

# MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the city's festivals and events these past few months. Port Washington's festivals are family friendly, economical events for all to enjoy.

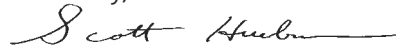
The economic conditions over the past year have made things difficult for families throughout our nation. Many families here in Port Washington are also experiencing layoffs or reduced hours at work. One of the great things about Port Washington residents is that you care about your fellow citizens. I am often told of your generosity and compassion in helping those in need. During this economic downturn, I know this compassion and caring will continue.

Port Washington is also fortunate to have generous businesses that have donated often to help make this a better place for all of us. Many of them are struggling to keep workforces intact and doors open during these trying times. This would be an especially great time to patronize local businesses and show them that we appreciate their support of our community. By doing this we will help them through tough times, keep valuable jobs in our community, and perhaps encourage them to continue their charitable efforts.

Your city government has to do its share, too. As we enter an extremely tight budget year we will try our best to maintain the usual high level of services without adding to the tax burden. Because revenues for the city are going to be down and expenses in general are up, this will be extremely tough. In order to be as efficient as possible, we will have to explore alternative avenues for some of our services. I ask all citizens to work with us as we prepare this difficult budget.

Port Washington is a unique city. We continue to care for our neighbors and friends and work together when times are tough. As we do this, there is no reason why this cannot continue to be the best place to visit, work and raise a family.

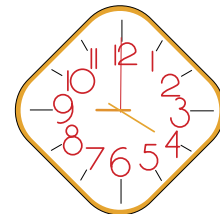
Sincerely,



Scott Huebner  
Mayor



## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries



On November 1, when we "fall back" an hour, change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change the time on your clocks.

## PAYMENT REMINDERS

### Tenant Water/Sewer Bills

Landlords are encouraged to contact the Water Department at 284-5585, Ext. 1003 to confirm that their tenants are making prompt payment of water/sewer bills.

### Fast, Easy Utility Payments

Stop writing checks and join the auto-pay program today! Your bi-monthly water/sewer bill payment will be automatically withdrawn from your authorized checking or savings account and credited to your water/sewer bill on the due date. You will continue to receive a bill for your records, but you will not need to respond: auto-pay will pay it for you. Stop at the Finance Department in City Hall to join.

## PROJECT UPDATES

The street improvements underway in the area surrounding St. Mary's Church and the Light Station are on schedule to be substantially completed by September 2, with final completion on Woodruff and Dodge Streets on schedule for September 18. These improvements include upgrades to the water distribution system as well as the storm sewer and sanitary sewer system. New sidewalk installations and replacement will improve pedestrian safety and walkability in this historic neighborhood.

The comfort stations under construction in Upper Lake Park and Veterans Park are scheduled for completion by September 20. The Upper Lake Park building will be handicap accessible in both the men's and women's restrooms and will have a restroom for families with special needs. A covered picnic area will be attached to the building and serve the site. The Veteran's Park building will provide men's and women's restroom facilities for beach goers as well as those using the park, harborwalk, or city skating rink. Attached to the building will be a covered picnic area and a warming area serving the ice rink, which can also be rented year round through the Park & Recreation Department.

## 2010 CITY BUDGET PREPARATION

Work has started on the 2010 city budget. Listed below is the process used to prepare the budget. Residents are encouraged to attend committee meetings when departmental budgets are discussed, or attend the City Council public budget hearings. Any questions regarding preparation of the city budget can be addressed to the City Administrator at 284-5585.

*By September 15:* Department Heads submit completed budgets to Mayor and City Administrator

*October 5 – 23:* Finance Committee reviews departmental budgets with input from staff and committee, commission, or board, and recommends proposed budget to City Council

*September 16 – October 2:* Mayor and City Administrator review budgets, and Mayor submits Executive Budget to Finance Committee

*October 29:* Proposed Budget Summary Notice in *Ozaukee Press*

*November 3:* City Council reviews proposed budgets

*November 17:* Public Hearing on proposed budgets

*November 17 or 24:* City Council adopts 2010 budget

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

Please remember:

- Do not place your refuse carts in the roadway or on snow banks.
- Do not place anything outside the cart – *it will not be picked up.*
- For a bulk pickup of any larger item, please call 1-800-387-0949. There will be an additional fee.
- Large items can also be taken to the West Bend Transfer Station, 803 N. River Rd, West Bend, for a nominal fee. The station is open Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Questions? Call 1-800-387-0949.

Finally, please note the recycling dates for the remainder of 2009. Recycling collection days are highlighted.

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## STREET DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Bagged leaves and garden waste can be brought to the Street Department Yard on North Moore Road for disposal. In addition to yard waste, there is a dumpster on site for depositing invasive plants, such as Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosestrife, and Spotted Knapweed. For more information on invasive plants, go to [www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives). The city also has a recycling dumpster at the Street Department for cardboard and paper. Branches are not accepted at the Street Department Yard. The last day of Street Department Yard operations for the year will be Saturday December 5.

### Hours of Operation

Tuesdays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Curbside brush pickup will continue on a weekly basis until November 1. Raking of leaves into the gutter is permitted in the fall of the year only. Call 262-284-2600 for more information. Raking of grass clippings and yard waste into the street is not allowed at any time.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

### Fire Prevention Week Open House

Sunday October 11, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fire Station, 104 W. Washington Street

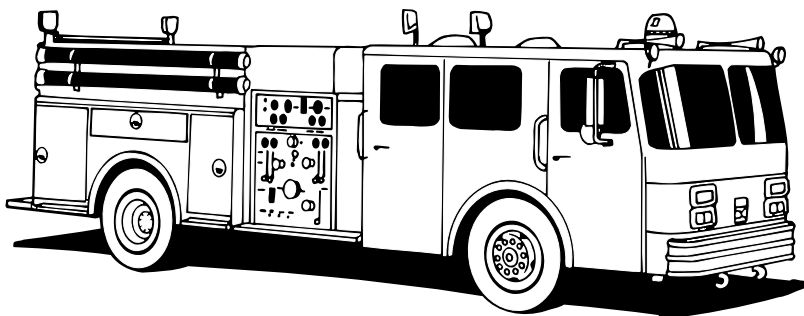
The Port Washington Fire Department invites residents to attend the Fire Prevention Week Open House. Sparky will be on hand to greet everyone and there will be plenty to see and do. Fire extinguisher demonstrations, equipment displays, and fire station tours are just some of the activities planned.

Fire Prevention Week 2009 focuses on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires. Testing the water before putting a child in the bath may sound like common sense, wearing short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking on the stovetop may show foresight, yet these and other simple actions may be all it takes to prevent devastating burns.

From October 4 – 10, fire and life safety educators across the country will bring these important safety messages to their communities, showing them simple ways they can "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned."

### Trash & Leaf Burning is Prohibited

Residents are reminded that Chapter 5.13.160 of the City Code states that trash burning is prohibited. This includes leaves, grass, branches, and yard waste, as well as rubbish, construction, and industrial waste.



## EVERY PROPERTY IN PORT WASHINGTON IS LAKEFRONT PROPERTY!!!

If you look in the street outside of your home or office and search the parking lots around town, you will probably find storm sewer inlets. Did you ever wonder where they go? A common misconception about storm sewers is that they go to a wastewater treatment plant. This is not the case. Storm sewers transport storm water (rain and melting snow) into our creeks, which flow directly into Lake Michigan.

Storm water often contains materials found on streets and parking lots such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers, pesticides, leaves, and grass clippings. When these materials enter lakes and streams, they become pollutants that disrupt the ecosystem, harm or kill the aquatic life, and close beaches.

What can you do to help???

- Do not use storm sewer inlets for disposing of motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, paints, solvents, garbage, cigarette butts, pet waste, etc.
- Repair leaks from your car's transmission or radiator. Soak up spills with cat litter or other absorbent material and put in your trash bag for disposal.
- When washing your car, use a biodegradable soap, take your vehicle to a commercial car wash, or wash it on the grass or a gravel area to prevent phosphates from the soap draining into the storm sewer.
- Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer, soil, leaves, grass clippings, etc., off driveways and sidewalks. Any debris left on the pavement is washed into the storm sewer during the next rainfall.
- Plant trees, shrubs, deep rooted grasses and flowers, and ground cover. These plants sop up storm water, reducing pollutant-carrying storm water run-off.

If everyone does their part, we can make a world of difference!

## POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

### Back to School Safety

The school year begins on September 1. The Police Department asks that you drive safely and be extra observant when approaching or traveling through school zones.

*Take notice of parking restrictions posted near schools. They enhance pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the school.*

*Reduce your speed around school properties, especially in posted school zones. Children have a narrower field of vision than adults, and they cannot easily judge a car's speed and distance. They assume if they can see a car, its driver can see them. They cannot readily tell the direction a sound is coming from, and they may be impatient and impulsive. Children concentrate on one thing at a time, and this is not likely to be traffic. They have a limited sense of danger, and often mix fantasy with reality. Finally, they imitate the (often bad) behavior of others, especially older children and adults.*

*Watch for and obey school crossing guards and their signals. Wisconsin law requires every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing that is controlled by an adult crossing guard to follow the directions of the crossing guard. If directed by the guard to stop, the operator must stop the vehicle not less than ten feet or more than thirty feet from the school crossing and remain stopped until the crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.*

### Be Aware – Stranger Danger

With school about to begin, it's time to remind children, especially those who walk to school, about strangers and potential stranger danger. Parents should walk to school with their children to familiarize them with the route that they should take each day, so that both will know the route in the event of an emergency. Children should be familiar with the route and the surrounding area, and shouldn't deviate from it without parental approval. As parents travel the route to school with their children, they should review with them the safe places to go if a problem arises.

### Back to School Bike Helmet Reminder

The City of Port Washington requires bicyclists and passengers younger than 16 to wear a protective helmet designed for bicycle safety when on a public roadway, public sidewalk, public bike path, or other public right-of-way in the city. Parents, make sure that if your children are riding their bikes to school they're wearing properly fitted and approved bicycle helmets. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

### Watch out for Bicycles & Pedestrians

With the return to school, the Port Washington Police Department reminds you to be extra aware of pedestrians and bicyclists. As a general rule, pedestrians and bicyclists have the right of way when crossing a roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded that sudden pedestrian movement into traffic or the path of a vehicle is prohibited.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

### Preschool Storytimes

*Begin September 15*

#### Tuesdays

6 - 24 months 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
2 year olds 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
4 - 5 year olds 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

3 - 4 year olds 9:30 - 10:00 or 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
*Register beginning September 1 at the Children's Desk*

### Family Storytimes

September 12, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
October 10, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

### Character Counts Week: October 18 - 24

*Join us as we celebrate with community activities all week long.*  
October 18, 3:00 p.m. Free Movie Matinee at the library  
October 21, 6:30 p.m. Tom Pease Concert at the TJMS Cafeteria

### Adult Book Clubs and Discussions

*Copies of the books are available at the library.*

**YMCA Book Club**, sponsored by the library

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at the Feith Family YMCA

September 17 *Giants in the Earth Part 1* by O.E. Rolvaag

October 15 *Giants in the Earth Part 2* by O.E. Rolvaag

#### Literature Book Club

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the library

September 21 *The Rum Diary* by Hunter S. Thompson

October 19 *Giants in the Earth Part 1* by O.E. Rolvaag

### Murder Mystery Party

October 23, 6:00 p.m.

The Chicago Caper - Halloween Party

*Register by October 16 for character assignments.*

### Friday Night After Hours Movies

7:00 p.m. at the Library.

September 4 *Sunshine Cleaners*, rated R

October 9 *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, rated PG-13

**Writer's Group** meets at the Library the third Tuesday of the month, 5:00 p.m.

### Yoga

Join us every Thursday morning at 9:30 for gentle yoga stretches with Connie Baldwin. Free to the public. Call the library for more information.

### Special Events

Call the library, 284-5031, for more information.

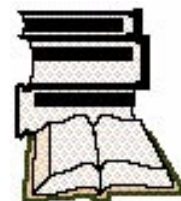
#### Crafts with the Library

September 14 Altered Books Workshop

October 14 Mosaics

October 26 Wire Works III

#### Recipe Club





## SENIOR SHORELINES

September is National Senior Center Month. Check out the special events and regular activities throughout September. New members joining in September receive four free months! Call 284-5821, or e-mail [ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us](mailto:ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us) to register for...

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Center needs volunteers to facilitate programs, events, or to assist in the office.

## CLASSES & CLUBS

### Lakeside Tea Society

*Yesterday's Cherished Fabric Tea*  
September 23, 1:30 p.m.



*October Fest Tea*  
October 21, 1:30 p.m.

### Green Felt Club

General Meeting August 26, 12:30 p.m.  
League play begins September 2.

### Senior Singers – Community Service

September 14, 9:30 – 11:00



### Art Classes

Call for information on classes starting in September!

### Friday Book Talk

*Co-sponsored by the Senior Center and the Niederkorn Library.*  
September 11 *One Thousand Splendid Suns*  
October 9 *Lace Reader*

### Public Sheepshead Party

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. \$1.50 per week

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by Harris Bank and the Port Rotary  
August 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



### Monthly Money Bingo

September 14 and October 12, 12:30 p.m.

### Home Safety Seminar

September 30, 12:30 p.m.

## PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

### Arthritis Foundation Exercise Course

September 14 – October 28  
Members \$25, guests \$35

### Strong Women Program

September 1 – November 24  
Members \$50, guests \$55, plus equipment

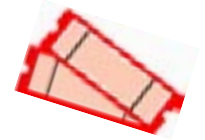
### Hatha Yoga

September 12 – October 24, 9:15 a.m.  
Members \$55, guests \$60

## DAY TRIPS

### Sound of Music at the Fireside

September 10, 8:15 a.m.  
Members \$80, guests \$82



### OPRAH'S CHICAGO

October 16, 7:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Members \$83, guests \$86

## PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call 284-5881 for information or to register...

## FALL PROGRAMS

*Gymnastics* will begin September 16 at Port Washington High School. All classes will be held on Wednesdays.

Bouncing Bugs for ages 4 and 5, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Leap Frogs for ages 6 – 8, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Tumble Bees for age 9 and older, 7 – 8:00 p.m.

*Flag Football* for 3rd and 4th graders will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings beginning September 15 at the Thomas Jefferson softball field. *New this year* will be a 5th and 6th grade league on Wednesday evenings starting September 16.

## Yoga & More

*Yoga-Lates* will be offered beginning in September. *Yoga-Lates* combines traditional Yoga and Pilates for a strenuous, yet safe, fitness regimen of core muscle exercise. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

*A Power Hour* will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

*Yoga for Beginners* will be held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Package rates are available.

## Volleyball Camp for Girls

Individual training combined with team concepts will get you in shape for your next season! This skills camp for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls is designed to focus on all aspects of the game with an emphasis on fundamentals. Starting October 2, this camp will be offered Fridays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

## Knitting and Crocheting

Learn to knit or crochet from an experienced instructor or bring along a project you have been working on for advice. Class will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. starting September 16.

## Men's Power Volleyball, Women's Recreational Volleyball, and Men's Basketball

These leagues will start in November. Registration is only accepted for complete teams. New teams interested in playing should contact the Park & Recreation department.

## Men's Fall Softball

The department will offer a men's softball league on Thursday nights. League play is tentatively scheduled to start the last week in August. The fee is \$165 per team.

## CITY MEETINGS

Common Council	1st & 3rd Tuesday	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
Plan Commission	3rd Thursday	City Hall	6:30 p.m.
Public Works Board	2nd Tuesday	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Harbor Commission	2nd Monday	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Police & Fire Commission	2nd Monday	Police Building	7:00 p.m.
Park & Recreation Board	2nd Thursday	Park & Rec Building	6:30 p.m.
Commission on Aging	2nd Monday	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.
Library Board	3rd Friday	Library	8:30 a.m.
Finance & License Committee	1st & 3rd Tuesday	City Hall	6:30 p.m.

## ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

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**MAYOR** Scott Huebner 262-284-0575  
 Email: shuebner@ci.port-washington.wi.us

### ALDERMEN

1st District	Mike Ehrlich	262-284-5528
2nd District	Paul Neumyer	262-284-3501
3rd District	James O. Vollmar	262-268-1682
4th District	Burt Babcock	262-284-3419
5th District	Tom Hudson	262-284-1948
6 <sup>th</sup> District	David Larson	262-268-1171
7th District	Dan Becker	262-284-6043

## CITY HALL HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday,  
 except holidays

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