

MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to spring in Port Washington, a lot of positive things are happening. Over the winter new restroom facilities were built in Upper Lake Park and Veterans Park. I would like to thank the Possibility Playground group for their donations to the Upper Lake Park facility. The Veterans Park facility also has a warming shelter in it for those enjoying the community ice skating rink, which was donated to the city by Harris Bank and the Port Washington Business Improvement District. In addition, we have a new set of stairs leading from Upper Lake Park to the north beach, thanks to the great work by our Port Washington DPW crew and the County Highway Department. By utilizing our city and county crews the project came in fifty percent under budget. The new Marina floating piers should be installed and ready as patrons begin to put their boats in the water this spring. The new piers are financed by the Marina, so no tax dollars are being used. These new piers will keep the Marina looking fresh and new and improve safety for our boaters.

As we look to the future there are a number of exciting projects ready to get underway. As We Energies completes the post-construction phase of their plant they will build a new entrance to the city from the south. The new portion of Wisconsin Avenue that they will construct will wind down through the bluffs overlooking their plant and the city. The views from this new downtown entrance will be spectacular.

The City of Port Washington is exploring various ways to team up with the State of Wisconsin and Ozaukee County to enhance our corporate base. It is our goal to be poised and ready to bring in new businesses when the economy begins to rebound. We are also working on establishing a TIF district downtown to spur economic activity and fund some much-needed public improvements.

Port Main Street Incorporated, which operates a not-for-profit entity, is showing signs of success downtown. Last year when other historic downtown districts experienced numerous closings, Port Washington's downtown saw nine new businesses open. We also saw two closings, but with the seven net new businesses and some additional renovations and business restructurings, 35 net new jobs were created in our downtown district. For the first time in a while Port Washington is aggressively looking to recruit new business for our downtown, and the interest level is very encouraging. Port Main Street welcomes everyone who would like to volunteer or contribute to revitalizing our historic downtown; contact Sara Grover at 262-268-1132 for details.

Thank you for allowing me the time to share these great things with you. Please remember, this is your community and you can make a positive difference.

Sincerely,

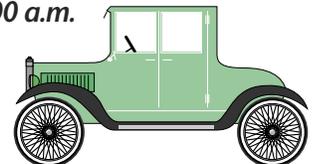


Scott Huebner, Mayor



REMINDER

Parking restrictions are in effect until April 1. Parking on city streets is prohibited between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.



SPRING ELECTIONS

The Spring General Election will be held on Tuesday April 6. The elective offices that will appear on the ballot are Court of Appeals Judge; County Supervisors; City Aldermanic Districts two, four and six; and School Board members.

Absentee ballots will be available around March 15; the voter must be a US citizen who will be 18 years or older on election day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 10 days before the election, and who is registered to vote. Absentee ballot requests must be made in writing. Contact the municipal clerk for an application. The last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election is April 1.

Please Note! When registering, prospective voters will be required to provide their DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID CARD NUMBER. A Social Security number is acceptable ONLY if a driver's license or State ID card has never been issued.

DOG & CAT LICENSES

Yearly dog and cat licenses must be purchased prior to March 31.

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.

ADOPT A HYDRANT

Deep or accumulating snow could cover the main link in the fire fighting chain ... Fire Hydrants. In an emergency, many valuable seconds are lost trying to locate or shovel out a fire hydrant covered in snow. To assist in locating them, the city's fire hydrants have posts attached to them. However, a deep snow or a buildup of plowed snow may make the hydrants inaccessible. The Port Washington Fire Department is asking residents to Adopt a Fire Hydrant and keep it clear and accessible.

STREET DEPARTMENT

2010 Street Reconstruction

- Sunset Road from CTH LL to the west city limits. This project will replace the existing 2-lane rural road with a fully urbanized roadway (curb and gutter, storm sewer, pedestrian/bike path, etc.). This project should take just over two months to complete.
- Division Street (Chestnut to the south city limits), Chestnut Street (Webster to S. Wisconsin St.) and South Wisconsin Street (Grand Ave. to Chestnut St.) will be reconstructed along with complete water main replacement. This project is expected to take approximately four months to complete.
- South Wisconsin Street (from the intersection of CTH C/CC to Chestnut St.) This project is being undertaken by We Energies to convert their access road into a fully urbanized city street, providing a new southern arterial to downtown. It is anticipated that this project will begin in April and be completed by September. The project will include the construction of a 10' multi-use path connecting Chestnut St. to CTH C, plus an intersecting road and sidewalk leading to a public beach and parking area south of the power plant.

Curbside Brush Collection will resume in mid-April. The Street Department Yard on Moore Road will re-open on April 3. The hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

MARINA UPDATE

The upgrade of the marina from fixed piers to a floating dock system with exposed aggregate decks, increased electrical power, and improved fuel, sewer and water services, is ahead of schedule and will be completed prior to May 1. Tenants who wish to dock their boats during the month of April will have slips available to them while the project is completed. The improved marina will adjust to fluctuating lake levels, and provide more slips. These improvements will help our marina continue to be one of the most popular facilities on the western shore of Lake Michigan, keep our rental rates low, and add to the vitality and economic well-being of the city!

EVERY PROPERTY IN PORT WASHINGTON IS LAKEFRONT PROPERTY!

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 the 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 we all do our part, we can make a world of difference!



United States Census 2010

The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted – people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- **When:** Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers will also visit households that do not return questionnaires.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation.

**“BE COUNTED
IN 2010.”**

THE 2010 CENSUS IS IMPORTANT.

It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country. And it impacts your voice in Congress.

SENIOR SHORELINES

The following programs, sponsored by the Port Washington Senior Center, are open to adults 55 and better! Register by telephone 284-5821 or e-mail ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us Pay by cash or check.

LAKESIDE TEA SOCIETY

Tea Foods with Louise Block

March 17, 1:30 p.m.

International Tea

April 21, 1:30 p.m.

Mother, Daughter & Doll Tea

May 19 at 1:30

CLASSES & CLUBS

Learn to Play Cribbage

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m.

Drawing and Watercolor Lessons

Call for details

Ceramic Pottery - ALL Skill Levels

Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.



PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

Cooking Class: Pasta Perfect One Dish Entrees

April 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Everyone will leave with two entrees, Vegetable Lasagna and Chicken Manicotti, and printed recipes. Taught by Chef Louise Block.

Aqua Exercise Class

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:40 a.m.

Tai Chi Beginners Course Session II

Mondays, March 29 – June 28

Tai Chi Continuing Form Session II

Mondays, March 29 – June 28

Arthritis Exercise Course

May 3 - June 16, 9:45 a.m.

Silver Strikers Wii Bowling League

Demonstration: April 13, 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

End of Winter Chili Supper

March 22, 4:45 p.m.

Monthly Birthday Party – Sponsored

by Friends of the Port Senior Center

March 26, April 23

Ballroom Dance

See details in Park and Recreation listings on page 5 in this newsletter.

ONE DAY ADVENTURES

Brewers Baseball vs. Pittsburgh

April 28, time to be announced

Cinderella at the Fireside

May 12, 8:15 a.m.

Musical Railroads

June 22, 7:00 a.m.

Myrtle Beach Melodies

April 24, 2010

Color flyer available at the Center.

Tips for Parents



Because your kids are counting on you.

Character education begins at home. Parents need to help build character; it doesn't just evolve. Encouraging young people to think independently and to do right are the bare-bones of character education for parents. Teaching, enforcing, advocating, and modeling the Six Pillars of Character daily will set behavior boundaries that will shape the character of your kids — and yourself.

The core universal values we use are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Remember the Six Pillars by its acronym, TRRFCC (terrific).

Follow the T.E.A.M approach: teach, enforce, advocate, and model the Six Pillars. Your style will depend on your child's age, but active and authoritative parenting at every age goes a long way.

A TRRFCC Way to Remember the Six Pillars of Character:

Trustworthiness

T Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat, or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Respect

R Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Responsibility

R Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

Fairness

F Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded • Listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

Caring

C Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship

C Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment

Your CHARACTER COUNTS in Port Washington!

Since 2006 the City of Port Washington, Village of Saukville, their police departments and the Port Washington-Saukville School District have teamed together as members of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. The coalition consists of more than 850 member organizations and thousands of schools, reaching more than 7 million youth and their families. They share information and ideas and support each other's character education efforts based on the core values of *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship* also known as the "Six Pillars of Character."

Annually these governmental units sign a resolution re-affirming their commitment to the character education efforts in our communities. To learn more about what you can do as a parent to help build the character of your children please take a moment to read "CHARACTER COUNTS! Tips for Parents" on page 4. Watch for additional information in future issues and feel free to contact the Police Department at 284-2611 with questions. *Remember – Your Kids are Counting on You – It's Your Character That Counts!*

PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call 284-5881 or visit www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkandRecreation for details...

Yoga and More

The department offers an extensive list of Yoga classes. For a detailed schedule including fees, see the website.

Get Your Book Published

Port Washington native Tom Kertscher will discuss ways to develop a book proposal and find a publisher. Two classes offered: March 16 and May 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing

Ages 16 and up. Four Fridays starting April 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Junior Ballroom Dancing

Ages 10 and up. Four Fridays starting April 16, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Dancing with your Child

Tuesdays, April 13 – May 4, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Shelter Reservations

Don't delay! Reserve a park area or shelter for your family or group outing today! Reservation form available at the Park & Recreation office or the web site.

Summer Brochure

The summer brochure *Parks Plus* will be available on the website. Limited paper copies at the Niederkorn Library, City Hall, Senior Center, Harris Bank, and Port Washington State Bank.

Possibility Playground

Although there is no "official" rental of the Playground, we ask that groups pre-register with our office. The rental schedule is posted on the website.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Adult Book Clubs

Copies of the books are available at the library
Library Book Club - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the Library
March 15 *The Outlander* by Gil Adamson
April 12 *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
May 17 *The Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick

One Book, One Community

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Book Club Corner

New titles available for checkout: *A Reliable Wife, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Three Cups of Tea* and *The Shack*. Twelve copies of each book are available, along with suggested discussions questions.

Movies: Friday Night after Hours

April 9, 7:00 p.m. *Sherlock Holmes* (PG-13)

Writers Group meets the Third Tuesday of the month at the library at 5:00 p.m.

Yoga Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30 for gentle yoga stretches with Connie Baldwin. Free to the public.

Library Recipe Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Paper Art: Paper Weaving. March 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We'll make round weavings, perfect for coasters or home décor.

Altered Book Workshop: April 14, 6:00 p.m. Bring an old book to make over.

Book Repair: April 21, 9:30 – 12:30. Cost for a repair kit is \$8.50.

Paper art: Quilling I. May 10, 6:00 p.m.

Cake Decorating: May 15, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Adult Game Night! May 19, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Have you ever tried Wii? It's about time you did!

Children's Programs

Preschool Story Times continue until March 24

Family Story Time

April 10, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Pajama Story Time

April 27, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Children's Movie Matinees

March 26, 2:00 p.m. *The Princess and the Frog* (Rated G)
March 26, 4:15 p.m. *New Moon* (PG-13)

NEW! Lego Creator Club

Open to children in grades 1 – 5. Come to the library and check out one of the new Lego Creator Kits. Build your own as a family, or with a group.

March 19 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
March 23 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
April 8 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
April 10 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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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 5th District Tom Hudson 262-284-1948
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 7th District Dan Becker 262-284-6043

CITY HALL HOURS

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