



CITY OF PORTLAND

NEWSLETTER

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April 2024



FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City Water Dept. will conduct its semiannual preventative maintenance program on the water system by systematically flushing all fire hydrants. **Flushing is tentatively scheduled for April 1st – 12th.** Please call Rod at 517-647-2948 to determine when crews will be in your area and **remember that rusty or discolored water can occur after flushing.** If your water is discolored, make sure to run your cold water until it clears up. Make sure to check your tap water before washing clothes and to let the water run until it's clear before using.

TORNADO SIREN TESTING



At Noon on the first Saturday of each month, April through October, the City's tornado sirens will be tested by Ionia County Central Dispatch. At any other time, you hear the tornado siren, it means that a tornado warning has been issued for our area and you should seek shelter immediately.

INCOME TAX REMINDER



Tax forms for 2023 can be found at City Hall, the Portland District Library, or online at www.portland-michigan.org. **Tax returns are due April 30, 2024.** The Income Tax applies to people who work or live in the City. For more information call Angie at 517-647-2941.

ENERGY SMART PROGRAMS



The City of Portland Electric Department offers several Energy Smart Programs to its customers. Visit <https://mienergysmart.com/portland/> to find the programs available to you, along with the links to download rebate applications.



Please pick up after your dog. According to City Ordinance all dogs must be secured by a leash while on any public property. Also, dogs are not allowed to defecate on any premises other than their own, unless the person in possession of the dog promptly cleans up any feces deposited by the animal. Violators may be cited and fined up to \$500.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY



The Annual Community Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 4th at the DPW compound at 451 Morse Dr from 7:00 A.M. to Noon. **This year's Clean Up will again be a joint effort between the City of Portland, Portland Township and Danby Township. Each household will be limited to ONE TRAILER/PICK UP TRUCK LOAD in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate.**

Any type of junk or trash that can legally be placed in a landfill will be accepted. We **cannot accept** the following items: tires, lead acid batteries, sewage, yard trimmings, liquids, radioactive materials, barrels or drums which are not empty and crushed, compressed gas cylinders which are not empty and disabled, appliances containing Freon (unless a valid reclamation sticker is attached). To keep our environment clean **do not** cut the Freon lines on appliances, they WILL NOT be accepted without a sticker.

Hazardous Wastes and electronics will be collected at the DPW Compound (451 Morse Dr.) from 8:00 A.M. until Noon by the Ionia Conservation District – For more information and a complete list of items collected, and possible related fees please visit [Resource Recovery & Clean Sweep | Ionia Conservation District \(ioniacc.org\)](http://ResourceRecovery & Clean Sweep | Ionia Conservation District (ioniacc.org)).



We will also be separating recyclable items such as tin, steel, aluminum, etc. We will have dumpsters on site for these items, so please keep this in mind when loading your truck or trailer.

You must be a resident of the City of Portland, Danby Township, or Portland Township to participate in the Community Clean Up. You will be asked to furnish a picture I.D. by the DPW attendant before being allowed to unload your truck or trailer. **Each household will be limited to ONE TRAILER/PICK UP TRUCK LOAD in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate.**



Call Ken at 517-647-6129 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, with any questions. Please take advantage of this **FREE** opportunity to clean up your property, garage and home. If everyone does a little bit, we can all make a big difference in improving the appearance of our community. **Share the news of this joint effort with your friends and family that reside in either Portland Township or Danby Township!**

For more information on the recreation programs below please contact Erin at 517-647-3207 or at efair@portland-michigan.org



MASTERPIECE FOR MOM:

Join us on Saturday, May 11th at City Hall to make string art! Parents/guardians are encouraged to make their own while the kids create a Masterpiece for Mom. Participants will have a variety of templates to choose from (varying skill levels) or they may create their own. All necessary supplies will be provided – we just need you! Light refreshments will be provided. Registration closes on **Wed., May 1st**. Cost: \$25 for your first board + \$15 for any additional boards.

NEW RECREATION SOFTWARE:

This user-friendly and mobile-friendly system allows for easy program registration and, new this year, online pavilion rentals. Families will need to create a new account for their household; your old login information will no longer work. Visit portlandmi.recdesk.com to get started.

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:

4- & 5 -YEAR-OLD TBALL – Registration opens April 1st. Two programs are available: Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Leagues will begin in June. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, May 20th**. Cost: \$45 Resident - \$55 Non Resident



FLAG FOOTBALL:

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE – Registration opens April 1st. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bogue Flats. **Mouth guards are required to participate.** The deadline to sign up is **Monday, June 17th**, with league play to begin in July. Cost: \$45 Resident and \$55 Non-Resident

PARKS & CEMETERY:

PAVILION RENTALS – Available through the Parks & Recreation Department. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance for the pavilions at Community Lake, Bogue Flats, Thompson Field, William Toan Park, Joe Tichvon Park, and the Red Mill. To make a reservation visit portlandmi.recdesk.com. For more information call Parks & Recreation at 517-647-7985, Portland City Hall at 517-647-3205. City Hall hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT – Grave blankets may be placed on plots from November 1st – April 1st. Grave blankets that remain after April 1st will be removed and disposed of. *Reminder: glass vases, urns, or other glass containers are not permitted. Flowers not securely placed in an urn will be removed by staff.* Please call 517-647-7985 with questions.

TENNIS:

Portland Tennis is offering another summer of quality, cost-effective summer programs to meet the needs of tennis players from beginner to experienced. Programs begin in mid-late June and end in mid-late July. There are programs available for grades K-12 (Fall 2024 grade).



To view a full description of each program, visit <https://www.portland-michigan.org/356/Summer-Programs>.

To be guaranteed a Portland Summer Tennis shirt, register by June 14th; registrations taken after June 7th will receive a shirt only while supplies last.

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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT – Grave Blankets must be removed by April 1. Grave blankets that remain after April 1 will be removed and disposed of. Reminder: glass vases, urns, or other glass containers are not permitted. Flowers not securely placed in an urn will be removed by cemetery staff. If you have any questions, please call 517-647-7985.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. *City Council members are Mayor Jim Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel VanSlambrouck, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Amanda L. Johnston, and Erica Sheehan*

Downtown Development Authority meets at City Hall at 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Monday of each month.

Portland Area Fire Authority meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Portland City Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets at City Hall at 7:00 p.m., on the second Monday of the month as needed.

Planning Commission meets at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Parks Board meets at City Hall at 5:30 p.m., on the third Thursday of each month.

Board of Light & Power meets at the Electric Department, 4:00 p.m., on the last Tuesday of each month.

Mayor Barnes is available to meet with citizens at City Hall on the Sat. following Council meetings from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

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Assessor	647-2943	Income Tax	647-2941
Ambulance	647-2935	Parks	647-7985
Cemetery	647-7985	Police(Records)	647-2947
City Clerk	647-3211	Police(NonER)	647-7521
City Manager	647-2931	Recreation	647-3207
Code/Zoning	647-2931	Streets	647-6129
DDA	647-5027	Wastewater	647-6926
Electric	647-6912	Water	647-2948
Fire/Burn Pmt	647-4111	Treasurer	647-2933
Fire/Business	647-2950	Utility Billing	647-3205