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City of Port Washington to host Breakwater Town Hall Forum in advance of elected officials advocacy in Washington D.C.

PORT WASHINGTON, WI: The City of Port Washington has announced it will host a Breakwater Town Hall Forum at City Hall this Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. The Town Hall Forum will serve as an opportunity for city staff and local elected officials to answer questions and provide new information about the city's efforts to secure authorization and appropriation for funding at the Federal level. The event is open to all City of Port Washington and Ozaukee County residents and all others who utilize and benefit from Ozaukee County's only harbor and marina.

"We need a strong, unified, collective voice to affect change and secure authorization and appropriation of federal funds to fix this vital federal asset before it fails," said City of Port Washington Mayor, Tom Mlada. "We need to be loud and clear in our message to Federal Army Corps officials and elected representatives, and that message is this: simply choosing to let these critical structures fail is a very dangerous and fiscally irresponsible course of action, placing up to \$70 million in infrastructure, including one of Southeast Wisconsin's most critical energy-producing facilities, at risk for potentially devastating damage – and that choice is simply unacceptable."

The Town Hall Forum comes on the heels of the recent posting by Army Corps of Engineers' officials of new warning signs on the breakwaters in the City of Port Washington's harbor, effectively closing them to pedestrian traffic. While people are not physically prohibited from accessing the structures, they now encounter signage that clearly paints a picture of the extremely unsafe, dangerous conditions. Next week, Mayor Mlada and Council President Dan Becker will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with Army Corps officials and elected representatives and make the case for action.

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