

AUGUST 2026



Do you belong to an organization working to make a positive impact in Portland?

Our Aug 11 Gathering is for YOU!

Have you noticed the energy in downtown Portland this summer?

Fresh paint, restored storefronts, and renewed pride are making a difference. After decades of little investment in many historic downtown buildings, seven—and possibly nine—buildings are receiving facelifts this year. Positively Portland has been one of the catalysts by bringing people together, sharing ideas, and building momentum.

On **Tuesday**, August 11, at **6pm**, we're inviting local organizations to gather together at **Thompson field pavilion** next to the kayak launch.

We hope to have at least 15 organizations represented by the people who lead their community outreach. Bring one person—or bring two or three!

Let's share creative ideas, learn from what's worked, what hasn't (and why), and discover ways to better support one another. We all accomplish more when we plan together and coordinate.

Connection, collaboration, and fellowship are the goals. We happily leave negativity at the door and welcome everyone who loves Portland and wants to help make our community even stronger.

We hope to see you there! *Check the Flip Side*



What a hit this event has been for Summer 2026! Our final market is

Aug 19 at the Plaza inclement weather, Red Mill Pavilion

The Youth Makers Market is back, and these young entrepreneurs continue to impress!

This summer, 17 incredible young makers signed up to participate in one, two, or all three monthly markets. For August, we're excited to welcome 9 returning vendors along with 3 first-time makers who are ready to share their creativity with the community.

You'll find an amazing variety of products, including original artwork, paintings, bracelets, beaded pens and keychains, squishies, tie blankets, potted plants, 3D-printed dragons and fantasy creations, Dirty Sodas, fresh lemonade, cotton candy, assorted candies, homemade jams, granola, balloon animals, baked goods, paracord keychains, and plenty of other surprises.

We're incredibly proud of these young makers. They're engaging, creative, hardworking, and learning firsthand about customer service, profit and loss, responsibility, and what it takes to build something of their own. Their personalities shine as brightly as their products!

The market also happens to fall on the first day of school, and many of these kids can't wait for that final bell to ring so they can head downtown, set up their booths, meet you, and earn a few dollars doing something they love.

Come celebrate their hard work, encourage their entrepreneurial spirit, and maybe discover your next favorite treat or one-of-a-kind gift while you're at it!

July 17 **Wednesday, August 11, 4:30 - 6:30pm**

August 1-31, 2026

Explore Ionia County as you search for over 70 hand-painted guitars displayed at local businesses throughout the county! Each guitar is a one-of-a-kind piece of art created by talented artists.

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How to Play

- 1 Scan the QR code to access all of the Scaventure Hunt clues.
- 2 Visit the participating businesses and find the guitar.
- 3 Take a selfie with the guitar.
- 4 Scan the QR code on the guitar.
- 5 Submit your selfie to earn your entry into the Grand Prize drawing

The more guitars you find, the more chances you have to win!



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MiPortland.org/events



Home Games

PORTLAND, MI

Blue Sox

3 Games Aug 8

re-established 2019

Vintage Baseball Aug 29 4:00 PM



MIPITCH

BUSSINESS PIT

Have a big idea?

MIPitch
WHERE IDEAS COME TO LIFE
MONTCALM + IONIA COUNTIES

APPLY BEFORE AUGUST 9TH

What is MI Pitch?
MIPitch is a local business incubator for entrepreneurs, startups, and innovators with big ideas to launch a new business in Montcalm or Ionia Counties.

What types of business ideas are eligible?
Ideas can range from pre-launch concepts to established businesses looking to launch a new product. Home-based, e-commerce, and brick-and-mortar are all eligible.

Can I win?
Winners receive prizes, business support, and resources to bring your idea to life.



Saturday August 29



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