



Facade Program Update Seven applications were received for the Facade Improvement Pitch Program, with three selected to move forward. The Pitch Competition is scheduled for May 28 (judges and venue to be announced).

Community & Leadership Highlights We were honored to host Rogers City leadership for a tour of key city services, reinforcing the strength, professionalism, and forward focus of Portland's team. At the RC presentation that evening, we found that majority of the community remains supportive and engaged as we continue prioritizing transparency and progress.

Positively Portland Initiative This effort aims to strengthen collaboration, improve communication, and build shared momentum across community groups. Please consider joining us on 2nd Tuesdays!

Downtown Preparation Ongoing work with partners is focused on seasonal readiness, including beautification, banner installations, and continued efforts to enhance the look and feel of downtown.

Contact us to learn more.

Life just feels better when the spaces around us are clean, charming, and well cared for —whether we're out for a stroll, shopping, or enjoying a meal downtown. A tidy, picturesque environment doesn't happen by accident—it takes all of us working together with a bit of planning and follow-through.

Just like "it takes a village to raise a child," it also takes a team effort to keep our downtown vibrant and inviting.

Over the next month, you'll see us out and about doing our part to get everything ready for Memorial Day. We'll keep up the effort through summer and into the fall—because, let's be honest, upkeep is a lot like laundry... it's never really done!

Now's a great time to take a fresh weekly look at your property. Check your entryways, sweep and clear cobwebs, clean and repair awnings, shine up those windows, refresh or remove tired planters, and yes—pull those pesky weeds!

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community looking its best!

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Our freedom came with a price.
 Never Forget, Forever Honor.
 VFW-4090 will again host the Memorial Day PARADE 10am.
 Traditional CHICKEN DINNER 11a-2p Please reach out to the VFW for details.
 Let us keep all who served and are serving in our thoughts.



FEATURED BUSINESS MUFFLER MAN

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Muffler Man: Work Done Right (and Done with Care)

For more than 30 years, Muffler Man has been a trusted part of the Portland community. Managed by Scott Meyers, the local shop has built its reputation on dependable service, honest pricing, and treating customers like neighbors—because they are.

“We specialize in under-car repair,” Scott shared, “from brakes and steering to suspension and exhaust. We also handle basic maintenance, light engine repair, and oil changes using Mobil One at a competitive price.”

What really sets Muffler Man apart? A commitment to keeping costs fair without cutting corners. “That’s by design,” Scott explained. “We’re here to serve the community. We work hard to price things honestly, get your car back to you—often the same day—and make sure every customer feels taken care of.” That promise is backed by a solid warranty: one year or 12,000 miles on both parts and labor. “It’s part of doing business the right way,” Scott said. “People should feel confident when they leave here.”

Behind the scenes, Scott leads a small but dedicated team of three. “Trevor is incredibly thorough—he enjoys figuring things out and does excellent work,” Scott said. “Larry is detail-oriented and takes real pride in what he does. Both of them truly care about serving our customers well.”

Every member of the team is fully certified in brakes, steering, and engine repair, bringing both skill and pride to every job. Scott himself has been in the industry since 1988, managing shops across the Lansing and Ionia areas.

“I genuinely enjoy what I do,” he said. “No two days are the same—there’s always something new to solve.” At the heart of it all is a simple philosophy: “Honesty is our policy. It brings people back. Our customers know they can trust us—and that means everything. We aim to please, every time.”

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