



City Manager Report

April 30, 2026

Proposed Budget for Next Fiscal Year

- Staff recently presented the draft budget for fiscal year 2026/2027.
- Quick Fact: The City's operating millage rate has declined 9 out of the last 10 years due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks.
- Second Quick Fact: The estimated operating millage rate for next fiscal year is 2.1774 mills (18%) **lower** than it was in FY 16/17.
- The presentation can be viewed here:
https://youtu.be/_BQbLST6_o?si=2iplO0PMOd8CxeUn&t=582
- Slides and budget details: <https://tinyurl.com/yczekvk5>
- A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 8 at 6:30p at the regular City Council meeting.

Water Valve Work

- Water valve work is planned for May 5 and 6.
- The water shutdowns needed for the work will be fairly extensive, at times including all of Water Street, Francis from Water to Grand, and a section of Hoffman.
- Once these sections are depressurized, all the connections will be placed under a "Boil Water" advisory for at least 48 hours from the time the water is turned back on.
- The City is proactively adding valves to the system so that future outages will be much more limited in scope.
- Detailed notices will be provided to the affected properties.

Street Line Painting

- Weather permitting, street line painting begins this Sunday.
- To help minimize traffic delays and reduce disruption to local businesses, the contractor will be performing the majority of this work during low traffic periods, primarily in the evening and overnight hours.
- Motorists are asked to use caution in areas where work is underway and to follow any temporary traffic control measures that may be in place.
- We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we complete this important maintenance work.

Reminder: Share Your Input on the City of Saugatuck's Brand Update

- The City of Saugatuck's brand survey is still open, and we'd love to hear from you if you haven't had a chance to share your input yet.

- This short survey is part of an effort to refresh the City’s brand so it better reflects the community today and creates a more consistent experience across signage, communications, and digital platforms.
- The survey will remain open through **May 4, 2026**, and takes just a few minutes to complete.
- Thank you to those who have already shared their input—we appreciate your time and perspective.
- **Take the survey here:** https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityofSaugatuck_Rebranding

Elizabeth Street Improvements – Community Input Requested!

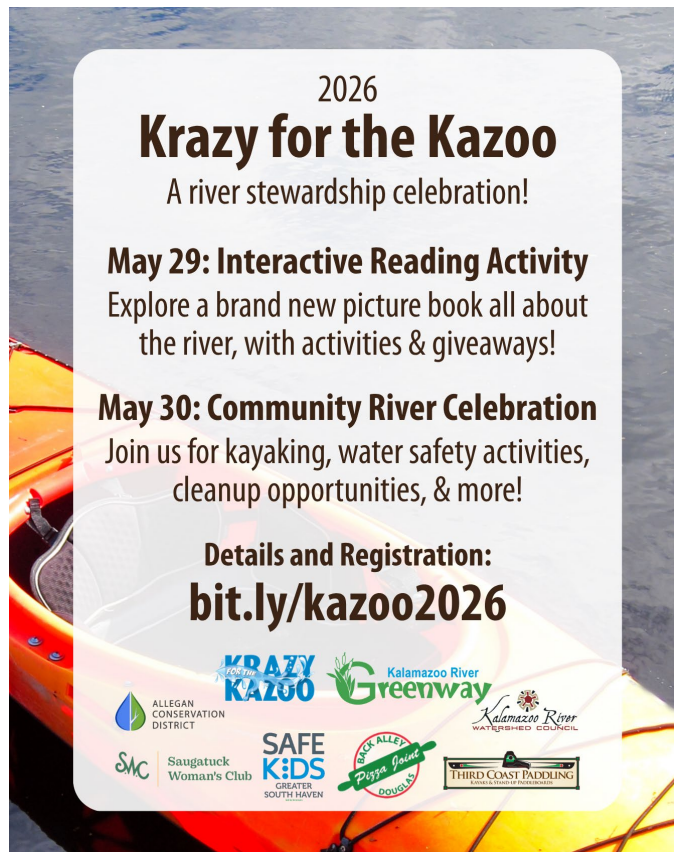
- The City is beginning the planning process for potential improvements along Elizabeth Street (between Francis Street and Allegan Street), and we want to hear from you!
- Proposed improvements currently being evaluated include:
 - Road resurfacing or reconstruction
 - Water main replacement (including some service connections into homes/buildings)
 - Sanitary sewer upgrades
 - Drainage and stormwater improvements
 - Sidewalk improvements and/or extensions
- Our engineering consultant, Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V), has started gathering information and is now looking for community input to help guide the design process.
- We held an open house on April 28. If you were unable to attend, you can still share your thoughts by contacting Jon Moxey:
 - jmoxey@fveng.com or 616-977-1000

Notice of Construction

- A reminder to residents and visitors that roadway construction is now taking place throughout the City.
- April – May 2026 Construction Locations:
 - Mary Street (between Water Street and Butler Street)
 - Water Street & Hoffman Street intersection
 - Water Street & Francis Street intersection
 - Spear Street (west of Water Street)
 - Francis Street (west of Water Street)
 - Coghlin Park & Wicks Park
- May – November 2026:
 - Maple Street (from Blue Star Highway to North Street)
 - Sign up for Maple Street Project updates here: <https://tinyurl.com/anac5huw>
- Questions? Contact any of the following:
 - **City of Saugatuck** - Michelle Gibson, Project Coordinator - (269) 224-9504
 - **Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering**
Jon Moxey, P.E., Project Manager – (616) 588-1925
Peter Tierney, P.E., Project Manager – (616) 914-8621

Krazy for the Kazoo

- The Kalamazoo River Greenway is bringing you a weekend-long river stewardship celebration! Build and renew your connection to our watershed by joining us for Krazy for the Kazoo, where we will recognize the ongoing restoration efforts, recreational opportunities, and beauty that the watershed provides to our region.
- The weekend will kick off on Friday, May 29, with an interactive reading of a newly published picture book all about the Kalamazoo River Watershed! Kids and families will dive into the story, then take part in a fun, hands-on activity and a craft that brings the river to life. Along the way, participants will learn how water moves through our watershed and discover simple ways we can all help keep it clean and healthy. Each participant will also receive a Kalamazoo River Watershed sticker sheet and workbook to take home and continue the learning and fun!



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:

- May 5 at 6:30p – Harbor Authority
- May 6 at 4p – City Council Workshop Meeting
- May 7 at 6a – Historic District Commission
- May 11 at 6:30p – City Council Regular Meeting
- May 13 at 3p – Parking Improvements Task Force
- May 14 at 6:30p – Zoning Board of Appeals