



# City of Port Washington 2011 Summer Newsletter

## Message From The Mayor

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Dear Friends,

Politically tensions are running high in our state and nation these days. America is enduring one of the greatest economic down turns of recent history. Our leaders at both the state and federal level are being forced to make tough decisions in hopes of turning our economy around. Throughout history citizens have played a valuable part in the political debates by offering their thoughts and opinions to our elected officials and even peacefully protesting for issues they believed in. Unfortunately the peaceful protests have turned somewhat violent and the civil debates among citizens and statesmen have become unruly. While this can be easily seen on the state and federal level it is also occurring at the local level. If we truly want to fix our economy and move our country forward at some point civility must be restored to the political debate, politicians from both parties need to start doing what's best for their constituents and not their party and or what will get them elected to another term. At some point we must demand this of our politicians and from ourselves. If we do not, the slippery slope of this partisanship we have been seeing over the past decade or so will continue and our country and state will continue in a state of unrest rather than obtaining the true potential we so rightly demand.

On a more positive and local note Port Washington is experiencing moderate economic success. Allen Edmonds is continuing its expansion in Port Washington and so is Precision Manufacturing. Custom Wire Technology is in a newly built building in our industrial park and there are a number of possible new businesses the City is working with for the industrial park. Downtown Port Washington is also beginning to come to life. There are a number of new retail shops, restaurants, service industries as well as corporate offices in downtown Port. Port Washington's Main Street program is currently working with a number of additional businesses for our downtown district.

A new website has been launched by Port Washington's Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Council and the Main Street program all working together. The site can be located at [www.visitportwashington.com](http://www.visitportwashington.com). I recommend taking a tour of the site and discover all the great things Port Washington has to offer our businesses, tourists and citizens.

Summertime in Port Washington is always a spectacular time to enjoy everything our City has to offer. I look forward to seeing you out and about at our festivals and exploring our historic downtown. Lets work together civilly and show the rest of our great state and nation what can be achieved if people work together for the common good.

Sincerely,

Scott Huebner

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### Visitportwashington.com

To find out what's going on in Port Washington this summer, the place to look is [www.visitportwashington.com](http://www.visitportwashington.com). This website is sponsored by Main Street Port Washington, Port Washington Tourism Council and the Port Washington Chamber of Commerce. Each organization has a section on the website devoted to their organization and lists the various activities going on in Port Washington this summer. The various activities and events include Fish Day, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Lions Fest, July 29-31 and Maritime Heritage Festival, August 19-21. Please visit this site to know what you can do in Port Washington this summer and the rest of the year.

# Park and Recreation Summer News

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## Summer Program Registration:

Sign up for a summer of fun and purchase Pirates' Hollow Community Waterpark season passes at the Recreation Center, 201 N. Webster (adjacent to the Waterpark). Program and fee information may be found online by visiting [www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkandRecreation/Index.htm](http://www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkandRecreation/Index.htm). We accept Visa/Mastercard for faxed registrations. Mail-in registrations are accepted with a check or credit card. Please call us at 262-284-5881 with any questions.

## Pool Schedule:

The hours at Pirates' Hollow Community Waterpark are: Monday thru Friday, 12-4:30; and 6-8:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Check out our other great events at the pool including: Swim to Fit, Aqua Zumba, Aqua Fitness, and Swim Team.

Call us today to reserve the pool for a private rental. This includes exclusive use of the Waterpark with our staff and all it's features.

Birthday pool parties are also a great way to celebrate. This includes cake, ice cream, balloons, use of the Rec. Center for up to 2 hours as well as admission to Pirates' Hollow for up to 10 children.

## Yoga and More:

We will continue our Yoga and More classes during the summer while also making use of the pool for Aqua Fitness and Aqua Zumba. Check out the extensive schedule on the website at [www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation/PDF/Yoga&MoreSummer.pdf](http://www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation/PDF/Yoga&MoreSummer.pdf)

## Port Summer Theater:

Celebrating 44 years of "really good shows" in Port Washington, the Summer Musical is proud to present *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Catch one of four performances starting on July 21 and ending with a 2:00 matinee on July 24. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the Parks & Rec. office.

## City of Seven Hills Triathlon:

Test your endurance at the second annual City of Seven Hills Triathlon! The date is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Do not run, bike or swim? Then how about volunteering to work this event? Please call 262-284-5881 to find out how!

## Pickleball:

Participate in open pickleball games and make some new friends during our drop-in pickleball times. Tuesday and Saturday 8-10 a.m. and Thursday 6-8 p.m. at Kolbach Park. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

## Veteran's Park Highlights:

Veteran's Memorial Park will again be a popular venue this summer with the Freeport Music series on four Friday evenings, City Band on Sundays and the Friday Night Flick series. Visit the Community Events section of "Parks Plus" for dates and acts. Save gas and money and enjoy these local, big name acts right here in Port.

## Amusement Attraction Discount Tickets:

Your Parks and Recreation Department is selling tickets to the area's hottest theme and water parks at huge discount prices. We are able to do this because we are part of a network of Parks and Rec. agencies throughout Wisconsin. New this year are tickets to visiting Packer Hall of Fame in Green Bay. Prices and be found in the "Park Plus", on the city website, or call us for details.

## Shelter Reservations:

Need a place to celebrate a special birthday or family reunion, but don't have the space? The city's parks may be reserved for as little as \$50. For more information, the application form, FAQ's and a calendar of available sites, go to our website, or call 262-284-5881. If your party will be consuming alcohol beverages, a permit is required.

## 2011 Street Improvements

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The reconstruction of **STH 33 (Grand Ave.)** is well underway and will continue through the duration of the 2011 construction season. CTH LL will be closed to through traffic for the remainder of the season, however, traffic on STH 33 will remain open. Traffic will travel on temporary pavement while the eastbound lanes are constructed during the first phases of the project. Sometime in September, traffic will be shifted onto the newly constructed eastbound lanes while the westbound lanes are constructed. The final layer of pavement and permanent pavement marking will be placed in Spring, 2012. Also in 2012, the final segment of the project, Portview Dr. to Summit Dr., will be reconstructed. Traffic on STH 33 will be detoured for that portion of the project, which is expected to last approximately 1 month.

The reconstruction of **N. Lake St.** between Jackson St. and the road to Upper Lake Park is scheduled to begin after Labor Day and be completed by Thanksgiving. The improvements will include a reconfigured parking system on the street and in the newly reconstructed parking lots. The drainage system is also being reconfigured to protect the area from flooding. The existing streetlight system is being replaced, and all aerial utilities will be buried. Newly installed sidewalks will improve pedestrian access. The road will be closed to through traffic during construction.

### **CAR CARE FOR CLEANER WATER\***

We all know that cars cause air pollution, but did you know that cars also cause water pollution? As we drive, our cars and trucks leave bits of tires, brakes, and rusty metal on the street. When we park, our cars and trucks leave stains of oil, grease, and transmission fluid on driveways and parking lots. What happens to all of this "car dirt" when it rains or the snow melts? It goes directly into the nearest storm sewer and directly into Port Washington's creeks and into Lake Michigan. There is NO connection to our wastewater treatment plant.

### **What can YOU do to improve the quality of our creeks and lake?**

**Recycle Oil and Antifreeze.** Make sure you take it to a service station. Never pour it onto the ground or into the storm drains in the street.

**Use Commercial Car Washes.** Cars washed in driveways wash the dirt and soap phosphates into the lake, adding to pollution. Weeds and algae thrive on a high phosphate diet, making our waterways unattractive for swimming and boating. Commercial Car Washes have drains that are connected to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Keep Your Car Tuned Up and Aired Up.** Tuned up cars with fully inflated tires save fuel and pollute less.

**Repair Leaks.** Spots on your driveway or garage floor mean the engine, transmission or radiator in your car is leaking. Have the leak repaired right away. Every time a leaky car is on the road or parked outside, the fluids ultimately get washed into Lake Michigan.

\*Source - UW Extension GWQ019

## Street Department News

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The raking of **leaves only** into the street is allowed beginning on October 1st until November 27th. Raking of grass, garden waste, and other material 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 and Saturday 10:00-4:00**

# From The Fire Chief

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## **FIRE PITS AND OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**

The fire department receives numerous inquiries regarding the use of outdoor fire pits or fireplaces. For clarity, a “fire pit” includes belowground pits, freestanding fireplaces, and portable devices intended to contain and control outdoor fires. All belowground fire pits shall be at least four inches in depth and shall be surrounded on the outside, aboveground, by a non-combustible material such as steel, brick, or masonry. The fire pit cannot exceed three feet in diameter, nor may the fire pile exceed two feet in height. Fire pits may be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications and these regulations:

- Only natural firewood/commercial logs may be burned.
- Burning of lumber, pallets, scrap wood, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, paper, cardboard, garbage and similar items is not permitted.
- All fire pits must be located away from any structure or combustible material.
- Belowground fire pits and freestanding fireplaces must be located a minimum of 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material.
- Portable fire pits must be located a minimum of 15 feet away from any structure or combustible material.
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- A portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, must be readily available.

## **CHARCOAL AND GAS GRILL SAFETY**

Good weather means it is time to dust off the barbeque grills and start cooking out again. Everyone is reminded to use caution when using either type of barbeque grill, charcoal, or LP gas. The following guidelines are offered for safe outdoor cooking:

1. Re-familiarize yourself with the location of the gas shut-off and safety features of your grill.
2. Maintain a MINIMUM clearance of 30 inches on all four side of your grill from any combustible construction. The grill should never be up against the house when in use.
3. Never use a grill inside a closed garage. Carbon monoxide is a product of burning gas or charcoal and grills must have adequate ventilation for safe use.
4. Do not allow children to operate grills or play near grills that are being used.
5. Shut off the gas supply if the flames get out of control or in an emergency.
6. If you suspect a gas or propane leak, or smell unburned gas, shut off the gas supply immediately and have the grill inspected. Make sure the gas connection is not cross-threaded and that the connection is tight.
7. Propane tanks should be stored in well-ventilated and shaded areas. Leaving a tank in direct sunlight may cause the relief valve on the tank to activate (loud hissing sound).
8. The use or storage of charcoal or gas grills on balconies of multi-family dwellings, apartments, or condominiums is prohibited by State of Wisconsin law.

Feel free to contact the fire department if you have any questions regarding either of these items. Please call (262) / 284-2891, during business hours Monday-Friday.

# City Treasurer— Real Estate Tax Payments and Utility Bills

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## REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second installment of real estate taxes is due to the Ozaukee County Treasurer by July 31. Please contact the County Treasurer's office at 284-8280 with any questions.

## TENANT WATER/SEWER BILLS

Landlords are encouraged to contact the Water Department to confirm that their tenants are making prompt payment of water/sewer bills. Please call the Water Department at 284-5585 to check the status of your tenants' water bills.

## Port Washington Police Department

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### BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Summer school is underway and the regular school year officially begins on September 1st, 2011. That makes this a great time to remind everyone about traffic laws designed to protect children and students. The Port Washington Police Department asks that you drive safely throughout the city at all times and reminds you to be especially observant when approaching or traveling through school zones.

#### **Take notice of parking restrictions posted near schools.**

Parking restrictions are meant to enhance pedestrian safety (yours and your child's) in the vicinity of the school.

#### **Reduce your speed around school properties and especially in the posted school zones.**

Remember, children are children, not young adults. It's important to understand children's limitations in understanding traffic. Specifically, children:

- ◆ *Have a narrower field of vision than adults, about 1/3 less.*
- ◆ *Cannot easily judge a car's speed and distance.*
- ◆ *Assume that if they can see a car, its driver must be able to see them. However, children are easily hidden from view by parked cars and other objects.*
- ◆ *Cannot readily tell the direction a sound is coming from.*
- ◆ *May be impatient and impulsive.*
- ◆ *Concentrate on only one thing at a time. This is likely not to be traffic.*
- ◆ *Have a limited sense of danger.*
- ◆ *Often mix fantasy with reality.*
- ◆ *Imitate the (often bad) behavior of others, especially older children and adults.*

#### **Watch for and obey adult school crossing guards and their signals.**

Wisconsin law requires every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing which is controlled by an adult school crossing guard to follow the directions of the school crossing guard. If directed by the school crossing guard to stop, the operator must stop the vehicle not less than 10 feet or more than 30 feet from the school crossing and shall remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.

Remember; be mindful of speed limits, school zones and crossing guards. Take an extra moment in reaching your destination by slowing down and watching out for children so they too may reach their destination safely. We'll all benefit as a result!

# WJ Niederkorn Library: Upcoming Events

262-284-5031 or [www.wjnlib.org](http://www.wjnlib.org)



## Preschool Story Times-July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

6-24 months	Tuesdays 9:30 am
2 years old	Tuesdays 10:30 am
3-4 years	Wednesdays 9:30 am
3-4 years	Wednesdays 10:30 am

4-6 years Tuesdays 1:30 pm

## Friday Movie Matinees 1:00 pm

- July 8<sup>th</sup> Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules – Rated PG
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Yogi Bear- Rated PG
- August 5<sup>th</sup> The Perfect Game- Rated PG

## Lego Jr Club– for children ages 4-7 years

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:00

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:00

## Teen Events Summer Reading Program

July 7th @ 3:00 - Murder Mystery- Zombi Town

Sign up for a part at the Adult Desk

July 21st @ 3:00 pm- Duct Tape Art

Supplies will be provided or bring your favorite colors!

July 28th @ 3:00 pm- Henna Body Art

Design your own temporary Henna tattoo

August 4th @ 3:00 pm- Tastes From Around the World

Sample favorite cuisines from other countries

August 11th- Last Day to Log Books

August 12th @ 3:00 pm- Closing Bash at the Niederkorn Library. Hang out, play some games and find out who won the raffle! \*Registration is required for all programs.

\* Attend a program and receive a raffle ticket for the end of the summer prize drawing. the drawing will be held on Friday, August 12th at 3 pm

## ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS– CONTINUED

Friday, July 15, 9 am-6 pm. Writer's Expo: 9:30 am Write that Novel with Sean Hoade. Learn how to turn your concept into a "Hook,"

Create unstoppable characters, Turns, Twists, Payoffs and Plots! Find the right Publishing strategy! Sean will also be on-hand to critique a chapter or synopsis of your work! At 2 pm, join us for Sean's talk about the newest literary craze: "Zombies! The Living Dead in Literature, Film, and Culture." At 4:30 pm we will discuss How to Publish Your Book On-line! A Free Seminar! Please call to reserve your spot! Spaces are limited!

Monday, August 8th, 6 pm. Overdrive!

Bring your Nook, Sony, iPad or Kobe in and we'll show you how to download books from our online library! If you do not have a reading

## Lego Creator Club – for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00am

## Closing Day Party Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30

Comedian Bob Kann- "We all Tell Stories: Yippee!"

Ice Cream on the front lawn following the performance

## Reward Pool Party, Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 am Pirates' Hollow Water Park

The Pool Party is for all readers who completed the summer reading program and received a Golden Ticket.

## September

Preschool Story Times will resume on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

Teen Book Club: Meets one Thursday a month for pizza and book discussion!

July 14th @ 6:00 pm - The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

August 18th @ 6:00 pm - The Summoning by Kelley Armstrong

September 15th @ 6:00 pm - The Compound by S. A. Bodeen

## ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Monday, July 11th, 6 pm. For Seniors! Charles Pfrang and John V Kitzke are offering a free workshop! These knowledgeable experts will answer critical questions regarding Medicare, Social Security, Nursing Homes, Medicare Supplements, Medicaid, Probate, Long Term Care, Elder Law and other estate planning concerns.

Wednesdays, July 6th & 20th, 5:30 p.m. Spanish with Connie Grass Introduction or refresher, Connie's class is fun while learning! Call to reserve your seat!

device, I can also show you how to download and read an e-book on your home computer or laptop! Bring your laptop if you have one! Please RSVP your spot!

Friday, August 19th, 6 pm. Art House Movie & Discussion. Please check the website or library flyer for movie title.

Use the Grand Avenue Entrance. Discussion and snacks to follow the screening. Please R.S.V.P to this event.

Monday, September 12th, 6pm Futures with Bob Chernow.

Bob has more than 30 years of experience as a stock broker, a wealth manager and a futurist and will be talking to us about investing in Futures and other places of interest. This session is free. Please reserve your spot!



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

**CLASSES AND CLUBS**

Lakeside Tea Society Celebrate Ice Tea - Date: July 20 at 1:30 PM

Accessorize Tea - Date: Wed. Aug 17 at 1:30

Penny Loafers & Bobby Pins, Author Talk - Date: Wed. Sept. 21 at 1:30 PM

Cribbage - Tuesdays at 1:00

Tuesday Night Public Sheepshead - Tuesdays, at 7:00

Ceramics - Thursdays 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

**PROGRAMS AND CLASSES**

Arthritis Walk Ease Evidenced Based Program Dates: (Tues. Thur. Fri) at 9:30 a.m. July 5-Aug 12

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Course Dates: (Mon & Wed) July 6 – Aug 17 at 9:00 a.m.

No Falls Class Session III Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays August 29 – Oct 12, 2011

Lift to Live Class Session III 2011 Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays Sept 6 – Oct. 20

Tai Chi Course Dates: Mondays June 27-Sept 26 at 10:00 a.m.

NEW Beginners Tai Chi Course- September

Zumba Gold Introduction Course Dates: Wednesday & Friday to Aug 5 meets at 8:15 a.m.

Zumba Gold Course Session II Dates: Mondays at 4:00 & Wed. at 8:15 AM Aug 8 –Sept. 21 Meets at 8:15 a.m.

LEAGUES- Bocce Ball - Mixed Team Fun Ice Cream Social sponsored by Columbia St. Mary's, the Port Rotary, Harris Bank, Friends of the Port Senior Center, and the City of Port Washington Date: Thursday, Aug. 25

**SENIOR CENTER /OZAUKEE CO. DINING SITE PROGRAMS**

*Lunch Reservation due to Jill one day prior at 483-9753*

**Monthly Game Opportunities**

Bingo Days: Money bingo: Monday July 11, Aug 8, Sept 12 Prize Bingo: Wed. July 27

Monthly Birthday Party – Sponsored by Friends of the Port Senior Center

**Friday at noon July 22; August 26; Sept. 23**



***SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE***

Membership

salad lunch open house Friday, July 29 at noon.

Dining Site Special Lunch Days July

Bastille & Country Music Day with French menu – July 14 Italian Lunch & Birthday Party – July 22

Christmas in July – July 25 Wear Red & Green with prizes

Membership Open House for new dining site Salad Luncheon – July 29

**ONE DAY ADVENTURES**

*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

Date: Wed. Sept. 7, 2011- Fireside

*Potosi and Stonefield*

Potosi and Cassville, Wisconsin

Tuesday, September 27th, 2011

**MINI ADVENTURES**

**DOOR COUNTY GET-A-WAY**

Dates: Aug. 23-Aug. 25, 2011

**ELECTION LAW CHANGES– BEGINNING IN 2012**

**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.  
Registration ends at 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day  
You can register at your polling location on Election Day with acceptable ID  
Photo ID will be required

**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

**Photo ID Requirements**

Wisconsin Drivers License  
Wisconsin ID  
Other limited forms of ID will be accepted

**Where To Obtain / Update Drivers License or State ID**

Wisconsin DMV- [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers)  
Saukville DMV- 501 N. Dekora Woods Blvd., Saukville  
Check Website for current days and times they are open.



# CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON

## **SUMMER FESTIVALS**

*Port Fish Day- July 16th*  
*Maritime Heritage Festival- August 19th-21st*

[www.ci.port-washington.wi.us](http://www.ci.port-washington.wi.us)

## **CITY OFFICIALS**

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***MAYOR- Scott Huebner 284-0575***

***Alderman District 1- Michael Ehrlich 284-5528***

***Alderman District 2- Paul Neumyer 284-3501***

***Alderman District 3- James Vollmar 268-1682***

***Alderman District 4- Burt Babcock 284-3419***

***Alderman District 5- Joe Dean 262-483-7426***

***Alderman District 6- David Larson 268-1171***

***Alderman District 7- Dan Becker 284-6043***

***City Administrator- Mark Grams 284-5585***

***Port Washington City Hall 284-5585***

## **COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at City Hall**