

DOWNTOWN PORTLAND MI

Let's Connect!

on the street

YOUR DOWNTOWN CONNECTION

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DDA ~ DOWNTOWN Development Authority

Authority ~ On the authority of the State of MI and Portland City Council, the DDA (MiPortland) Board of Directors (including the Executive Director) works together to serve the District. In Portland, our DDA District extends the commercial corridors of Grand River Ave, Water St NW, and includes Historic Downtown.

TIF ~ TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. The DDA is funded by an INCREMENT (3.7%) of the property tax dollars captured within it's district.
TIF PLAN ~ developed with community input and adhering to DDA TIF laws & guidelines, the TIF Plan is the guiding document that outlines how these taxpayer dollars can be spent.

The majority of TIF \$ are collected along Grand River Ave, and Water Street. The majority of these funds (intended to benefit all) are spent in the small Historic Downtown area. The main focus is to utilize tax dollars to prevent deterioration and set the stage for economic growth. Permitted for construction, renovation, repair, remodeling and rehabilitation *of public facilities* and multi family dwellings withing the district.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Everyone is invited to watch 5 local property owners pitching their façade plans to a panel of judges to win \$\$\$ for their projects. The Audience has a vote too (that's you) !! \$20K up for grabs.

dedicated invested developer opportunity (DIDO!)



PORTLAND MiFi (Façade Incentive) PITCH COMPETITION RULES & GUIDELINES

Save the Date
THU JUNE 1
more details soon
Think 'Shark Tank'

PORTLAND, A Service Driven Community!

We are all grateful to know and recognize the volunteers behind Friends of the Red Mill, VFW & Auxiliary, The Community Fund, Service Group, Food Pantry, the Civic Players & Community Theatre, Orchestra, Churches, Fire Department, City Council, Downtown Business Group and more!

Serving MiPortland Downtown directly are our Board of Directors, Special Project Team Members, Event Volunteers for Fireworks, BeerFest, and HolidayFest ~ and those who pop in regularly just to lend a hand. Cory Grimminck, Leo Madarang, Margery Briggs, Jim Barnes, Jason Williamson, Becky Ward, Tutt Gorman and Tom Antaya / Shirley Teachout, Mike Judd, Mandy Johnston / Sheryl VanGoor, Katrina Freeman, Margie Boynton, Tim Fuller, April Vogl, Greg Greenhoe, Ryan Johnston., Kiley Hilligan, Denise Barnes, Vicki Williamson, Kerron Trowbridge and many more.

Thank you all, for being wonderfully giving volunteers!

We are sad to announce the resignation of long time board member, Tom Antaya. He has served the DDA Board in a dedicated and knowledgeable manner. His service has been a steady and a strong example of leadership for 35 continuous years, longer than most of us have held a job with a single employer. Tom has seen Portland DDA through times of challenge and change with his wisdom, work ethic, and wealth of connections... we are enormously grateful.

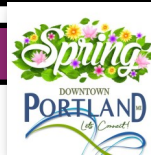
Please thank him for his community service when you see him next, or send a note!



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FEATURED BUSINESS

OHANA MEDICAL GROUP

Submitted by Kurt Fedewa

Anthony Sands is a physician assistant (PA) with a new private practice in Portland.

Anthony was wounded in Iraq while serving a tour of duty with the Army National Guard. He was treated there by a physician assistant who took a personal interest in Anthony's welfare. Anthony was so impressed by the compassion of the physician assistant who was treating him that he decided to become a PA himself, and to dedicate his life to helping other people.

"Our practice in Portland is devoted to providing personal care," said Anthony. "It involves knowing the patient in a personal way in order to provide the finest care possible for that individual."

Anthony felt called to open his own practice in order to provide this high level of care. His wife, Rachell helps out as office manager.

"This clinic would not be open without her," said Anthony. "She has a vast amount of responsibility. Rachell makes sure that patients are referred to the proper specialists and she helps our patients get the care that they need at our clinic."

The Sands are very family oriented. They have two young daughters. "My daughters have had a tremendous influence on me," said Anthony. "They have helped make me a caring person. This sense of care translates into the personal touch that describes our practice."

Anthony attended Western Michigan University where he was granted a Master Degree of Science and Medicine. This degree allows Anthony to care for people's medical needs as a PA.

Anthony feels blessed to be in Portland. "I have so much family in this city," he said. "Being here allows me to stay connected to my parents, to my brother, and to other immediate family members who live here. We feel grateful to experience community the way that we do in Portland."

When not engaged in his practice, Anthony enjoys golfing with his family. He also enjoys getting to know the community.

"I feel thankful in every way to be here," he said. "I put my heart into helping people and they in turn help us. We are truly blessed."

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Hours: Mon thru Thurs 8am– 5pm; On call for urgent care after hours.

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The 'Buzz' about Beerfest on the Bridge Aug12, has begun!

3Bs... BIGGEST BotB ever!! We are growing and bringing MORE!

- Beginning April 15 -

40%-50% off 'day of' pricing available online only

while this limited release lasts at Eventbrite.com

Volunteers can sign up for their favorite times & jobs

at signupgenius.com—search BeerFest ot Bridge
or watch for an email from us, or email us for a direct link



2nd Saturday in Aug.



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GERANIUM SALE

Beautiful and hardy @ \$2.50 per plant.

This year's colors:

Red, White, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Salmon.

We are only selling by Pre-orders.

Order early to ensure color/quantity you want.

We do not anticipate any extra plants available on date of pickup.

All orders must be in by **Saturday April 29**

To Order:

New online ordering:

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portlandmigarden-
club.org/geranium-sale/](https://portlandmigarden-club.org/geranium-sale/)

Call in: 616-284-1213.
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**Pick-up Date: Thursday,
May 11th, 12-6 pm.**

Portland Red Mill Pavilion:
350 N Water St,



**The GREAT Portland
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday April 8 @
10am Bouge Flats**

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