



City Manager Report

May 13, 2026

Sign Ordinance

- On Monday, after several months of review by the Planning Commission and City Council, an updated sign ordinance was approved.
- The updated ordinance makes our signage regulations content neutral to align with previous Supreme Court rulings.
- Many of the provisions allow for more flexibility. A summary table can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/35j7bes5>
- Stay tuned for more details on the updates.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget

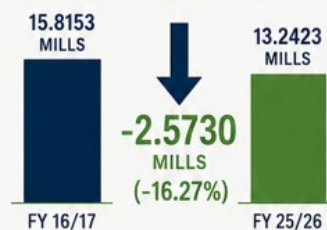
- The City Council will hold a public hearing on June 08, 2026, at 6:30 PM at 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, MI, 49453 to review the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours. This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, to provide written or oral comments. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available.
- The draft budget presentation can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/_BQbLST6_o?si=2iplO0PMOd8CxeUn&t=582
- Slides and draft budget details: <https://www.saugatuckcity.com/>
- Quick Facts:



The City's operating millage rate has **declined** **9** out of the last 10 years due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks.

Comparing FY 16/17 to FY 25/26,

overall City millage rates decreased significantly,



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Construction Updates

- Construction around the downtown area is on track to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.
- **Water Street Watermain** - Valve work has been rescheduled to a window between October 5 and October 23. While we don't have specific dates this far out, we are aiming for the work to occur on a Monday/Tuesday and avoid the weekend. We will do our best to provide 7 days advance notice.
- **Mary Street** - The contractor is currently scheduled to begin milling work this Thursday. During construction, there may be minor traffic delays; however, the roadway will remain accessible to businesses throughout the project. The anticipated schedule is as follows:
 - Milling - 5/14
 - Concrete Work - 5/15 or 5/18
 - Asphalt Paving – 5/19
 - Please note that all work remains weather dependent and subject to change.
- **Maple Street** – Traffic control setup has begun.
 - The street is closed to through traffic, but local access will be maintained for residents and businesses.
 - Tree Removal and Crush West Lane – 5/14
 - Begin Watermain Work (working from south to north) – Begins 5/15 or 5/18
- **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

Oval Beach Passes

- Oval Beach seasonal passes are now available at Saugatuck City Hall.
- City Taxpayer Season Pass - \$20
- Regular Season Pass - \$75

How to Report Short Term Rental Concerns

- We love visitors in Saugatuck and hope they enjoy everything our beautiful City has to offer! That said, we also understand that concerns may sometimes arise related to Short-Term Rentals (STRs). Here's what to do if issues come up.
- **Active Noise Complaints**
 - Call the Allegan County Sheriff's Office directly at (269) 673-3899 or 911. Calls can be made anytime.
 - Provide your name and number—doing so ensures a deputy will be dispatched.
 - If the issue continues, please call again so further enforcement can take place.
- **24/7 STR Reporting Hotline**
 - For other STR concerns such as parking, overoccupancy, or trash, we have a dedicated hotline that notifies the local agent and tracks each complaint. Local agents are required to respond within 2 hours.
 - Call: (269) 442-4845

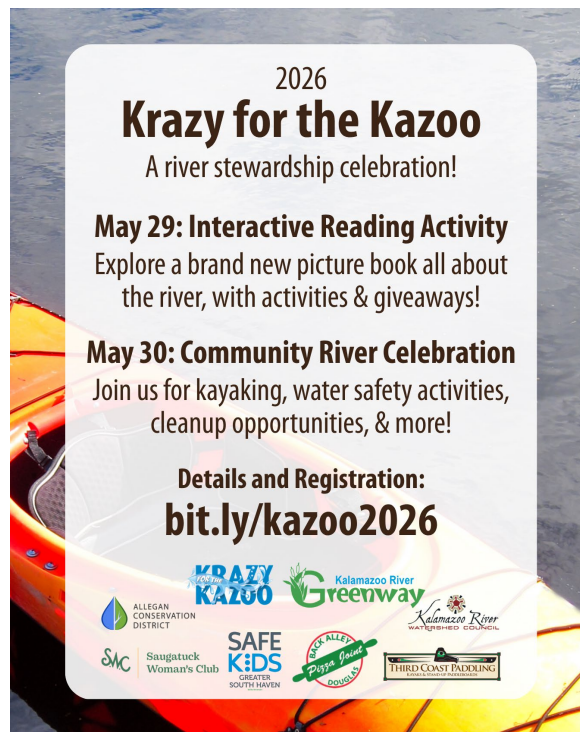
- Or file online: <https://secure.hostcompliance.com/saugatuck-mi/complaints/type>
- Contact an Agent Directly
 - Want to reach out to the responsible local agent yourself? You can find the most recent list of licensed rentals and contact info here: <https://www.saugatuckcity.com/short-term-rentals.html>

Street Line Painting

- Street line painting work remains ongoing.
- 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.

Krazy for the Kazoo

- A reminder that Krazy for the Kazoo is coming up! Learn more here: bit.ly/kazoo2026



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 14 at 6:30p – Zoning Board of Appeals
- May 20 at 4p – City Council Workshop Meeting
- May 21 at 6:30p – Planning Commission
- May 26 at 6:30p – City Council Regular Meeting