



FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



WINTER REMINDERS

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

The City Ordinance requires property owners to clear snow from all sidewalks within 10 hours of receiving snow. If you are headed south for the winter, please arrange to have the sidewalk in front of your property cleared after it snows. Please be considerate of the people who walk on the sidewalks and senior citizens who need help clearing their sidewalks.



CLEARING DRIVEWAYS

The City Ordinance prohibits blowing or shoveling snow into the streets. Residents or contractors can be fined for leaving piles of snow in the street. Frozen snow piles cause a hazard to motor vehicles.



FIRE HYDRANTS

Do you have a fire hydrant in the right-of-way of your property? If you do, please be sure to clear the snow away from it so that Fire Department crews would have access to it if necessary.

NO PARKING 2AM-6AM

For City crews to safely clear streets during the winter months and to allow for the easy passage of emergency vehicles, the winter parking ban went into effect on November 1st. Per City Ordinance, NO PARKING is allowed on any City Street between the hours of 2AM-6AM. Violators will be ticketed. Please call the Police Department at (517) 647-4111 with questions.



INCOME TAX REMINDER

Estimated tax payments were due January 31st. 2024 tax forms can be found at City Hall or online at www.portland-michigan.org.

Tax returns are due April 30th, 2025. The City of Portland Income Tax applies to people who work or live in the City limits. For more information, contact the Income Tax Department at cityincometax@portland-michigan.org or (517) 647-2941.

PRESIDENTS' DAY CLOSURE

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, February 18th.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Portland is hiring! For information on current employment opportunities with the City of Portland, please visit <https://www.portland-michigan.org/283/Employment>.

- Full Time Temporary Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Full Time Police Officer

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL?

You may make written payment arrangements to extend the time for payment. Contact the Utility Billing Department at (517) 647-3205 for more information.

WINTER SHUT OFF PROTECTION

Michigan law offers winter shut off protection during the heating season (November 1-March 31) for eligible low-income and senior citizen electric utility customers.

Low-Income Customers: Must have a household income at or below 150% of the Poverty Level or receive Food Stamps, Medicaid, or assistance from a State Emergency Relief Program. Eligibility requires enrolling in a winter protection payment plan with monthly payments equal to 7% of the estimated annual bill.

Senior Citizens: Must be 65 or older and a customer of the City's Electric Utility.

Contact the City Clerk at (517) 647-3211 to register your account.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Daddy Daughter Dance returns Wednesday, February 19, and Thursday, February 20, from 6:30PM-8:00PM at KC Hall. This is a special opportunity for girls ages 3+ and their dads (or grandfather, uncle, guardian, brother - whomever!) to have a fun-filled evening together. Enjoy a live DJ, dancing, socializing, and light refreshments. A digital souvenir photo is included in the cost of registration and will be available for download after the event. Registration is **OPEN** and will close at 3pm the day of each dance. When registering, please do so under your daughter's name. Register online at portlandmi.recdesk.com. **Registration closes at 3pm the day of each dance.** When registering, please do so under your daughter's name.

Pre-Registration: \$25/Couple + \$10/Add'l Child | **At the Door:** \$35/Couple + \$10/Add'l Child

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the following spring sports. For more information, visit portland-michigan.org. Sign up online at portlandmi.recdesk.com. **Deadline: March 31, 2025**

- **DK/KINDERGARTEN COACH PITCH:** \$50 Res/\$60 NR
- **1ST/2ND GRADE SOFTBALL:** \$50 Res/\$60 NR
- **4/5 YEAR OLD FLAG FOOTBALL:** \$50 Res/\$60 NR
- **MEN'S SOFTBALL:** Team Fee (\$500) + Player Fees (\$200/10 players or \$20 Res/\$30 NR)
- **COED SOFTBALL:** Team Fee (\$400) + Player Fees (\$200/10 players or \$20 Res/\$30 NR)

PAVILION RENTALS

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, contact Neil at (517) 647-7985.

CEMETERY

Grave Blankets may be placed on plots from November 1st through 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 cemetery staff. If you have any questions, please call Neil at (517) 647-7985.

ROLE-PLAYING GAME NIGHT

Adventure awaits! Join Portland Parks & Recreation for an introduction to role-playing games (RPGs) on Saturday, February 8 & Saturday, March 15 from 5:30PM-8:30PM at First Congregational Church. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or a complete newbie, these one shots are the perfect chance to embark on an epic journey and connect with fellow adventurers. No equipment is necessary, and all skill levels are welcome. These are **FREE** to attend, but please pre-register. Ages 18+



CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- **City Council** meets at City Hall the first and third Monday of each month at 7PM. *City Council members are Mayor Jim Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel VanSlambrouck, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Amanda L. Johnston, and Erica Sheehan.*
- **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** meets at City Hall on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00PM.
- **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 7PM.
- **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 4PM.
- **Mayor Barnes** is available to meet with citizens at City Hall on the Saturday following Council meetings from 9AM to 11AM.

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) 647-2947
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