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"On the Street"

Downtown Block Party--May 15

Downtown Portland will come alive on Saturday, May 15th, with our first Downtown Block Party! The Main Street Promotions and Marketing Committee invites you to downtown Portland for a fun, family-friendly Block Party on Kent and Bridge Streets from 2pm until 11pm!

* **2pm - 6pm:** Local food vendors will be offering tasty local dishes for sale on Bridge Street in our food court sponsored by Midwest Business Equipment.

* **2pm - 11pm:**

♦ Live entertainment will be taking to our Raffaeles' Marketplace Main Stage on the intersection of Bridge and Kent Streets! A great DJ, a live band, and great local entertainment will be on hand throughout the day!

♦ Our "Party Pavilion" will be open to the public, featuring beer, soda, and great times! Our "Party Pavilion" is sponsored by Maria's Tacos of Portland and Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering.

* **3pm - 8pm:** The Portland Cruisers will be holding a classic car "cruise in" sponsored by Vollman Ford of Portland.

* **All Day:** The Portland Parks and Recreation Department will offer a men's softball tournament and co-ed kickball tournament at Power's Park and Bogue Flats all day! Does your team have what it takes to be crowned champion? Enter and find out!

For more details, check out our website

Thanks to our sponsors!

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What Else is Coming Up Downtown?

May 23

The annual Porch & Garden Extravaganza takes place on May 23, from 10 am until 2 pm at the Red Mill. Don't miss this great annual event. And if it's time for the Porch & Garden Extravaganza, can the Farmer's Market be far behind?

It's almost time for the Farmer's Market to begin! Join your friends and neighbors at the Red Mill every Saturday morning, beginning June 5, and going through October. Can't you just taste those yummy fresh fruits and vegetables?!

June 19

The Portland Community Arts Council will hold the annual Cruise-A-Thong on Saturday, June 19, starting around 11:30 am. This fun event is a triathlon for the average Joe. The person with the most average score wins. Join the PCAC at the corner of Bridge & the Boardwalk to bike, tube, and walk (in flip flops) to raise money to support the arts. You'll find details and entry forms on the PCAC website: www.portlandcommunityarts.com

June - October

June 25-26

On Friday evening, June 25, at 6:00 pm, in the Portland Public High School Auditorium, Phil Peterson Sr. will share the story of Michigan's Paddling Legend, Verlen Kruger, with projected stories and pictures of his life in a live presentation. Autographed books will be available. Hear the real story of Verlen Kruger.

On Saturday, June 26, at 4:00 pm, a life-size bronze statue of Verlen Kruger will be dedicated during an Unveiling Ceremony along the banks of the Grand River, at Thompson Field near Canal Street.

Before the unveiling, the public is invited to participate in a Memorial Paddle on the Grand River. Launch from Sebewa Creek, at the end of Erdman Road, Sunfield, at 10:30 am, and paddle 9 miles to Thompson Field.

June - August

All summer long, enjoy music at the Band Shell at Two Rivers Park. The Portland Community Arts Council has a great line-up in store, beginning on June 3, and running through the last Thursday in August. Concerts are from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and are always free! Come downtown early for a bite to eat, or pick up a picnic dinner from one of our downtown eateries.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

How do we do all of this? Through our volunteers, and you can help! Our committees are always looking for volunteers to help at a festival or other special event. We welcome adults, teens, groups, families, or even responsible younger volunteers for these events. Whether you can donate an hour or several hours, you can make a difference to our community.

Contact us today!

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