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## No Millage Increase in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

The City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget on May 24, 2016, with no millage increase over the previous budget. The \$68 million budget is focused on improving and increasing services to Portage citizens and finding creative ways to deliver essential services at reduced costs.

The new budget calls for the addition of three police officers and three firefighters in the Department of Public Safety owing to previous reductions in staffing levels, coupled with an increase in calls for service since 2006. "The quality of life for the citizens of Portage will be directly impacted by the ability of the Public Safety Department to respond to calls," said City Manager Larry Shaffer. The budget also directs funding to increased economic development activities and community

entertainment and cultural offerings.

The 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget totals nearly \$16 million. Debt refunding in the ten-year CIP will yield a savings of \$539,000, which will be redirected to CIP projects. Projects planned for the fiscal year include:

- ◆ \$4.36 million for streets, sidewalks and bikeways, including the Local Street Reconstruction Program, West Centre Avenue/Coolley Drive improvements and railroad crossing upgrades on Romence Road Parkway.
- ◆ \$3.77 million for public water and sewer utilities, including water main projects on Chopin Avenue and Mozart Street, Cliffwood/Archwood Drive water and sewer main projects, a rehabilitation project of the

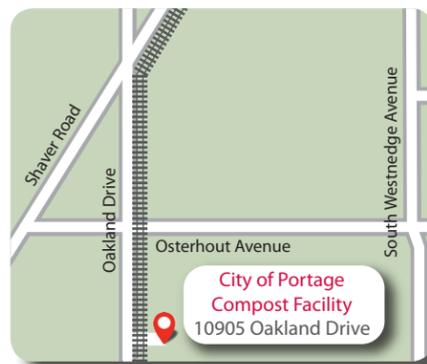
Consolidated Drain and replacement of sanitary sewer on Norfolk Circle.

- ◆ \$1.95 million for police and fire vehicles, apparatus and facilities, including replacement of an aerial apparatus and facility improvements at Fire Station #2.
- ◆ \$1.24 million for public facilities, parks and recreation, including continued development of the Eliason Nature Reserve and ongoing investments in the existing park system.

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget was formulated with the goal of achieving excellence in the provision of public service. Visit [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) to view the complete Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget and the 2016-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

## City Offers Brush and Leaf Drop-Off Days!

Have you ever missed your brush or leaf collection date? It happens more often than you would think. That is why the City of Portage is pleased to announce a new service to allow Portage residents to **drop off** brush and leaves at the City of Portage Compost Facility on specific Saturdays during the year. The City of Portage Compost Facility is located at 10905 Oakland Drive, just south of Osterhout Avenue.



The same rules that apply to the Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection program (see article below) apply to the new drop-off service. Only brush will be accepted in July. In October, brush and **loose** leaves will be accepted and must be separated and placed in designated areas at the compost facility. Staff from the Department of Public Services will be present to direct patrons to the proper location.



"Rod Russell, Director of Public Services and his great team are always looking for ways to bring exciting new services to our citizens," said City Manager Larry Shaffer. "I am certain that our citizens will appreciate the opportunity and convenience of dropping off brush or leaves at the compost facility."

This service is restricted to Portage homeowners; be prepared to present proof of residency (driver's license). Brush and leaves from commercial establishments, churches and schools will not be accepted. For more information on this new service, please contact the Department of Public Services at 329-4444.

### 2016 CITY OF PORTAGE COMPOST FACILITY DROP-OFF DAYS

DATE	TIME	MATERIAL COLLECTED
Saturday, July 30, 2016	8 a.m. to 12 noon	Brush Only
Saturday, October 29, 2016	8 a.m. to 12 noon	Brush and <b>Loose</b> Leaves

## Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection Program Set for July

The next Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection will begin Tuesday, July 5, 2016. To ensure collection of materials, please place brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week as shown on the map to the right.

Materials can be piled neatly at curbside up to three days prior to the designated Monday.

**Residents are reminded that all materials may not be collected on Monday; however, each zone will be cleared by the end of the designated week.**

Crews make every effort to minimize lawn damage resulting from the heavy equipment used for the collection process. To assist crews and avoid potential damage to lawns, residents are asked to please move brush to the edge of the curb or directly in the street, but NOT so as to obstruct traffic or pedestrian use of the roadway. A small amount of debris may remain after the brush is removed; citizens are asked to assist with this final clean up.

### How should I prepare by brush?

- ◆ Brush and branches may be any length.
- ◆ Branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter.
- ◆ Please stack brush and branches in neat piles at curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday.

### What WILL NOT be collected?

- ◆ No brush or branches from removal of a tree with a trunk 4 inches or greater in diameter at its base, including material generated by a professional tree removal service.
- ◆ No brush or branches larger than 3 inches in diameter.
- ◆ No grass clippings, flowers, weeds or garden materials.
- ◆ No firewood, lumber, timber, building materials or railroad ties.
- ◆ No tree roots or stumps.
- ◆ No leaves or ornamental grasses.

Additional details regarding the Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection Program can be located on the city website at [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) or by contacting the Department of Public Services at 329-4444.



\*Zone 1 collection will start on Tuesday, July 5 due to the Fourth of July holiday.

**Note:** 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). Contact the Department of Public Services at 329-4444 with any questions.

## Grants Provide Assistance to Portage Residents in Need

For more than 20 years, the City of Portage has awarded annual grants to human service agencies that provide housing, food, clothing and other critical assistance to Portage citizens in need. As part of this long-standing partnership with local agencies, the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget includes grants from the General Fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund (CDBG) for the following activities:



**Portage Community Center** – \$124,314 (\$82,386 from the General Fund and \$41,928 from the CDBG Fund) for youth development, health care, education and supportive services. Emergency assistance programs include: food pantry and holiday food baskets, free clothing and financial assistance. Transportation assistance and youth recreation scholarships are also available.

**Housing Resources, Inc.** – \$20,735 for housing assessment, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing for families and children.

**YWCA** – \$11,685 for emergency support (24-hour hotline), counseling and shelter for victims of domestic assault and/or sexual assault.

**Catholic Charities** – \$11,635 for emergency support, counseling, shelter and outreach for homeless and at-risk youth at the ARK Shelter and Community Services program.

**Gryphon Place** – \$2,500 for the 2-1-1 Information and Referral 24-hour Hotline.

**Goodwill Industries** – \$1,500 for tax counseling and preparation services.

**Lending Hands** – \$1,500 for medical equipment loan program for persons with disabilities.

For additional information regarding the services provided by these agencies, please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477, or visit the links to these partner agencies at [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) > Boards & Commissions > Boards > Human Services Board > Human Service Agency Partners.

## Down Payment Assistance Available



Have you been pre-approved for a mortgage and are looking to buy a home in the City of Portage? If your answer is “yes” and if you fall within the income guidelines listed in the table below, you may be eligible for down payment assistance from the City of Portage!

Qualified applicants (purchasing homes in specific Portage neighborhoods) may receive a deferred loan, at 0% interest, up to \$3,000 that will cover 50% of the required down payment plus eligible closing costs. Up to \$5,000 may be available for the purchase of a bank-owned foreclosed property or a vacant property that was previously a renter-occupied home.

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income*	Minimum Annual Income*
1 Person	\$35,350	\$17,675
2 Person	\$40,400	\$20,200
3 Person	\$45,450	\$22,725
4 Person	\$50,500	\$25,250
5 Person	\$54,550	\$27,275
6 Person	\$58,600	\$29,300
7 Person	\$62,650	\$31,325
8 Person	\$66,700	\$33,350

\*Income requirements established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more detailed information, a map of eligible neighborhoods, or for an application package, please call the City of Portage Community Development Department 329-4477.

## Do You Have a Fire Escape Plan?

Modern construction and furnishings burn hotter and faster than materials used in the past, which can bring a fire in a room to full involvement within three minutes. This provides little time for inhabitants to react and respond when a smoke alarm goes off. Everyone in a home needs to know what to do in the event of a fire – before the fire. Having a home escape plan and practicing fire drills are simple ways to ensure that occupants know what to do in the event of a fire.

Creating a home escape plan is simple. Sit down with everyone living in your home and create a written plan. Identify two ways out of every room, a meeting place in a safe area and who will call 911 once out of the house. The exits from rooms can include windows. The safe meeting place should be an easily accessible location where the family can gather. Discuss the dangers of not going back inside a burning home once everyone is out. Smoke and hot gases are the real danger in a house fire.

Once a plan has been established, it must be practiced. Just like kids participate in fire drills at school, parents should hold fire drills periodically in the home. This is as simple as pushing the test button on the smoke alarm and following the plan. Doing this helps children build the confidence necessary to evacuate, and not hide, when a smoke alarm sounds.

## Recreational Fire Pit Regulations



The Fire Division reminds residents that recreational fires may be kindled *only if a permit has been obtained*. Recreational fire permits will be issued to residents only after an inspection of the site of the proposed fires. Permits are valid for two years and may be renewed without a re-inspection if no complaints have been received during the previous permit period. The fee for a recreational fire permit inspection is \$20 and the renewal fee is \$5. Expired recreational fire permits that are 90 days past due will be treated as a new permit. To apply for or renew a permit, contact the Fire Division at 329-4487 or visit Fire Station #1 (7830 Shaver Road), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To receive a renewal reminder e-mail, please provide an email address when applying for or renewing a permit.

### Fire Pit Construction

- ◆ All recreational fires must be in an approved fire pit.
- ◆ Fire pits must be at least 25 feet from all structures and property lines.
- ◆ Fire pits must have a diameter 3 feet or less.
- ◆ The fire pit must be lined with non-combustible material, such as brick or rock, and must have bare

earth inside the liner.

- ◆ Fire pits cannot be built under low-hanging branches, wires or other combustible materials.

A permit is not required for a commercial outdoor fireplace or similar device; however the rules and regulations for recreational fires must still be followed.

### Regulations for a Recreational Fire

- ◆ A recreational fire shall be constantly attended by an adult until such fire is extinguished.
- ◆ A garden hose connected to a water supply must be readily available any time a fire is kindled.
- ◆ No fire may be kindled when the wind speed is 10 mph or greater. If wind speed increases to in excess of 10 mph the fire must immediately be extinguished.
- ◆ All fires must be extinguished prior to midnight.
- ◆ Fires are for recreational and cooking purposes only. Burning of leaves, brush, yard waste or construction waste is expressly prohibited.
- ◆ The permit holder will be responsible for the abatement of conditions that cause complaints from others. This includes heavy smoke, noxious odors, floating debris, etc.
- ◆ Violations of the rules and regulations can cause the fire to be extinguished and the possible issuance of a civil citation for a violation of the adopted fire code. Burning of furniture, mattresses or other rubbish will result in the permit being revoked and a citation will be issued.

## Installing a Swimming Pool? Read This First!

Private swimming pools, including inflatable pools, have become increasingly popular in area neighborhoods. The following information pertains to swimming pools capable of holding 24-inches of water, or more, and may be helpful if you are planning to install a new swimming pool, or have an existing swimming pool you want to ensure is safe:

- ◆ Above all else, safety is of the utmost importance. Make sure children and others who may not be able to swim are properly supervised when in the vicinity of a swimming pool. It is also important to make sure pets do not accidentally enter the water.
- ◆ A 48-inch tall (non-climbable) fence, including self-closing and self-locking gates or other barriers, needs to be present. If a house serves as a portion of the barrier, audible devices announcing the openings of each door accessing the pool may be required. A powered safety cover may also serve as a barrier.

- ◆ Pools must be located on the same parcel of property as the house and be setback 8-feet from the side and rear property lines. Pools also need to be located at least 10-feet from any other buildings, except uncovered patios or decks.
- ◆ Electrical, water supply and drainage system regulations may be applicable dependent upon the pool design and size.
- ◆ Swimming pools must be maintained in clean, sanitary and fully operational condition.

A building permit is necessary for all new swimming pool installations to confirm proper placement and to ensure that all applicable safety requirements are met. Please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477 if you have any questions or need further information on swimming pools.



# Portage Rotary Sponsors 4th of July Fireworks

## Use Caution and Care When Igniting Consumer Fireworks

The Portage Rotary Club will sponsor Fourth of July Fireworks at McCamley Field on Saturday, July 3 (rain date, Sunday, July 4). Gates will open at 6 p.m. with the fireworks show beginning at dusk. There is no cost for admittance; however, the Portage Rotary Club will accept donations at the gates and concessions will be available.



Visit the Portage Rotary website at [www.portagerotary.org](http://www.portagerotary.org) for more information about the scholarship program. Questions about the 4th of July Fireworks can be directed to Jim Pearson at [jimpearson4@gmail.com](mailto:jimpearson4@gmail.com).

The Portage Fire Division recommends enjoying a professional fireworks display, like the Portage Rotary Fireworks. However, if you choose

Money raised through gate donations and concession sales will help defray the cost of the fireworks. Any proceeds will benefit the Portage Rotary Club Scholarships program. Each year, the Portage Rotary Club awards scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to Portage area students to assist with higher education expenses.

to ignite consumer fireworks, an understanding of the rules is required. Consumer fireworks can only be used the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday. (So for Independence day, July 3, July 4 and July 5.) Consumer fireworks are prohibited from being used on public property.

**Safe fireworks practices should always be used.** Never hold a lit firework in your hand; always light the firework on the ground and back away as soon as it is lit. Always keep a safe distance from buildings so sparks or embers from the firework do not ignite them. Finally, always keep a water source available, such as a garden hose, in the event a spark or ember ignites nearby combustible material.

**Paper lanterns are extremely dangerous.** Releasing an open flame into the air with no control mechanism can result in building or wildland fires. Always tether a paper lantern so that you maintain control of the lantern while it is burning. Paper lanterns should never be used if there is even a slight breeze and are prohibited from being used on public property.

## Summer Fun in Your Portage Parks!

Now is the perfect time of year to explore the outdoors! Many exciting options can be found right here in your Portage Parks system:

**Ramona Park Beach** is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning June 10 and offers a sandy life-guarded swim area; beach volleyball courts; picnic areas; kayak, canoe and paddle board rentals; a fishing dock and one of Portage's most loved playgrounds! Vehicle permits for entry into Ramona Park can be purchased on site, near the park entrance during normal beach hours.

- City Resident Daily Permit .....\$5
- Non-Resident Daily Permit .....\$10
- City Resident Annual Permit .....\$25
- Non-Resident Annual Permit .....\$45
- Group Bus Daily Permit .....\$50



**Paddle Boat Rentals** at Ramona Park Beach – 12:30 - 6 p.m.  
 1-Hour Rental .....\$12  
 Each Additional ½ Hour (up to 4 hours).....\$5  
 4 - 6 Hour Rental.....\$36

**Paddle Lessons and Demos** at Ramona Park Beach  
*Saturday Lessons* ..... June 18, July 16, August 13  
 \$45 ..... 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Sign up at Lee's Adventure Sports – 381-7700  
*Thursday Evening Demos* .... June 30, July 14, July 28  
 FREE ..... 5 - 7 p.m.  
 Sign up at Lee's Adventure Sports – 381-7700

**Get Active Portage** at Ramona Park – August 13  
*Youth Triathlon* ..... 7 a.m. check-in, 8:30 a.m. start  
 Young triathletes will be timed and awards will be presented for top finishers in each age group (6-9 years and 10-13 years). All athletes must be pre-registered online at [www.kidsgetactive.us](http://www.kidsgetactive.us).



**Ramona Park Health Fair** ..... 9 to 11 a.m.  
 Now is the time to learn how to live healthier. Participate in activities provided by local health and wellness vendors.

### Lunch & Learn Discovery Programs

**Wildlife Neighbors** at Oakland Drive Park ... June 16  
 FREE ..... 11 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Animals are our neighbors in the community of life and they have important jobs to do.

**Once Upon a Raptor** at Central Park ..... July 14  
 FREE ..... 11 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Join us for a story of intrigue and awe where the main characters are alive in the room.

### Park Adventure Programs

**Nature Discovery Bike Ride** at PCBP ..... June 25  
 FREE ..... 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Ever ride by a plant on your bike and wonder what it was? This is your chance to find out. Join a KNC Naturalist for a ride down the Bicentennial Trail.  
 (Parking at Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Main Entrance at 910 East Milham Avenue)

**Kanoe the Kazoo** at Ramona Park ..... August 6  
 FREE ..... 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Enjoy a leisurely float with the KNC Naturalist.

**Hike the Night** at Eliason Nature Reserve . August 15  
 FREE ..... 9 – 10 p.m.  
 Enjoy a hike into Eliason Nature Reserve after dark.

### Family Fit Festival [www.healthykalamazoo.com](http://www.healthykalamazoo.com)

at Upjohn Park in Kalamazoo..... June 16  
 FREE ..... 4 - 7 p.m.  
 Sponsored by the City of Portage, City of Kalamazoo, YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo and Champions for Healthy Kids coalition to raise awareness and participation in active living. Bring the entire family to explore new activities and wellness opportunities offered in the community.



### Celery Flats Music Festival

at Celery Flats Historical Area ..... July 10  
 FREE ..... 12 noon – 4:30 p.m.  
 Enjoy an afternoon of Bluegrass and Americana music in a natural setting. Donations to the Friends of the Portage Parks are encouraged.

### Hike to a Concert with Blake Whyte Music

at Eliason Nature Reserve ..... June 4  
 FREE ..... Show Time at 4 p.m.  
 Don't miss this unique nature and live music experience. Take your pick of a short hike (20 minutes) or a longer hike (40 minutes) into the Eliason Nature Reserve.

### The Glenn Miller Orchestra

at Overlander Bandshell ..... July 5  
 FREE ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 The most sought after big band in the world today for both concert and swing dance engagements.

### Portage Farmers Market

at the Portage Senior Center ..... Every Sunday  
 FREE ..... 12 noon – 4 p.m.  
 Portage is excited to partner with the People's Food Co-op of to offer a weekly farmers market.

### Youth Summer Camps

**School of Fish Day Camp** at Ramona Park on Long Lake  
*Little Lunkers* ages 7 – 12 ..... July 18-21  
 \$85 ..... 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Beginner anglers will learn a variety of skills such as fish identification and habitat, knot tying, casting skills & safety and much more.  
*Advanced Anglers* ages 9 – 14 ..... August 8-11  
 \$85 ..... 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Intermediate and experienced young anglers will learn a variety of skills such as jigging, advanced knots, artificial lures, intro to fly fishing and much more.

### Kalamazoo Kids on Stage Drama Camps

at 12th Street Elementary School..... July 11-29  
*Cinderella Kids* ..... Grades K – 2  
 \$450 ..... Full Day: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 \$225 ..... Half Day: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Beauty and the Beast Junior* ..... Grades 2 – 5  
 \$450 ..... Full Day: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Annie Junior* ..... Grades 5 – 9  
 \$450 ..... Full Day: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Additional Youth Summer Camps are offered, including camps for skateboarding, tennis, lacrosse, soccer, basketball, football and volleyball. Visit [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) to view a full list of summer sports camps, details of these activities and a complete list of summer recreation opportunities.

### Youth Recreation Scholarships Available

Portage youth ages 18 and under, living in a household meeting established income guidelines may be eligible for financial assistance through the Youth Recreation Scholarship Program established by the City of Portage in partnership with the Portage Community Center. Eligible youth may receive financial assistance for School of Fish Day Camps, Drama Camps, Ramona Park Beach Annual Pass and all youth sport camps. Contact the Portage Community Center at 323-1942 to apply.

## Thank You Volunteers!

During the summer months, the Portage City Centre is transformed into a showcase of colorful floral displays that grace and beautify our community. The City of Portage works in cooperation with Kalamazoo In Bloom, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to plant locally grown flowers and plants in public spaces to beautify the community.

In addition to planting flowers, Kalamazoo In Bloom volunteers stay busy all summer long weeding and maintaining flower beds at Library Lane, Veterans Memorial Park, the City Centre and City Hall.

These volunteers also care for containers and hanging baskets in various locations throughout the city. Volunteering with Kalamazoo In Bloom is an excellent opportunity to become part of the quality of life enhancements that help make Portage a special place for residents and visitors.

The City of Portage and Kalamazoo In Bloom wish to express their sincere appreciation to all those individuals and organizations who volunteer their time and talents to assist with efforts to beautify the community. Please visit [www.kalamazooinbloom.org](http://www.kalamazooinbloom.org) for more information about KIB or to learn about all volunteer opportunities available with this local community service organization.



Kalamazoo In Bloom volunteers plant flowers along Library Lane. Do you see Nessie? Photo by John Seward

## July Board of Review

The City of Portage Board of Review will meet at City Hall (7900 South Westnedge Avenue), on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 10 a.m., until such time as the Board completes its business. The July Board of Review can only address clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact related to real and personal property assessments. Poverty applications will also be considered at this time. Completed applications must be received by the City Assessor no later than Tuesday, July 12, 2016. The Board may also consider 2013 through 2016 homeowner's principal residence exemption affidavit requests where no previous affidavit was filed and denied. Applications for homeowner's principal residence exemption affidavit must be completed prior to the meeting and include an accurately filed homeowner's principal residence exemption affidavit.

The July Board of Review is prohibited from hearing disputes related to property valuation. Any clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact that need to be presented to the Board can be scheduled by calling 329-4433 or by visiting the Assessor's Office prior to the meeting.

## Seven Common Items That Should Never Be Flushed



Disposing of items and materials not meant for toilet or sink drains often creates sewer backups and overflows on private property and in the public sewer system. Many materials can harm the pipes

leading to the public sewer system and even the public sewer system itself, resulting in costly repairs for the property owner and/or the city at large. The Department

of Transportation & Utilities reminds the public of these items that **SHOULD NOT** be disposed of in a toilet or sink, even if the packaging says it is flushable.

- ◆ Disposable diapers
- ◆ Feminine sanitary products
- ◆ Facial tissues
- ◆ Personal cleansing wipes
- ◆ Dry or wet-type disposable cleaning cloths
- ◆ Grease – Never pour grease down the drain, regardless of the temperature of the water. Grease will eventually solidify somewhere in the sanitary

sewer system. Pour cool grease in a glass jar or tin can, allow it to solidify and dispose of in the garbage.

- ◆ Unused medication – Use the RedMed disposal box at the Portage Department of Public Safety (7800 Shaver Road) free of charge.

Any materials that enter the City of Portage sanitary sewer system flow to the City of Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant. After treatment there, the materials are released into the Kalamazoo River. For more information about the wastewater treatment process, visit [www.kalamazoocity.org/process](http://www.kalamazoocity.org/process).



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## Friendly Reminder

Portage residents are reminded of the importance of property maintenance activities. Key to Portage remaining *A Natural Place to Move!* are desirable, high-quality neighborhoods. Please take time to properly maintain your property by controlling weeds and keeping lawns mowed on a regular basis. Growth in excess of eight inches is prohibited by city ordinance. To view the complete City of Portage Code of Ordinances and learn more about these and other community quality matters, visit the *Quick Links* section of the city website at [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov). To report a community quality concern, please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477 or use the online Report It! tool on the city website.



## Portage City Council

Portage City Council meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at Portage City Hall (7900 South Westnedge Avenue) in Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and are always open to the public.

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city. Citizens are encouraged to contact the City Administration with concerns or complaints about city services by calling Complaint Resolution at (269) 329-4404 or by visiting [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) > Report It!



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## Televised City Meetings

City Council and Planning Commission meetings can be viewed live on channel 190 while Zoning Board of Appeals meetings can be viewed live on channel 187. All meetings can be viewed via live streaming at <http://www.publicmedianet.org/watch-live>.

AT&T U-Verse customers can access City of Portage government meetings on channel 99 and then follow the prompts to access the various meetings.



### June

- 2 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 13 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 14 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 16 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting