



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

August 2018

We Are Kalamazoo  
County Government!



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## COUNTY COMMUNICATOR

The NACo (National Association of Counties) 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> thru July 16<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, TN and remains the largest single gathering of county officials held throughout the year. The event draws a cross section of elected officials and county staff from across the country. Attendees from rural and urban counties, large and small budgets and staff – all come together to shape NACo's federal policy agenda, learn, network, and share best practices all aimed to help improve residents' lives and the efficiency of county government.

Kalamazoo County Government officials in attendance at the event this year were County Administrator Tracie Moored, Chairperson Stephanie Moore, Commissioner Michael Seals, and Commissioner Julie Rogers. Featured working sessions included topics on the opioid crisis, emerging technologies and communication platforms, disaster response, and managing local water assets.

“The resources that NACo has available for counties nationally are outstanding”, stated Administrator Moored.

Chair Moore serves on the NACo Committee Presidential Appointments; Programs & Services Standing Committee; Resilient Counties Advisory Board; LUCS Steering Committee; and the Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee.

Commissioner Seals serves on the Veterans Committee.

Commissioner Rogers, a member of both NACo's Health Policy Steering Committee and Next Generation Network, participated alongside other NextGen members to stuff 200 backpacks with snacks, items and hand-written notes for local at-risk youth who attend the Oasis Center, a nationally-recognized organization on a mission to help young people in Middle Tennessee move into a happy, healthy, and productive adulthood.

Every day thousands of people across North America turn to 2-1-1 for information and support. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people from all communities and of all ages to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You'll find information about:

- supplemental food and nutrition programs
- shelter and housing options and utilities assistance
- services for veterans
- health care, vaccination and health epidemic information
- addiction prevention and rehabilitation programs
- a safe, confidential path out of physical and/or emotional domestic abuse



# Kalamazoo County, Michigan



## County Government

### Numbers to know

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Airport  
269-388-3668

Animal Services & Enforcement  
269-383-8775

Board of Commissioners  
269-384-8111

County Clerk  
269-383-8840

Drain Commissioner  
269-384-8117

Equalization  
269-383-8960

Friend of the Court  
877-543-2660

Health & Community Services  
Information & Assistance  
269-373-5173

Office of Prosecuting Attorney  
269-383-8900

Parks Department  
269-383-8778

Planning & Development Dept.  
269-384-8112

Probate Court  
269-383-8666

Road Commission  
269-381-3171

Sheriff Department  
269-385-6173

Treasurer  
269-384-8124

Veterans Service Office  
269-373-5361

## Kalamazoo County Board Of Commissioners

Contact  your District Commissioner

## Kalamazoo County

Elected Officials

### *In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...*

[Stephanie Moore](#), Chair  
[District 1](#)

[Roger Tuinier](#)  
[District 7](#)

County Clerk/ROD:  
Timothy Snow (269) 383-8840

[Kevin Wordelman](#)  
[District 2](#)

[John Gisler](#)  
[District 8](#)

Sheriff:  
Rick Fuller (269) 383-8821

[Tracy Hall](#)  
[District 3](#)

[Dale Shugars](#), Vice Chair  
[District 9](#)

Treasurer:  
Mary Balkema (269) 384-8124

[Michael Seals](#)  
[District 4](#)

[Mike Quinn](#)  
[District 10](#)

Prosecuting Attorney:  
Jeff Getting (269) 383-8900

[Julie Rogers](#)  
[District 5](#)

[Scott McGraw](#)  
[District 11](#)

Drain Commissioner:  
Pat Crowley (269) 384-8117

[Ron Kendall](#)  
[District 6](#)

### **Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates:**

Meetings start at 7:00pm

-  August 8th (Wednesday)
-  August 21st
-  September 4th
-  September 18th

Not sure what district  
you're in? Click on  
the District links above  
for a detailed map.

Kalamazoo County Government, City of Kalamazoo, Portage, Township and Public  
School meetings can be viewed on demand at: [Public Media Network](#)

### 2018 Kalamazoo County Courts/County Office closings

~No court closings in August

### Employment Opportunities at Kalamazoo County Government

The most recent listing of open positions available within the  
County can be found at <http://www.kalcounty.com/hrd>. -  
Veteran's Encouraged to Apply!



Follow Kalamazoo County Government on line!



Find updates about Kalamazoo County Government

<https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyGovernment/>

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department  
has a *new* location to better serve you!

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department **will be closed** from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> to facilitate the move to their new location.



On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services will re-open at their new location at 311 East Alcott Street!

The building will serve as a central location for the Health & Community Services Department for all its services and programs. It will be within walking distance of other social services such as the Family Health Center, Goodwill Industries, and Community Mental Health. It will be on the Metro bus route, and there will be a bus stop directly in front of the building.

“Our newly remodeled building will be within the City of Kalamazoo, making access to the Health & Community Services Department more convenient for our customers and community throughout the County,” said Jim Rutherford, Health Officer. “As you enter the building, there will be one large waiting room for all programs and services and a centralized information desk. We will also have updated facilities and clinic exam rooms. All of this will help us better serve the residents of Kalamazoo County.”

View of the reception area at the new Health & Community Services Dept. building scheduled to open Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>!



For more information, please visit our website at [www.kalcounty.com/hcs](http://www.kalcounty.com/hcs), call 269-373-5200, or like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyHCS/](https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyHCS/)

## August 7, 2018 Primary Election Candidates and Proposals

Polls open at 7:00am – close at 8:00pm



On Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, voters will have the opportunity to nominate candidates of their major party for the general election which will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. What's the difference between a primary and a general election? In a primary election, voters may vote for candidates in one major party only.

**Am I qualified to vote?** If you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on or before the day of election, have been a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days prior to the election, and have registered to vote prior to the close of registration preceding the election (July 24<sup>th</sup>).

For a listing of candidates, please visit the Kalamazoo County Government website at:

<http://www.kalcounty.com/clerk/august%20%202018%20candidate%20listing.pdf>

For a list of ballot proposals: <http://www.kalcounty.com/clerk/august%20%202018%20proposals.pdf>

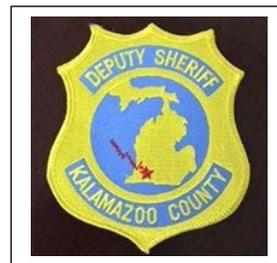
**Where do I vote?** Each vote must cast their ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which they reside. If you are in doubt as to where your polling place is, check with the clerk of your city or township. You can also visit the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site at: [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) *Your vote counts!*



**The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office** is advising residents of numerous incidents reported by area residents that they have received phone calls from persons posing as representatives from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office. The callers are attempting to make people feel they have a warrant for their arrest, or are in violation of a Personal Protection Order. These are attempts to con the resident into providing personal information, credit card information or have them buy gift

cards to pay off a court order. These scams occur from time to time but appear to be very active in recent days in the Kalamazoo County area.

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office would like to remind area residents to be cautious of these calls. If you receive a call that you feel is a solicitation or a scam to hang up on the caller. Do not give out any personal information to anyone you did not initiate the phone call with. If you wish to confirm whether or not an official with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office was trying to contact you, you may call 269-383-8821, option #3 to speak with a dispatcher.



Listed below are other scams commonly seen by the Sheriff's office. For detailed information on each scam, please visit the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountySheriff/posts/252295148833237>

- Fake Check Scams
- Foreign lottery schemes
- Home-repair scams
- Jailed family
- Mystery shopper scams
- Package inspector scam
- "Nigerian" email or telephone schemes
- Romance scams
- Sweepstakes schemes
- Tax collection scams
- Tech support scams
- Work-from-home and business opportunity scams

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office strives to protect citizens from these thefts. Being fore warned and aware is your best safety measure. The written rule that says "if it's too good to be true", really does apply.

# Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

August 7-11, 2018



**Superheroes, Fairytales, Farms & Animals!**

Open 9AM – 9PM every day. Daily admission \$6.00 Kids ages 6-12 \$2.00 Kids under 5 FREE!

**Kids Day Every Day!**

The Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is dedicated to providing an affordable family event full of fun and educational experiences for you and your family!

- Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - SUPERHERO DAY  
FREE books for all kids while supplies last
- Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> - FAIRYTALE DAY  
FREE Fairytale Rubber Duck for all kids while supplies last
- Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> - ANIMAL ADVENTURE DAY  
FREE Flocked Animal for kids while supplies last
- Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - KALAMAZOO DAY  
FREE Sunglasses for all kids while supplies last
- Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> - FARM & GARDEN DAY, & VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY!  
FREE Farm Animal Visor for all kids while supplies last

Presale ride wristbands are on sale now through August 6th. They are \$10 instead of \$20 during the week of fair. You can purchase them at your local Harding's Friendly Markets, or at the Kalamazoo County Parks Office.

Midway - Maple Leaf Amusements



Nightly featured entertainment. All shows free with paid admission. Free parking. For a detailed fair schedule, entertainment lineup, 4-H shows and events, and much more, visit:

- <https://www.facebook.com/kalamazoocountyfair/>
- <http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/>



**Kalamazoo County Fair**  
**Veteran's Day**  
**Veteran and Family EXPO**

**VCAAT**  
**VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS**

Kalamazoo County Fair Expo Center  
 Saturday, August 11, 2018 12pm to 3pm  
 During "Veteran's Day" at the Fair  
 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048

Veterans and families will receive information about benefits and services including, healthcare, education, employment and quality of life. FREE ride wristbands for the first 1000 veterans and their immediate family members including spouses and children (up to a per family) Free admission to immediate family members only.

As part of the **Veteran's Appreciation Day on Saturday August 11th**, there will be a Veteran's Expo in the Expo South Room from 12pm-3pm. All Veteran's are welcome, and we thank you for your service!

# Family Fun In Kalamazoo County

## Kalamazoo RibFest

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Arcadia Creek Festival Place  
Downtown Kalamazoo

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## Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds  
2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI



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## Public Safety and Summer Movie Night at Celery Flats

Friday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00p-9:00p, movie starts at 9:15pm

Free Public Safety displays from 7:00p-9:00pm of police vehicles, fire apparatus, ambulances, mounted police and K9 units. The movie *Wonder* (rated PG) will begin shortly after dusk. Free to public and free popcorn!

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## Tales on the Trail

KRV Trail next to the Alma Powell Library - 1000 W. Paterson St.

Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Free! Are you looking for a reason to get outside and enjoy the summer weather with your kids? Tales on the Trail! Please join us for this story-time program on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, and be entertained with tales about health and fitness as well as the outdoors.

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## Pig Out at Public Safety

Central Park behind Portage Department of Public Safety

Saturday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Kids can meet their school resource officers and get tours of Police, Fire and EMS vehicles. Free back-to-school supplies will be available as long as supplies last. Thanks to the generosity of the Parks Board, we will be grilling hot dogs for free. Portage Department of Public Safety is currently collecting K-8 school supplies (pencils, colored pencils, markers, rulers, etc.) for the event. Anyone wishing to donate school supplies is asked to drop them off in the lobby of the police station, 7810 Shaver Road.

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## Kalamazoo County Citizens Police Academy Registration is Open

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is an eleven week program that meets once a week on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, starting Wednesday, September 5th and running thru November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Citizens Police Academy allows citizens to become more educated on Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office procedures and the pressures associated within law enforcement. They seek and invite a diverse group of people that either live in, or work in Kalamazoo County, to apply. Requirements include that you must be at least 21 years of age, have no felony convictions, and have no misdemeanor convictions within the last 3 years. There is no cost to attend. The class is limited to 25 citizens. Register early!



The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy has been established to continue the positive movement in the relationships between the citizens of Kalamazoo County and their Sheriff's Office. The goal is to develop and enhance citizen awareness and understanding of the police role in the community. Through this growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens the challenges, practices, and myths about law enforcement will be brought into focus. Through these cooperative efforts all involved will be able to make Kalamazoo County an even greater place to live and work.

Citizen Police Academy members are given a realistic view of the Department. Topics presented include:

- "Meet the Sheriff"
- Tour of the Court House
- 911 Communications Center
- Tour of the Correctional Facility
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing and Forensics
- Patrol Operations
- K-9 Unit
- Use of Force Training
- Traffic Stops

Presentations consist of lectures, demonstrations, videos, computer presentations, and "hands on" participation. Each participant is given the opportunity to ride with an officer for one shift. For more information on the Citizen's Police Academy and the selection process, please call the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at 269-383-8725 or email Lieutenant Jeff Baker at [jmbake@kalcounty.com](mailto:jmbake@kalcounty.com)





Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement is advising residents to stay away from raccoons behaving in an unusual or irregular manner due to recent reports in the area. This type of strange behavior can be a sign that the animal is infected with distemper. Distemper is a disease which could spread to your pets, killing them if they're not vaccinated. There is no known cure, only a vaccine to help prevention. If you run into one of these raccoons you should call Animal Services immediately at 269-383-8775. If the Animal Services office is closed, you can also call police to have the animal removed.



### *Kalamazoo County Communicator*

At Kalamazoo County Government, we want our residents and property owners kept abreast of what's going on inside their local government. That's why we created the Kalamazoo County Communicator in 2017. It's a vehicle for information about county services and events, important messages from county officials and behind-the-scene glimpses at how government works.

You can find the Kalamazoo County Communicator on our website at <http://www.kalcounty.com/newsletters.php>

Or through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyGovernment/>.

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That's also the place to send questions and comments about this newsletter and its content. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.



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<https://www.smart911.com/>  
**Plan Ahead for Any Emergency**  
Give 9-1-1 the information they need to help you fast. Build your profile today.

  
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**  
**Fly Home. Be Home.**