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\$1.96 Million Grant Awarded to Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch

The Michigan Department of Treasury awarded the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority a \$1,966,006 grant. Eligibility to receive this grant required complete mergers and consolidation of departments or services between local units of government. The partnership of municipalities working together to consolidate five public safety dispatch centers into one single authority are: Kalamazoo County Government, the City of Kalamazoo, the City of Portage, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo, and Western Michigan University.

The grant is specific to assist with renovation, buildout or upgrading infrastructure, as opposed to operational costs. The coordinated consolidation creates a state-of-the-art emergency communications center providing comprehensive and consolidated public safety answering point and dispatch services to residents, visitors, and public safety agencies county-wide. This model ensures long-term sustainability and enhances our capability to meet future expanding public safety communication needs. This plan speaks to quality of service, increased efficiency of operations, cost effectiveness, staffing and personnel, and organizational structure.



Deputy State Treasurer Dr. Eric Scorsone announced, "These grants will help communities share or merge services, bolstering budgets while improving services that residents depend on every day."

If you or someone you know needs this, here's the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255. You can also text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24-hour support from the Crisis Text Line. Or call the 24-hour HELP-Line: 269-381-HELP (381-4357).



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Pat Crowley (269) 384-8117

Board of Commissioners

Meeting Dates:

Meetings start at 7:00pm

- ✚ July 3rd (business meeting only)
- ✚ July 17th
- ✚ August 8th (Wednesday)
- ✚ August 21st



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](#)

All Kalamazoo County Courts and Offices closed for Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4th

[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!



Kalamazoo County Commissioner Julie Rogers to Join Leaders in County Government for Intensive Leadership Program In Washington, D.C.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) issued a press release announcing Kalamazoo County Commissioner Julie Rogers as being named one of a select group of 23 leaders in county government from across the country to participate in the 15th Annual County Leadership Institute (CLI), a rigorous program developed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Cambridge Leadership Associates.

The institute, held June 3-7, 2018 in Washington, D.C., equips county officials with practical leadership strategies as they explore innovative approaches to address key issues facing their counties and constituents.

“The County Leadership Institute will provide an interactive educational experience that will help us accomplish our goals in Kalamazoo,” said Rogers. “I’m proud to be one of only 23 county leaders chosen nationwide for this opportunity to learn from experts and work with other county commissioners as we strengthen our skills to tackle some of our greatest challenges.”



*Kalamazoo County
Commissioner Julie Rogers*



The program helps county leaders develop their approach toward solving complex challenges. It provides tools to encourage innovation and creativity; resources for invigorating organizational culture; and best practices in effective communication, collaboration and decision-making.

Matthew Chase, NACo’s executive director, said, “County officials often address similar issues and can learn a great deal from one another. The County Leadership Institute fosters peer-to-peer learning and encourages common-sense solutions to challenges that counties and residents face every day.”

Since its inception, the Institute, known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to complex challenges, has graduated nearly 300 leaders from 172 counties across 45 states. This year’s program focuses on the demands of personal leadership in the modern era of government, one characterized as a “permanent crisis” by Cambridge Leadership Associates co-founder Marty Linsky.

The program is made possible with the support of the National Council of County Association Executives. Congratulations Commissioner!



15th Annual County Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C.

Getting to Know Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport



AZO History

The inspiration for an airport in Kalamazoo began in 1925. In May of 1926, the City of Kalamazoo bought 383 acres of land near Portage and Kilgore Roads. Scheduled air service began between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids shortly thereafter, and the first regular air mail service started in July, 1928.

In February 1929, the field was licensed as the first municipal airport in Michigan. It was named Lindbergh Field in honor of famous aviator, Charles Lindbergh.

In 1958 a new terminal was constructed to replace the old building that had housed passengers since the 1920's. In 1961, an air traffic control tower and additional runways were built. Year after year, the number of passengers using the facility and the number of flights in and out of Kalamazoo continued to grow.

The consistent growth necessitated a terminal expansion in 1979 and the building increased from 12,000 to 30,000 square feet.

In 1982, the Core Council decided that the City of Kalamazoo should no longer bear the full cost of operating the airport, and in 1984, the City transferred ownership to the County of Kalamazoo. The County recognized the need to increase service at the Kalamazoo County Airport. The terminal was completely renovated in 1989, with the addition of a new concourse, an enlarged boarding area, a new baggage claim area, and a ramp expansion.

This expansive project doubled the size of the terminal, and passenger traffic grew from 200,000 per year to over 500,000 per year by 1993. In 1994, passenger volume dictated the need for a parking lot expansion, during which time, over 300 long-term spaces were added.

Today, the Kalamazoo|Battle Creek International Airport is served by 3 major airlines that fly hundreds of passengers each day to major hubs with worldwide connections. The airport is self-sufficient and has a significant economic impact on Southwest Michigan.

The goal of the Kalamazoo|Battle Creek International Airport staff is to continue to provide a variety of safe, reliable commercial air transportation services to our customers and to adequately adapt and expand to meet their needs. Learn more about the Airport. Join the annual AIR FAIR celebration on Saturday, July 28th at 5235 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002.

Visit the AZO website at: <http://azoairport.com/>

Bring the whole family for a day of fun!
Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport
AIR FAIR – Saturday, July 28th



Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department

“We’re Moving to Better Serve You!”



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Health and Community Services Department

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (HCS) is excited to announce that they will be moving their offices and clinic to a new location this month! The move from their current location at Nazareth College on Gull Road to the *new* location at:

311 East Alcott Street, Kalamazoo, MI

is to provide easier access, an improved facility, and to better service the customers and community! Hours of operation remain the same, the phone numbers remain the same, all the clinics, programs and services remain the same.

To facilitate the move, be aware that the last day for services at Nazareth is Friday, July 27th. The offices and clinic will be closed from Monday, July 30th to Friday, August 3rd, re-opening on August 6th at it’s new location.

WE'RE MOVING

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

Last day at Nazareth
July 27

Closed
July 30—August 3

Re-Opening August 6
311 E Alcott

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

311 East Alcott



The new building is located in the heart of the City of Kalamazoo. You can access Alcott Street from Portage Street or South Burdick Street. The bus line, Metro, has pick-up/drop-off locations directly off of Alcott Street. Additionally, a bus stop is located in front of the new Health & Community Services Department. It is within in walking distance of Goodwill Industries, Kalamazoo Literacy Council, Family Health Center, and Community Mental Health.

A change to note regarding **WIC Services at Portage Road location:** WIC services will still be offered at the Family Health Center-Paterson St.

Office. Due to the closeness of our new location at 311 East Alcott Street, the Portage Road WIC Office will close on July 31. Customers that traditionally go to the Portage Road WIC Office will be seen at the new location starting August 6th.

The HCS main line phone number is the same, 269-373-5200. Please call if you have questions. You can also visit the website at, www.kalcounty.com/hcs or “like us” on our [Facebook Page](#) for frequent updates! The Health & Community Services Department thanks its customers and community members for having patience and being flexible as they prepare for this move.

Family Fun In Kalamazoo County

Take the Family Camping

Kalamazoo County Parks

Imagine swimming, playgrounds, fishing, hiking, campfires, s' mores

Call the Parks Office at 269-383-8778. Reservations can also be made in person at the Parks Office located at 2900 Lake St. Office hours are Mon-Fri from 8am-5pm.

To make a reservation less than two weeks before your arrival date, please call the park directly.

Cold Brook - 269-746-4270

Markin Glen - 269-381-7570 (try the Mountain Bike Trail!)



Movies in the Park, featuring *Coco* (rated PG)

Celery Flats Historical Area, 7328 Garden Lane

Friday, July 13, 9:00pm

Free, no registration required



Maranda Park Party

Thursday, July 26, 2018, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Bronson Park, 200 S Rose St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

FREE – Children's activities, games, great entertainment, a huge variety of attractions, great community resources from local nonprofits, and a ton of prizes!



Summer Sidewalk Sales

Downtown Kalamazoo

July 26 thru July 28, 10:00am – 6:00 (open to 8:00pm on Friday)

Downtown Kalamazoo Sidewalk Sales offers more than savings this summer. Shop, eat, listen to live music and enjoy family fun games outdoors on the Kalamazoo Mall. Plenty of parking in the ramps and on the streets.



Air Fair –Kalamazoo/ Battle Creek International Airport

Saturday, July 28th 10:00am – 3:00pm

5235 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002.

Games, food, face painting, giveaways, big rig fun, aircraft displays, limo rides. Free entry and free parking!



**Important Dates **

July is:

Happy Birthday
Kalamazoo County!



Kalamazoo County was organized by an act of territorial legislature and approved by the governor in July of 1830.

#188YearsStrong!

Wednesday, July 4th
Independence Day

Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared the thirteen American colonies, the United States of America, an emancipated nation.

#LandoftheFree

#HomeoftheBrave



Saturday, July 7th
World Chocolate Day

An observance that occurs globally every year on July 7. Celebration of the day includes the consumption of all things chocolate.

#doubledarkchocolate



Summer Safety Tips from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention

Protect against Insects: Use bug spray with DEET. The chemical wards off ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, and mosquitoes, which can spread West Nile virus. Pediatricians recommend 10% to 30% DEET for children older than 2 months, but don't use it on infants. DEET remains one of the most effective and long-lasting insect repellents available. The EPA reviewed DEET in 1998 and confirmed its safety, and more recent studies provide further support for its safety. It is always important to follow label instructions, and to not overuse any chemical, natural or synthetic.

Master Water Safety: Water-related activities are popular for getting physical activity and have many health benefits. Here are some tips to stay safe while having fun:

- Learn how to prevent [recreational water illnesses](#) and help protect yourself and your kids.
- Help kids get [H2O Smartz](#) about water safety.

Drownings are the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4, and three children die every day as a result of drowning.

- Always supervise children when in or around water. A responsible adult should constantly watch young children.
- Teach kids to swim. Formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning.
- Learn [cardiopulmonary resuscitation \(CPR\)](#). Your CPR skills could save someone's life.
- Install a four-sided fence around home pools.
- Recreational boating can be a wonderful way to spend time with family and friends. Make boating safety a priority. Wear a properly fitted life jacket every time you and your loved ones are on the water.

Beat the heat and sun: Heat-related illness happens when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. Infants and children up to 4 years of age are at greatest risk. Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. For heat-related illness, the best defense is prevention.

- Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- Dress infants and children in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.
- Stay cool with cool showers or baths.
- Seek immediate medical care if your child has symptoms of heat-related illness.

Just a few serious sunburns can increase you and your child's risk of skin cancer later in life. Their skin needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays whenever they're outdoors.

- Cover up. Clothing that covers your and your child's skin helps protect against UV rays.
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15 and UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) protection every time you and your child go outside.





Kalamazoo County Government Blood Drive
 Monday, July 16th from 9:00am to 2:00pm
 Kalamazoo County Expo Center
 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048

[Time slots available, sign up here.](#)

1 blood donation can save up to 3 lives...please give



**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.



<mailto:communications@kalcounty.com>

This is the 24/7 Statewide Abuse Hotline



Contact Kelly Jonker, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, with questions about abuse in licensed long-term care facilities, (269) 373-5161.

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Visit kalcounty.com/hhw or Call **373-5211** for detailed materials accepted and **FREE** recycling participation areas.

HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)

1301 Lamont Ave.
 Next to Fairgrounds
hhwcenter@kalcounty.com

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