



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



CITY OFFICES CLOSED



City Offices will be CLOSED for the Veterans Day Holiday, on Monday November 10, 2025, and Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Please take time to honor our country and veterans.



City Offices will be CLOSED in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025.

WINTER PARKING BAN - BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST



To help City crews safely clear snow and ensure emergency vehicles can travel easily, the annual winter parking ban went into effect November 1, 2025.

Per City Ordinance, no parking is allowed on any City street between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM Beginning November 1, 2025, the Police Department will issue warnings for a two-week grace period. After that, vehicles parked in violation will be ticketed.

If you have questions, please contact the Police Department at (517)647-4111.

PORTLAND COMMUNITY FUND NEWS



Christmas Giving Program

Applications for the Portland Community Fund Associations Christmas Giving Program are available at the schools, churches, Portland City Hall, Portland Area Service Group, Tom's Pharmacy, Portland Food Bank, Portland Apartments and the Portland District Library. Applications are also available online at portlandcommunityfund.org. All applications must be returned by Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or anyone who knows of someone who needs extra assistance should fill out an application. Each household will receive a complete Christmas dinner and children 18 and under will receive gifts. Distribution will be Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Collection boxes for donations of food and Giving Trees with tags will be in place before Thanksgiving. Stuff a bag food items needed are: Bisquick/jiffy mix, instant potatoes, rice, gravy or gravy mix and broth, stove top dressing, canned vegetables and fruit, jello and pudding.

Residents interested in adopting a family for Christmas please call Beth Theis (517)490-9710 or Sharon Stegenga (517)749-1059.

Fundraising

All donations directly support residents of the Portland School District. To contribute, send a check to Portland Community Fund Association, PO Box 524, Portland, MI 48875, or visit portlandcommunityfund.org to give via PayPal, one-time donation, or monthly gift. Your donation is tax deductible. Payroll deduction options are also available. Connect with us on Facebook for updates.



Thank you for your support – Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

FALL LEAF REMOVAL

To help us serve you better:

- Place leaves in long, narrow rows at the curb.
- Keep limbs, branches, rocks, and animal waste out of piles (they won't be picked up if contaminated).
- Leaves may also be placed in paper yard waste bags or self-hauled to the compost pile at Bogue Flats.
- Burning brush or leaves is prohibited under the Refuse Ordinance.

The last day for loose leaf pickup will be Monday, December 1. Please have leaves at the curb by 7:00 AM that day. After December 1, only paper yard waste bags will be collected.



PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION - Will Open on October 1

Visit portlandmi.recdesk.com to sign up.

- **1ST/2ND GRADE BASKETBALL:** Season begins in early January and runs through the middle of February. Teams will practice one night a week and play games on Saturday mornings. Practice days and times will not be established until the December coaches' meeting.
Deadline: Mon, Dec. 1 - Cost: \$55 to \$80 depending on residency
- **DK/K BASKETBALL:** Leagues will take place in March. There are two available options: Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams will practice and scrimmage each hour-long session.
Deadline: Mon, Feb 2 - Cost: \$45 to \$70 depending on residency
- **ADULT BASKETBALL:** Games are played on Sundays at Portland High School. There are leagues for both men and women. The four men's divisions available range from A (upper) to D (lower). League play will begin in early December and run into February. Player fees MUST BE paid before first game.
Deadline: Mon, Nov 10 - Cost: Team Fee (\$475) + Player Fees (\$20 to \$30 depending on residency)



RECDESK RESIDENCY STATUS UPDATE:

Moving forward, only households within Portland city limits will be considered Residents for registration purposes. Households outside city limits (including Danby and Portland Townships) will be classified as Non-Residents. During registration you'll now select your township/municipality instead of Resident/Non-Resident, so the correct fee is applied.



NATURE THERAPY: THANKSGIVING SECRETS

Join us for a fun and inspiring evening as we explore the history and traditions of Thanksgiving. Learn what was really on the menu over 400 years ago and discover new ideas for your own celebration, from cooking tips to natural centerpiece designs.

The free session will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 6:30–8:00 PM at the First Congregational Church in Portland. All are welcome!

Registration is not required but appreciated at portlandmi.recdesk.com.

FALL CEMETERY CLEANUP REMINDER

Families are welcome to place Grave Blankets starting November 1, 2025. Please remember they will need to be removed by April 1, 2026, to allow for spring maintenance.

For the safety of visitors and staff, we kindly ask that glass vases, urns, or other glass containers not be used.

If you have any questions, please call (517)647-7985.

PAVILION RENTALS

Planning ahead for a graduation or birthday celebration? Park pavilions can be reserved up to one year in advance. Find details and reserve yours online at portlandmi.recdesk.com.



CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- **City Council** meets at City Hall the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00PM. *City Council members are Mayor Jim Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel VanSlambrouck, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Cena Schneider, and Barney Boyer.*
- **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** meets at City Hall on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00PM.
- **Portland Area Fire Authority** meets at City Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets at City Hall on the second Monday of the month as needed at 7:00PM.
- **Planning Commission** meets at City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.
- **Parks Board** meets at City Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30PM.
- **Board of Light & Power** meets at the Electric Department on the last Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM.
- **Mayor Barnes** is available to meet with citizens at City Hall on the Saturday following Council meetings from 9:00AM-11:00AM.

CONTACT US!

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Hours: M-F, 8:00AM-4:30PM

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Ambulance	(517) 647-2935
Cemetery & Parks	(517) 647-7985
City Clerk	(517) 647-3211
City Hall	(517) 647-7531
City Manager	(517) 647-2931
Code/Zoning	(517) 647-2931
DDA	(517) 647-5027
Electric	(517) 647-6912
Fire/Burn Permits	(517) 647-4111

Fire/Business	(517) 647-2950
Income Tax	(517) 647-2941
Police (Records)	(517) 647-2934
Police (NonER)	(517) 647-7521
Recreation	(517) 647-3207
Streets	(517) 647-6129
Wastewater	(517) 647-6926
Water	(517) 647-2948
Treasurer	(517) 647-2933
Utility Billing	(517) 647-3205

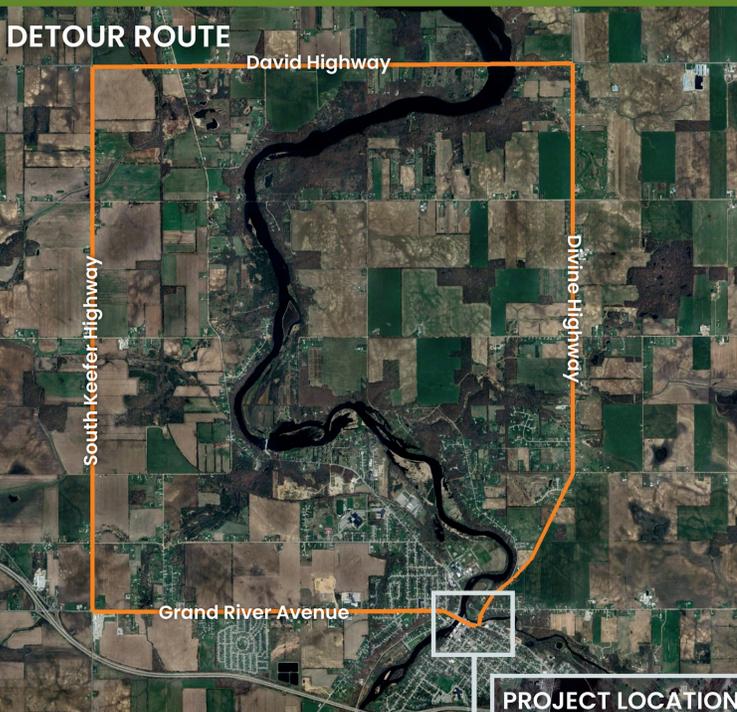


COMING SOON: DIVINE HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

CONSTRUCTION: APRIL – NOVEMBER 2026

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Northbound to remain open during construction
- Southbound to be detoured using David Highway and Keefer Highway
 - Approximately 15 miles/20 minutes maximum



Project Updates

**Friends of
the Red Mill**



Old Red Mill
Farmer's Market

Schedule of Events Oct.-Dec. 2025

 **Fall Holiday Market: November 22**

 **8th Annual Christmas Tree Lane: December 6**

 **Santa at the Mill: December 13**

 **Christmas Holiday Market: December 13**

Schedule of Events 2026

 **Weekly Farmer's Market: June-September 9a-1p**

 **10th Annual Red Mill Community Day: August 29**

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 **7th Annual Chocolate Walk: October 3**

 **12th Annual Haunted Mill: October 23, 24 and 25**

 **Haunted Mill Market October 24 only**

 **Fall Holiday Market: November 21**

 **9th Annual Christmas Tree Lane: December 5**

 **Santa at the Mill: December 12**

 **Christmas Holiday Market: December 12**

Mark your calendars & follow us on Facebook