

Newsletter



On October 12, Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld formally awarded a \$40,000 coastal grant to the City of Port Washington. The visit highlights the Coastal Management Program grants and tourism investments which were part of an overall \$1.4 million investment previously announced by Governor Tony Evers through the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP).

Secretary Blumenfeld was joined by City Administrator Anthony Brown, Director of Public Works Rob Vanden Noven, Director of Planning, Development Robert Harris, WCMP staff, and Department of Tourism staff, as well as local leaders and stakeholders during a visit to Upper Lake Park, the Light House Station and Museum, Heart of the Harbor Plaza, Rotary Park, and a discussion of ongoing coastal projects and tourism-related investments. The Secretary made stops at several of Port Washington's public destination areas which were improved with state funds. The Coastal Management Program alone has invested over \$150,000 for City of Port Washington projects during the last five years.



Keeping Our Community Safe

On October 19, 2023, representatives from Compeer Financial presented members of Port Washington Fire/Rescue with an Emergency Response Equipment Grant worth \$4,000. Port Washington received the highest possible grant award. These grant funds will be used to purchase traffic safety vests and an updated gas detection meter.

Compeer Financials' Fund for Rural America granted 177 awards, totaling \$746,000, through their Emergency Response Equipment Program. These grants are designed to alleviate the financial burden of essential equipment for community emergency response for departments serving rural America.



The Streets Division installed two new Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) to help with snow and ice operations. The RWIS is a mini weather station that offers pictures of road conditions every five minutes during a winter storm. It also reads air temperature, road temperature, dew point, and humidity. The RWIS uses the data collected in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather information to build a weather forecast unique to each specific location. This RWIS-specific forecast includes future air temperature, road temperature, and precipitation for up to 14 hours into the future. This advanced data supports decision making during snow and ice operations. These units are located on W. Grand Avenue at the intersection of Summit Drive and S. Tower Drive, and on N. Wisconsin St at the intersection of W. Van Buren St.



Watch For Deer

During these fall days and nights, please use extra caution while driving. Remember deer roam within the city limits. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) provides these guidelines for our safety:

Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes

- Slow down, eliminate distractions, make sure all vehicle occupants have seat belts on.
- Deer are most active during early morning and evening hours.
- If you see deer, don't expect them to move away from the roadway.
 - Headlights can confuse a deer, causing them to freeze.
 - Brake firmly when noticing a deer in or near your path.
 - One long horn blast **may** frighten the deer to run away.
 - Deer seldom run alone, If you see one, watch for more.
- If a collision is unavoidable, brake firmly and stay in your lane. **Do not swerve.**
- Swerving confuses deer on where they should run, and can cause loss of control of your vehicle, resulting in a crash.
- Motorcycle operators should slow down, brake firmly and then swerve, **only** if necessary, to avoid hitting the deer.

If you hit a deer

- Move your vehicle safely off the road, if possible, and call law enforcement.
- Describe your location to assist law enforcement.
- Stay buckled-up inside your vehicle.
- Do not attempt to move an injured deer.
- Per state statute, Crash Reporting is required for incidents involving injury to a person, damage of \$1,000 or more to a vehicle or property, and/or damage of \$200 or more to state or government-owned property other than a vehicle.



The Premier Community on the Great Lakes



**American
Red Cross**



"Squeeze" in a visit to the W.J. Niederkorn Library and help save a life by donating blood at the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Port Washington Lions Club.

Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=53074



Wednesday, December 6, 2023



12:00 pm to 5:00 pm



W.J. Niederkorn Library
316 W Grand Ave
Community Room

FALL SAFETY TIPS



ReadyWisconsin encourages the following fall safety tips:

- Check & replace batteries in Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms.
- Replace Smoke Alarms every 10 years.
- Replace Carbon Monoxide Alarms every 5 years.
- Create (or upgrade) your Home Emergency Kit.
- Prepare a Vehicle Winter Emergency Kit.
- Check Fire Extinguishers & recharge if needed.
- Have furnaces & chimneys cleaned annually by a qualified professional.

Visit ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov for complete info.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS



Mark your calendars on Saturday, December 2 for **Christmas on the Corner**, a premier holiday celebration for all ages. The 2023 theme is "A Vintage Christmas". Events occurring in the downtown area from 2:00 to 5:00pm include cookie and ornament decorating, s'more and hot cocoa bar, photos with and letters to Santa, live reindeer and horse and carriage rides, and the Elf on the Shelf scavenger hunt. Stroll the downtown, making memories and enjoying holiday traditions. At 5:00pm, Mayor Neitzke will join in the event by lighting the Christmas Tree, announcing the winner of the coloring contest, and leading the communal singing of "O Christmas Tree". The parade begins at 5:15pm, followed by fireworks (the only fireworks in Ozaukee County during the month of December)! Enjoy!

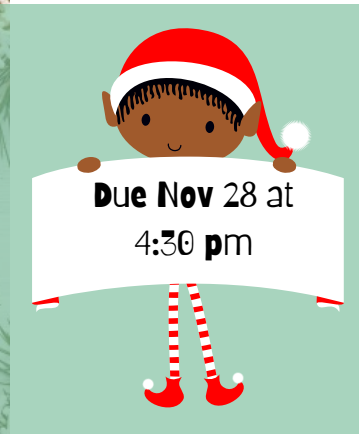


Parade entry deadline - November 17. Call Port Main Street (262- 268-1132) or email pwmscoordinator@gmail.com to register.



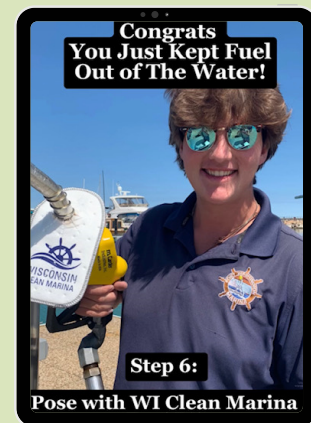
HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST!
Enter for your chance to become the "Official Tree Lighter" for the city of Port Washington! The coloring contest rules and entry sheet can be found on our website or you can stop by our office to pick up a copy starting Weds Nov 1.
The contest is open to children 12 and under. Entries are due by 4:30 PM on Monday Nov. 28!
The tree lighting will be on December 2nd at 6:00 PM.
MUST be present to win!

PORT WASHINGTON RECREATION



Wisconsin Clean Marina

The Wisconsin Clean Marina Program reached out to the Port Washington Municipal Marina, a recognized leader in "Clean Marina Best Practices", requesting the Marina's collaboration in producing an informational video highlighting the safest, environmentally friendly way to fuel a boat. The video is now used as a training tool for the Wisconsin Clean Marina Program. The video can be viewed at the [Wisconsin Clean Marina](#) or on the [Marina's Facebook](#) page.



Fall leaf pickup is underway through Nov. 26. Rake leaves (only) to the curb by Monday at 7:00am. The Street crew will make one trip through the city weekly.

Brush, grass clippings, plants, pumpkins, corn stalks - take to the Street Yard site.

Location: 333 N Moore Rd

Schedule: Tues. 3:00-6:00pm

Thurs.-3:00-6:00pm

Sat.-10:00am-4:00pm

Closes for Season: Sat, Dec 2

HOLIDAY FUN DAY

Need extra time (without the kids around) to do some shopping or gift wrapping, for the upcoming holidays? We've got you covered! On Saturday December 16th we will be running a Holiday Fun Day for kids ages 5-12. We'll hang out with the kids so that you can finish your holiday preparations! Kids will get to watch holiday themed movies, decorate cookies, play games, and more! Pre-registration is required and opens Nov. 1, 2023

Holiday Fair on the Corner

November 11th

Port Adult Community Center

ART & FINE CRAFTS
DRAWINGS
SILENT AUCTION
BAKE SALE & LUNCH

Copper, woodcrafts, coasters
paintings, jewelry, photography,
quilting, knit/crocheted items,
origami crano/heart dangles,
woven baskets, body butters,
polymer clay pieces, note cards,
home-canned goods, ceramics
And much, much more!

403 W. Foster, Port Washington

If you missed the Holiday Fair on the Corner at the Port Adult Community Center, there's still time to join in the fun! The Silent Auction closes on December 7th. Auction items include gift cards from Plier's Full Circle, Milwaukee Ale House, Costco, Memories Ballroom, Marcus Theatres, Kwik Trip, Target, along with Admirals and German Fest tickets, multiple gift baskets, Mary Kay products, and a Green Bay Packers 2022 Football featuring the London marking.



Learn something NEW! Universal Class, a leader in online learning is available through the W.J. Niederkorn Library. With access to over 600 online courses by logging in with your Monarch library card, a world of knowledge awaits for FREE. This wide range of course offerings allow users to work at their own pace. Locate the course offerings by clicking [HERE](#). Learn Anything! Learn Anytime! Learn Anywhere!

I have declared the month of November to be a month of gratitude and recognition in the City of Port Washington. November provides two great opportunities to do both, and now we will have a third. First is Veterans Day, second is Leadership Appreciation Day, and the third of course is Thanksgiving.

I am a proud grandson of multiple generations of veterans, and I was raised going to my Grandfather Lloyd Frick's American Legion as a child. Every year I would go to the different family events at the Cudworth Post in Milwaukee and see the men and women who fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. These traditions drove a deep appreciation into my heart for the sacrifices of those that serve. As a result, I have a profound sense of gratitude for those who have served, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those that are currently in uniform. Port Washington has many men and women that have served our nation. I want you to join me in taking a moment to thank them for all they have endured in their service for this great nation.

I have declared November to be the month in which we intentionally give thanks to the people within our community that lead – a celebration of leadership. I have started a new mayoral tradition that, at the second meeting each year in November, we will give “Keys to the City” to people and organizations that have impacted us all and have made commitments to our improving our community. This year at 6:30pm on November 21, at City Hall, I will be presenting four keys. They will be given to the Main Street organization for their investment in beautification and leadership, the volunteers who answered the call to keep Fish Days alive, the students and staff at Port Washington High School for their commitment to citizenship and service this year and, finally, the Schowalter family and Port Washington State Bank for their philanthropic investments.

Lastly, this year during your Thanksgiving celebration, I want you to take a moment to reflect upon something that we all benefit from: our police officers, EMS, and fire fighters. One of my dearest friends is a police officer and I asked him years ago, “which day is the hardest to be a police officer?” He said “Thanksgiving.” You see, while we enjoy our traditions there is a cost. I am not talking about taxes: instead, a toll. A toll on the moms and dads whose sons and daughters are patrolling, responding to calls in the ambulance, or racing to the scene of an accident in a fire truck. The cost to the sons and daughters, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, as well as the spouses and partners who are home waiting and worrying about those they love who serve us each day. All the while they see us through the picture windows enjoying our time together. It takes a toll, and we need to be aware that while we are enjoying our evening, there are men and women ensuring that we can do so and they are dedicated to us.

This month, please take a moment to reflect with gratitude on the good problems we have in Port Washington. Think about the men and women we see in the aisles at Drew's Hardware who have served us in the military. Think about the men and women who are patrolling our community while we are watching football and eating turkey. Think about the leaders in our community who make all of the wonderful things we have run. Think about how we all live in a city that is truly a community of good-natured people willing to give more, serve often and sacrifice much to ensure we enjoy all we have.

With much gratitude and respect, Mayor Ted Neitzke



Spring Election - April 2, 2024



Election Details - An election is to be held in the City of Port Washington on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed below:

Office

Mayor
Aldersperson, District 2
Aldersperson, Districts 4 & 8
Aldersperson, District 6

Incumbent

Theodore Neitzke IV (3-year term)
Paul Neumyer (2-year term)
Dan Benning (2-year term)
Patrick Tearney (2-year term)

Office Terms

The term for mayor and aldersperson begins on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The term for all other offices begins on May 1, 2024. All terms are two years unless otherwise stated.

District Boundaries

Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained from Susan L. Westerbeke Port Washington City Clerk, 100 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington, WI 53074 or the city website at www.portwashingtonwi.gov.

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

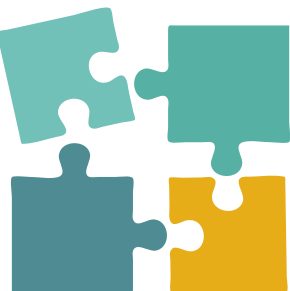
Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a Photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

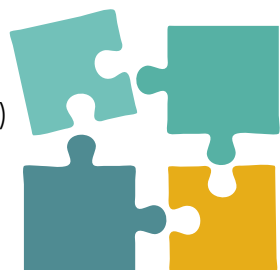


Thank you to former City Administrator Anthony Brown for his dedication and commitment to the city. Tony is taking over as Administrator for the City of Waukesha. The Mayor designated November 10 as "Tony Brown Day" in honor of Tony's final day with the city team. Tony received several recognitions for his distinguished service the the city, including a special award from the Fire Department. Recruitment for Tony's successor is currently underway. The Common Council has appointed City Clerk Susan Westerbeke to serve as Interim City Administrator during the transition.

Dissectologist : [noun (jigsaw puzzle solvers who consider themselves professional puzzlers)]



Calling all jigsaw puzzle experts! Join the Rec Department on Wednesday, November 22 for a family fun night at Inventors Brewpub for their **Puzzle Race** starting at 6:30pm. Each family will have 60 minutes to complete as much of the puzzle as they can. Whichever family's puzzle is the most complete (or finished first) wins a prize! Register one family member to reserve a spot (age 21+) and list the number of participants. No age restriction on participants, but family member registering must be age 21 or greater. [Register online](#) for **Puzzles & Pints** or in person at the Rec Department Office, 201 N Webster St. to join the fun!



Elected Officials

DISTRICT 1

Deborah Postl
414-550-0034

DISTRICT 2

Paul Neumyer
262-689-2668

DISTRICT 3

Michael Gasper
262-235-2824

DISTRICT 4 & 8

Dan Benning
414-207-3487

DISTRICT 5

Jonathan Pleitner
219-793-2260

DISTRICT 6

Patrick Tearney
262-388-6697

DISTRICT 7

John Sigwart
920-946-0215



City Hall

100 W. Grand Ave.

P.O. Box 307

Port Washington, WI 53074

Monday-Friday - 8:00am to 4:00pm

Ph: 262-284-5585

City Hall will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving.



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