
PORT SANILAC - TODAY

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Latest News, Bulletin, and Updates

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Re-Establishment of the Village of Port Sanilac Fire Department

As reported earlier in the July 3rd issue of *Port Sanilac – Today*, in May of 2023 the Sanilac East Fire Authority (SEFA) Board which has provided Fire Services to the Village of Port Sanilac, Forrester Twp and Sanilac Twp. since 2017 voted to dissolve the Fire Authority. This means that in 180 days (November 11, 2023) the Fire Authority will cease to operate.

Due to the fact that the Village of Port Sanilac is required by Ordinance to provide Fire Services and as a result of the SEFA Action, *on June 6th the Port Sanilac Village Council authorized the reactivation of the Port Sanilac Fire Department and directed the Village Public Safety Co-Ordinator under the oversight of the Public Safety Committee to begin planning for Operational restart of the Village Fire Department by the end of the 180-day period.* (November 11, 2023). For close out accounting purposes and cost savings to it's partners; SEFA established the termination of operations for SEFA as December 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Sanilac Township, Forrester Township and the Village of Port Sanilac must ratify this revised date at their next earliest opportunity.

The Village of Port Sanilac Public Safety Committee is diligently preparing for a **restart of operation on or before December 31, 2023 at 11:59 P.M.** The Port Sanilac Village Council directed the Public Safety Committee to begin planning as follows:

Work Completed to Date

- Confirm Service requests from Sanilac and Forrester Townships.
- Review State Law and licensing requirements for Medical Control.
- Draft Budgets reflecting services for the Village of Port Sanilac
- Draft Budgets reflecting services for Forrester Twp.
- Draft Budgets reflecting services for Sanilac Twp.
- Draft Updated Standard Operating Guidelines ((SOG's)
- Draft Employment Agreements and Personnel Descriptions
- Draft Updated Ordinance (Chapter 34)
- Review Fiscal Year 2022 call logs for SEFA Operations confirming service history.

September Work

- Village action on Ordinances
- Village Action on Public Safety Approval of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's), Service Contracts and Employment contracts.
- Public Safety Committee recommendations to Village Council:
 1. Public Safety Co-Ordinator to Update Report of April 26th, 2023, regarding feasibility of Fire Authority continuation.
 2. Identify Services to be offered to Forrester and Sanilac Township and cost reflecting direct operational cost as well as Training Costs, Compliance Cost, Equipment and Apparatus replacement amortization.
- Discussions with Medical Control regarding possible licensing for services.
- Establish Service Contracts with one or both Townships.
- Adoptions by Council of Employee agreements and personnel descriptions.
- Budget Adoption for the Village of Port Sanilac and participating clients.
- Village Council Approval to publish Employment Offering.

October thru December 2023

Hiring of Staff

Training and assignment of staff

Transfer of equipment and apparatus from SEFA back to the Village of Port Sanilac.

Settle outstanding issues with SEFA per Articles of Incorporations as confirmed by SEFA Corporate Council and SEFA Board at August 8, 2023 meeting.

Planning Commission News
Public Hearing Coming Soon! -
Watch for Date Posted on Village Sign & Website

MASTER PLAN: The Master Plan for the Village has been updated and a Public Hearing will be scheduled very soon! The goals and objectives of the Master Plan were developed based on the tremendous feedback from the survey received from you, the village residents, and the work of the Planning Commission and Rowe Consulting. Eligibility to apply for most State grants requires an adopted Master Plan. Your Planning Commission has been working diligently on this plan for well over a year and are happy to be able to share it with all of you.

SURVEY RESULTS: The Planning Commission was thrilled with the overwhelming response to the survey sent to village residents and businesses in the Spring. Your responses gave us a clear picture of how you currently see the village and what you hope for the future. These are the consistent themes expressed in the survey:

Activities: more outdoor sports (pickleball was tops), walking/bike path and family events, winter activities, fitness center, youth sports

Businesses: Restaurants, retail shops, senior living, coffee shop (done!) outdoor

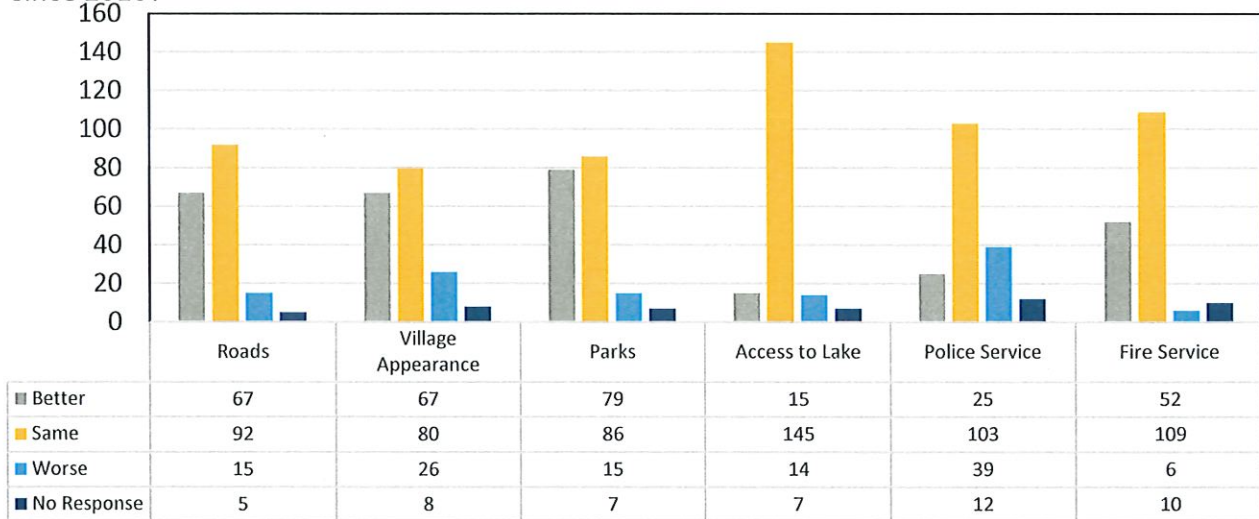
rentals (kayaks, bikes, paddle boats); do something with Dollar Store windows, brochure of area businesses.

Services: Pharmacy, hotels/motels/bed & breakfast, barber shop, dog park

Village Council: Clean up downtown, work with businesses/residents/volunteers, fix or remove planters, revive Summer Festival, open bathrooms at the Harbor Park and Visitor Center, develop Lighthouse Park, repair break wall, support businesses and signage to direct visitors to businesses/beaches/lighthouse/library.

Copies of the survey are available in the lobby of the village office!

Survey Question: How do you feel the following items have changed in our village since 2016?



SHORT TERM RENTALS: Also included in this Public Hearing will be a Zoning Ordinance update on short term rentals (also known as AirBnB or VRBO). Across the state and country, villages and cities are adopting restrictions while still welcoming short-term rentals. Protecting our quiet, hometown village, while also welcoming visitors to our beaches, marina, restaurants, businesses, village and museum events, is the goal of this update.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS - 5 QUESTION SURVEY

1. What activities would you like to see in the Village during the Christmas holidays?

- Tree Lighting and Santa _____
- Businesses open for shopping _____
- Community Sing Along _____
- Christmas Caroling Around Town _____
- Business Decorating Contest _____
- Christmas Events at Bark Shanty Community Center _____
- Other: _____
- _____

2. What activities would you participate in at the Bark Shanty Community Center during the winter months?

3. Would you be willing to help plan/work at events this winter? (Name/Phone)

4. Do you use the Village website to search for events, job openings, look at village ordinances or announcements?

Yes _____ No _____

5. The Village website is now updated on a regular basis. Is there something that you would like to see added?

Please email your response to psanilac@airadv.net, or mail to the Village of Port Sanilac, 56 N. Ridge St., P.O. Box 628, Port Sanilac, MI 48469 or drop off at the Village Office. This survey can also be completed online at www.portsanilac.net.