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Vicksburg Paper Mill Project Awarded Brownfield Redevelopment Grant And Loan

The Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has been awarded a \$100,000 Grant and a \$1,250,000 Loan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the Brownfield Redevelopment Program. The funding will be used for specific environmental activities that are necessary to facilitate the successful redevelopment of the historic Vicksburg Paper Mill located on West Highway Street. In 2016, the property and adjacent area were listed as a brownfield site due to the contamination of heavily toxic materials from its previous industrial use. It was also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The mixed use project opportunities include apartments, a brewery, restaurant, retail center, offices, arts community, museum, and event spaces. The redevelopment is expected to bring 200 jobs to Vicksburg and have a transformational impact on local development and community revitalization.

The Project Manager with Paper City Development, LLC, Jackie Koney, is very appreciative of the MDEQ for its Brownfield Redevelopment Program funding assistance for this project and stated, “This support, along with the ongoing assistance provided by Kalamazoo County and the Village of Vicksburg, will create a thriving Vicksburg for generations to come!”

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioner Chair, Stephanie Moore, extended her appreciation to the MDEQ and the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for their ongoing support and hard work. “Each piece of funding secured for the Vicksburg Paper Mill Paper City Development project, helps the project move closer to becoming a reality”.



Do you need food stamps?
Do your kids lack daily nutrition?
We can help.

[2-1-1](#) provides information about school lunch programs and [summer food service programs for children](#). You can get information on government-sponsored programs that reduce hunger and find out if you qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which helps millions of Americans purchase food through grocery stores, farmers markets and restaurants. To learn more about the benefits of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), which provides food and nutrition education to new mothers, infants and children up to age five, contact your local 2-1-1 chapter.

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Board of Commissioners

Meeting Dates:

Meetings start at 7:00pm

-  June 5, 2018
-  June 19, 2018
-  July 3, 2018
-  July 17, 2018



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](#)

[Board of Commissioners Community Update Videos](#)

Board of Commissioners Community Update videos are posted each Monday prior to the Tuesday Board of Commissioners meetings. Chair Stephanie Moore, along with fellow commissioners, highlights agenda items and discusses current County topics. The Community Updates can be seen on the [Kalcounty.com](#) website at [News and Events](#) and see it on [Kalamazoo County Government's Facebook](#).

[2018 Kalamazoo County Courts/County Office closings](#)

~No Court or County Office closings in June

[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!



Intergovernmental Policy Academy: Young Adults and the Justice System

Kalamazoo County Government and the City of Kalamazoo are collaborating to participate in a newly-formed Intergovernmental Policy Academy: Young Adults and the Justice System. The County and the City were one of five teams chosen nationwide to take part in this program which aims to engage elected leaders from city, county and state government to develop strategies to reduce the use of jails for young adults; to align policies across local and state government to achieve measurable reductions in the use of jails for young adults, especially young adults of color; and to learn from peers and experts across the nation to broaden the reach of reforms that successfully reduce the number of young adults in jails.



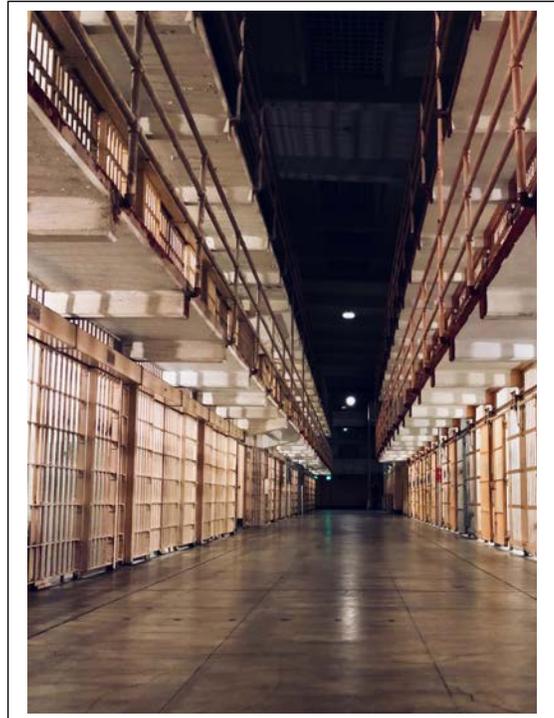
Supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Julie Rogers and Chief District Court Judge Christopher Haenicke will partner with the City of Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby J Hopewell and Assistant Chief of Public Safety David Boysen to spearhead this project, recognizing that reform is seldom possible without engaging all the relevant stakeholders. Also partnering in this endeavor is County Sheriff

Rick C Fuller III, County Prosecutor Jeff Getting, Michigan Works! Southwest Director Ben Damerow and Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse CEO, Jeff Patton. The program is supported by the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's [Safety and Justice Challenge](#).

The team will begin a year-long examination with the assistance of NACo, NLC and NCSL via webinars and phone conferences as well as resources and connections to experts to assist with teams' goals. In June, intergovernmental teams will meet in person to participate in workshops and policy discussions. This meeting will be an opportunity for cities, counties, and states to discuss policy alignment and create a tangible plan to reduce young adult populations in jails collaboratively. Teams will reconvene a year following the initial meeting to share progress and discuss successes, barriers and further implementation.

The teams' objective in participating in the Safety and Justice Challenge is to develop policies and practices that reduce the presence of youth and young adults (aged 18 - 24) in jail, and reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities. In doing so, they will demonstrate alternatives to incarceration as usual, creating models for reducing unnecessary jail use to make communities healthier, fairer, and safer. And to provide cities, counties and states with tools and support to reduce the overuse of jails for young adults. These recommendations can serve as an important pathway to working collaboratively with law enforcement on reforms to benefit youth and their communities.





Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department

“We’re Moving to Better Serve You!”

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is excited to announce that they will be moving their offices and clinic to a new location at 311 East Alcott Street, Kalamazoo MI 49001, starting on Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3. As a result of this move, the Health & Community Services Department will be closed to the public during the scheduled move week and will re-open at its new location on Monday, August 6 with normal hours of operation.

The new building at 311 East Alcott Street will serve as a central location for the Health & Community Services Department. 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.”

WE’RE MOVING

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is moving to a newly remodeled, improved facility to **BETTER SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS & COMMUNITY!**



*All the same clinics, programs & services.
Same office & walk-in hours.*

Last Day at Nazareth JULY 27	Closed for Moving JULY 30 – AUGUST 3	Re-opening at 311 East Alcott AUGUST 6
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For more information, visit our website, www.kalcounty.com/hcs or “like us” on our [Facebook Page](#) for frequent updates!



Photo of the soon to be completed waiting room for all KCHCS programs and services



Meet Up & Eat Up: Free Summer Meals

Summer Feeding Program Open to Any Child 18 and Younger

Meet Up & Eat Up provides free summer meals to children. The program is open to any child 18 years old and younger from any town or state. It also provides meals for anyone enrolled in school for physical or mental disabilities. There are more than 40 sites in Kalamazoo County. No paperwork is required to participate.

Families are welcome to eat. All children are free. Adult meals are \$2 per person. For more information, call 211 or text FOODMI at 877877. Or visit www.kresa.org.

49001	Boys and Girls Club	915 Lake Street	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9-9:30 am; Lunch: 12-12:30 pm
	Hispanic American Council	930 Lake Street	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 am; Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	Milwood El	3400 Lovers Lane	June 26-Aug 17	M-Th	Breakfast: 7:45-8:45 am; Lunch: 11 am-12:30 pm
	South Side Park	Palmer Avenue	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12:45-1:15 pm
	Tegan's Storybook Garden	736 Jackson St	June 26-Aug 17	M-Th	Breakfast 10-10:30 am; Lunch 12-12:30 pm
	The Salvation Army	1700 S. Burdick	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 8:30-9 am; Lunch: 11-11:30 am
	Upjohn Park-Youth Dev Center	1018 Walter Street	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9-:15-9:45 am; Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	YWCA-Kalamazoo	353 E. Michigan	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 8-9 am; Lunch Wed only 11:30-12:30 pm
	Washington El	1919 Portage Rd.	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 7:45-8:15 am; Lunch: 11:30-Noon
49002	Colonial Acres	5374 W. Deadwood	June 19-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12:15-1 pm
49004	Barclay Hills School	1125 Mosel Ave	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-1 pm
	Hillcrest Acres	3205 Douglas Ave	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12:15-12:45 pm
	Northwood Elem.	600 Edison St	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Breakfast: 7:30- 8:30 am; Lunch: 11:30 am-Noon
	Parchment High	1916 East G Ave	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 11:30 am-1 pm
	Parchment Library	401 S. Riverview Dr	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-1 p.m.
49006	Arcadia El	932 Boswell Lane	June 26-Aug 3	M-Th	Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 am; Lunch: 10:45-Noon
	Fox Ridge Apts.	1320 Fox Ridge Dr.	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 11:45 am-12:15 pm
	King El	1100 Nichols Rd	June 26-Aug 3	M-Th	Breakfast: 7:45-8:45 am; Lunch: 11-12:30 pm
	Central High	2431 N. Drake	June 26-Aug 3	M-Th	Breakfast: 7-7:45 am; Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
49007	Cont. Ed Center	714 S. Westnedge	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:30 p.m.
	Douglass Comm. Ctr.	1000 West Paterson	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 am; Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	Interfaith Homes	1037 Interfaith Blvd	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:45 pm; Snack: 3-3:45 pm
	Junior Girls Org.	1114 West Paterson	July 10-Aug 17	M-Th	Lunch: 12:30-1 pm
	La Crone Park	535 W. Paterson	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 a.m.; Lunch:12-12:45 pm
	Lincoln-YMCA	912 N. Burdick	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 7:45-8:15 am; Lunch: 11:30 am-Noon
	New Genesis/CLC/Stones	1225 W. Paterson	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 8:30-9 am; Lunch: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
	Youth Opp. Unlimited	422 E. South Street	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 11:30-12:30; Snack: 2 pm
49008	Alt. Learning Program	3410 Laird	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 am; Lunch: Noon-12:45 pm
	Maple Middle School	922 W. Maple	June 26-Aug 4	M-F	Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 am; Lunch: 11:30-12:45 pm
	Stadium Drive Apt.	4249 Lakesedge	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:30 pm
	YMCA- Maple Street	1001 W. Maple	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Snack: 3:15-3:45 pm; Lunch Aug 7-17: 11:45-12:45pm
49024	Milham Meadows Apt.	6103 Mallard Ccl	June 19-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12:15-1 pm
	North Middle School	5850 Oregon	June 19-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:45 pm in courtyard
49048	Big Bend Apt.	2220 Gull Road	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12:15-1 pm
	Comstock High	2107 N. 26th St	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-1 pm
	Comstock Village Est.	5437 East H Ave	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	Eastside Neigh. Assoc.	1301 East Main	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:30 pm; Snack: 4-4:30 pm
	Greater Open Door	416 Phelps Ave.	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:30 pm; Snack: 1-1 :30 pm
	Mayors Riverfront Pk.	251 Mills	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 am; Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	Merrill Park	River & Comstock 2500 St Albans	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 12-12:45 pm
	New Village Park	Way	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 am; Lunch: 12-1:30 pm
	Northeastern	2433 Gertrude	June 26-Aug 17	M-F	Lunch: 1-1:30 pm; Snack 4-4:30 pm
	Pavilion Estates	6830 East N Ave	June 26-Aug 18	M-F	Lunch: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
	Spring Valley	3530 Mt Olivet	June 26-Aug 4	M-F	Breakfast 8:30-9 am; Lunch: 12-12:30 pm

Family Fun In Kalamazoo County

[Oshtemo Friends of the Parks](#)

Offers FREE [outdoor concerts](#) at the Flesher Field gazebo (3664 South 9th Street) and FREE [outdoor movies](#) at Township Park (7275 West Main Street) during June, July and August each summer! Dates, performers and films will be published in upcoming newsletters, or visit www.oshtemofriends.org for more information.



[Do Dah Parade](#)

Saturday, June 2nd, at 11:00am
Downtown Kalamazoo

Each year, participants are challenged to reinvigorate the meaning of “Do-Dah” (a parody based on a spoof or a satire of a person, place, event or thing). The parade has been part of the Kalamazoo landscape for 33 years. It's a tradition and it is the funniest parade.



[Kalamazoo Institute of Art Fair](#)

Friday, June 1st - Artists in the park, 3 pm-8 pm
Burdick Mall Downtown and Bronson Park,
Saturday, June 2nd - Artists in the park, 9 am-5 pm
Children's activities noon-4 pm

The 67th Annual KIA Art Fair in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park featuring 190 artists from across the country. Jewelry, photography, sculpture, painting, ceramics, glass, fiber, leather, and wood, along with music, food trucks, and family activities to make a great, art-filled weekend.



[Monarch March Family Fun Run & 5K](#)

Saturday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m.
Mayors Riverfront Park - Kalamazoo River Valley Trail - 251 Mills St.

Run, walk, or jog on the scenic Kalamazoo River Valley Trail with the Michigan Nature Association! This 5K will promote efforts to preserve habitat for monarch butterflies throughout Michigan. Strollers and dogs welcome! For more information contact Jess Foxen at 517-580-3021 or email jfoxen@michigannature.org



FREE PARK DAY!

Wednesday, June 20th

Free admission at Kalamazoo Area Parks.
Take the family and make a day of fun in the sun!

FREE PARK DAY!
FREE ADMISSION AT KALAMAZOO AREA PARKS!

June 20, 2018
Free Goodies
Free Activities
Grand Prize Giveaway!

Comstock Twp Parks
Robert Morris Park
8415 East H Ave

Kalamazoo County Parks
River Oaks
9202 East Michigan Ave
(Cold Brook, Marlin Glen, Prairie View, & Scotts Mill are also free)

Kalamazoo City Parks
Upjohn Park & Kik Pool
1018 Walter St

Portage Parks & Recreation
Ramona Park
8600 South Sprinkle Rd

****Important Dates ****

June is:
LGBTQ Pride Month



Friday & Saturday
June 8th & 9th
[Kalamazoo Pride](#)
[#KalamazooProud](#)

Thursday, June 14th
Flag Day
Commemorates the adoption of the United States flag which happened on June 14, 1777
[#AmericaProud](#)

Sunday, June 17th
Father's Day
Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Dad
[#Fatherhood](#)

Thursday, June 21st
Summer Solstice
First Day of Summer
[#SummerFun](#)

Wednesday, June 27th
National PTSD Awareness Day
[#PTSDAwareness](#)



[OutFront Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Pride](#)

This year marks Kalamazoo's 11th Annual Pride Event to be held at the Arcadia Creek Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo on June 8th and 9th.

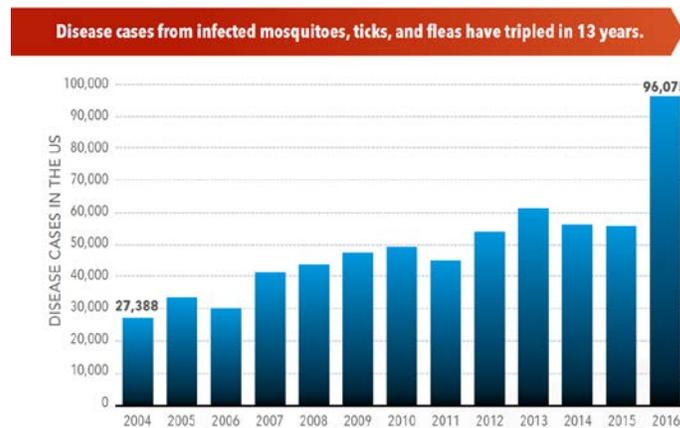


The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners in a June resolution will recognize June 2018 to be LGBTQ Pride Month in Kalamazoo County and encourages all Kalamazoo County residents to recognize and support OutFront Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Pride for strengthening our community.



Center for Disease Control & Prevention: Illnesses on the Rise from Mosquito, Tick, and Flea Bites

Warmer weather has finally graced our region and as we celebrate the coming of spring, remember to protect yourself and your family from some of the dangers that come with it. Illnesses from mosquito, tick, and flea bites more than tripled in the US from 2004 to 2016, according to the latest Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Source: CDC Vital Signs, May, 2018

What you can do:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Treat items, such as boots, pants, socks, and tents, with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Take steps to control ticks and fleas on pets.
- Find and remove ticks daily from family and pets.
- [Take steps to control mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas inside and outside your home.](#)





**Kalamazoo
County Communicator**

The purpose of the County Communicator is to make you, the constituents, businesses, and community aware of the services and programs Kalamazoo County provides. And to make you aware of how you can make a difference in your community.

Subscribe here! Tell us what you think and what you would like to see.



Local Farmers Markets are Open!

[Kalamazoo Farmers Market](#)

1204 Bank Street, Kalamazoo MI 49001

[Fresh on Q! Texas Township Farmers Market](#)

7110 West Q Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

[Douglass Farmers Market](#)

1000 W. Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

[Richland Farmers Market](#)

9400 East CD Ave, Richland, MI 49083

[Portage Farmers Market](#)

7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI, 49002



Road Construction Season is upon us. Know the best routes to take! Sign up!!