



City Manager Report

May 29, 2026

Parking Improvements Task Force

- The Task Force continues to meet to review data and consultant findings.
- The most recent meeting included a review of:
 - Future Growth and Parking Impacts
 - Parking Enforcement, Ambassador Program, and Revenue Options
 - Remote Parking, The Interurban, and Shared Parking Agreements
 - Parking Yield Analysis: Converting Butler Street to One-Way Traffic from Lucy Street to Culver Street
- Each of the reports and meeting videos can be viewed here:
<https://www.saugatuckcity.com/parking-improvements-task-force.html>

Construction Updates

- With the exception of the watermain valves on Water Street, the downtown work is largely complete.
- Work has begun on Maple Street.
 - The west lane of Maple Street has been pulverized into gravel.
 - Water main installation has started from the south (moving north) and will continue for the next several weeks.
 - Local traffic is still able to access their homes and businesses along Maple Street.
 - If you have questions, please contact the following:
 - Public Works - 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

New Director of Public Works

- The City is pleased to welcome Mark Ondersma as our new Director of Public Works. Mark officially started on May 26 and brings strong public works operations and leadership experience to the role.
- Learn more about Mark here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxnnwwz>

Other Updates

- Mt. Baldhead Bathroom – Now open!
- Mt. Baldhead Upper Platform – Design engineering continues. Construction is still planned for fall or spring.

- Park Street Planning – A kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon to review data and begin gathering public feedback on options.
- Elizabeth Street Improvements - Public open house was held on April 28 and feedback is being incorporated. Options will be reviewed with City Council soon.
- Village Square Courts – Survey and boring work complete. Design is underway. Construction is planned for fall or spring.
- Wicks Park and Village Square Park Restroom Interior Renovations – Engineering met with staff last month to review scope/needs. They will refine the scope based on staff feedback and develop a proposal for design.
- Blue Star Trail – Archeological survey work is pending review of detailed work plan by MDOT and tribal nations.

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 registry here: <https://www.saugatuckcity.com/short-term-rentals.html>

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:

- June 2 at 10a – Parks and Public Works Committee
- June 3 at 4p – City Council Workshop Meeting
- June 4 at 6p – Historic District Commission
- June 8 at 6:30p – City Council Regular Meeting