

Newsletter



Please be familiar with the **City's Ordinance regulating Fireworks** usage within city limits. In addition to §167.10 Wis. Stat., **Municipal Code Ch. 224-34** confirms that no person shall sell, possess with intent to sell, or give away fireworks within the city. Possession and use are regulated. Except as provided in the §167.10(3), Wis. Stats., ***“no person shall possess or use fireworks within the City without a permit”*** issued in accordance with the Ordinance.



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

2nd Installment payment of the 2023 annual property tax bill is due to the **Ozaukee County Treasurer - 121 W Main St. by Wednesday, July 31.** Payments are not collected at City Hall.

City facilities are closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

SORRY WE ARE CLOSED!



Summer Yard Care Tips & Info

ONE POUND of nitrogen can support 70 POUNDS of algae



Nitrogen from fertilizer, when applied in excess and before rainfall, can easily run off lawns and into lakes and rivers

Remember to test your soil to find what kind and how much fertilizer you need! Also consider using grass clippings as a nutrient source!

For more tips from me, Sparkles the Water Spaniel, visit www.RespectOurWaters.org!

Fertilizer

Use Fertilizers and Pesticides With Care!

After application, any unabsorbed nutrients runoff with stormwater during the next rainfall. These nutrients enter water bodies and feed weeds and algae. Once algae blooms, it dies and depletes oxygen from the water ecosystem, creating dead zones where fish and other species cannot survive.

- Save money - **Test soil** to determine if & what nutrients are needed.
- Keep fertilizer/pesticide off driveway & sidewalk. If it does, sweep up the extra & place in the bag for the next application.
- Use grass clippings instead - Grass, made of phosphorus and nitrogen, is a fee alternative that prevents them from becoming stormwater pollution. Set the lawnmower blade higher, protecting your grass from losing moisture & drying in the sun.
- Visit respectourwaters.org soil testing and additional information to protect our waterways.



Curbside Brush Collection Update

- June 3 through August 19, the Curbside Brush Collection transitions from Bi-weekly to **Weekly**. During this time, no brush is accepted at the Street Yard.
- Have brush placed at the curb by **7:00am on Monday morning**.
- The Streets team will make one-trip city-wide during the week.

Keep Grass Clippings Out of the Streets and Out of the Waterways

DO NOT MOW OR BLOW GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET!!

All of those grass clippings in the street are headed for the storm sewer and into Lake Michigan! Please consider making one extra pass with the lawn mower to blow them back onto the lawn for mulch **or** drop them off at the Street Yard instead! Please do your part to keep Port Washington and Lake Michigan clean!



- Slippery for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
- Negatively impacts water supplies
- Deprives lawn of natural nutrients
- Blows dangerous debris at pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles



Storm Drains Are Not Dumps

Items flow directly from the storm drain to the rivers and into Lake Michigan.



City Clerk's Office - Election Information

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

PARTISAN PRIMARY



Absentee Ballot Information

- Applications to receive ballots by mail for the August 13th Partisan Primary can be submitted now through August 8th.
- Applications can be submitted through [MyVote.wi.gov](https://www.portwashingtonwi.gov) -or- by **mailing in an Absentee Ballot Application to the City Clerk, 100 W. Grand Ave.** The **Absentee Ballot Application** can be obtained and printed from the City's website at <https://www.portwashingtonwi.gov/departments/city-clerk/elections/absentee-early-voting>.
- **Note:** Photo ID is required to receive an absentee ballot.

Voter Registration

- Beginning **July 25th the late registration period begins** and voters must complete **voter registration *In Person*** at the City Clerk's Office.
- Voter Registration may also be completed on Election Day at your Polling Location prior to Voting.
- Voter registrations must include a Proof of Residency document such as WI Driver's License/WI ID, Utility Bill, Bank Statement/Credit Card Statement, Payroll Document, Real Estate Tax Bill, Document from a Unit of Government. There are additional approved document options which can be found on the City's website at <https://www.portwashingtonwi.gov/departments/city-clerk/elections/voter-registration>.
- **Note:** There is a 28-day residency requirement prior to election day to be able to submit a Voter Registration Application.

Please contact the City Clerk's office with any questions or need for assistance

- 262-284-5585 ext. 1026
- elections@portwashingtonwi.gov

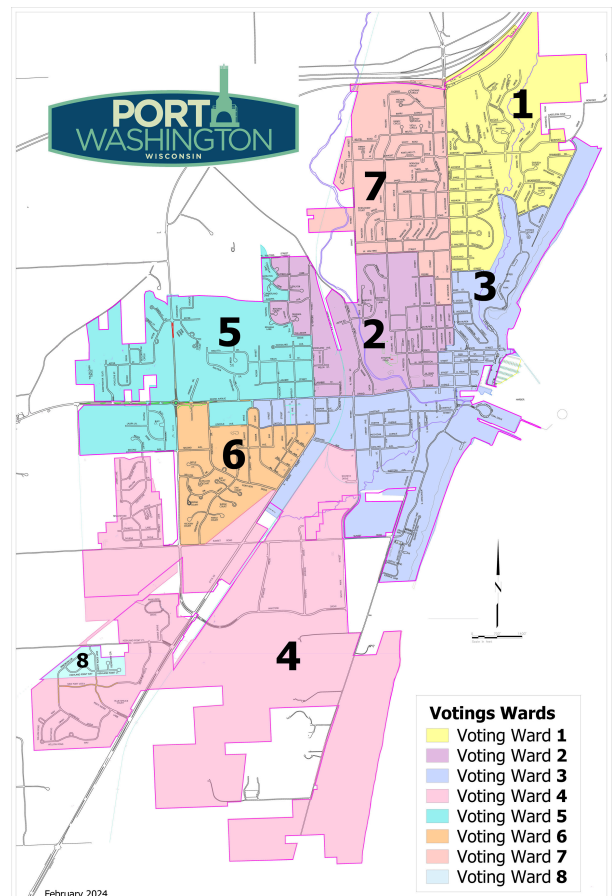


On Election Day, August 13, 2024
Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm

Polling Locations:

- **Wards 1 and 7 - St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 1525 N Grant St**
- **Wards 2 and 2 - City Hall, 100 W Grand Ave**
- **Wards 4, 5, 6 and 8 - Grand Avenue Methodist Church, 505 W Grand Ave**

For individual ward maps, please use the link to the [Elections page](#) on the city website.





IN PERSON EARLY VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

In Person Early Voting By Absentee Ballot is available for the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary at **City Hall, 100 W. Grand Ave** during the dates and times listed below. Please have an **acceptable Photo ID available** (see Wisconsin Elections Commission information for acceptable Photo ID below). For complete Elections information, please refer to Page 3 of this Newsletter or the [Elections Page](#) on the city website.



Tuesday - Friday - **July 30 - August 2 - 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Monday-Thursday - **August 5 - 8 - 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Friday, **August 9* - 8:00am - 5:00pm** (*Only City Clerk's Office at City Hall is until 5:00pm.)



These Photo ID's are acceptable for voting purposes:

- Wisconsin DOT-issued Driver's License (even if driving privileges are revoked/suspended)
- Wisconsin DOT-issued Identification Card
- Military ID card issued by U.S. Uniformed Services
- U.S. Passport book or card

These Photo ID's are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- Certificate of naturalization (that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- Driver's License receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from issuance)
- Identification Card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from issuance)
- Wisconsin DMV ID Petition Process Photo receipt (valid for 60 days from issuance)
- Veterans Affairs ID Card (must be unexpired or have no expiration date)
- Photo ID Card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college containing the following: Date card issued, signature of student, expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance, if expired must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment (tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule)

WATER METER REPLACEMENT



If you received a Water Utility **Water meter "change-out" letter** and have not scheduled the appointment, please **contact the Water Utility to schedule the appointment.**

- **262-284-2172**
- [Email](#)

A typical water meter "change-out" **takes approximately 15-30 minutes** to complete. There is **NO COST** to the homeowner.

Summer Safety Tips

- ★ **Obey local laws & permitting requirements for use of fireworks**
- ★ **Fireworks may be extremely stressful for pets. Keep pets indoors. Close curtains and turn on TV or radio to provide a distraction.**
- ★ **When travelling, pack an emergency kit including bottled water, snacks, and a cell phone charger/power bank. Check [511Wisconsin](#) for traffic-related info.**
- ★ **Never leave people or pets in parked cars-even briefly. On an 80-degree day, temperature inside a car can reach 100-degrees in less than 10 minutes.**
- ★ **When cooking outdoors, keep grills three feet or more away from the house or any structure that could catch fire. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Maintain a child & pet free zone safety zone while grill is hot.**
- ★ **Visit [readywisconsinwi.gov](#) for further information.**

FIRE PITS & OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Ch. 224-32 of the Municipal Code outlines Ordinances related to fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. **During any high fire danger periods** which can result during a warm, dry spring, **avoid burning until conditions improve.** Consult the Ordinance for the complete list of requirements



Below-ground fire pits have specific size, location & materials requirements, 25 ft. from any structures or combustible materials.



Locate portable firepits/fireplaces a minimum of 15 ft. from any structures or combustible materials.



Fire must be constantly attended & supervised until completely extinguished. Portable fire extinguisher or garden hose must be present.



Only natural firewood or commercial fire logs may be burned. Burning of all other materials are prohibited.

Catching the Olympic Spirit 2024 Ozaukee Senior Games

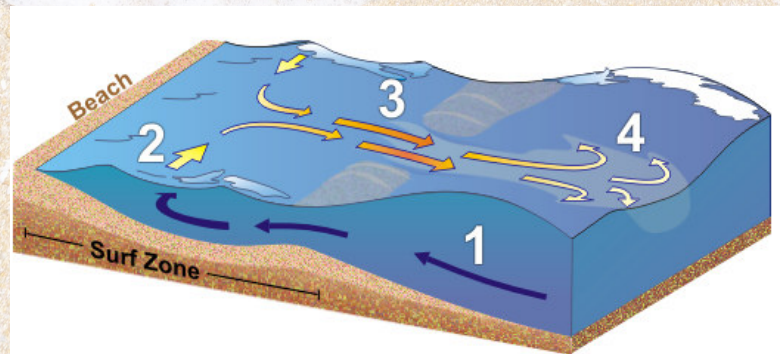
Congratulations to all of the *Ozaukee Senior Games* participants from the *Port Washington Senior Center*. The Awards Breakfast was held on June 18.

With 150 participants countywide, a total of 74 medals were awarded. Of those **74 medals**, 29 of them, or **39 percent**, were awarded to *Port Washington Senior Center participants!* To inquire about membership or volunteering at the Port Washington Senior Center, Please contact the Senior Center at 262-284-5821 for information.



LAKE MICHIGAN RIP CURRENTS

The *Lake Michigan shoreline* is a spectacular place to spend a warm summer day. **Conditions in the lake and near shore can change very quickly.** ndp currents form as incoming waves create an underwater sandbar close to the shoreline (#1 below). The waves push additional water between the sandbar and shore (#2) until a section of the sandbar collapses and the water rushes back toward the open water (#3) through a narrow gap. Once the water passes through the narrow gap, it begins to spread out (#4). Play it safe, **be vigilant to changing conditions and never go in the water alone.** Visit National Weather Service website for additional information.



Discounted Attraction Tickets

Available at the Recreation Department

Plan your summer outing and save some money at the same time! **The Recreation Department has discounted tickets available** for the attractions listed below. Please contact the Rec Department, 262-284-5881 or follow this link for details.



Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee



Noah's Ark, Wisconsin Dells



Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park, Wisconsin Dells



Pirates Cove Adventure Golf, Wisconsin Dells



Mayor Ted Neitzke IV

Mayor's Corner

One of my favorite things to do in Port Washington is to take walks around our community. I have several routes that I enjoy and because I live on the northside, I have quick and easy access to the bike trail and Upper Lake Park. Both of which lead me to downtown. Last week, our 19-year-old daughter declared that she needed some ice cream. We decided to walk from our home to Chocolate Chisel. Every parent of adult children knows that time with your kids is a blessing so when our 22-year-old son decided to come along we were thrilled. The four of us set off and started walking from our home, through Upper Lake Park, down the bluff stairs, along the waterline, and then through the inner harbor and eventually up Grand Ave. to arrive at our destination, Chocolate Chisel.

On the walk, however, I learned a lot about the magnetic power of our beautiful community. Our son Charlie, who recently graduated from St. Norbert College in DePere, and our daughter Grace, who currently attends Loyola University in Chicago, were walking and talking in front of my wife and me. We listened from behind as they both began talking about growing up in Port Washington and how they never really realized how amazing this city is. They pointed out how lucky we are because of the natural resources we have, the cleanliness of our city, and the offerings we have in a small town. I walked in a state of pride and satisfaction. The pride part was as our mayor. Here I was listening to my own children realize the beauty of our community and them coming to their own conclusions that they were/are lucky to be here.

The satisfaction part was wearing my parenting hat. My wife and I both agreed that we made the right choice staying in the community in which we ourselves were raised, and that we chose to raise our children here. While our children left Port Washington to continue their education in bigger cities, they both have come to the same conclusion, ***Port Washington is a premier community.***

Here is my challenge to you. Take a walk and look around through the lens of a visitor. See all that we have and how our community has improved. We have so much to be grateful for in Port Washington. The investments are paying off. We have a thriving downtown, we have something to do every weekend in summer, we have a safe community, and we have a clean community. Have you ever stopped and looked around at all the gardens on city property? Have you stopped and really looked at the new murals? Have you shopped in our locally owned and operated businesses? Have you stopped and simply looked around? There is real optimism in Port Washington!

Later this month I will post a date for my state of the city address and I will be sharing the five largest accomplishments and issues facing us. Port Washington has a bright future, one which we will be strategic and intentional about.

If you ever see me out walking or running, feel free to stop me and I'll show you some of the great resources we are all blessed to enjoy. Also, please contact me if I can ever help you help others or honor others.

Finally, have a great 4th of July! We live in an amazing country, one where a little guy who went to school at St. Mary's, graduated from Port Washington High School, and was lucky enough to marry a woman from Port, can grow up, raise a family, and serve his city as mayor.



Ozaukee County Water Coalition Mural

If you enjoy your time at the beach, views from the bluff, or even drinking water from the tap in Port Washington, please remember to properly dispose of used items, maintain vehicles, and minimize the amount of grass clippings and other debris blown onto the pavement by a lawn mower or leaf blower. Thank you to the **Ozaukee County Water Coalition** for their latest mural reminding us to use care and caution to protect our waterways. **This mural is located at Lake Street near the entrance to the Marina.**



The Great Port Washington Campout



Create an adventure right here at home for the entire family and sleep under the stars in one of our most scenic parks. **All ages are welcome and pre-registration is required.** Please use this [link](#) to register, or contact the [Recreation Department](#) for complete details.



3:00pm Check-in **Friday, Aug 9**
9:30am Check-out **Sunday, Aug 11**



Scavenger hunt, yard games, water games, smores, food, fun, campfires, and yoga on the bluffs



Tent camping only, no showers/electricity/water at camp sites, no individual fire pits or pets

LOOK There's still time to join...



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

2024 Road Improvement Project Update

Antione Drive, James Drive, Lakeview Avenue, Hustling Street -

- Curb/Gutter will be completed this week.
- Driveway Aprons and Sidewalk target date for completion is July 9. Driveways accessible on July 15.
- Week of July 22 - Soil removal on the terrace, between sidewalk and curb to occur. Following this, landscaping and paving will occur.
- Completion is anticipated around mid-August.

Scott Road and Norview Circle Area -

- Storm Drain installation currently underway. Anticipated completion is July 12.
- Sewer Manhole installation anticipated completion is July 19.
- Following completion of the Storm Drain and Sewer Manhole installation, remaining pavement and road base will be removed and replaced; anticipated for the week of July 22.
- Concrete Curb/Gutter, Driveway Aprons, Sidewalk installation are anticipated during the weeks of July 29 and August 5.
- Anticipated completion of Landscaping and Paving is August 31.

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City Hall

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

Ph: 262-284-5585

City Hall and all City Facilities will be *closed*:
Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of *Independence Day*



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