Fiscal Year 26/27

Vision

Saugatuck is an inclusive waterfront community that welcomes all. City residents enjoy a **great quality of life** living in one of the country's highest-rated tourist destinations.

Saugatuck is a **vibrant, inviting community** with a talented and dedicated staff, great schools, an active tourist-based economy, stable property values, and sense of **history** as the community moves into the future.

Residents and visitors enjoy a **unique, small-town** atmosphere, exceptional parks, and access to **beautiful natural resources.**

Operations, Public Health & Safety

Goal: We will maintain a culture of fiscal responsibility and friendly, honest, and transparent government. We will partner with the Fire District and Sheriff's office to ensure we take the right measures to keep our community safe.

Priorities

- Evaluate Parking Improvements Task Force recommendations and implement solutions *(essential)*
- Update website, including the addition of online payments. *(essential, regulatory)*
- Finish update to Land Use Master Plan, including non-motorized (pathways, biking) plan (reg.)
- Roll out new logo and branding
- Finish new water-sewer agreement and as necessary, update water-sewer infrastructure fees *(regulatory)*
- Manage Dune Ridge litigation
- Implement deer cull
- Begin full zoning code update
- Install outdoor AED stations
- Conduct Town Halls: One with businesses and another on taxes

Infrastructure

Goal: We will focus on maintaining and improving current infrastructure while planning and saving for future needs

Priorities

- Complete Maple Street construction *(essential)*
- Complete Elizabeth Street design; begin construction (essential)
- Complete feasibility and plan for Park Street improvements; begin design *(essential)*
- Renovate City Hall interior
- Make further sidewalk repairs
- Maintain and resurface roads
- Finalize plan for lead service line replacement *(regulatory)*
- Update signage and wayfinding
- Evaluate long-term funding options for CIP/AMP
- Encourage AT&T cellular antenna installation and other telecommunication improvements from private sector

Parks & Recreation

Goal: We understand that our natural resources are the foundation of residents' quality of life and our tourism economy and will invest to sustain and enhance them.

Priorities

- Monitor and mitigate low water level impacts *(essential)*
- Complete Mt. Baldhead platform and retaining wall design; begin construction
- Refresh Village Square Courts
- Continue to advance Blue Star Trail
- Restore Mt. Baldhead vegetation
- Continue invasive species treatment
- Begin planning for replacement of Mt. Baldhead stairs and river deck
- Upgrade restroom interiors at Village Square and Wicks Park