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Portage



welcome to portage



Welcome to Portage, Indiana and all the best that we have to offer! Portage is a growing community just 25 miles away from the hustle and bustle of Chicago. With its serene area beaches and parks, Portage seems like a world away from the big city. Visitors can tour the nearby Indiana National Lakeshore, which became the Indiana Dunes National Park on February 15, 2019, which offers camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, hiking and nature viewing.

Our new downtown Founders Square is a must see. Located off of Central Avenue, this area consists of an entertainment pavilion, splash pad, Police Dept., Fire Station and a handicap accessible park called Hannah's Hope Park. The Promenade, also located in Founders Square, encompasses business and residential opportunity including the new Portage Chamber of Commerce establishment. Founders Square is a beautiful place to enjoy the market, movies, festivals in the park and car shows.

Portage has emphasized diversified growth as evidence of a healthy mix of commercial and industrial development, especially on the North side in our Ameriplex at the Port Development. The South side of Portage continues to grow with a booming uprising of retail establishments. Our school district is second to none serving over 8,000 students in the district.

A strong business community means a strong overall community, so the Portage Chamber of Commerce always urges consumers to consider supporting local businesses as much as possible. We are here to help our businesses survive and thrive, especially during these difficult times. If you are interested in becoming part of our committed organization educating, advocating, exposing small businesses, please contact the Portage Chamber of Commerce at 219-762-3300.

If you are new to the city of Portage and/or are interested in locating here, you will find a world of information in this Community Profile Publication brought to you thru the efforts of the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce.



Nancy Simpson, Executive Director
Portage Chamber of Commerce

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Welcome to the City of Portage! Whether you are a life-long resident, a business owner, or just visiting, we are happy to have you here.

Portage has numerous amenities to offer, including location! We are conveniently located just 40 miles southeast from Chicago and about 60 miles west of South Bend. We are accessible from the Indiana Tollway, I80/94 and the South Shore Commuter Rail Line. To our north, we house the Ports of Indiana, where we proudly welcome vessels from all over the globe! We also have access to beautiful Lake Michigan, which offers many water activities such as fishing, boating and hiking.

If you crave more outdoor activities, Portage maintains 15 scenic parks and over 10 miles of paved trails. All of our parks offer a unique experience including Founder's Square Park where you'll find Hannah's Hope Playground, our all-inclusive park for kids of all ages and abilities and for those sweltering hot summer days, families can also enjoy the Splash Pad located on those same park grounds! The city also serves as host to many year round festivals featuring local produce, arts & crafts, music and holidays.

Portage is also home to many retail shops, commercial industries and restaurants. You'll find something for everyone in our city; from Bass Pro Shops in AmeriPlex to the north to Kohl's and Wal-Mart to the south, with plenty of options for entertainment, food and necessities in between!

The safety and well-being of our residents and visitors is a top priority. Our Police and Fire Departments are second to none; and we strive to provide the most current technology, equipment and training available to our amazing personnel. We are extremely proud of our city workforce and community!

I hope whatever reason brings you to Portage, that you have a safe and enjoyable experience. To our residents, thank you for your trust and pride in our community and to visitors, please visit us again. I'm sure you'll agree, that Portage is a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

Sue I. Lynch, Mayor



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**PORTAGE COMMUNITY
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THURS, JULY 16, 2020
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 6300 S Founders Square (Portage)
 (Woodland Park if inclement weather)

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**ANNUAL CHAMBER
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THURS, OCT 15, 2020
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PORTER COUNTY EXPO CENTER
 215 East Division Road, Valparaiso

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6th Annual
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 PORTAGE SENIOR LIVING**
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37th Annual
FALL SWING - GOLF OUTING

FRI, SEPT 11, 2020
 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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PORTAGE BREWFEST

SAT, SEPT 19, 2020
 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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**COMING UP
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4th Annual
**FISH ON – PORTAGE
 FISHING & OUTDOOR SHOW**

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SUN, FEB 28, 2021
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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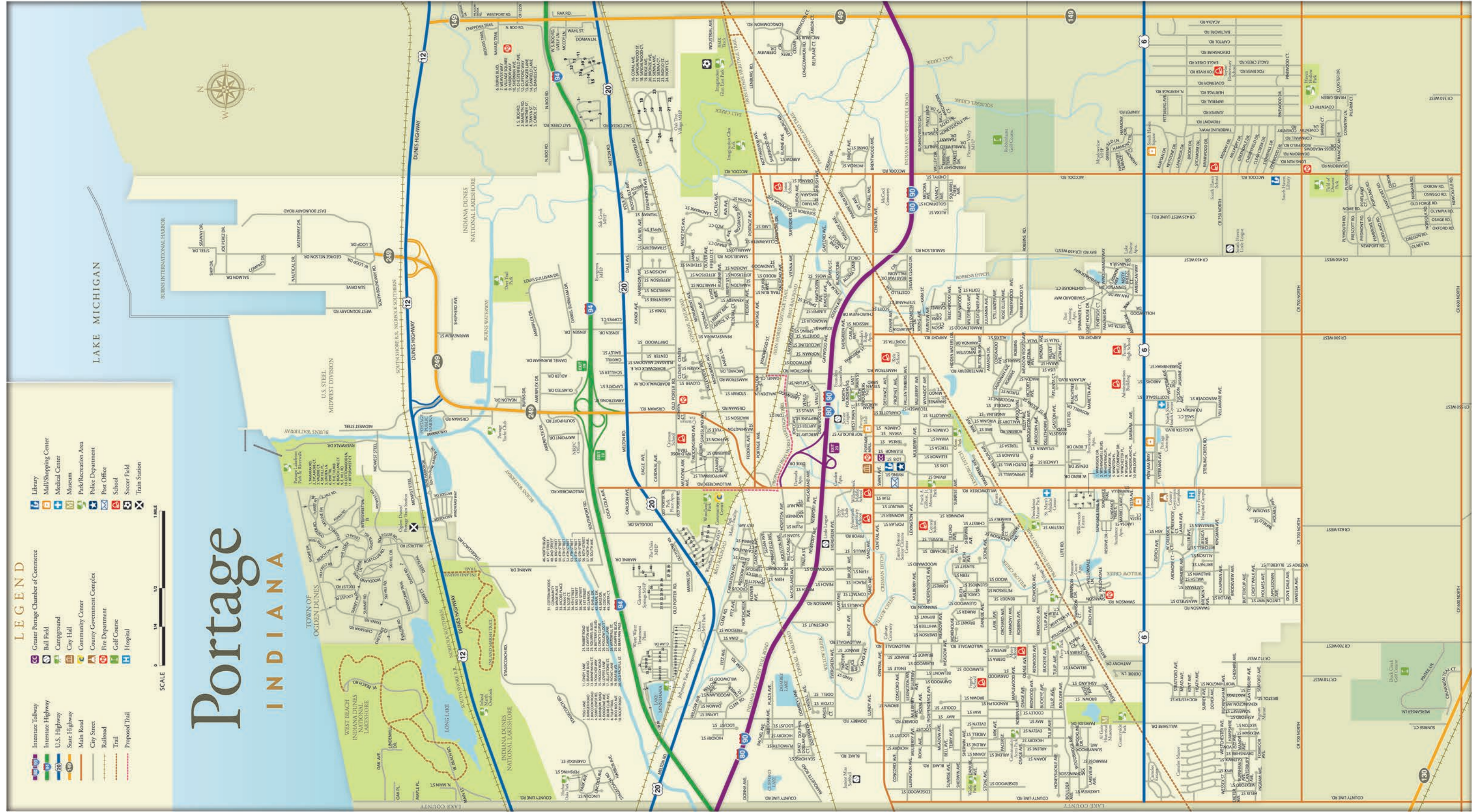


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FRI, NOV 13, 2020

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Chamber Events





GREATER PORTAGE, INDIANA
DEMOGRAPHIC INFO | 2018

Labor Force Statistics	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Population 16 years and over	29,709	100.0%	1,056	100.0%	4,006	100.0%
Total Population in Labor Force	18,568	62.5%	660	62.5%	2,532	63.2%
Total Number Employed	17,354	58.4%	592	56.1%	2,372	59.2%
Total Population Not in Labor Force	11,141	37.5%	396	37.5%	1,474	36.8%

Occupation	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Management, Business, Science & Arts	4,689	27.0%	410	69.3%	462	19.5%
Service	3,668	21.1%	18	3.0%	523	22.0%
Sales and Office	3,625	20.9%	82	13.9%	535	22.6%
Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	1,812	10.4%	23	3.9%	426	18.0%
Production, Transportation & Materials Moving	3,560	20.5%	59	10.0%	426	18.0%

Industry	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting & Mining	52	0.0%	10	2.0%	27	1.0%
Construction	992	5.7%	16	2.7%	252	10.6%
Manufacturing	3,181	18.3%	86	14.5%	315	13.3%
Wholesale Trade	286	1.6%	27	4.6%	27	1.1%
Retail Trade	1,832	10.6%	26	4.4%	409	17.2%
Transportation & Warehousing & Utilities	1,262	7.3%	7	1.2%	162	6.8%
Information	322	1.9%	3	0.5%	34	1.4%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	725	4.2%	49	8.3%	65	2.7%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, Waste Mgt. Services	1,350	7.8%	106	17.9%	140	5.9%
Education, Health Care & Social Assistance	3,576	20.6%	217	36.7%	377	15.9%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation & Food Services	2,186	12.6%	13	2.2%	267	11.3%
Other Services, except Public Admin.	936	5.4%	25	4.2%	199	8.4%
Public Administration	654	3.8%	7	1.2%	98	4.1%

Population Information	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Population	36,859	100.0%	47,222	100.0%	1,123	100.0%	5,159	100.0%
Male	17,713	48.1%	22,817	48.3%	582	51.8%	2,641	51.2%
Female	19,146	51.9%	24,405	51.7%	541	48.2%	2,518	48.8%
Median Age (years)	38.6		38.1		56.3		37.1	
Under 18	8,369	22.7%	11,033	23.4%	142	12.6%	1,292	25.0%
18-64	23,170	62.9%	29,454	62.4%	652	58.1%	3,226	62.5%
65 and older	5,320	14.4%	6,735	14.3%	329	29.3%	641	12.4%
Population Estimates								
Total Population (2013)	36,752		47,153		1,206		5,093	
Total Population Change (range)	107	0.3%	69	0.1%	-83	-6.9%	66	1.3%

Household Statistics	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Households	14,570	100.0%	18,225	100.0%	498	100.0%	1,876	100.0%
Total Families	9,716	66.7%	12,590	69.1%	363	72.9%	1,369	73.0%
Homes with Own Children Under 18	4,385	30.1%	5,566	30.5%	78	15.7%	517	27.6%
Married Couple Family Households	6,361	43.7%	8,444	46.3%	334	67.1%	940	50.1%
With Own Children Under 18	4,406	30.2%	5,658	31.0%	69	13.9%	576	30.7%
Non Family Households	4,854	33.3%	5,635	30.9%	135	27.1%	507	27.0%
Householder Living Alone	3,902	25.7%	4,557	24.6%	115	21.8%	428	25.6%
Householder 65+ Living Alone	1,353	10.1%	1,650	9.8%	55	9.8%	167	9.4%
Average Household Size	2.51		2.58		2.26		2.74	
Average Family Size	3.19		3.09		2.63		3.19	
Households with Individuals < 18	4,903	33.7%	6,288	34.5%	69	13.9%	616	32.8%
Households with Individuals > 60	3,741	25.7%	4,712	25.9%	218	43.8%	467	24.9%
Total # of Owner-Occupied Households	9,843	67.6%	12,705	69.7%	472	94.8%	1,283	68.4%
Total # of Renter-Occupied Households	4,727	32.4%	5,520	30.3%	26	4.3%	593	30.6%

Housing Occupancy	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Housing Units	15,394	100.0%	19,331	100.0%	608	100.0%	1,937	100.0%
Occupied Housing Units	14,570	94.6%	18,225	94.3%	498	81.9%	1,876	96.9%
Vacant Housing Units	824	5.4%	1,106	5.7%	110	18.1%	61	3.1%
Median Value	\$144,900		\$142,600		\$356,900		\$116,000	

Income Information	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Median Household Income	\$54,245		\$56,516		\$110,357		\$50,617	
Median Family Income	\$67,882		\$67,577		\$128,438		\$56,906	
Per Capita Income	\$26,393		\$27,067		\$64,408		\$21,433	
Median Male: Full-Time, Yearly	\$53,868		\$54,917		\$103,977		\$45,428	
Median Female: Full-Time, Yearly	\$34,922		\$35,000		\$73,977		\$31,464	



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Government

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- Sheriff: David M. Reynolds (D)
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- At-Large: Dan Whitten (D)

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PORTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Woodland Park Bar Packages

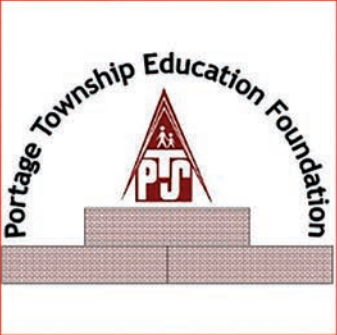


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PLAN REVIEW:

Construction plans are reviewed for compliance with state and local requirements.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Permits authorize construction and inspections.

INSPECTIONS:

Construction is inspected for conformance with the plan, the permit and with state and local building codes.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT 762-9761

This Department guides the physical and economic development of Portage by providing services like planning, zoning, development review, subdivision control ordinance, etc.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT 762-5425

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DEPARTMENT 841-6428

Redevelopment activities are planned, financed and managed by a five-member Redevelopment Commission which was established in 1984.

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DEPARTMENT 762-3122

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Portage Police Dept. is comprised of 68 sworn officers, 14 reserve officers, seven civilians, and four Chaplains.

Our Divisions include: Administration, Patrol, Detective Bureau, Community Relations, Records & Police Reserves.

Specialty Assignments include: SWAT, K9, Crash Investigations, Hostage Negotiations, School Resource Officer, Arson Investigations, Bike Patrol, Field Training Officers, Range Instructors, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors, and assignments to the Porter County Drug Task Force, U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force, and ATF Violent Crimes Task Force.

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Our Streets & Sanitation Department is responsible for Recycling & Trash Collection, Leaf & Limb Pick-Up, Snow Plowing and Road Maintenance.

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Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction

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Rental Facilities Available

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SHELTERS	CAPACITY	RESIDENT FEE	NON-RESIDENT FEE
Ottawa	100	\$125	\$150
Arrowhead	50	\$85	\$105
Tomahawk	50	\$85	\$105
Wigwam	50	\$85	\$105
Mohawk	50	\$85	\$105
Imagination Glen	50	\$50	\$75
Gilbert Park	75	\$60	\$75
Woodland Park Grounds	300+	\$500	\$600



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► WOODLAND PARK SHELTERS

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- Tomahawk
- Arrowhead
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month to a member's
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Visibility



Fall Sports 2020

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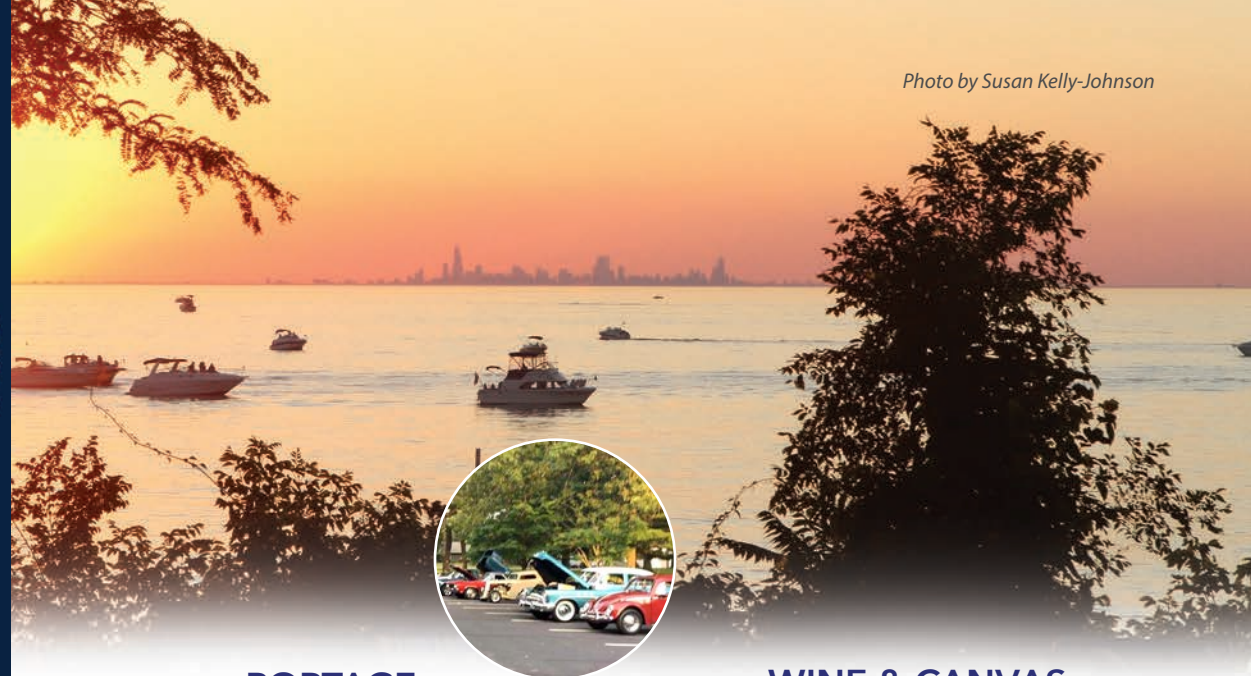


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INDIANA AMERICAN WATER
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MARKET ~ MUSIC ~
MOVIES

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INFORMATION

WINE & CANVAS AT THE LAKEFRONT

SUNDAY, SEPT 13TH
5:00PM - 10:00PM

**PORTAGE LAKEFRONT &
RIVERWALK PAVILION**

COST: TBD

Price includes all canvas/
painting supplies, buffet-style
dinner limited open bar, and a
beautiful view.

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

PAINTING BEGINS: 6:00 PM

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Portage Events
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WHERE?

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► THE MARKET

FOUNDERS SQUARE PARK
Vendor booths: 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

There will be over 20 vendors selling unique arts, crafts, breads, jams, locally grown organic produce, fresh flowers, handmade soaps and lotions, clothes and accessories (for you and your four legged friends) - and much more! In addition, local food vendors will be selling their specialties and customers' favorites. If you are interested in being a vendor, please email Amy Armstrong at: aarmstrong@portage-in.com



POP - UP CHALK THE WALK:
MARKET ON THE SQUARE
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020
5:00PM - 8:00PM
FOUNDERS SQUARE

That's right, Family & Youth Service Bureau is partnering with the Portage Parks Department to hold a POP-UP CHALK THE WALK at the Portage Founders Square Park during the Market on the Square for the first time! For more information contact info@fysb.org or visit www.fysb.org/portage-chalk-the-walk

► THE MUSIC

INDIANA AMERICAN WATER
AMPHITHEATER
Music beings: 6:00 PM

Head to the amphitheater to enjoy music performed live by local musicians. Bands take the stage to perform at 6:00 PM. (See sidebar to the right for a list of the performers.)



- JULY 10: DAN REISEN
- JULY 17: DJ AND KRIS FROM STOP. DROP.REWIND.
- JULY 24: STRINGS BEYOND DESCRIPTION
- JULY 31: ALLY CHRISTIAN
- AUG 7: DJ AND KRIS FROM STOP. DROP.REWIND.
- AUG 14: KATTHOUSE
- AUG 21: JOHN "DONDO"
- AUG 28: FOR PETE'S SAKE, ACOUSTIC MUSIC
- SEPT 4: STRINGS BEYOND DESCRIPTION
- SEPT 11: DAN REISEN

Movie in the Park

SHOWING 2020

JULY 10:	FROZEN 2
JULY 17:	TEEN BEACH MOVIE
JULY 24:	TOY STORY 4
JULY 31:	THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
AUG 7:	INCREDIBLES 2
AUG 14:	HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
AUG 21:	SHREK
AUG 28:	THE RUGRATS MOVIE
SEPT 4:	JUDY MOODY AND THE NOT SO BUMMER SUMMER
SEPT 11:	TROLLS

► MOVIE AT THE PARK

INDIANA AMERICAN WATER
AMPHITHEATER
Movies start: at Dusk

Top off your evening with a family friendly movie shown at dusk. (See sidebar to the left for a list of the movies.)

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SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH

- Labor Day Festival
11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FOUNDERS SQUARE

SATURDAY, SEPT 19TH

- Brewfest (YMCA/Chamber)
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
OPEN AIR PAVILION
- Bacon Fest
FOUNDERS SQUARE

SATURDAY, SEPT 26TH

- Germanfest (St. Peters)
FOUNDERS SQUARE

SATURDAY, OCT 3RD

- Harvest Festival
FOUNDERS SQUARE

THURSDAY, OCT 22ND FRIDAY, OCT 23RD & SATURDAY, OCT 24TH

- Annual Haunted Hayride
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
WOODLAND PARK
Cost: \$3.00 per ride
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SATURDAY, DEC 5TH

- Toys for Tots
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- Kiwanis Chili Luncheon
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- Tree Lighting
PORTAGE POLICE STATION
- Christmas Park Lighting
FOUNDERS SQUARE

SATURDAY, DEC 5TH & SUNDAY, DEC 6TH

- 37th Annual Christmas Craft Show
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SYCAMORE & OAKWOOD
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2021 EVENT



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The Town of Ogden Dunes is located to the north of Portage and is one square mile in area. It is located to the north of Portage on the south side of Lake Michigan, with one mile of the Lake Michigan shoreline defining the northern border of Ogden Dunes. This small residential private beach community is surrounded by Indiana Dunes National Park, and has about 600 single family homes, a population close to 1,100 people, and one small convenience store.

The Town was established when Samuel Reck purchased land through the Francis A. Ogden estate in 1923. In August 1925, the 24 residents of the area voted to incorporate as a Town.

Hillcrest Road, which is accessible via US Highway 12, is the only road leading you in and out of this quaint town.

The Portage/Ogden Dunes South Shore Train Station is located at the Town entrance, giving residents a means to ride by rail westward as far as Chicago, Illinois, and eastward as far as South Bend, Indiana.

Social life in Ogden Dunes is dominated by Lake Michigan beach activities. There are also a significant number of very active civic organizations in the Town, including the Lions Club, Book Club, Garden Club, Prime Timers', Women's Club, Historical Society, and the Homeowner's Organization. The Town manages several park and recreation facilities, including two tennis courts, a soccer field, two tot lots, and numerous natural areas that have been set aside for preservation. The Ogden Dunes Community Church is located at the entrance to Town.



TOWN HALL: 219-762-4125

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon – Fri: 8 AM – 3 PM

Ogden Dunes is governed by a five member council, while the Clerk-Treasurer and the Chief of Police manage day-to-day operations. Fire protection is provided by a volunteer fire department.

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ward 1 – Scott Lehman
Ward 2 – Nate Ball
Ward 3 – Michael Webber
Ward 4 – Carolyn Saxton
Ward 5 – Doug Cannon

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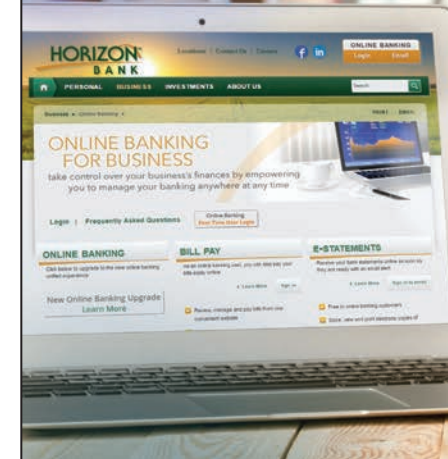


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