

Newsletter



September 22, 2023
Remembering the one year anniversary of Wisconsin's first recorded sighting of wild American Flamingos at South Beach in Port Washington.

City facilities are closed
Monday, September 2
in observance of Labor Day.

**SORRY
WE ARE
CLOSED!**



125 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Congratulations and thank you to the W.J. Niederkorn Library for 125 years of dedicated service to the City of Port Washington and surrounding communities. Plan to join the Library team in celebrating this significant milestone on Tuesday, September 10 from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the W.J. Niederkorn Library, 316 W Grand Ave.



Save the date:

Library Birthday Bash!

TUES, SEPT 10 @ 4-6pm

Join us for the library's 125th birthday celebration! All are welcome to join us for cake, face painting, music, bingo, and a scavenger hunt at this special celebration.

No registration required, just stop on by!



City Clerk's Office - Election Information

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION



Absentee Ballot Information

- Applications to receive ballots by mail for the November 5th General Election can be submitted now through November 1st.
- Applications can be submitted through [MyVote.wi.gov](https://www.portwashingtonwi.gov/departments/city-clerk/elections/absentee-early-voting) -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 **October 24th 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

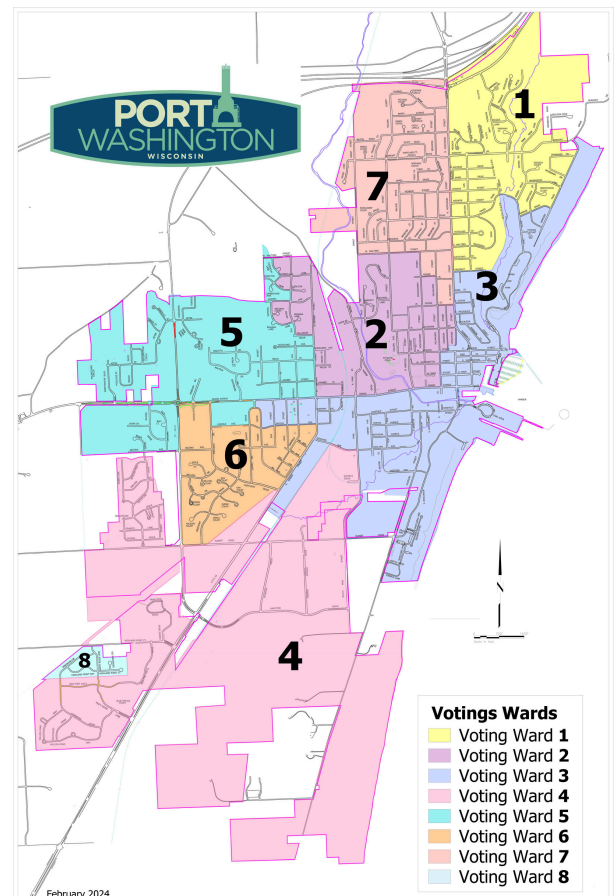
- 262-284-5585
- elections@portwashingtonwi.gov

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 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 3**
 - **City Hall, 100 W Grand Ave**
- **Wards 4, 5, 6 and 8**
 - **Grand Avenue Methodist Church, 505 W Grand Ave**

To view individual ward maps with greater detail, 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 will be available for the November 5, 2024 General Election 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 two of this newsletter or the [Elections Page](#) on the city website.



Tuesday - Friday - **October 22 - October 25 - 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Monday - Thursday - **October 28 - 31 - 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Friday - **November 1* - 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)

City of Port Washington Recreation Department

Fall - Winter REC GUIDE 2024

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The **Fall-Winter 2024 Rec Guide** is **available** and **registration is open**. This Guide contains activities, classes, and events for **all** ages, **including Seniors**. Click the the *Rec Guide* on the left to view the *entire catalog*. Follow this **link to register** for activities, classes or events



WATER METER REPLACEMENT

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





Curbside Brush Collection Important Schedule Change

- **September 3 - September 30, Curbside Brush Collection returns to a Bi-Weekly schedule.** During this time, no brush is accepted at the Street Yard.
- Brush should be placed at the curb by **7:00am on Monday morning.**
- The Streets team will make one trip city-wide during the two week period.
- **Brush will be collected at the Street Yard, 333 N Moore Rd, starting October 5.**

Senior MONTH Center



The National Council on Aging (NCOA) designates September as **National Senior Center Month**. During September, the NCOA invites the community to celebrate this time to shine a light on Senior Centers showing the entire nation how vital they are to the health and well-being of a community. Senior Centers provide countless hours of support and encouragement to older adults, and have become integral to the elevate the greater communities which they serve. Senior Centers offer a place for older adults to discover their unique interests, talents, and aspiration. This year's theme is Powering Connections. **The Port Washington Adult Community Senior Center** has several **events planned to connect through travel, literature, technology, health and finances.** Please call the **Senior Center, 262-284-5821**, or stop in to explore at **403 W Foster St.**

Passport to Retirement

Join Certified Financial Planner Haly Besaw for a **three-week session** to begin the journey toward a successful retirement. **Classes begin in September.** To **register, call 262-284-5585 or register online.**

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*

Volunteers needed!

The Senior Center utilizes volunteers for leadership of leagues, regular activities, and support for general office tasks. If you are interested in joining our team, please call 262-284-5821 for more information.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

2024 Road Improvement Project Update



Paving on Scott Road and Norview Circle is anticipated to begin after Labor Day, September 2



Final landscaping is anticipated to begin following completion of the paving, the week of September 9



Televising and cleaning work to prepare for Sewer Lining has begun



Sewer lining will follow to complete the project

Fall Clean-Up Information



Who to contact for the Disposal of “fill in the blank”?



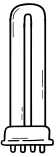
Appliances & Furniture -
Ozaukee Iron & Metal



Auto & Truck Tires -
Ozaukee Iron & Metal or Tires Unlimited



Building Materials -
Ozaukee Iron & Metal



Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs & Thermostats -
Veolia Environmental Services



Household Electronic Items -
Veolia Environmental Services



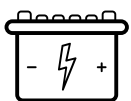
Household Hazardous Waste -
Veolia Environmental Services



Paint & Related Products -
Veolia Environmental Services



Propane & Gas Containers -
Ozaukee Iron & Metal



Vehicle Batteries -
Veolia Environmental Services or
Ozaukee Iron & Metal



Waste Motor Oil -
Ozaukee County Highway
Department

Disposal Company Phone Numbers

Please call the disposal company below prior to drop-off at their facility to confirm times, exact locations, fees, and staff availability.

Ozaukee Iron & Metal

728 Schmitz Dr
262-284-4060

www.ozaukeeironmetal.com

Veolia Environmental Services

Technical Solutions LLC

1275 Mineral Springs Dr
262-243-8900

[www.veolianorthamerica.com/
contact-us](http://www.veolianorthamerica.com/contact-us)

Ozaukee County Highway Department

410 S Spring St
262-284-8331

[www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/240/Highway-
Department](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/240/Highway-Department)

Tires Unlimited

1557 N Wisconsin St
262-284-4414

[www.tiresunlimitedautomotive.
com](http://www.tiresunlimitedautomotive.com)



Mayor Ted Neitzke IV

262-483-3997

tneitzke@portwashingtonwi.gov

Mayor's Corner

Back to School Reflections

It has been a phenomenal summer in Port Washington, and now we are looking forward to a beautiful fall in Wisconsin.

This month, I want our community to be future focused as each season provides an opportunity to both reflect and look forward. My first reflection of the year is on the tradition of excellence in our schools and our community's need to be supportive of the many efforts of our schools.

No matter where our children attend school, we as a community can be proud of the ownership our local teachers, staff, and administrators take in the lives of those they serve. As a community, we can support them by doing the basics: slowing down in school zones, respecting buses when they are picking up and dropping off students, thanking those that serve us in the schools, and supporting local efforts to provide resources to families in need.

The second reflection is in regards to the work of our incredible non-profit organizations that continue to serve us in so many ways - local organizations helping men and women in need, service clubs investing in our city, and charities supporting all of us.

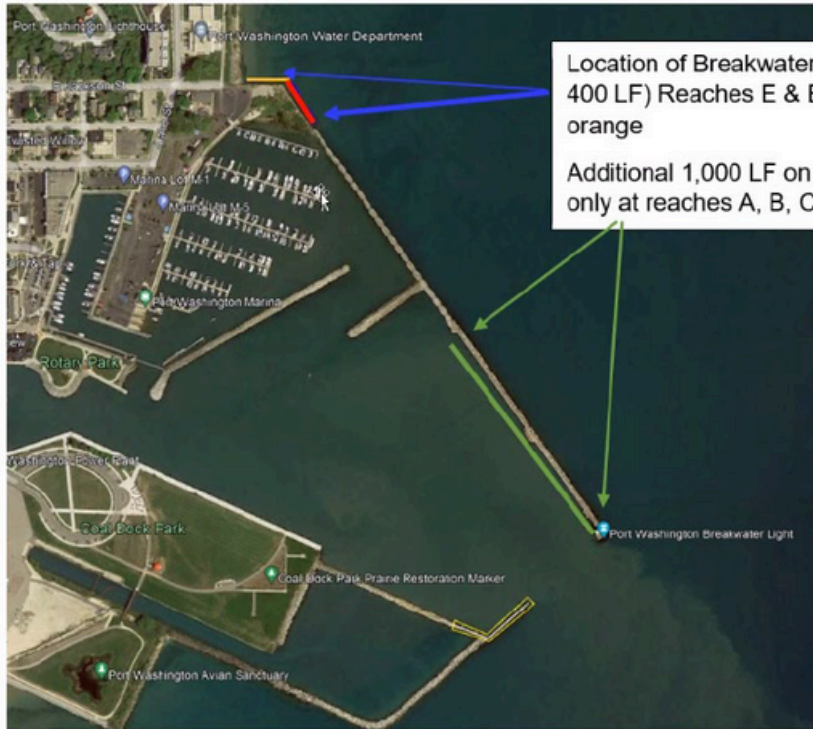
The final reflection is for the people in this community that volunteer and help maintain our community's incredible infrastructure. People at the historical society, people at the food pantry, Family Promise, the United Way, the Senior Center, the beer gardens, our events, and many more. I am very proud of the people who give their time to make us better.

Now looking forward. Port Washington continues to be a destination, and we are a sought-after community for development, investment, and living. As a result, it is important for us to be nimble as a city government.

I believe we are being strategic as a city and very intentional about who we will partner with. I am also passionate about being strategic for the future. Why? I have lived here, gone to the schools here, raised my family here, and I am a historian by training. I look back and believe that our current city council understands we can never go back to empty store fronts downtown, a city with no jobs for its citizens, and mismanaged city assets.

Take a moment this month to recognize all of the aforementioned groups. They are the stakeholders that make this city shine. They are the reason we can continue to move forward, and if we can take time to thank those that support our children's future, thank the support services fueling their success, and thank the volunteers making it all happen. Focusing on these pieces, we will be able to do more amazing things for our incredible city.

PROJECT LOCATION:



Location of Breakwater Repairs: 220-400 LF) Reaches E & E-1 (in red and orange)

Additional 1,000 LF on harbor side only at reaches A, B, C (in green)

Marina Breakwater Improvement Project

In August, the Department of Public Works received an update on the proposed U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Breakwater Improvement Project. Armor stone will be placed along the breakwater (see photo on the left). This will reduce wave energy, increase protection to the gateway, specifically the railing, which is highly susceptible to damage in the winter. These improvements will help extend the life of the breakwater. Roen Salvage of Sturgeon Bay is scheduled to begin work on the north breakwater during the week of September 9. The breakwater and access to the light station will be closed to pedestrians during this time. This schedule may change due to weather and other factors. Information will be posted on the city website and social media as it becomes available.

RESPECT OUR WATERS

Help keep our waterways safe by keeping an eye out for dangerous dumping, known as **illicit discharge**. This involves **any substance other than stormwater** that enters the storm drain, storm sewer, or local waterway. Examples of illicit discharge include:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Effluent from septic tanks
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of auto and household hazardous wastes

These substances lead to nutrient, bacteria, and chemical pollution in our freshwater systems.

Contact the Department of Public Works, 262-284-2600, immediately if any of the following are noticed:

- Storm drain or pipe leading to a waterway that has:
 - An unusual odor
 - Suds
 - An oil sheen
 - Flowing water during dry weather

For more information, visit respectourwaters.org.

FIRE PITS & OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Ch. 224-32 of the Municipal Code outlines Ordinances related to fire pits and outdoor fireplaces.



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.



Always wear a life jacket when boating. Visit the Wisconsin DNR for details.

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
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



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Port Washington, WI 53074

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Ph: 262-284-5585

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