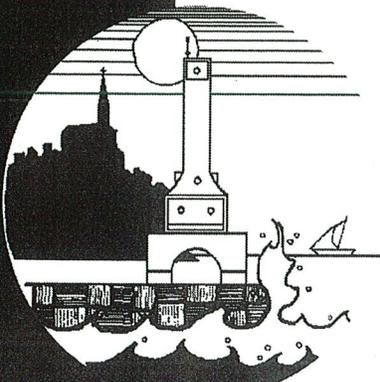


PORT WASHINGTON 2013 SPRING NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear City Residents:

Spring has arrived in Wisconsin and our great city of Port Washington, at least in calendar and meteorological terms. Whether you are a lover of winter weather or not, there is something undeniably refreshing about the renewal that comes with the arrival of Spring. I hope these first few months of the new year have been healthy and happy ones for you and yours.

As a city, we have embarked on a very exciting and active 2013! Certainly, we are experiencing renewal on an entirely different level in Port Washington, and I ask all our city residents to join me in embracing and celebrating that renewal. We have all worked so hard to ensure this new day would arrive!

Specifically, I want to make you aware of a few upcoming items. There is far, far too much great work being done by far too many great people to capture it all here, but here are some things of which I hope you'll make special note:

- On Monday night, March 25th, we will enjoy a special "premiere showing" of the "Around the Corner" episode featuring our city of Port Washington. Please join us from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Memories Ballroom as we celebrate what will no doubt be a shining representation of the people, businesses, history, and culture of Port. The "Around the Corner" show, a hit on MPTV, is hosted by Milwaukee's own John McGivern, a true comedic giant and a man whose friendliness and charm fit right in here in Port. So please come on out on the 25th – we hope to pack Memories with proud, enthusiastic supporters of our great city! If you simply can't make it, the episode featuring Port will air on MPTV on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- On June 22nd, we will host a grand opening celebration of Coal Dock Park – and our Coal Dock Park Committee is very busy now planning what I know will be a befitting unveiling of what will be one of our city's most spectacular green spaces and what has the potential to become a real regional attraction for generations to come. If you want to get an update on the latest news surrounding what will be Coal Dock Park – which, on the 22nd of June will become our 36th park, a remarkable tribute to our city's commitment to natural resource and green space planning – please join us for our Public Information Forum scheduled for Tuesday night, April 16th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Once again this Summer, Port will host an exciting array of festivals and city-wide celebrations. Officially, the fun begins the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend – May 26th – with our annual Community Street Festival. At any time, you can visit the "Visit Port Washington" website (www.visitportwashington.com) and learn more about our 2013 calendar of events – then be sure to add them to your calendar and come on out with family and friends to celebrate all the great things there are to celebrate about our great city – the organizations who host the events and the businesses who participate very much included!

So, onward to a fantastic 2013! Together, let's work to make it one of our best years yet! I am confident it will be so – and will be another step in our journey to making Port EXCEPTIONAL!

Tom Mlada
Mayor – City of Port Washington

**SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING
"DIG INTO READING"**

Kick-Off and Registration

Tuesday, June 11, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Registration, entertainment and refreshments

Special Programs

W.J. Niederkorn Library Community Room:

Tuesday, June 11 - 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
The Magic of Rick Allen

Thursday, June 13 - 1:30 pm
Pineview Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Tuesday, June 18 - 1:30 pm
Music of Rich Baumann

Thursday, June 20 - 1:30 pm
Kohl's Wild Theater – KWT Jamboree

Thursday, July 31 - 2:00 pm
Tom Pease - Singer-Songwriter Extrordinaire

Thursday, August 1 - 10:30 am
Mary Tooley- Art in a Suitcase
"Dig Into Ice Cream"

Friday, August 2 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Pool Party Reward Party for all readers who completed
the summer reading program - Pirates' Hollow Water Park

CHILDRENS' SERVICES

**Preschool Story times continue through
March 26-27th**

6 -24 months - Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 am
2 years - Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am
4-5 years - Tuesdays, 1:30- 2:15 pm
3-4 years - Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 am
3-4 years - Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

Family Story Times

Saturday, March 9th 10-10:30 am
Saturday, April 13th 10-10:30 am

Lego Creator Club

For Children in Grades 1st through 5th Grade
Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent
Friday, March 8th 3:45-4:30 pm
Friday, April 12th 3:45-4:30 pm

CHILDRENS' SERVICES, continued

Lego Junior

For children ages 4-7 years of age
Children must be accompanied by a parent
Saturday, March 9th 11-11:30 am
Saturday, April 13th 11-11:30 am

Children's Movie Matinees

Thursday, March 7th 1:00 pm
Wreck-It Ralph – Rated PG – 120 Minutes

Friday, March 22nd 1:00 pm
Rise of the Guardians- Rated PG – 97 minutes

ADULT SERVICES EVENTS

Please Check the website for more information on dates
and titles of books and movies: www.wjnlib.org

Book Club - 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m at the
Library. Copies of the books used are available.
April 15th - The Fault in Our Stars by John Green.

Movies - Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Library Community
Room. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Snacks provided by
Tello's Grille and Cafe. Free Admission.
April 12th Lincoln
April 26th Les Misérables

Introducing! The Spanish Round Table! Wednesdays
3 pm, April 10, May 8, June 12. Need to brush up or
just keep from getting rusty? Join us every second
Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. for engaging
conversation and other small talk en español con Annie
y Martin!

2013 One Book, One Community - The selection this
year is The Fault in Our Stars by John Green.

A Taste of Giving Back - Saturday, April 20th 11 am
- 2 pm. Join us at the TJ Middle School Cafeteria for a
rare event! Come sample the Port Washington/Saukville
community restaurants! Each restaurant will have a
tasting booth with one of their famous dishes for you to
sample. This will be a ticketed event. Proceeds from this
event will go to This Star Won't Go Out Foundation, to
help support families of terminally ill children.

Creative Journaling - Thursday, April 18 at 6 pm. Bring
a blank book, color pencils, crayons, markers, string,
buttons, whatever to make a piece of art as you journal.

Permaculture Monday, June 10 at 6 pm. Learn the
fundamentals of Permaculture from Bryce Ruddock.

Spice Up Your Salads! - Saturday, June 15 10 am
- Noon. Tired of dull, boring salads? Come learn what to
add that will not only taste great, but will be good for you!

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

The prospects of 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. The city's fire hydrants have posts attached to them to assist in locating them. However, a deep snow or a build up of plowed snow may make the hydrants inaccessible until the snow is cleared away. The Port Washington Fire Department is asking residents to Adopt a Fire Hydrant and keep it clear and accessible.

ELECTRICAL FIRES

Electrical fires account for a shocking number of fires in the U.S. every year. During a typical year, home appliance and wiring problems are responsible for over 90,000 fires, over 500 deaths and almost \$800 million in property losses.

United States Fire Administration data indicates that 40% of electrical wiring fires start in the bedroom, living/family room, or kitchen. Fixed wiring, which refers to junction boxes, switches, outlets and wiring coming out of a fuse box or circuit breaker box, accounts for more than thirty percent of all home electrical fires. Most often, this was the result of non-professional electrical additions or repairs.

To avoid electrical fires, look for signs of overloaded wiring and follow basic safety guidelines. Signs of overloaded wiring include: frequently blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, slow heating appliances, frequent dimming of lights, and shrinking television pictures.

Some prevention tips are:

1. Unplug small appliances after use.
2. Never wrap a cord around a warm appliance.
3. Replace broken plugs or frayed and worn out cords immediately.
4. Plug in only one appliance per outlet.

Yoga and More:

The following is our extensive list of continuing classes (summer schedule may vary). Attend any one class during the time slots offered – or attend them all. Mix it up from week to week. You are sure to find a class to fit into your busy calendar. Please note the different locations and class times.

Fee Schedule: 5 classes \$40.00, 10 classes \$65.00, and 20 classes \$95.00.

Gentle Yoga – Perfect for the newer student or for those looking for a less aerobic yoga practice that focuses on flexibility, balance, relaxation and providing energy and clarity. Thursday 5:00 pm at the Justice Center, 1201 S. Spring St.

All Level Yoga – Yoga postures are modified to accommodate all levels and conditions for both beginners & experienced students. Monday 6:15 pm, Tuesday 8:45 am, Thursday 6:00 am at the Parks & Recreation Center, 201 N. Webster. Also a class on Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Port Washington Court House, 121 West Main St.

Yoga-Lates - This class combines traditional yoga; building strength, balance, joint mobility and flexibility, with Pilates which focuses on deep core strength. No prior experience, age, or fitness level is required. Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Parks & Rec. Center.

Pilates – This class is a non-impact workout that will stretch and strengthen the body, especially the deeper abdominals, focusing on core control and posture. Tuesday 6:00 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION, continued

Zumba – A Latin inspired dynamic exercise class designed for everyone at any age or fitness level. No dance background required – just join the party and before you know it the workout is over. Sneakers or shoes that allow for pivoting are recommended. Tuesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 5:30 pm at the Parks & Rec. Center.

Zumba Gold – This class brings down the pace just a bit and lowers the impact. Monday 5:15 pm at the Court House 121 W. Main St. and Saturday 9:30 am at the Rec Center.

Kids Zumba – This class is a playful format allowing kids (ages 4-11) to shimmy and shake to the quick rhythm of Zumba music. Kids don't have any problems learning the dance steps; before they know it they are having fun and won't leave the dance floor. March 6-March 27 from 6:00 - 6:30 pm at the Parks & Rec Center.

Kids Yoga – 4 yrs & older children will discover the basic principles of yoga; improving balance, coordination and concentration, creating greater strength and flexibility and experiencing relaxation through simple breathing techniques in a fun and playful setting. Next session is held on Thursday, March 7 to March 28 at 6:30 pm at the Parks & Rec. Center.

Tots Tumbling – This class encourages creative movement through music, as well as balance by crawling and jumping through obstacle courses. Tots will learn basic tumbling skills. Next session is held on Friday, March 1 through March 29 at 4:30 to 5:15 pm at the Parks & Rec. Center.

Kids Ballet – For kids 6-11 years of age. They will learn to move gracefully through beginner ballet steps and positions. They will also learn a wide variety of what the ballet world has to offer in an age appropriate setting. The next session starts on Friday, March 1 through March 29 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Parks & Rec. Center

For more information go to our website at www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkandRecreation or call 262-284-5881.

Indoor Golf Driving Range - It's time to tune up your swing and get ready for the links! Our indoor driving range located in the Rec Center is warm and dry and allows you to do just that! Six spaces are available each day, Monday through Friday. Ages 18 & up. The fee is \$3/visit for Residents and \$5/visit for Non-Residents. Residents may also purchase a discounted punch card at the rate of 10 visits/\$25 or 20 visits/\$45. Please call for more details

Indoor Adult Soccer - This program is for adults (18+) to join as a team or individual. The 5 v 5 league has two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half time. Games are played between 7:15 and 9:15 pm. Next session starts on Monday March 11 – April 29. Play will also be held on Wednesdays, March 13 – May 1. Games are 1-2 nights per week.

Pickleball - The game of Pickleball has swept the nation! A fun sport with many social benefits; it is a game for any age. We play on Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Lincoln Elementary School until May 31. There will be no Pickelball on March 7. Outdoor play TBA. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Shelter Reservations - Don't delay! Reserve a park area or shelter for your family or group outing today! The reservation form and available dates and sites can be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation office at 262-284-5881 or check on the city web site: <http://www.ci.portwashington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation/ParksEventCalendar.pdf>

Summer Brochure - The Parks & Recreation summer brochure "Parks Plus" will be available online at the City's website the middle of April: <http://www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation>. Additionally, limited "hard" copies will be offered at the Niederkorn Library, City Hall, the Senior Center, Harris Bank and Port Washington State Bank.

Possibility Playground - The Port Washington Parks and Recreation Department is anticipating that the Possibility Playground in Upper Lake Park will experience heavy usage for many years to come. For this reason, we are asking that groups pre-register with our office so as not to overload the Park and Playground.

Currently, we are posting our summer rental schedule for all parks on the City's website <http://www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/ParkAndRecreation/ParksEventCalendar.pdf>. This will be updated on a regular basis to reflect all rentals. We ask that groups looking to use the Playground check this website before confirming with our office. Although there is no "official" rental of the Playground, we feel that this method may help to alleviate any potential crowding.

2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

This year, the City of Port Washington will be resurfacing the following streets:

Parkway Dr. (Norport Dr. south to dead end)
Parkway Dr. (Jacque Ln. to Parknoll Ln.)
Parknoll Lane (Jacque Ln. to Seven Hills Rd.)
Parknoll Circle
Westport Dr. (Cedar Dr. to Portview Dr.)
Westport Dr. (south of Second Ave)
Cedar Dr. (Willow Dr. to Westport Dr.)
Elm, Oak, Sumac, Cedar, and Willow Ct.

Work is tentatively scheduled for summer 2013. Roads will be open to local traffic only during construction. Questions/comments/concerns may be directed to Rob Vanden Noven at rvandenoven@ci.port-washington.wi.us or by calling 262-268-4267.

DID YOU KNOW.....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 without treatment.

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 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!!

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

In June 2012, the Emerald Ash Borer was first detected in the City of Port Washington. Since then, the City has worked with the Department of Natural Resource to protect the City's 1,000+ Ash trees along the city's streets and in the city parks. This spring, the Port Washington Department of Public Works will be treating selected Ash trees (primarily the White Ash variety) in an effort to protect these trees.

BUILDING PERMITS

As the weather gets warmer many people begin working on home projects they've been thinking about during the winter. Sometimes there are questions about what projects require a permit and/or review from the Department of Building Inspection. Some of the most common projects which require permits are:

- Central air conditioners
- Decks
- Driveways and parking slabs
- Fences
- Furnaces
- Garages
- Hot tubs
- Interior alterations such as a rec room or kitchen remodel
- Roof shingle replacement
- Siding replacement
- Window replacement

If you have a question whether your project requires a permit please call the Building Inspection Department at (262)268-4277 or visit our website at www.ci.port-washington.wi.us/BuildingInspection. Projects started prior to obtaining a permit may incur additional fees.

DIGGERS HOTLINE

If you are thinking of planting a tree, building a deck, or any other project which involves disturbing the soil, then you need to call Diggers Hotline. Wisconsin Statute 182.0175 requires all excavators, including homeowners and construction contractors, to contact Diggers Hotline at least three working days before any work is done that disturbs the soil in any way. Diggers Hotline will then notify the appropriate utility companies in your area and professional locators will come out to your property and mark the location of any underground lines with flags, paint or both. They will not locate private facilities such as the electric line to a detached garage or an underground sprinkler system.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Contacting Diggers Hotline is easy and it's free. You can call (800)242-8511, or simply dial 811. Call Center Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can also submit a request, or get more info, on their website at www.DiggersHotline.com.

SENIOR CENTER | 403 W. Foster St. | 262-284-5821

Sponsored by the Port Washington Adult Community Senior Center and open to adults, preference given to members 55 and better! Register: 284-5821 or email ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us

ENRICHMENT CLASSES/CLUBS

Lakeside Tea Society

Cost: \$3.00 members and \$5.00 for guests.

International Tea

Date: Wed. March 20 at 1:30 pm

Spring Tea

Date: Wed. April 17 at 1:30 pm

Ecuadorian Tea

Date: Wed. May 15 at 1:30 pm

Senior Singers – A Community Service

Date: March 4 - June 3, 2013 Mondays at 9:00

Mezzanine (2nd floor).

Facebook/Digital Camera

Date: Mondays April 8 – 29 3:00-4:00 pm Cost: \$40.00 per member \$55.00 guest. Maximum students 8!

Exploring Watercolors

Dates: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 Cost: \$55.00/member and \$65.00 guest by April 2

Sheepshead Card Party

Dates: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. OPEN to the PUBLIC

Delta Kappa Gamma Book Discussion

Dates: Tuesdays March 26, April 23 & May 28 - 3:30 pm
Cost: NO FEE members/\$3.00 per guest monthly

Life's Transitions – Educational Seminar

Date: Thursday, May 9, 3:30 pm

Expert Panel to discuss how developing a plan can reduce the anxiety when crucial decisions need to be made for an aging parent, a loved one, or yourself!

Cost: no charge

LEAGUES

Horseshoe League

Dates: Tuesdays May 21 – August 27

Bocce Ball

Mixed Team Fun

Dates: Tuesdays June 11 – September 10 at Moore Road Courts at 9:30 am

WELLNESS CLASSES

Arthritis Exercise Class II

Date: March 25 to May 8

Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Cost: \$30.00 per member/\$40.00 for non-members & \$35.00 for repeat guests.

Tai Chi Beginners Course Session II

Dates: Mondays April 8 – June 24 at 11:30 am

Cost: \$95.00 per member and \$105.00 guest. Payment due by April 2.

Zumba Gold Class

Dates: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:15 am. Weekly registration available.

Cost: \$10.00 for Senior Center members or Friends of the Senior Center for Course or \$3.00 per class. Non-members cost: \$20.00 course or \$4.00 per class!

Hatha Yoga

Dates: Wednesdays May 15 - June 26

Time: 5:15 pm or 6:45 pm

Cost: \$50.00 for Senior Center Members and \$60.00 for the general public.

ONE DAY ADVENTURES

Chicago's Ethnic Salad Bowl

Date: Tuesday, April 23

Payment due March 21

Annie Get Your Gun at Fireside

Date: Thursday May 2

Payment due March 28

Brewers vs. Dodgers

Date: Wednesday, May 22

Payment due by April 11

Little Shop of Horrors at Fireside

Date: July 10

Payment due by June 3

Please be aware that weather conditions and snow coverage have necessitated that the bi-monthly water bills for the April 2013 billing cycle be based on estimated reads rather than actual meter 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. Actual meter reads will resume in time for the June 2013 water billing.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2013 BICYCLE RODEO**

The Port Washington Police Department will again sponsor an annual bicycle rodeo on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at Lincoln Elementary School, located at 1325 Theis Lane in Port Washington. The rodeo will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

For additional information, contact Lieutenant Tom Barbuch or Officer Jason Bergin of the Port Washington Police Department at 262-284-2611.

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COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at City Hall

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