrade one of the city's oldest parks and provide new recreational opportunities for all residents," said Kathleen Hoyle, Director of Portage Parks &

Recreation. "We are proud to create a safe, inclusive, and environmentally conscious park that the community can enjoy for generations to come."

The city thanks the APWA Southwest Michigan Branch, project partners, contractors, donors, and the community for helping make this award-winning renovation possible.



Judy Acker-Smith Inspirational Garden



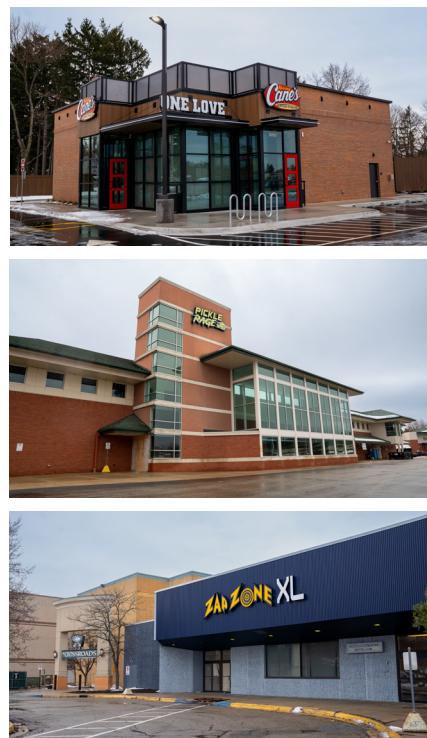
New 810-foot canal boardwalk with 24 new light poles at Lakeview Park.

# City's Momentum Continues with New Investment and Development

Portage continues to see strong residential, commercial, and industrial investment – clear signs of a community positioned for continued growth. New construction and redevelopment projects throughout the city reflect ongoing confidence from businesses, developers, and residents, further strengthening Portage's appeal as a place to invest, work, and live.

In 2025, notable commercial and industrial activity included Depatie Fluid Power Company completing one expansion at its Sprinkle Road campus while beginning another to support continued growth at its headquarters. Along the Westnedge retail corridor, several redevelopment projects are underway, including a new Raising Cane's at Milham Avenue and a TOUS les JOURS bakery at 5721 South Westnedge Avenue. Additional reinvestment is bringing new life to existing buildings, with PickleRage pickleball facilities opening in the former D&W grocery store on Romence Road and Zap Zone XL entertainment center – featuring a 300-seat restaurant – planned for the former Sears building at The Crossroads.

Residential development also remained strong. All three buildings at the Tall Timbers upscale apartment community on Centre Avenue were completed and began welcoming residents, adding 180 new housing units. The city's Stanwood Crossings development,



located just off Portage Road in the Lake Center District, completed infrastructure installation and listed its first

single-family homes for sale. Two new rental communities – Oakland Commons on Oakland Drive north of Shaver Road and Creekside Crossing within the Creekside development between Oakland Drive and Shaver Road – broke ground and will collectively provide 104 new housing units, including single-family, duplex, and quadplex rentals. In addition, the McConley Cove development, located between South Shore Drive and Bacon Avenue, began construction and will deliver 54 new single-family homes for sale.

Guided by a shared vision and long-term planning, Portage continues to position itself as a premier community for businesses and families alike. Ongoing investment affirms confidence in the city's future while supporting job creation, expanding housing options, and enhancing the restaurants, retail,

and recreational amenities valued by Portage residents.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477.

## What to Know Before Your Pickup

- » Both loose and bagged leaves will be collected.
- » Place leaves and brush at the curb by 7 AM on the Monday of your brush collection zone.
- » Leaves and brush must be placed in separate piles at the curb, as they are collected by different crews and equipment.
- » Bagged leaves must be in paper, biodegradable bags. Plastic bags will not be collected.
- » Branches should be 4 to 6 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter.

Each street will be collected one time only, and crews will not return to pick up items placed out after the scheduled collection.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as winter weather forced changes to the original schedule. While Mother Nature had other plans, crews will work hard this spring to ensure leaf collection is completed citywide.

## Fire Hydrants

The Portage Fire Division asks property owners to keep fire hydrants on or near their property free of snow. In an emergency, firefighters must be able to locate and access hydrants immediately so they can attach hoses and begin fire suppression without delay. A few minutes of clearing can save critical time in a fire.



## Bus Stops

Property owners are also encouraged to help keep nearby bus stops free of snow and ice. Clear access makes it safer for public transit riders and students to enter and exit buses.

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# New Waste & Recycling Collection Services Begin March 1, 2026



[Learn More](#)



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- » Garbage and recycling carts will be delivered in February with no delivery or start-up fee.
- » Please visit the city's custom landing page, [home.wm.com/portage-mi](#) to view frequently asked questions, and details about the transition.
- » Call 877-814-2328 for a dedicated customer service line.



## POCKET PAY Merchant Spotlight

The Rooster's Call restaurant opened its second location in November 2024, conveniently located in the City of Portage at 9136 Shaver Road. The family-owned restaurant specializes in classic Midwest, home-style cooking, with a menu featuring freshly prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner, served daily. The Shaver Road location offers a full-service bar and a private event room, making it a great choice for gatherings of all kinds. Guests can also enjoy a homemade dessert pies, available by the slice or by preordering a whole pie. In addition to its regular menu, The Rooster's Call features weekly specials and Trivia Tuesdays. Learn more at [theroosterscall.com](#). Regular business hours are Sunday and Monday from 7 AM to 3 PM, and Tuesday through Saturday from 7 AM to 8 PM.



## Fall Leaf Collection Paused With a Spring Pickup on the Way

Winter weather cut the fall leaf collection season short. Heavy snow and prolonged cold temperatures prevented crews from safely identifying leaf piles, limiting the opportunity for collection before winter set in. To make sure residents still have an opportunity to dispose of leaves, the City of Portage Department of Public Works will collect leaves this spring as part of the regular brush collection program.

Leaf pickup will run alongside brush collection beginning the week of March 30, 2026. All areas of the city will receive leaf collection, which will take place according to the brush collection zone (four zones total) rather than the typical eight leaf collection zones. Once leaf and brush pickup is complete, the Spring Cleanup Program - household bulk rubbish - will begin Monday, April 27, 2026.

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## SPRING LEAF & BRUSH COLLECTION



For full details, including the zone map and collection schedule, visit [portagemi.gov/280](#).

## Working Together for a Safe Winter Season

As winter settles in, the City of Portage reminds residents and property owners of a few important seasonal responsibilities that help keep our community safe and accessible for everyone. Whether clearing sidewalks, maintaining visibility of fire hydrants, or assisting at nearby bus stops, your efforts make a meaningful difference during the snowy months.



### Sidewalks

Public sidewalks provide essential connections to schools, bus stops, and other destinations. City Code requires all property owners – residential, commercial, and otherwise – to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice throughout the winter season. A minimum

clearance width of three feet helps ensure walkers, strollers, and mobility devices can pass safely. Please pay close attention to sidewalks at street corners, where snowbanks can quickly block access.

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## Track Snowplow Progress All Winter Long



Snow season is in full swing, and PortageTraxx continues to help residents stay informed during winter weather. This updated snowplow tracking tool replaces the former SnowPaths app and offers clear, real-time insight into snow removal activity across the City of Portage.

With PortageTraxx, you can:

- » Learn the order in which Portage streets are plowed.
- » See live tracking of snowplow crews and their progress.
- » View updated maps showing which streets have been cleared and which are next – helping you time your own driveway clearing based on when plows are expected in your neighborhood.
- » Navigate an improved interface designed for easy use on both mobile and desktop devices.

Access PortageTraxx anytime at [portagemi.gov/290](#) or by opening the MI.Portage App, where you can link directly to the snowplow map and other city services. Stay informed, stay prepared, and stay safe this winter.

# YOUR BACKYARD IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

## Dance Classes

### Beginning Line Dance – Level 1

Step up and build your confidence on the dance floor. Explore line dance techniques with local dance instructor, Debra Snell. No partner is needed, but bring a friend if you'd like! Learn the basic steps to popular songs and routines, make new friends, and enjoy an evening devoted to dance.

- » Thursdays, January 15 - February 26 | 5:20 – 6:10 PM
- » Schrier Park (850 West Osterhout Avenue)
- » \$50 per participant (Registration required by January 14)

### Intermediate Line Dance – Level 2

Take your dance skills to the next level! If you enjoyed our Beginning Line Dancing course and are ready for more, this class is for you. Experience in Beginning Line Dancing or an equivalent course, as determined by the instructor, is recommended for this session.

- » Thursdays, January 15 - February 26 | 6:15 - 7:05 PM
- » Schrier Park (850 West Osterhout Avenue)
- » \$50 per participant (Registration required by January 14)

### Social Dancing for Couples

Perfect the art of dancing together! This class covers a variety of dance techniques. Explore and practice popular moves to get you and your partner out on the dance floor with confidence and style.

- » Thursdays, January 15 - February 26 | 7:10 - 8 PM
- » Schrier Park (850 West Osterhout Avenue)
- » \$75 per participant (Registration required by January 14)

## Hike with a Biologist: Winter Tracking & Tree ID

Unearth the wonders of the Gourdneck State Game Area with biologists from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Discover ways animals and plants adapt, survive, and thrive during winter in Michigan. Learn to track animals, see signs of animal activity, and discover different ways animals inhabit the winter landscape. Participants will also learn about tree and plant identification. While all ages are welcome, this program requires walking off-trail on old footpaths. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toed shoes for a comfortable experience.

- » Saturday, January 17 | 10 - 11 AM
- » Gourdneck State Game Area Trailhead off Angling Road
- » FREE (Registration required)

# YOU HAVE MORE FRIENDS THAN YOU KNOW

## AARP Tax-Aide Assistance Registration

Receive free, reliable tax preparation from trained AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.



This service is open to everyone, with a special focus on taxpayers age 50+, low-income individuals, and those with disabilities. PZSC and AARP memberships are not required. To ensure a smooth appointment, bring all required tax documents and plan to pick up your tax packet at the PZSC one week prior to your appointment. All AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS-trained and certified. Registration begins January 5, 2026.

PZSC staff cannot offer tax-related advice.

- » Tuesdays, February 3 - April 14 | 9 AM - 2:30 PM
- » FREE (Registration required beginning January 5)

## Stronger Memory NEW!

Stronger Memory is a free program that strengthens recall and improves focus through simple daily reading, writing,

## Portage Parks & Recreation Events, Camps & Classes

### 1,000 Acres. 20 Parks. One City.

The Portage Parks system is multi-faceted with activities and opportunities for families and people of all ages. To find out more and register online, visit [mypark.portagemi.gov](http://mypark.portagemi.gov) and click 

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Exhibit

Explore the life and influence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and honor his lasting legacy. Celebrate his birthday in January; view an exhibit dedicated to his work, and explore little-known facts about his influence and work in today's world.

- » January 5 - 30 | Normal business hours
- » City Hall (7900 South Westnedge Avenue)
- » FREE (No registration required)

## Black History Month Movie: Green Book

View the film, *Green Book*, which pays homage to *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a guidebook for African-American travelers, founded by Victor Hugo Green in 1936. Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen star in the film inspired by the true story of pianist Don Shirley's tour of the Midwest and Deep South with driver and bodyguard, Frank "Tony Lip" Vellelonga. Popcorn is sponsored by Celebration Cinema and soda and snacks will complete the evening.

- » Friday, January 30 | 6 PM
- » Portage Zhang Senior Center (203 East Centre Avenue)
- » FREE (No registration required)

## Cozy Market

When February rolls around, winter can feel a bit dreary, so let's make it cozy! Introducing the Portage Cozy Market, a celebration of all things warm and comforting. Browse vendors offering hot beverages, comfort foods, and cozy essentials like books, blankets, scented candles, and more to help you embrace the season.

- » Sunday, February 1 | 11 AM – 3 PM
- » Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane)
- » FREE and open to the public (No patron fee)

## Black History Month Presentation: Green Book

The speaker for the 11th Annual Black History Month Presentation is author, travel writer, and explorer, Candacy Taylor – a leading Green Book expert. The Green Book was a guide that assisted African Americans in finding safe lodging, dining, restrooms, and other necessities when traveling on the road. After the program, Ms. Taylor will sign her best-selling book, *Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America*. Books will be available for purchase (cash only) while supplies last.

- » Friday, February 6 | 6 PM
- » Air Zoo (6151 Portage Road)
- » FREE (No registration required)

## Portage Zhang Senior Center Events, Activities & Classes

### Explore More. Have Fun. Live Well.

Find us at 203 East Centre Avenue | [mypzsc.portagemi.gov](http://mypzsc.portagemi.gov) | To find out more or to register, call 329-4555

Experience a vital, vibrant community offering a wide variety of services and activities that match the needs of active older adult.

**Membership and participation at the PZSC is open to anyone over the age of 50. Portage residency is not required.**

All events are held at the Portage Zhang Senior Center unless otherwise noted.

and math activities. Funded by the Goodwin Living Foundation, it supports



older adults on their brain health journey.

Just 30 minutes a day – three 10-minute exercises, four to five days a week – can help you enjoy clearer thinking and a stronger memory.

- » Mondays & Fridays, January 12 - February 23 (No class January 19) | 10 - 10:30 AM
- » FREE (Registration required)

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Absolute Homecare and Medical Staffing is partnering with the PZSC to host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. When registering, please specify "Portage Zhang Senior Center" as your location. Walk-in appointments may be available as time permits. Call 353-6180 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your donation.

- » Friday, January 16 | 12 - 6 PM

## Ice Rink at Millennium Park Open!

This spacious outdoor refrigerated rink offers a top-quality skating surface along with skate rentals, skate sharpening, snack concessions, restrooms, and lockers. Ice resurfacing occurs from 3 - 4 PM when rink hours are 12 - 8 PM. Call 324-9200 for ice rink hours and conditions!

### Rates

Opening Skate	.....	\$5
Skate Rental	.....	\$3
Skate Sharpening	.....	\$5
Skate Card (Expires March 1, 2026)	.....	\$25

Ten punches, each good for one:

- » Open Skate
- » Skate Rentals
- » Skate Sharpening

## Special Events at the Rink

- » \$5 Open Skate | \$3 Skate Rental (No registration required)

### Glow Party

Light up the night at the Ice Rink at Millennium Park! Grab a glow stick, throw on your brightest neon gear, and hit the ice for an electrifying evening of skating fun. With colorful lights and high-energy vibes, this is one party you won't want to miss!

- » Friday, January 9 | 7 - 9 PM

### Mascot Madness

Join us for a fun-tastic afternoon at the Ice Rink at Millennium Park, where you can skate with a crazy bunch of mascots in the wild! Bring your friends and family to enjoy the ice and snap a selfie with local favorites like Portage Park's "Mr. Crispy," "Slappy" from the Kalamazoo Wings, "Porter" from the Kalamazoo Growlers, and more!

- » Saturday, January 17 | 1 - 2 PM

### Disco Fever

Break out the bell-bottoms and boogie down at the Millennium Park Ice Rink! Dress in your best retro style and groove to the greatest disco hits while you skate the night away. It's a throwback party on ice you won't want to miss!

- » Friday, January 23 | 7 - 9 PM



## Healthy Homes Workshop

Discover simple ways to make your home healthier with this two-day workshop. Learn the 10 Principles of a Healthy Home, with tips for reducing mold, moisture, pests, and improving indoor air quality. Participants receive a Healthy Home Kit with cleaning supplies, protective gear, and a first aid kit to get started right away.

- » Wednesday, January 21 & Friday, January 23 | 11 AM - 12 PM
- » FREE

## Membership at the PZSC

**Annual Base Membership:** \$30 Portage residents | \$40 non-residents - Includes participation in all regular activities and special events

**Lifetime Membership:** \$300 - Base Membership for life

### Add-On Memberships:

- » Fitness Center: \$40/year
- » Pickleball Membership: \$50/year - Waives all open play fees

To find out more, call 329-4555



## Food Scraps Recycling Pilot Wraps Up First Year with Strong Results

The City of Portage Food Scraps Recycling Pilot Program has completed its first full year – and the results are overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to enthusiastic participation from residents across the city, the program has proven highly effective at keeping food waste out of landfills, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting the city's long-term sustainability goals. With its success firmly established, the program will continue with no changes planned.



### Year-One Impact at a Glance

Since launch, Portage residents have helped divert an impressive 109,499 pounds of food scraps from the landfill.

That diversion has generated meaningful environmental benefits equivalent to:

- » 722 urban tree seedlings grown for 10 years (emissions equivalent),
- » 108,623 vehicle miles not driven,
- » 4,927 gallons of gasoline offset,
- » 5,321,541 smartphones' worth of electricity saved,
- » 48,398 pounds of coal not burned, or
- » 54 tons of waste recycled rather than landfilled.

### Participation Across Portage

Ten drop-off locations throughout the city offer weekly Friday service, making food scraps recycling accessible in every area of Portage. Usage has been strong at all sites, underscoring the community's commitment to reducing organic waste and supporting sustainable practices.

#### Total Food Scraps Collected by Location

- » Oakland Drive Park – 20,382 lbs
- » West Lake Nature Preserve – 10,746 lbs
- » Lakeview Park – 10,744 lbs
- » Westfield Park – 10,586 lbs
- » Portage Creek Bicentennial Park – 10,586 lbs
- » Schrier Park – 10,428 lbs
- » Marlow/Haverhill – 10,429 lbs
- » Lexington Green Park – 10,114 lbs
- » Harbor West Park – 9,796 lbs
- » Ramona Park – 5,688 lbs

The current system of weekly collection and drop-off sites is working well for residents, city staff, and the program's composting partners, My Green Michigan. Continued participation will further increase the environmental benefits already achieved.

Residents interested in joining the program or learning what materials can be composted can visit [portagemi.gov/933](http://portagemi.gov/933) for full details, drop-off locations, and program guidelines.

## Portage Zhang Farmers Market Taking Shape

Construction is underway on the new Portage Zhang Farmer's Market, located in the heart of the City Centre next to the Portage Zhang Senior Center. Current work focuses on site preparation and underground infrastructure, including foundations, water, and electrical systems – activities that will continue over the next several months.

The steel market structure is being manufactured off-site and will be delivered for assembly once complete. All primary project partners – the architect/designer, builder, and manufacturer – are Michigan-based. The new market structure remains on track to open in late May or early June 2026.

### Market Features

- » 50 covered vendor stalls
- » ADA-compliant pedestrian walkways
- » A performance space for musicians
- » Picnic tables and designated eating areas
- » Space for three food trucks

Once completed, the new facility will improve market operations, provide protection from the elements for vendors and visitors, and offer enhanced amenities for an improved overall experience. Project funding includes \$1.75 million from the State of Michigan, a pledged \$1 million from Charles & Lynn Zhang, and \$750,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program. Together, this state support,



Work on the new Portage Zhang Farmers Market in the heart of the City Centre is underway and will continue through the winter.

local philanthropy, and City investment reflect strong community commitment to the long-term success of the Portage Zhang Farmer's Market.

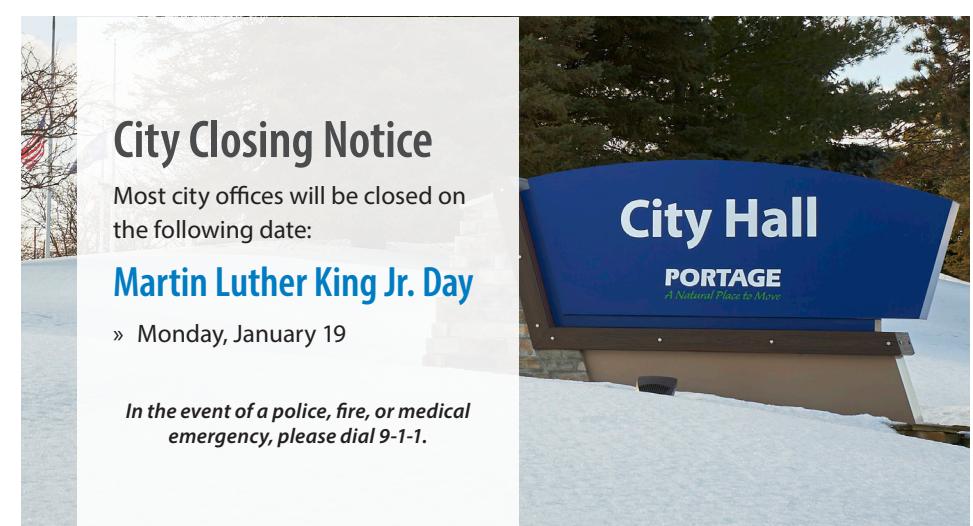


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## Portage City Council

Portage City Council meetings are held twice a month on Tuesdays at 6 PM at Portage City Hall (7900 South Westnedge Avenue) in Council Chambers and are always open to the public.



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## The City Manager

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city. Citizens are encouraged to contact the City Manager with concerns or complaints about city services by visiting [reportit.portagemi.gov](http://reportit.portagemi.gov) or by calling Complaint Resolution at 329-4404.



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Patrick McGinnis, City Manager  
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## Televised City Meetings

City Council, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings can be viewed live on Spectrum channel 995 and AT&T channel 99. All meetings can be viewed via live streaming at [portagemi.gov/205](http://portagemi.gov/205).

### JANUARY 2026

8	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
12	7:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
13	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
22	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
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