



Message From The Mayor

Dear Friends,

Another action packed, summer is coming to a close. As usual Port Washington's numerous Festivals brought in many tourists to lend support to our local economy. While the Port Washington economy gets a huge boost from tourists during the summer months the winter months are always a challenge for our local businesses. Each and every one of them needs your patronage and support. During the last six months a number of new businesses have open throughout Port Washington. I encourage you to check with Port Washington's Chamber of Commerce or Main Street office to find out who some of the new businesses are and the products they offer.

As our national economy continues to flounder, I am encouraged at the number of prospective new businesses we are dealing with in Port Washington. Interest is running high for both our industrial space as well as our retail and office space. Port Washington is working with a number of new businesses interested in occupying vacant industrial space in Port Washington. The main challenge we are facing is the businesses getting financing from their banks. The City of Port Washington and Ozaukee County do have Revolving Loan Programs with money available but these businesses do still need some conventional financing as well. We are encourage by the level of interest and are working diligently to help them in any way we can.

The level of interest in empty space in downtown Port Washington is also very promising. Port Washington's planning department and Main Street office are working with numerous potential businesses interested in downtown Port. The addition of two successful corporate offices (Red Fusion and Franklin Energies) relocating in our down town has increased the foot traffic and thus business potential for those interested in our down town. Many of the new businesses you witnessed opening in our down town over the past year did so working in collaboration with Port Washington's Main Street program. The Main Street program is a private corporation run by citizens and business owners from our area. A large part of the Main Street program is funded through private contributions. These donations are put to work to recruit new businesses and retain our current businesses. The funds from the Main Street program are also used to enhance the appearance and functionality of our down town. Lastly Port Washington Main Street is also responsible for many events that take place in our down town that draw in outside tourists to help businesses throughout Port Washington.

Port Washington Main Street relies on and needs you support. If you would like to make a donation even as small as \$10 it would help make our downtown stronger. I along with many of your neighbors and friends have financially supported our downtown through Main Street in the past. I encourage you to show you support and interest by making a pledge if you can as well. If you would like to pledge your support or would just like to know more about Main Street and how you can be a part of our historic downtowns success you can contact their office at 262-268-1132.

Sincerely,

Scott Huebner

**City of Port Washington
2011 Fall/Winter Newsletter**

Park and Recreation Fall/Winter News

Yoga and More

All of our Yoga & More classes are continuing through December 17th. New classes will start in January. Please check the Parks & Rec. website for detailed class offerings. Purchase just a few or enough for a couple of weeks. Attend any class during the time spots offered – or attend them all. 1 class \$8, 5 classes \$40, 10 classes \$65, or 20 classes for \$95. Classes are held at the Recreation Center, 201 N. Webster St. (behind the Waterpark).

Youth Bowling

The Parks & Rec. Dept. and Harbor Hills Bowling Center are jointly offering bowling lessons for girls & boys ages 8 years and up. The classes will be held on Saturday, December 3, 10, 17 & January 7 and 14, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for City of Port Washington residents and \$37.50 for non-residents.

Hometowne Basketball – K thru 3rd Grade

Registration is in progress for the Kindergarten through 3rd grade boys and girls basketball offered at Lincoln Elementary School. This program stresses the age appropriate fundamentals of basketball and is an exciting combination of skill building and competitive play. Volunteer coaches provide the basic techniques and sportsmanship skills all young athletes need to succeed. Volunteer parents are needed. This program will start on Saturday, January 7 from 8-9 a.m. for 4 weeks. Cost is \$25 for a resident of the PW/Saukville School District and includes a t-shirt.

Hometowne Basketball – 4th through 8th Grade

Registration is in progress for the 4th through 8th grade boys and girls basketball to be held at the Port Washington High School gym. The program will reinforce the skills in a variety of challenging and fun, competitive games. Skills, games and teammates will change each week to create an environment that focuses on improving skills for all levels of participants while mixing the players for a more balanced experience. This program will be held on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. starting November 12 for 8 weeks. Volunteer parents are needed. The cost is \$50 for a resident of the PW/Saukville School District and includes a jersey.

Pickleball

The game of Pickleball has swept the nation! It is a fun sport with many social benefits. Any age can play. Indoor Pickleball is being held now at Lincoln Elementary School on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be no pickleball on October 27, November 24 and the month of December but will start again in January, 2012. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Polar Express

All aboard! Hop on the “train” for a magical journey to the North Pole (Port Washington Fire House). The tri-community event will take place on December 17 and will be hosted in Port Washington this year. Tickets for residents will be available on November 14 and November 21 for non-residents. The cost will be only \$5.00.

Ice Skating

As soon as the weather gets “really” cold the ice rink will be open. The warming shelter and bathrooms will be available. Get those skates out of storage - come on down and check it out! Call the Park & Rec. office for more information.

Park Rentals

Book your reservation now for 2012 for a number of our pavilions and park areas. Check out the Park Rental Calendar for availability on our website:

www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation/ParksEventCalendar.pdf

2011 Street Department News

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU OWN LAKEFRONT PROPERTY?????



Anytime trash goes into a storm sewer grate, whether it is right in front of your home or next to the marina, it goes right into Lake Michigan.

A common misconception about storm sewers is that they go to a wastewater treatment plant, however, this is not the case. Storm sewers transport storm water (rain and melting snow) into our creeks which flow *directly* into Lake Michigan without treatment.

Storm water carries the 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 or 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 quickly washed into the storm sewer during the next rainfall.

Plant trees, shrubs, deep rooted grasses and flowers, and ground cover. These plants soak up storm water, reducing pollutant-carrying storm water run-off.

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

2011 Street Improvements

The reconstruction of **STH 33** (Grand Ave.) from a two lane rural highway to a four lane urban highway is at the halfway point. Two-way traffic will be shifted and remain on the newly constructed eastbound lanes of the highway throughout the winter while construction continues on the westbound lanes until the project is shut down for the winter. Prior to winter, the intersection of STH 33 and CTH LL will be open to the east, west, and south, and Second Ave. will connect across CTH LL. Next spring, work will resume on the westbound lanes, median landscaping, and construction of the roundabout at the CTH LL/STH 33 intersection.

Lake St. will remain under construction for the remainder of October and early November. It will remain closed to through traffic, but open to local traffic serving Veteran's Park, the American Legion, and the high-rise condominiums. The project is scheduled for completion by November 18.

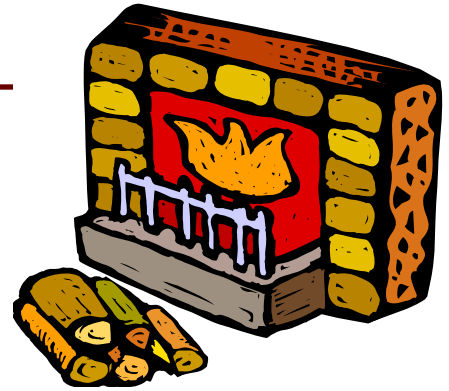
Help Keep Port Washington Pedestrian Friendly – Prune Your Trees and Bushes

The City of Port Washington is a pedestrian friendly community, and most streets have sidewalks that are well used. Please do your part to keep the sidewalks safe and user friendly by pruning any overhanging branches to a minimum height of 7 feet high, and prune any plants/bushes that are crowding the sidewalk. You may leave the pruned branches at the curb for collection by City crews before October 31, or after April 15.

From The Fire Chief

Time to Have Furnaces & Fireplaces Checked

Fall weather reminds us that it is time to have furnaces and fireplaces checked. Gas and oil-fired furnaces need to be inspected by a qualified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning specialist. Chimneys need to be inspected by a qualified technician to make sure there are no blockages inside the flue. As of February 1, 2011, there are Wisconsin requirements for both smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms in all residential properties. To avoid Carbon Monoxide poisoning due to damaged or improperly vented appliances, a Carbon Monoxide alarm shall be installed near sleeping areas inside the home or apartment. These may be purchased at any hardware store.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES Here is a Smoke Alarm reminder: “Change Your Clocks Change Your Batteries”. On November 6 when we “fall back” an hour, change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change the time on your clocks.

Holiday Fire Safety Follow these tips to keep your family safe during the holidays:

Holiday Lighting: Keep candles well away from decorations or other combustible material. Do not leave children unattended in a room lit with candles. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. When decorating with lights, be sure to use only lights labeled by a testing laboratory. Do not overload electrical circuits, and unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed.
Holiday Parties: Decorate with only flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Provide large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After parties, check furniture and trashcans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
Christmas Trees: Choose a fresh tree. Place it in a stand designed not to tip over and keep it well away from heat sources and exits. Water the tree

Leaf Pickup

The raking of leaves only into the street is allowed beginning on October 1st, until November 27th. Raking of grass, garden waste, and other materials into the street is not permitted at any time. These materials may also be disposed of at the Street Department yard during the following hours of operation:



Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-6:00
Saturday 10:00-4:00

The last day of operation at the Street Department yard for 2011 will be December 3rd.

Reporting Street Light Outage

To report a street light outage please call (262) 284-2600 or email ijklumb@ci.port-washington.wi.us. Please include the street address and the pole number that is located near the bottom of the pole on an aluminum tag.

City Treasurer— Real Estate Tax Payments and Utility Bills

2011 TAX COLLECTION Please note special holiday hours

Tax collection season is fast approaching. Watch for your 2011 tax bill in the mail in mid-December. Taxes can be paid at City Hall from 8AM to 5 PM, Monday to Friday. Please note: City Hall will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, 2011, and January 1 and 2, 2012.

Taxpayers may also make tax payments at the Port Washington offices of Harris Bank and Port Washington State Bank. These banks will assist all taxpayers even if you do not have an account at the bank. Please make payments in the bank lobby; payments cannot be accepted at the drive-thru. Have the tax bill or payment coupon available so the payment will be properly credited to your account. If your taxes are escrowed and your escrow check exceeds the amount of tax due, please make payment at one of the banks, as they can issue an immediate refund of the overpayment.

Please carefully review your tax bill to determine if the lottery credit has been applied. If you are uncertain about your eligibility for the lottery credit, please contact the Treasurer at 262-284-5585, Ext. 1008 for assistance regarding the lottery credit or any other tax issues.

ESTIMATED WATER READS Please be aware that weather conditions and snow coverage may necessitate that residential water bills be based on estimated reads rather than actual meter reads. The two water reads most likely to be affected by weather conditions are the reads conducted in early January and early March.

Most residential customers are familiar with the concept of estimates since electric bills are routinely based on estimated reads. Should an estimate be higher or lower than actual usage, it will correct itself at the time of the next actual read.

While the Water Department prefers to perform actual reads, the safety of staff is a priority. If you are concerned that the estimate will differ from actual usage we invite you to provide us with an actual read in place of the estimate. Please be aware that we would need this information promptly in early January or early March.

2012 Election Law Changes

Voter Registration Changes

Residency requirement has changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days.

Elector can no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residency.

Early Election Registration and In Person Absentee Voting ends at 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day

You can register at your polling location on Election Day with acceptable ID

If you are currently on the poll books, Photo ID will be required to vote at the Polls.

Absentee Changes

In-Person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the Election

In-Person absentee voting ends at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the Election

Photo ID will be required to vote Absentee.

WJ Niederkorn Library: Upcoming Events

262-284-5031 or www.wjnl.org



W.J. NIEDERKORN LIBRARY IS TURING 50!

The WJ Niederkorn Library is turning 50! We invite you to join us for celebration festivities, listen to speakers of the community and our special guest, author Wendy Webb as she talks about her novel, *The Tale of Halcyon Crane*, a story of the past with a hopeful future. Join us, Sunday, November 13th, at the Country Inn and Suites for a luncheon celebration and author visit. We will be reflecting on the past 50 years of growth and the many more joyful years to come. Doors open early for event starting a little after Noon. Please RSVP by November 4th, if you would like to join us.

OVERDRIVE— Overdrive is ready for your Kindle! You can now checkout our online books and download them to your Kindle. Our Overdrive Library carries the books you want to read; new releases and old favorites. Learn how to download eBooks to your Kindle, iPad/iPod or other ebook reader. You can also read books right on your laptop or home computer!

Upcoming Classes: Monday, December 5th at 6 pm. & Monday, January 9th at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call the library to reserve your spot! 262-284-5031

Children's Programming

Preschool story times are in session until Wednesday, November 16th

6 mo-24 mos	Tuesdays	9:30-10:00am
2 year olds	Tuesdays	10:30-11:00am
4-6 years	Tuesdays	1:30-2:15 pm
3-4 years	Wednesdays	9:30-10:00am
3-4 years	Wednesdays	10:30-11:00am

Family Story times

Saturday, November 12 th	10:00-10:30am
Saturday, December 10 th	10:00-10:30am

Lego Creator Club Open to children in 1st through 5th Grades

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent

Friday, October 14 th	3:45-4:30pm
Friday, November 11 th	3:45-4:30pm
Friday, December 9 th	3:45-4:30pm

Lego Junior Club Open to children ages 4 to 7 years old

Children must be accompanied by a parent

Saturday, November 12 th	11:00-11:45am
Saturday, December 10 th	11:00-11:45am

Kids Movie Matinees *Free family movies shown on a big screen*

Friday, November 4 th	-1:00pm (Cars 2)
Wednesday, December 21 st	1:00 pm (TBA)



CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor— Scott Huebner (284-0575) shuebner@ci.port-washington.wi.us

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Alderman District 2— Paul Neumyer (284-3501) pneumyer@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Alderman District 3— James Vollmar (268-1682) jvollmar@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Alderman District 4— Burt Babcock (284-3419) bbabcock@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Alderman District 5— Joe Dean (262-483-7426) jdean@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Alderman District 6— David Larson (268-1171) dlarson@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Alderman District 7— Dan Becker (284-6043) dbecker@ci.port-washington.wi.us

City Administrator— Mark Grams (284-5585) mgrams@ci.port-washington.wi.us

**SENIOR CENTER– NEW ADDRESS: 403 W. FOSTER STREET
262-284-5821 or ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us**

CLASSES AND CLUBS

LAKESIDE TEA SOCIETY

Fall Tea Fest-Date: Wed. Oct. 19 at 1:30

Slovenian Tea- Date: Nov. 16

Christmas Tea-Date: Wed. Dec. 21

Computer Classes:

LAP TOP Fundamentals-Dates: Tues. Oct. 18 & 25 4:30-6:00 PM

Introduction to Computers-Dates: Tues. Nov. 8 & 15 4:30 PM- 6:00

Chicks with Sticks (Handiwork group)-Date: Wednesdays at 1:00

Holiday Greeting Card Make-n-Take - Date: Wed. Nov. 30 Time: 1:00 - 2:30

“Hand and Foot” or Canasta-Dates: Oct. 17, 31; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 19 Jan 16 & 30

Senior Singers –A Community Service-Mondays at 9:00 -the mezzanine (2nd floor) 9:00 -10:30 AM.

WELLNESS CLASS

Lift to Live Class Session IV-Dates Tues & Thurs Oct 25- Dec 8

No Falls Exercise Class-Dates: Mon & Wed Oct. 24-Dec. 7 at 9:00AM

Tai Chi Beginners Course-Dates: Mondays Oct. 3 – Dec 19 at 11:30

Hatha Yoga-Date: November to be announced

Zumba Gold Classes (Session IV)-Dates: Wed. & Fridays Oct. 12- Dec 2 at 8:15 AM

Zumba Gold Classes (Session V)-Dates: Wed. & Fridays Dec 7-Feb 3 at 8:15 AM

(no classes Dec 23 & 30) at 8:15 AM

Silver Strikers - Wii Bowling Session IV-Dates: Tuesdays Nov. 8 - Dec 27

Silver Strikers - Wii Bowling Session I-Dates: Tuesdays Jan 3 – Feb 7, 2012

Special Events & New Programs

Toe Nail Trimmers Foot Clinic - Date: Thursday, October 27; Dec. 22 at 12:30-3:00

Halloween Costume Party

Senior Center & Dining Site Members

On Mon. Oct. 31 at 11:30 pm come dressed to impress. Prizes awarded for costumes in the 4 categories (examples): Funniest Costume, World of Advertising (come as a product M&M), Contemporary Characters (Famous celebrities, Politicians, TV

Characters or cartoons) or *Best Flashback* (hippie, Elvis). Sign up with Jill by Fri. Oct. 28 for lunch at 262-483-9753, followed by costume contest and prize bingo.

Lunch Bunch at Café 1505

Date: Wed. Oct 26 at 11:30

HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE CORNER SALE-Date: Monday Nov. 14 Open 11-6

CONSIDER THE CONVERSATION- Lunch & Learn Program-Date: Tues. Nov. 29 at 12:45

ONE DAY ADVENTURES-Fox River Mall Shopping Appleton-Date: Mon. November 21

VIVA VEGAS at the Fireside 35th Season-Date: Thur. Jan. 19, 2012 Mini Adventures

The Emerald Coast Getaway-April 23, 2012 Home pick up. Travel by Motor coach with stops in Plains & Atlanta, Georgia on the way to Destin, Florida and a stop on the way home at Opryland.



The Wisconsin Home Energy Program is available this winter to meet the high costs of home heating fuel for low-income households. Eligibility for the program is based on the household’s gross monthly income in the three – (3) months preceding the month of application. Income limits are as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Gross Quarterly Income Limit</u>
1.....	\$6,080.00
2.....	\$7,950.00
3.....	\$9,821.00
4.....	\$11,692.00
5.....	\$13,563.00
6.....	\$15,433.00
7.....	\$15,784.00
8.....	\$16,135.00

ENERGY ASSISTANCE
PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE

Applications for the Energy Assistance Program are available at the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services, Administration Center, 121 West Main Street, Third Floor, Port Washington, WI 53074. Persons wishing to apply must call for an appointment at **(262) 284-8200 or (262) 238-2800** (metro). The Program begins October 1, 2011 and will run through May 15, 2012. All persons are urged to contact the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services at the above telephone numbers well in advance of any disconnection or refusal of fuel delivery. If someone does have an actual emergency DURING NON-OFFICE HOURS, please call the following numbers which are in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week: 284-7172 or 377-7172 (metro) (Ozaukee County Sheriff’s Department).

PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Winter Parking Restrictions - Reminder

Don't forget the winter parking restrictions are going into effect **December 1st through April 1st**. Winter restrictions prohibit parking of any vehicle on any street within the city between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between those dates. Violators will be ticketed so now is the time to plan and make "off street" parking arrangements for your vehicles over the winter months.

Keep Sidewalks and Walkways Clear of Snow and Ice

Remove snow and ice deposits from sidewalks promptly. City ordinances require ***"every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant or otherwise, shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, snow and ice from such sidewalk within 24 hours of the cessation of any snow fall, sleet or freezing rain"***.

WARNING - Watch Where You Throw Snow!

Do not shovel, throw or deposit snow in the street during snow removal efforts. City ordinances prohibit such actions --- ***"no person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow and ice on or against a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, roadway, or loading or unloading areas except that snow and ice may be windrowed on public roadways incident to the cleaning of sidewalks in business districts"***.

Wisconsin Winter Driving Safety Tips!

The Port Washington Police Department reminds all residents to drive safely and responsibly this winter season. While traveling during the winter months common sense is more important than ever. In an effort to keep motorists safe throughout the upcoming Wisconsin winter your Police Department makes the following suggestions:

- *Make sure your car is properly winterized before the cold weather begins. Winterizing should include replacing the wiper blades, changing to a "winter weight" motor oil, making sure tires are in excellent condition, making sure all lights are in proper working order, engine thermostat working properly, heater and defroster in good working order, anti-freeze set to proper level, battery in excellent shape for those cold winter starts, non-diluted windshield washer/de-icer, etc.
- *DRIVE CAREFULLY!
- *Be sure to clear all windows, mirrors and lights of snow and ice before operating your vehicle. Failure to remove snow from windows could result in a traffic citation with a fine of \$88.80 and 2 demerit points!
- *Keep your gas tank as full as possible. Use a gas line de-icer product to prevent moisture in the tank.
- *Remember, winter road/weather conditions may require increased stopping distances. Always slow your vehicle to a speed appropriate for the existing conditions, regardless of posted speed limits.
- *Allow extra travel time when road/weather conditions warrant it. Always be alert to changing conditions and weather forecasts. Plan accordingly.
- *Carry winter storm supplies in your car such as extra warm clothing, a blanket, container of sand or cat litter, flashlight, shovel, windshield scraper, cellular phone, battery booster cables, small first aid kit, etc.

Be Safe At Home This Winter Too!

The Port Washington Police Department also encourages residents to be prepared for winter weather related situations at home and recommends the following:

- *Always dress appropriately for winter weather and activities. Multiple layers of lightweight clothing are more effective than a single heavy layer of clothing. Stay dry!
- *Always use extreme caution when operating snow blowers and snow removal equipment. Never try to clear an obstruction in a snow blower while the engine is running. Always stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire before attempting to clear an obstruction.
- *Always use caution and common sense when shoveling or blowing snow. Wisconsin snow can be extremely heavy and wet. If necessary, contact a snow removal service. Don't overdo it. Take frequent breaks. Enlist the help of a friend or neighbor in the event of a heavy snowfall. Be aware of the signs of a heart attack:

Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. The discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

Shortness of breath. Often comes along with chest discomfort. But it also can occur before chest discomfort

Other symptoms. May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.

***If you experience any of these symptoms,
stop and call 9-1-1 immediately!***

