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## **City of Port Washington to Host Lighthouse Public Information Meeting as Part of Effort to Take Conveyance of Community Asset**

**PORT WASHINGTON, WI:** The City of Port Washington has announced it will host a North Breakwater Lighthouse Public Information Meeting (PIM) at City Hall this Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:15 p.m. The PIM offers a forum for city and county residents, visitors, business partners, investors, and others to ask questions and learn more about the application for conveyance the City is in the process of completing. The event will enable all in attendance to share their personal “lighthouse story” and why they value this unique community asset.

“While the North Breakwater Lighthouse is currently owned by the U.S. Coast Guard, its conveyance ultimately allows our community a chance to assume a lead role in ensuring its long-term sustainability,” said City of Port Washington Mayor Tom Mlada. “We are humbled and honored to have that opportunity to preserve for Port Washington and Ozaukee County a symbol of our proud maritime past and our exciting maritime future.”

Over the past three months, City leadership has established a North Breakwater Lighthouse Committee, comprised of over 25 city and county volunteers advocating for local ownership and control of the structure. The volunteers have helped position the City’s application for eventual success and have engaged hundreds of others along the way via marketing outreach efforts such as a website, Facebook page, and an online survey.

“As a city, we’re grateful for the partnership we’ve enjoyed and the support we’ve received from so many city residents and community stakeholders,” Mlada said. “We are confident these partnerships will tell the story of a community very passionately committed to doing what is necessary to ensure this wonderful historical treasure and cultural icon remains a part of our lakefront landscape for generations to come.”

For more information or to take the survey, please visit: [www.keepthelighthouse.com](http://www.keepthelighthouse.com).

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