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PORTLAND PROGRESS

Work continues on the new water treatment lines along Grand River Avenue, Water Street, Two Rivers Park, and the Bandshell, as well as ongoing progress at the Plaza.

Kent Street is blooming with new planters and garden beds, thanks to the Garden Club's gracious addition of this area to their project list.

Water Street has now reopened, and efforts are underway to remove the Grand River Avenue lane shift within the next few weeks.

The large concrete structure near the west end of the retaining wall is scheduled for removal later this week or early next. Georgetown will remove the remaining building foundation alongside the remaining concrete on site, then transition to park restoration.

MWT Construction is expected to begin plaza work once these tasks are complete, potentially starting the week of July 21. Plaza completion is anticipated between late August and mid-September.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR
PORTLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

JULY 4TH 2025

10:00 AM

PARADE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE "HOMECOMING ROUTE". PLEASE LINE UP TO VIEW THE PARADE FROM THE CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AVE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Lineup (along Canal St.) will start at 9:00am, we will not have assigned spots in the lineup. The VFW will be leading the parade. Please contact **Erica Sheehan** at llericabean@gmail.com with any further questions.

ROAD CLOSURES 8:45—11AM

Canal St . Water St. Lyons Rd to High School

**BREWS ON THE BRIDGE
POURS IN THE PARK**

ONE OF A KIND RIVER VENUE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 9, 2025
3:00-8:00PM**

HYPER-LOCAL • SMALL-BATCH • ARTISANAL

- BEER • CIDER • SELTZER •
- WINE • COCKTAILS • MOCKTAILS •
- COFFEE • TEA • WATER •

One-of-a-kind LOCATION surrounding the RIVER on the bridge, boardwalk, & park!

Captivating Music

Culinary Delights

Fun-Filled Activities

MI Makers Market

Scan for more information or visit miportland.org/brewsandpours
Must be 21 or older to attend

Save Online Fee & get a Free Souvenir Pint Glass (Glass cannot be used at the event) -
SALES BEGIN 7/10 @ Portland Party Store!



Bringing the **BEST of Mid & West MI** together for
*a great day on the **RIVER** with an exceptional selection of over 50 **brewed beverages**, * music by **Seritas Black Rose**, * a variety of culinary delights **Fire & Rice, Criminal Cookies**, * games, contests and **NEW fun-filled activities + MI Makers Market !**

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Community Event Info & Details

www.miportland.org/events



July 2 - OFF

9-Jul	Lighting Matches	Known for driving guitar riffs and harmonies reminiscent of Fleetwood Mac, Lighting Matches stays true to their roots while also setting fire to the lines and limitations of genre labels.
16-Jul	LaJoye Quartet	an ensemble performing music from the American Songbook with a jazz flavor.
23-Jul	We Three Strings	Three Guys and a Good Time
30-Jul	Clique Vocals	performing and a shared love of singing jazz standards

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6-Aug	Kick Back	Just some local guys playing the music you love! Kick Back plays a blend of Classic rock and Country Music.
13-Aug	PHS Marching Band	Known for its spirited performances reflecting their musical excellence and dedication.
20-Aug	Atomic Annie	Known for their strong vocals and engaging stage presence, the duo brings intimate, high-energy acoustic performances of classic and contemporary hits.
27-Aug	Palamazoo	Known for her colorful, interactive shows, Palamazoo blends music, storytelling, and playful visuals to create joyful experiences for kids and families. Performances often feature streamers, inflatable props, and positive messaging, making them a hit at family-friendly events

Sept 3 Serita BR Duo Sept 10 Russ Holcomb

FEATURED BUSINESS GLASS MASTERS



BY: KURT FEDEWA

Glass Masters is an auto glass repair, removal, and replacement service that has been in business in Portland since 1989. Current owner Elliot Platte has been with the company since 2009. Elliot said that he had always wanted to run his own business and he saw an opportunity to do that in 2024 when he purchased Glass Masters.

"I have always liked doing glass," he said. "And I see my business as something positive to offer to the community."

As a family owned business, the company allows Elliot to take great pride in what he does. "Our work is of high quality," he said. "We like making the customer happy and we feel that we offer excellent customer service."

Elliot said that he has picked up many new accounts recently and that this is the most important development of his business in the past year. "It has doubled our business," he said.

It has also been important to the success of the business to move to its new location. "The move provided us with our own building," said Elliot. "Before our move, we shared a building with another business. The move gave us an opportunity to expand local service."

Elliot hopes to open more locations of the company around Mid-Michigan. "This will allow us to create jobs and to employ more people," he said. "That will help various communities and it will help us."

Elliot appreciates being in Portland. "My employees and I grew up here and we like doing nice things for the community," he said. "We sponsor programs at PHS and at St. Patrick School. We also send donations to several local churches."

Elliot feels that Glass Masters is a good fit for the community. "We have something to offer to the city and they have been good to us," he said. "I can't imagine doing business anywhere else."

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M-F 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday by appointment

