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PORT SANILAC - TODAY

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Latest News, Bulletins, and Updates

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Summer Event Shoutout

The Village of Port Sanilac would like to thank all the vendors, event organizers and volunteers that put on numerous events this summer. These events are enjoyed by everyone who visits and lives in the village.

The events are what makes Port Sanilac a unique and very special place for everyone. We would like all event organizers to know that we will continue to help and assist all events in any way possible. We invite you to attend Village Council meetings when submitting your Facility Use & Event Check List agreements for better communication for everyone.

Successful events are a top priority of the Village and we thank the event organizers.

Village Meetings and Agenda

Village Council meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to be added to the agenda, please have all those items submitted to the Village Clerk no later than the Wednesday before noon on the week prior to the Council meeting week. Also, as a reminder, the Finance Committee meeting and the Governance Committee meeting are on the first and third Tuesday prior to the Village Council meeting. If you would like to know what is going on regarding the village finances or governance, please feel free to attend those meetings, they are held prior to the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

2026 Water Update

Please monitor usage on your bill. If you notice a large usage increase you may have a leak that needs to be repaired.

Also remember as the summer months get going and if you are using your water sprinkler system you will see a substantial increase in your water bill. Be sure to verify the water is going through the meter. Fines going up to \$5,000.00 if found to be by-passing the meter.

Sewer Rate Update

Unfortunately, due to changes in State regulations and increases in costs of repair and maintenance to the lagoons and sewer system, there will be a sewer rate increase of \$5 per quarter starting July 1, 2026. It will be on our October 2026 utility bills. If you notice any curb stop issues along Lake Street please contact the village office immediately.

2026 Port Sanilac Upcoming Events– Reminder-

****Farmers Market Begins** - Every Friday through October 30th. From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. located at Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum

****Haunted Village** - October 10 & 17 at the Sanilac County Museum from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

****Halloween Trunk or Treat & Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, October 31** from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Trick or Treat will start at 5:30 p.m. or upon arrival of the Golf Cart Parade.

**** Village of Port Sanilac Trick or Treating: October 31, 2026** is from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the village.

****Festival of Lights** - November 28, 2026. Events will be held throughout the Village and includes the Village Tree Lighting at the Welcome Center.

Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department helped coordinate several events this summer and provided support when requested to the Port Sanilac Area Business Association, and other event organizers. requested.

Ordinance Enforcement/ Village Ordinances

Scott Bickel, Village Ordinance Code Enforcement Officer's contact information is available on the village website. If you are noticing a village ordinance violation, please contact him. Please be aware that just because you believe an ordinance is being violated does not necessarily mean it is. Scott will do his best to investigate said violation and will make a determination on if a violation has occurred. Also, as a reminder, it should be noted that Scott is a part-time employee and he may not always be able to respond back to a complainant right away.

Village Information

The Village recently purchased a new DPW truck this summer, it was purchased for an excellent price by the village. This truck will be replacing the old truck, and this new truck will be a big help with snow removal during the winter months.

The Village sidewalk project will be wrapped up for the year. Several new sections have been laid and are looking excellent. New trees have been planted, replacing some of the old trees. And several trip hazards have been removed or will be ground down. The Village will continue to look into assistance for property owners as to how to best tackle several other areas that have sidewalks. The Village understands that most of the village does not have sidewalks and that the cost of replacement can cause a burden on the property owner. It should be noted that the village spent about \$82,000 on sidewalk improvements this year alone.

Port Sanilac Municipal Harbor

Harbor Master Anne Soule had a busy summer with harbor being very active over the last four months. Anne provided assistance to numerous sailboats during the Port Huron to Mackinaw sailboat race, when sailboats and sailors had to drop out of the race early due to severe weather and damages to their boats.

Anne continues to work on the DNR Waterways Grant which Council approved Phase I to start upon completion of permit. These updated improvements will greatly improve the Port Sanilac Municipal Harbor.

Sanilac District Library

Programs for the fall at SDL's Bark Shanty Branch in partnership with the Village of Port Sanilac are scheduled for:

Thursday Children's programs offer age-appropriate activities, books, games, songs and fun!

Baby Time at 10:00 a.m. for babies, newborn to 24 months old, with an adult caregiver.

Toddler Time: at 10:30 a.m. for kids, 2 to 4 years old with an adult caregiver.

Check SDL's website for more information:
<https://sanilacdistrictlibrary.lib.mi.us>

PORT SANILAC COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

The Port Sanilac Community Fund, an independent non-profit arm of the Village of Port Sanilac, is up and running! This Fund was established to support projects that improve Village parks, downtown, waterfront and community spaces to help Port Sanilac continue to be an exceptional place to live, work, play and visit. Here is what we've been up to in the first two months:

- A Board of Directors was established consisting of three village residents, Dale Ehresman, David Pontzer and Mary Simon, as well as two Sanilac Township residents, Dawn Malek and Rita Radzilowski.
- An information table was set-up at the Port Sanilac Village Festival to introduce the Board members and share information on our mission.
- An interview on WMIC's "The Morning Fury" took place in August to reach a broader audience about the goals of the PS Community Fund and how the community can donate.
- The Port Sanilac Community Fund now has a Facebook page to share information and hear from the public.
- Donations are already coming in! All donations to the Port Sanilac Community Fund are administered by the Sanilac County Community Foundation and are eligible for tax deductions as permitted by law.
- Donations made on-line or by check are sent to the Sanilac County Community Foundation with the specification the donation is for the Port Sanilac Community Fund. There is a link available on our website at portsanilaccommunityfund.org for easy access.
- For more information, contact the Sanilac County Community Foundation at infor@sanilacfoundation.org, or reach out to one of the Board members!



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Contact the Community Foundation directly to learn more about direct giving of stock, QCDs from RMDs, and recurring contributions.



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PO Box 307, Sandusky, MI 48471



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