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IN

PORTAGE, INDIANA

COMMUNITY PROFILE
2022-2023



Membership Benefits

Invest in your business – *and our community!* – by becoming a member of the **GREATER PORTAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

We are the central organization which businesses in our community use to promote projects, products and services that will benefit residents and other businesses in the Portage community.



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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. Our Port of Indiana supports nearly 100 international vessels as they make their way every year from the Atlantic Ocean, through the St. Lawrence Seaway in Canada, into the Great Lakes and to the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor. Visitors can tour the nearby Indiana Dunes NATIONAL Park which offers camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, hiking and nature viewing.

Founders Square Park is our central downtown location. Located off of Central Avenue, this area consists of an entertainment pavilion, splash pad, Hannah's Hope park, which will allow disabled and abled children to swing together, newly renovated Police Dept. as well as a new Fire Station. The Promenade, located in Founders Square, encompasses residential and commercial businesses for a beautiful downtown feel. Founders Square is a beautiful place to enjoy the market, movies, concerts in the park, car shows and many community events.

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Portage Chamber of Commerce. The Portage Chamber has nearly 400 members. Events and opportunities are starting to flourish, with the decrease in Covid 19. We are always creating new networking and promotional opportunities to help our member businesses succeed and grow. Our monthly MidWeek Mingles and Educational Rise, Shine and Share Series offer great networking opportunities for our members.

Other great events that allow our member businesses to gain visibility include the Portage Community and Business Night, with more than 700 attendees, this year our 39th Annual Spring Swing Golf Outing, in addition to our Portage "Fish-On" Outdoor Vendor Show.

Our online business directory is another service the Portage Chamber of Commerce provides to the local community. Portage Chamber, Executive Director, Nancy Simpson has lived here for 26 years and agrees, Portage is a wonderful city to both live & work. "Being a member and ambassador of the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce has been a rewarding experience. I have met so many remarkable people who have become great business connections, friends and clients. I encourage folks to become active members and look forward to seeing their businesses grow along with our wonderful city of Portage!" states Mike Scanlan, 2022 Portage Chamber President and Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. We contin-



ue to offer "Member to Member" Deals as well as our "Gift Certificate Program" to encourage you to think local, shop local! By supporting the businesses in our directory, you are reinvesting in your community.

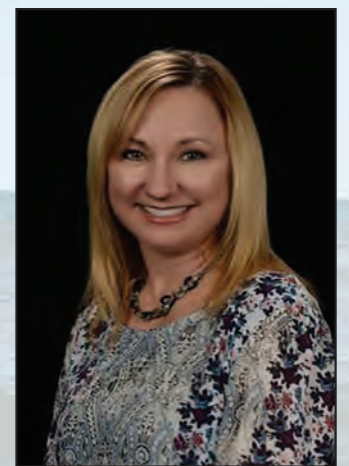
Portage has emphasized diversified growth as evidence of a healthy mix of commercial and industrial development, especially on the North side in our Ameriplex at the Port Development. The South side of Portage continues to grow with a sprawling new subdivisions. Our school district is second to none serving over 8,700 students in the district.

If you are new to the city of Portage and/or are interested in relocating 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.

All the best,

Nancy Simpson

Nancy Simpson,
Executive Director
Portage Chamber of Commerce



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Portage Chamber is proud to partner with the following businesses in our community. With many thanks to:



Welcome to Portage, the City of Opportunity!



Our location at the southern tip of Lake Michigan provides quick access to Chicago as well as the nation's interstate system. Convenient access to the Indiana Toll Road, as well as Interstate 80/94, allows residents and visitors a myriad of opportunities for jobs, shopping, recreational activities, and dining experiences.

We are also home to the **Port of Indiana** and the **Indiana Dunes National Park**.

Our access to Lake Michigan is highlighted through the West Beach and Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk units of the Indiana Dunes National Park, providing miles of trails for those wanting to hike the dunes and beautiful beaches to enjoy on a warm summer day.

The city itself has 15 parks, encompassing 650 acres of recreational opportunities, from playgrounds to picnic areas, a dog park and community buildings. **The Prairie Duneland Trail** and **Iron Horse Heritage Trail** provide miles of walking and biking opportunities. **The Marquette Greenway Trail**, which traverses the northern portion of the city, will eventually link Chicago to New Buffalo, Michigan.

Downtown is **Founders Square**, a unique park nestled in the center of the city. Each Friday during the summer, it hosts the **Market on the Square** including music, movies, and vendors. Music lovers can listen to free live entertainment at the amphitheater the first Sunday of each month during the summer months. Recently renovated and expanded Founders Square is also home to the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Christmas celebrations in the city. It is also home to an all-inclusive playground, Hannah's Hope, and a splash pad.

Imagination Glen hosts softball and baseball tournaments as well as the rugged **Outback Trail**, a BMX track and soccer fields. It is also home to our **Light Up the Gourds! Festival** in October.

Learn of our history at **Countryside Park** which is home to the **Alton Goin Historical Museum**, operated in partnership with the city and the **Portage Community Historical Society**.

Portage is home to steel mills and steel processing plants as well as several manufacturing, logistical and distribution companies, many at AmeriPlex at the Port business park, providing well-paying jobs.

Our retail districts, located at the 194 corridor, along Central Avenue and along U.S. 6 offer national shopping opportunities from Walmart to Meijer to Menards and the recently reopened Emagine Theater. There are plenty of small shops dotted throughout the retail districts as well.

Choice in dining ranges from small, locally owned restaurants to casual dining opportunities. Evenings can be spent enjoying a drink with friends and listening to entertainment at various establishments.

Residential opportunities are booming in this city of approximately 40,000 residents. New single-family homes are popping up throughout the city as well as apartments, townhomes and more to suit anyone's lifestyle.

Public safety and services are a priority. We have the finest police, fire and street departments in the Northwest Indiana region and work diligently to provide them with the most up-to-date equipment and technology.

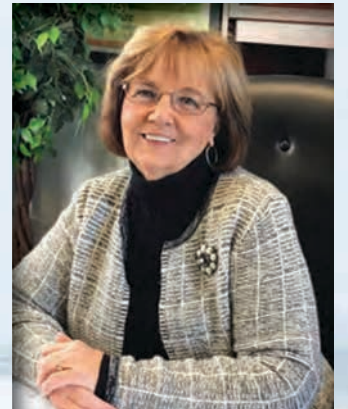
Whether you are a resident, business owner or visiting our city, we have a vast number of opportunities for you to explore.

We continue to move forward with projects to provide additional opportunities to present and future residents as well as our visitors. We are undertaking multi-million-dollar projects to update our wastewater treatment plant to provide services in the growing city. The Willowcreek Bypass is undergoing a \$2.8 million improvement project and the Central Avenue West project, which will provide better mobility and walkability in the city, will soon be underway. We've renovated City Hall to make it accessible to all residents and to provide more efficient services to the community.

Whatever brings you our way, stop by, visit our city and learn about the opportunities in store, whether you're a present resident, considering making Portage your home or a business looking for a place to grow.

Sincerely,

Sue I. Lynch,
Mayor



Sue I. Lynch, Mayor

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Government Officials

The City of Portage's government consists of a Mayor, a Clerk-Treasurer, a seven-member common council, and a staff with a budget for police, fire, street and sanitation, parks, public works, community planning and development, water reclamation, and administrative services.

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Eric Skalka (D)

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Clerk: Jessica Bailey (D)
Coroner: Cyndi Dykes (R)
Prosecutor: Gary S. Germann (D)
Recorder: Chuck Harris (R)
Sheriff: David M. Reynolds (D)
Surveyor: Kevin D. Breitzke (D)
Treasurer: Michelle Clancy (D)

PORTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

District 1 (South): Laura Shurr Blaney (D)
District 2 (Center): Jeff Good (R)
District 3 (North): Jim Biggs (R)

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL:

1st District: Eric Wagner (D)
2nd District: Jeremy Rivas (D)
3rd District: Greg Simms (D)
4th District: Mike Jessen (R)
At-Large: Andy Bozak (R)
At-Large: Mike Brickner (R)
At-Large: Sylvia Graham (D)

PORTER COUNTY SUPERIOR / CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES:

Superior Court 1: Michael Fish (R)
Superior Court 2: Jeffrey Clymer (R)
Superior Court 3: Michael Drenth (R)
Superior Court 4: Christopher Buckley (R)
Superior Court 5: Mary DeBoer (R)
Superior Court 6: Jeffrey Thode (R)

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Governor: Eric Holcomb (R)
Lieut Gov: Suzanne Crouch (R)
Atty General: Todd Rokita (R)

REPRESENTATIVES:

1st District: Frank Mrvan (D)
2nd District: Jackie Walorski (R)
3rd District: Jim Banks (R)
4th District: James Baird (R)
5th District: Victoria Spartz (R)
6th District: Greg Pence (R)
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8th District: Larry Bucshon (R)
9th District: Trey Hollingsworth (R)

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US Rep/Congressman: Frank Mrvan (D)



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OUTDOOR: SPRING

Registration: Opens March 1st

Season Begins: In April

Schedule: A week night practice and a game on Sat.;
6 games played total

Ages: 3-14 (Boys & Girls)

Where: Imagination Glen Park

Recreational League-Teams are chosen at random.

R/NR: \$55/\$65

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

OUTDOOR: FALL

Registration: Opens July 15th

Season Begins: In August

Schedule: A week night practice and a game on Sat.;
6 games played total

Ages: 3-14 (Boys & Girls)

Where: Imagination Glen Park

Recreational League-Teams are chosen at random.

R/NR: \$55/\$65

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

For more details on our sports programs,
call the City of Portage Parks & Recreation Dept:
219-762-1675

ADULT SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL: SPRING

Registration: Opens Feb 1

Season Begins: In April

Time: Games begin at 6:00pm

Days: Sunday - Thursday

Where: Imagination Glen Park

Ages: 18 and up

SOFTBALL: FALL

Registration: Opens June 1st

Season Begins: In August

Time: Games begin at 6:00pm

Days: Sunday - Thursday

Where: Imagination Glen Park

Ages: 18 and up

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

VOLLEYBALL: SPRING

Registration: Opens March 1st

Men, Women & Co-ed Teams

Season: April 7th - May 26th

Time: Games begin at 6:00pm

Day: Wednesday

Where: Woodland Park

Ages: 18 and up

VOLLEYBALL: FALL

Registration: Opens July 1st

Men, Women & Co-ed Teams

Season: September - October

Time: Games begin at 6:00pm

Day: TBD

Where: Woodland Park

Ages: 18 and up

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Fun-for-all Fridays

FRIDAYS FROM JUNE 3 – AUG 19

Bring your family and friends to Founders Square Park every Friday this summer from June 3 – August 19 for **Fun-for-All Fridays!**

MARKET: From 3 – 9pm vendor booths will have fresh produce, fresh meats, unique crafts, food trucks/tents, live music, and more!

MUSIC: Local musicians take the stage from 6 – 7:30pm. (See sidebar for schedule.)

MOVIES: The magic of Disney will start at dusk. (See sidebar for schedule.)

FOUNDERS SQUARE

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MARKET ON THE SQUARE

Founders Square Park, Portage

Vendor booths: 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Vendor applications can be found at:
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Market ~ Music ~ Movies

MARKET: 3PM – 9PM ~ MUSIC: 6PM – 7:30PM ~ MOVIES: DUSK



Join us for **Summer Disney Movies** at Founders Square every Friday from June 3 – August 19 after Market on the Square. Movies start at dusk. Bring your chair or blanket, and your friends. Admission is FREE.



JUNE 3	Encanto
JUNE 10	Cars
JUNE 17	Frozen 2
JUNE 24	Coco
JULY 1	Finding Nemo
JULY 8	Luca
JULY 15	Moana
JULY 22	Lion King (animated)
JULY 29	Beauty & the Beast (animated)

MUSIC IN THE PARK - SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Amphitheater

All concerts are from 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Head to the amphitheater to enjoy live music performances by these talented local musicians:

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E-Man

JUNE 10
David Hernandez

JUNE 17
John "Dondo"

JUNE 24
In Frequency

JULY 1
Chicken Dolphin Band

JULY 8
Kris and DJ from Stop.Drop.Rewind

JULY 15
Ally Christian

JULY 22
For Pete's Sake

JULY 29
Amy McCormick & Aaron Harris

AUGUST 5
Chris and Lou

AUGUST 12
Chicken Dolphin Band

AUGUST 19
Dan Reisen



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 - Ottawa
 - Tomahawk
 - Wigwan
 - Arrowhead
- **IMAGINATION GLEN SHELTER**
 - West

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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

SPORTS FACILITY RENTALS

- Imagination Glen Softball Complex
- Imagination Glen Trails
- Woodland Park Indoor Soccer
- Countryside Practice Field
- Prairie Duneland Trail
- Iron Horse Trail



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City Departments



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Building Permits:

Permits are needed to authorize construction & inspections.

Contractor Licensing:

Contractors and sub-contractors must be licensed, bonded and insured to work in the City of Portage.

Inspections:

Inspect construction for conformance with the plan, the permit and with state & local building codes.

Plan Review:

Review construction plans to ensure they meet compliance with our state & our local requirements.

ENGINEERING/GIS DEPT

219-764-5746

Engineering:

Oversees engineering services for the Plan Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Board of Public Works and Safety and Traffic Commission.

Designs, manages & inspects city construction projects.

Inspects private developer construction projects.

Reviews site plans and subdivision plats for adequacy, accuracy and compliance.

Assists in grant development and administration

Manages consultants, contractors & sub-contractors.

Issues Right-of-Way permits.

Geographic Information System:

Manages & provides GIS information for the City of Portage.

Maintains & manages the City and utility GIS data base.

Manages the web services pertaining to Portage City maps.

Provides resources to City Depts. related to assets, planning and mapping.



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City Departments

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FIRE DEPARTMENT 219-762-7404

Randy Wilkening, Fire Chief

The Portage Fire Department consists of 62 full time, career EMT/Firefighters, of which 53 are also Paramedics.

We respond to 6100 emergency calls annually from three staffed fire stations.

Portage Fire has a Class 3 Fire Protection Rating while providing fire prevention and investigation services, water rescue capabilities and tactical paramedics to assist the Portage Police SWAT team.

PARKS & RECREATION 219-762-1675

Portage Parks provides quality recreation programming for people of all ages and abilities. Our 15 parks and trail system offer 612 total acres for the enjoyment of our community throughout the seasons.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 219-764-5746

The Dept. of Planning & Community Development guides the physical development of the city and facilitates the translation of community values, goals, and objectives into everyday relationships with the built and natural environments. We do this by assisting in the following areas:

Planning:

- Prepare and maintain long-range growth strategies, including the City of Portage Comprehensive Plan, City of Portage Northside Master Plan, Central Ave. Business District Master Plan, and planning south of U.S. Hwy 6.
- Administer and update the City of Portage Zoning Ordinance, including Zoning Map and Subdivision Control Ordinance.
- Assist petitioners with application procedures for the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Development Review Committee.
- Provide staff support to the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals & Development Review Committee.

Redevelopment/Community Development:

- Assist new businesses in the development stages.
- Oversee purchase/sale of City-owned property.
- Manage projects for the Redevelopment Commission.
- Work with other agencies on a regular basis.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 219-762-3122

Mike Candiano, Chief of Police

The Portage Police Dept. is comprised of 70 sworn officers, nine reserve officers, seven civilians, and two 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 PCHIT (Porter County Hwy Interdiction Team.)

We have one full-time Code Enforcement Officer, as well as two full-time Animal Control Officers on our team.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 219-764-5746

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Portage Senior Living
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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Woodland Park
2100 Willowcreek Rd



2023

6th Annual PORTAGE FISHING & OUTDOOR SHOW

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SUN, FEB 26, 2023
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10th Annual Spring Jewelry & Craft Show

Sat, May 14th
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Woodland Park, Oakwood Hall
FREE ADMISSION
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Wine & Canvas

May 26th
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Painting starts at 6:00 pm
Woodland Park, Oakwood Hall
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Market on the Square

Market – Music – Movies
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Founders Square
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Summer Camps

Cooking Camp: July 11-15
Craft Camp: July 18-22
Sports Camp: July 25-29
Water Camp: Aug 1-5

Portage Cruise Night

Every Tuesday, June – August
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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Music in the Park

Market – Music – Movies
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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Woodland Park, Oakwood Hall
FREE ADMISSION but please bring an item for the Portage Food Pantry.

Harvest Festival

Sat, October 1
11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Founders Square
Food vendors, crafters, live music

Annual Haunted Hayride

October 21, 22, 23
(Thursday, Friday & Saturday)
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
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Daddy Daughter Dance 2023

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JULY 2: Independence Day Parade
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11:00AM – 9:00PM

OCTOBER: Light up the Gourds

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Christmas Park Lighting (holiday event)
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DEMOGRAPHICS

2020



Labor Force Statistics	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Population 16 Years and Over	29,411	100%	974	100%	4,053	100%
Total Population in Labor Force	18,446	62.7%	623	64.0%	2,436	60.1%
Total Number Employed	17,327	58.9%	609	62.5%	2,316	57.1%
Total Population Not in Labor Force	10,965	37.3%	351	36.0%	1,617	39.9%

Occupation	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Management, Business, Science & Arts	5,072	29.3%	436	71.6%	511	22.1%
Service	3,499	20.2%	47	7.7%	430	18.6%
Sales and Office	3,383	19.5%	76	12.5%	535	23.1%
Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	2,037	11.8%	20	3.3%	407	17.6%
Production, Transportation & Materials Moving	3,336	19.3%	30	4.9%	433	18.7%

Industry	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting & Mining	76	0%	4	1%	35	2%
Construction	1,182	6.8%	13	2.1%	334	14.4%
Manufacturing	3,202	18.5%	78	12.8%	235	10.1%
Wholesale Trade	332	1.9%	19	3.1%	61	2.6%
Retail Trade	1,448	8.4%	30	4.9%	362	15.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,332	7.7%	8	1.3%	97	4.2%
Information	254	1.5%	4	0.7%	15	0.6%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	569	3.3%	45	7.4%	82	3.5%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative & Waste Mgt. Services	1,731	10.0%	163	26.8%	129	5.6%
Educational Svcs, Health Care & Social Assistance	3,464	20.0%	191	31.4%	474	20.5%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation & Food Services	2,019	11.7%	20	3.3%	343	14.8%
Other Services, except Public Administration	898	5.2%	30	4.9%	91	3.9%
Public Administration	820	4.7%	4	0.7%	58	2.5%

Race / Ethnicity Information	City of Portage		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
White	27,657	74%	1,138	95%	4,312	84%
Black	2,983	8%	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	1,955	5%	—	—	—	—
Latino (any race)	6,473	17%	—	—	539	10%

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2020 DEMOGRAPHICS FOR GREATER PORTAGE

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Population Information	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Population	36,524	100%	47,354	100%	1,132	100%	5,017	100%
Male	17,326	47.4%	22,741	48%	604	53.4%	2,525	50.3%
Female	19,198	52.6%	24,613	52%	528	46.6%	2,492	49.7%
Median Age (years)	37.6		38.1		53.8		36.9	
Under 18	8,211	22.5%	10,581	22.3%	183	16.2%	1,092	21.8%
18-64	22,976	62.9%	29,487	62.3%	627	55.4%	3,097	61.7%
65 and older	5,337	14.6%	7,286	15.4%	322	28.4%	828	16.5%
Population Estimates								
Total Population (2013)	36,752		47,153		1,206		5,093	
Total Population Change (range)	-228	-0.6%	201	0.4%	-74	-6.1%	-76	-1.5%

Household Statistics	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Households	14,386	100%	18,309	100%	483	100%	1,852	100%
Total Families	9,479	65.9%	12,588	68.8%	346	71.6%	1,364	73.7%
Homes w/Own Children Under 18	4,216	29.3%	5,444	29.7%	112	23.2%	575	31.0%
Married Couple Family Households	6,441	44.8%	8,699	47.5%	325	67.3%	891	48.1%
With Own Children Under 18	2,451	17.0%	3,168	17.3%	102	21.1%	294	15.9%
Non Family Households	4,907	34.1%	5,721	31.2%	137	28.4%	488	26.3%
Householder Living Alone	4,186	29.1%	4,760	26.0%	99	20.5%	332	17.9%
Householder 65+ Living Alone	1,669	11.6%	1,977	10.8%	64	13.3%	181	9.8%
Average Household Size	2.52		2.57		2.34		2.7	
Average Family Size	3.1		3.08		2.72		3	
Households w/Individuals < 18	4,819	33.5%	6,152	33.6%	112	23.2%	615	33.2%
Households w/Individuals > 60	5,567	38.7%	7,342	40.1%	260	53.8%	765	41.3%
Total # of Owner-Occupied Households	10,702	68.6%	13,989	71.1%	508	95.2%	1,368	69.1%
Total # of Renter-Occupied Households	4,898	31.4%	5,686	28.9%	26	4.8%	612	30.9%

Housing Occupancy	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Total Housing Units	15,600	100%	19,675	100%	625	100%	1,980	100%
Occupied Housing Units	14,596	93.6%	18,596	94.5%	534	85.4%	1,902	96.1%
Vacant Housing Units	1,079	6.9%	1,079	5.5%	91	14.6%	78	3.9%
Median Value	\$164,300		\$160,900		\$387,000		\$125,300	

Income Information	City of Portage		Portage Township		Ogden Dunes		South Haven	
Median Household Income	\$59,731		\$61,411		\$137,083		\$57,656	
Median Family Income	\$78,080		\$72,356		\$170,833		\$62,851	
Per Capita Income	\$27,674		\$28,387		\$66,189		\$23,935	
Median Male: Full-Time, Yearly	\$56,096		\$58,485		\$110,000		\$51,895	
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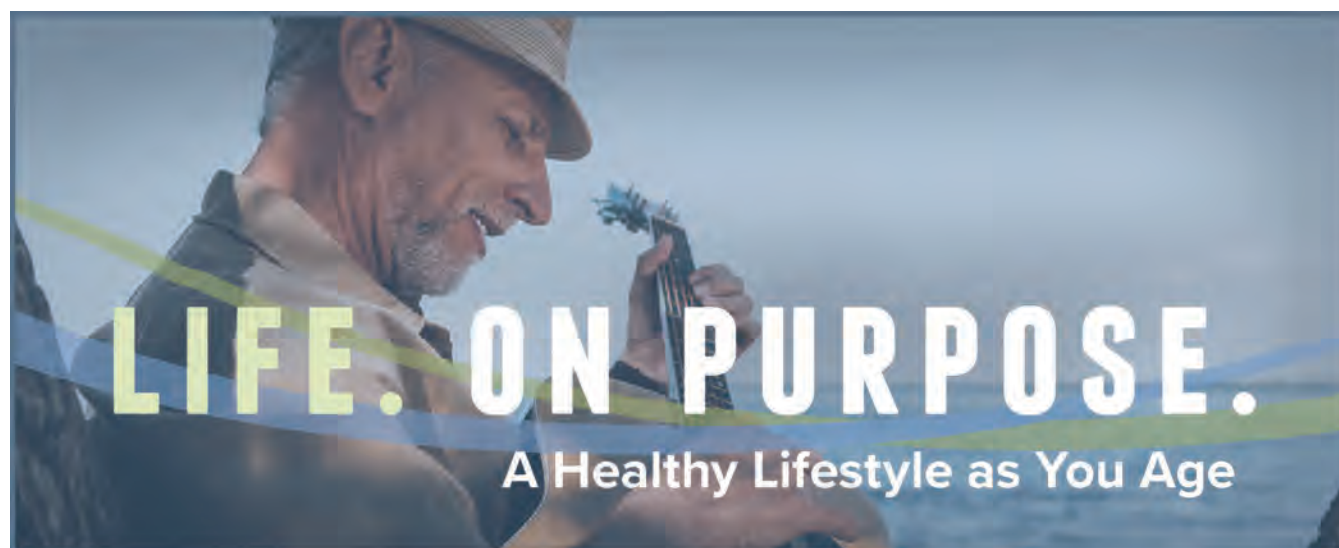
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