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PORT SANILAC - TODAY

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Latest News, Bulletins, and Updates

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SEFA Negotiations Update

The Village of Port Sanilac (VPS) Council of Trustees is progressing with plans to maintain fire and EMS services through a partnership with Sanilac Township (ST). In January 2024, the VPS negotiating team, Linda Hahn, Trustee, Mike Balysh, Trustee and Jim Sroka, SEFA Board member, presented a proposal to ST for a corporate reorganization of the Sanilac East Fire Authority (SEFA).

The proposal included two main purposes. The first was to ensure fire and EMS services were adequately funded. The second, and equally important, was to decrease the amount of friction between the partners in the management of SEFA. The proposal VPS developed included capitalizing the corporation, a new management structure, as well as agreements on withdrawal and dissolution, should those be necessary.

Since then, VPS has met repeatedly with Sanilac Township's representatives, Dan Kelly, Supervisor and Jeff Lyall, Trustee to mold the proposal into an agreement each group could approve. In May, the proposal was made available to the boards and councils of SEFA, ST and VPS. Both VPS and ST agreed to send the proposal out for legal review.

The VPS attorney is taking the lead and conferring with the ST attorney to break the informal proposal into revised Articles of Incorporation for SEFA, and a separate, formal contract between VPS and ST for the funding and management of SEFA. During that

process, minor revisions may yet occur, but all groups believe an agreement can be made before the June 30, 2024 deadline for SEFA dissolution.

Copies of the tentatively approved SEFA proposal can be found on the VPS website, portsanilac.net, or in the VPS offices located at 56 N. Ridge Street, Port Sanilac, MI.

Rental Property Owners

Short Term Rental Property: A recently updated Zoning Ordinance requires all short-term rental properties be registered with the Village. If you have been in operation in the past year, you are required to register and provide proof of past rentals to be considered as "grandfathered" in to continue operation. Failure to do so may result in your short-term rental losing its status as "grandfathered" and will be treated as a new rental.

New short-term rentals as of June 1, 2024 are required to register with the Village before operation and complete a Special Land Use Application. Registration and Special Land Use forms are available on the Village website or at the Village office. Failure for property owners to register their short-term rental can be subjected to fines.

Long Term Rental Property: As the owner of a long-term rental property, Village Ordinance requires a home inspection take place. You are required to advise the Village of the address of the long-term rental property so that an inspection can take place.

Amendment to Ordinance Title XI: Business Regulations Chapter 113. Peddlers and Auctioneers

The Ordinance, information, and applications are available on the Village Website or at the Village Office.

Community Development/Parks and Rec.

Community Development/ Parks and Rec. is happy to announce the Village of Port Sanilac now has Wayfaring Signs up, thanks to the help of the Port Sanilac Planning Commission and our DPW workers.

“Thank You” to the Port Sanilac Area Business Association for financing the new banners on the village light poles!

2022 Water Project Update

The project is entering the final stages so that construction can begin. Bids have been accepted and adopted by the village council. Work will begin midsummer and continue until the project is completed in 2025.

Did You Know?????

Two planning commission seats are open. Commissioners serve a three-year term. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact the village office for more information.

If you have an after-hours non-emergency or Department of Public Works after-hours emergency, please call the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Office at: 810-648-2000 Ext. 2. They will contact the appropriate Village personnel.

Articles and/or Business Highlights can be submitted to the Village Office for future publication.

2024 Village Council Meeting Dates

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Bark Shanty Community Center, 135 N. Church St, Room #3, Port Sanilac, MI 48469. Governance Meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday before the Council Meeting and Finance Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday before the council meeting. Please feel free to join in and get to know what is going on in the village.

Business Highlight

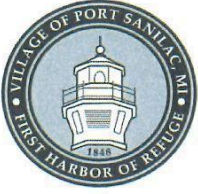
Sandbar Studios - located at 7310 Main St., Port Sanilac, MI is owned and operated by Stephen and Elizabeth Laney. The Laney’s have had a cottage in Port Sanilac for 23 years, raising their two daughters here on weekends year-round. Three years ago, they took a leap of faith moving up and making it their permanent home. At that time Sandbar Studios was created. Steven has a Graphic Design degree from Center for Creative Studies. His beautiful work is displayed throughout the studio along with nine other local artists. Liz does all the retail purchasing for the store.

Not only do they have art and retail they also have ice cream and Mini Putt-Putt Golf coming soon!

Port Sanilac Cemetery Association

Honoring Our Ancestors

The Port Sanilac Cemetery Association is considering a new campaign to clean and restore the old and deteriorating headstones at the Port Sanilac Cemetery. Potential volunteers who would like to help and interested persons whose family members are interred at the Port Sanilac Cemetery, are encouraged to contact Jeff Lyall at: jllusn49@gmail.com or call 810-622-8893. Let’s show how we respect our forefathers!



The Village of Port Sanilac, Michigan

Important Information, Addresses, and Phone Numbers

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter, you can request it at:
psanilac@airadv.net

Port Sanilac Village Council

Damien Falcon – Village President
Mike Balysh – President Pro-Tem
Sue Balysh – Trustee
Linda Hahn – Trustee
Benjamin Hunter – Trustee
Britton Simon – Trustee
Amy True – Trustee

Barbara Rabineau – Village Clerk
Lawrence O’Keefe – Business Manager
Lawrence O’Keefe – Zoning Administrator
Darcy Johnson – Treasurer
Tjwana Hvizdos – Bookkeeper
Anne Soule – Harbor Master
Chad Gainor – Parks & Rec. Coordinator

Council Meetings – Bark Shanty Community Center – Room 3

January 2024: 1st & 3rd Thursday – 7:00 pm
February – December 2024:
1st & 3rd Tuesday – 7:00 pm

Ordinances, Events Calendar, Burn Permit
Information and Reports Available on Website

Village Municipal Office:

Village of Port Sanilac
56 N. Ridge St., P.O. Box 628
Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810-622-9963
Website: www.portsanilac.net

DPW Phone: Emergencies – Dial 911

Port Sanilac Municipal Harbor

7376 Main Street, Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810-622-9610

Bark Shanty Community Center

135 Church St., Port Sanilac, MI 48469

If You Have an Emergency, Dial 911

Sanilac County Sheriff’s Office

65 N. Elk St., Sandusky, MI 48471
Central Dispatch: 1-800-881-5911 or
810-648-2000 - Option 2

Sanilac County Health Department

171 Dawson St., Sandusky, MI 48471 810-648-4098

Sanilac County Municipal Office:

60 W. Sanilac Ave., Sandusky, MI 48471

Clerk: 810-648-3212 – Room 203

Treasurer: 810-648-2127 – Room 286

Construction Dept.: 810-648-4664 – Room 210

Sanilac County Historical Museum

228 S. Ridge St., Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810-622-9946

Sanilac District Library

7130 Main St., Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810-622-8623

Sanilac Township

20 N. Ridge St., P.O. Box 631
Port Sanilac, MI 48469
810-622-8178

Waste Management

426 N. Ruth Rd., Carsonville, MI 48419
866-909-4458
Self-Dump Option at Their Facility