



City Manager Report

January 30, 2026

Parking Study Survey

- The City is currently undertaking a parking study to identify ways to improve access to businesses and attractions, reduce vehicle traffic, and enhance the pedestrian experience. The following short survey aims to help us better understand your travel and parking experiences in Saugatuck.
- The parking study will be ongoing throughout most of 2026, and there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback.
- The survey closes on Friday, February 27, 2026. We appreciate your time and feedback!
- Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SaugatuckParking>

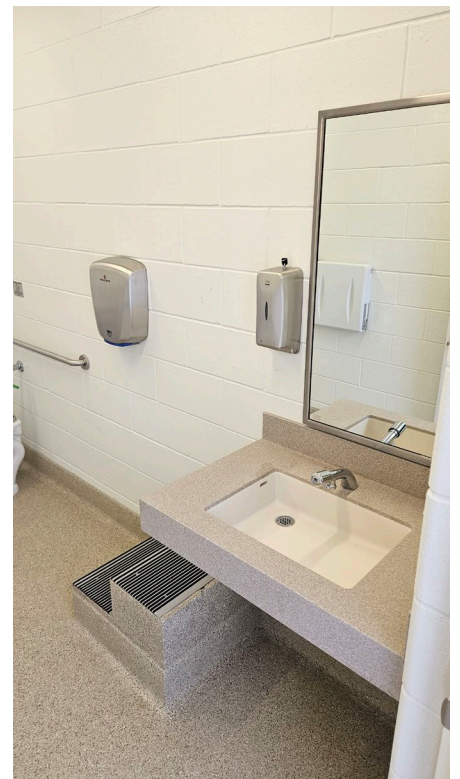
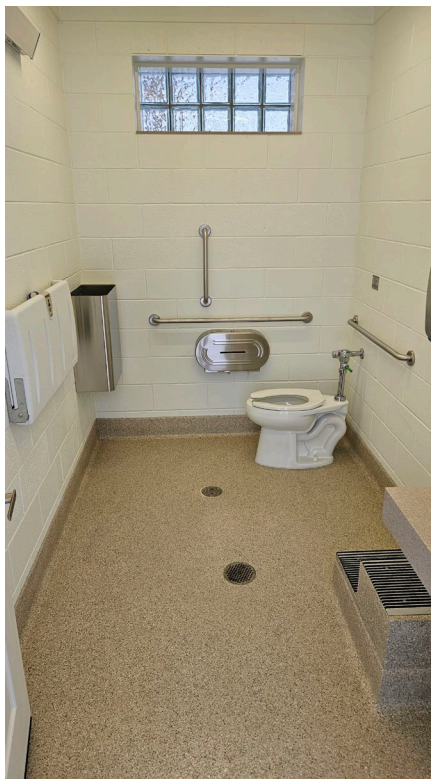
Stats of Interest for 2025

- Our city departments have compiled various stats for 2025. Every number represents the dedication and care our staff team brings to serving the community.
 - Public Works
 - Service Requests
 - Miss Dig Markings - 402
 - Governor Orders (lowering flags) - 37
 - Trees - 30
 - Mailboxes - 9
 - General Maintenance - 131
 - Asphalt Maintenance - 9
 - Miscellaneous - 55
 - Utilities - 5
 - Snowplowing - 8
 - Holiday Lighting – 30
 - Brush and Leaf – 490 Truckloads
 - Clerk
 - Board and Commission Meetings – 89
 - Business Licenses Issued – 127
 - Agreements Processed – 70
 - City Hall Call Volume – 450-600/month
 - News E-mails – 262
 - FOIAs – 46
 - Special Events – 31
 - Street End Licenses – 18
 - Ordinances and Resolutions – 37
 - Planning and Zoning

- Permits/Licenses
 - Historic – 46
 - Right of Way – 29
 - Water & Sewer – 2
 - Sign – 12
 - Tree – 1
 - Water Replacement – 9
 - Zoning – 68
 - Short-Term Rental – 179
- Code Enforcement Cases - 115

Mt. Baldhead Restroom

- The new restroom is largely complete. Here is an update from Midwest Construction:
 - We have officially passed all necessary inspections for occupancy at MT Baldhead's Restroom! Temporary Doors were installed with matching locksets.
 - Remaining items for project completion:
 - Permanent door installation: Ship Date is January 28. Install is likely to be by February 6 depending on delivery.
 - Drinking fountain and north concrete sidewalk: Drinking fountain is expected on February 13.
 - Spring landscaping





Lead Testing Report

- We received the annual lead testing report. It shows 0 sites were above action levels for lead or copper. The 90th percentile values are also down from last year:

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) received your results of lead and copper tap monitoring conducted between June 1 and September 30, 2025. The calculated 90th percentile values are listed below. Please retain this information for your records.

Action Levels	90 th Percentile Value	# of Sites Above Action Level	Range of Individual Results
Lead 12 parts per billion (ppb)	2 ppb	0	0 ppb - 7 ppb
Copper 1.3 parts per million (ppm)	0.4 ppm	0	0.0 ppm - 0.8 ppm

- The distribution systems material inventory was completed last year and the line by line information can be viewed here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ow6aBJim47n5l_AimEKFEFSARu6BSRxD/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108184840149774424107&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Public Works and Engineering are working on a lead service line replacement plan. We have also submitted an intent to apply for lead service line replacement funding through the drinking water state revolving fund.

2026 Wicks Park Boat Slip Lottery

- Applications are now open and due by February 17 at 5p.
 - Application: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Review the Wicks Park Boat Policy: [CLICK HERE](#)

Notice of Available Short-Term Rental Licenses

- The link to the Public Notice can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr35w7k7>

We Made The List!

- I am thrilled to share that Oval Beach has been ranked among the Top Beaches in the United States by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Awards!
- And we're in some truly incredible company. This year's list includes world-famous destinations like Clearwater Beach (FL), Waikiki Beach (HI), and La Jolla Cove (CA), places people travel across the country (and the globe) to experience.
- It's a reminder that our small lakeshore community offers something just as special: stunning Lake Michigan views, soft sand, unforgettable sunsets, and a welcoming atmosphere that keeps visitors coming back year after year.
- View the full list and write up here: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Beaches-cUnitedStates-g191>

Watersmart Landscaping

- There is still time to sign up for a free workshop called Water Smart Landscaping 101, where you can learn how to have beautiful landscaping while reducing outdoor water use. Register at bit.ly/feb26water to join us on February 24 at the Fennville District Library.
- The KRG also has funding to help a limited number of homeowners install native plant gardens and rain barrels. Please visit bit.ly/krwater26 to fill out the interest form.



Upcoming Meetings

Full meeting packets are posted on the City website and Facebook prior to each meeting. When available, they can be viewed by selecting the board/commission:

- February 3 at 6p – Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority
- February 4 at 4p – City Council Workshop Meeting
- February 5 at 6p – Historic District Commission
- February 9 at 6:30p – City Council Regular Meeting
- February 17 at 3p – Parking Improvements Task Force