



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

The County Communicator - a community newsletter

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We Are Kalamazoo County Government!



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From the Office of Administrator

Dear Community,

We have adopted a new brand to help identify Kalamazoo County Government. Kalamazoo County Government places great value on communications with the community. With that in mind, Kalamazoo County Government created an innovative new brand to be used by its many departments to blend their individual logos and taglines into one unified presence. This will ultimately enrich the customer experience and recognition of who Kalamazoo County Government is, and the services and programs it has to offer to the community.

The new County tagline, *In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance ...* is the compelling and complimentary force behind the new brand. A redesign of the County's website will reflect Kalamazoo County Government's new brand and will offer enhanced interactive features for the community, improved search features and simplified navigation. The new and improved website, www.kalcounty.com, will be gradually introduced over the next several months.

Tell us what you think, send a [quick note](#)!

Did you Know..?

Dial 381-HELP for help, even if you think there's no way anyone can help you. There is someone you can reach out to in those times when you feel desperate, overwhelmed, emotional, or hopeless. There is someone who will listen, who can help you sort through your thoughts, who can let you know where you can turn for help or can directly send help to you, or can show you compassion and empathy to help get you through the moment, the hour, the night.



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Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Mentoring Program

On Trac Residential Treatment Services

Seeks to **T**ransform young men by tapping into their creative energies, **R**espect them by acknowledging their potential, hold them **A**ccountable for previous choices, and give them the **C**ourage to change and make new choices. Our young men love to learn new things and are very receptive to positive role models. This is an opportunity to support a young person at a critical turning point in their lives. Our residents need you to help guide them upon release back into the community.



On Trac was started in 2007 and is housed within the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home. We serve court adjudicated youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Our goal is to help our long term residents return to the community with adequate support systems, knowledge of life skills, and the self- confidence to make new and better choices.



Our residents range in age from 13-17.

The Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home is currently seeking volunteer mentors to support the program residents. The mentoring relationship will begin while the youth is still detained and then transition to a community based support opportunity. Our desire is to help youth develop a trusting relationship with an adult while they are with us and for that person to be a source of support and direction for them when they leave our program. Grant funds from generous donors allow us to reimburse our mentors for costs incurred for activities engaged in with our youth.

This mentoring program is supported by the Kalamazoo Juvenile Home Foundation Board and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Being a mentor is a wonderful gift that you can give to your community.

Together we can stop the school to prison pipeline.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jai Khatri at (269) 385-6028.

Junior Chef Program



Don't Forget!

Summer Tax Collection:

Kalamazoo City:
July 1st - July 31st

Portage City:
August 1st – September 14th

Galesburg City:
July 1st – August 1st

Parchment City:
July 1st – August 14th

All Villages:
July 1st – Sept. 14th

All Townships:
July 1st – September 14th



Kalamazoo County Communicator

The purpose of the County Communicator is to make you - the constituents, the businesses, and the community aware of the services and programs the County provides and how you can help. And to open a dialogue for ideas and feedback on how to make Kalamazoo County a better place to live and do business.

Submit your suggestions or subscribe here:



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Board of Commissioners Meetings:

August 2, 2017 (Wednesday)
August 15, 2017
September 5, 2017
September 19, 2017
October 3, 2017

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Service *Promoting Health for All*

Notice of Public Comment Period on Proposed 2018 Community Services Block Grant Plan

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department's Community Action Agency will accept public comments as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan for FY 2018. Public comments will be accepted on the CSBG FY 2018 proposed plan from July 20, 2017 to August 2, 2017.

The plan summary is as follows: A planning grant in the amount of \$640,107 is being applied for to be utilized in Kalamazoo County for the general purpose of serving low-income county residents. The plan includes provisions for job skills training and education, free tax preparation, rental assistance, and a senior nutrition program for individuals and families at or below 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Persons or organizations wanting to comment on or review the proposed plan should contact Lyndi Warner, 269-373-5271 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by August 2, 2017. Materials in alternative format can be made available if notification is given two days in advance.



Family Fun In Kalamazoo County

Kalamazoo Air Fair

When: Saturday, July 29th
Time: 10a.m to 3:00p.m.
Where: Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport
5235 Portage Road, Portage, MI 49002

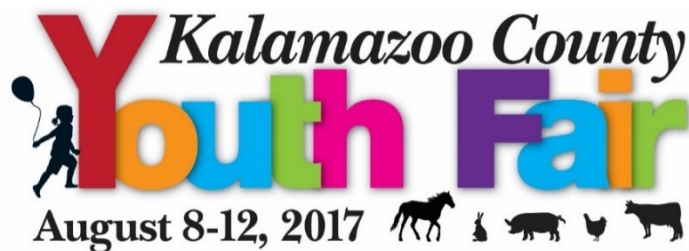
The airport invites you to attend the **2nd annual Air Fair** Saturday July 29th! There will be free parking for all attendees, food trucks on-site and plenty of fun for the whole family! **And..... two of our airlines are giving away round trip tickets and vacation packages!!**



Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

When: August 8 – 12, 2017
Where: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
Cost: Daily Admissions \$6-adult, \$2-kids (6-12), 5 and under Free

The Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is focused on bringing a fun and educational experience to families and youth in the Kalamazoo Area. Enjoy nightly musical entertainment on the Kalamazoo Music Stage while eating some of your favorite fair food. Test your detective skills in 2 “The Final Clue” Escape rooms. Experience local farms and over 400 animals along with educational presentations and displays. 4-H exhibits will be on display inside the Main Expo, and don’t miss the 4-H Livestock Auction on Thursday. Free themed Kids Expo Activities and Entertainment all day every day. There will be a Lego display and play area inside along with Maple Leaf Amusements Carnival rides and games outside. For complete schedule and details check out www.kalamazoocountyfair.com. We thank Zoetis for returning as the Grand Champion Sponsor for 2017!



Texas Township Farmer’s Market - Fresh on Q!

When: Saturdays from 8:00am – noon
Tuesdays from 4:00 – 7:00pm
Where: 7110 West Q Avenue, Kalamazoo MI
Joyce Neubauer Farmers’ Market Pavilion



The “Fresh on Q!” Farmers’ Market features up to 35 vendors selling fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, cheeses, breads, pastries and baked goods, potted plants and cut flowers, as well as foods prepared on-site, ready to eat at the market, and more!

Important Dates

August is :

National Family Fun Month

Family Fun Month is celebrated throughout the month of August. It is the opportune time to enjoy family with extra fun and activities. See page 4 for activities in the County!

August 7th – *National Purple Heart Day* commemorates the day in 1782 when General George Washington created the Purple Heart Medal – a military decoration that is awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

August 19th – *National Aviation Day* is observed in the United States on August 19 each year to celebrate the history and development of the aviation.

August 21st – *National Senior Citizens Day* is an observance to honor the contributions of senior citizens in the United States

August 26th - *Women's Equality Day* commemorates the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote



Clerk's Corner

Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register

Marriage Licenses – Procedure To Obtain



Timothy Snow

The Clerk's office processes marriage license applications daily from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. License is NOT available for pick up on weekends and legal holidays.

To obtain a marriage license in Kalamazoo County, the application process is done through the Kalamazoo County Clerk's Office, 201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue, Room #103. The information for the application is entered online: [Marriage Application Online](#). After the online portion is finished and you have secured the confirmation number (ON-YYYY-####) you must appear in person at the County Clerk's Office to complete the process.

Requirements:

1. Persons 18 years of age and older may contract marriage in Michigan without parents' consent.
2. For purposes of the marriage application, residency is determined by a current valid driver's license/state-issued ID reflecting your correct Kalamazoo county address:
 - a. If one or both persons is a Michigan resident, they apply in the county where either applicant lives. This license is valid throughout the state.
 - b. If both persons are out-of-state residents, they **MUST** apply in the county where they plan to be married. The license is valid in that county only.
3. The following is required of **BOTH PERSONS** at the time of application:
 - a. Valid driver's license/state-issued ID showing correct address.
 - b. If under 21 years of age, **CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATES** are required.
 - c. Other required information includes:
 - Full names of each person
 - Birth dates and places (city & state)
 - Complete address (no P.O. boxes)
 - How many times previously married
 - Parents' full birth names
 - Parents' **STATES** of birth (or country if not born in United States)
 - Both applicants' social security number
 - d. Fee per couple: \$20.00 for Michigan residents; \$30.00 for out-of-state residents.
4. The marriage must be solemnized within 30 days of the license becoming valid.
5. Persons 16 and 17 years of age must show a **CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**; written consent of one parent or legal guardian, who must appear at the time of application, is required. If parents are divorced, custodianship must be proven. A driver's license or photo ID of the consenting parent must be presented.
6. Additional information or documentation may be required before this office will complete the marriage license application.

A 3-day waiting period for a marriage license to be issued is required by Michigan law. This 3-day waiting period is considered satisfied if the online application is completed more than three days prior to coming into the Clerk's office to pay the application fee and complete the process.

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