

City of Portage

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Message From The Mayor



Welcome to 2021, and good bye to 2020. It was a year that most would like to forget. Of course, I am talking about the corona virus. Yes, there are several vaccinations available, but from all indications it will take until late spring/summer to get the majority of Americans vaccinated. Until that time, the current covid-19 protocols will continue at City owned buildings, and public meetings will continue to be virtual.

At the end of last year, we had a longtime alderperson resign. We are in the process of filling this position. I you reside within the ninth district and would like to become involved in city government, please contact me at rick.dodd@portagewi.gov or 608-697-7065 for more information or to answer any questions.

This year the reconstruction of East Wisconsin Street will begin. This project will completely reconstruct all four lanes and Edgewater/DeWitt intersection. Project scope is from Ontario Street (South end) to Pleasant Street (North end). While this is a major construction project, all attempts will be made to maintain two of the four lanes open during construction. As the start date nears, traffic patterns and alternate routes will be communicated on the City Facebook and web pages. This construction will be extensive and we ask for everyone's patience during this time.

The preconstruction work on the canal was completed last fall, the work of on the canal will start in earnest this summer. As the canal is owned by the state, this project will be under DNR control. The scope of work will be from Adams Street to the CP railroad bridge. It will dredge the length and reconstruct the banks. On the south side, there will be a base for a multi-use path to be constructed in 2022. This path will provide a safer route for the Ice Age Trail.

Because of Covid-19, I have not held a listening session in 2020. I miss these opportunities to hear your issues. That does not mean that you cannot voice your concerns. You may contact me by email at rick.dodd@portagewi.gov or through the contact portal on the city's website.

Once it is safe again, I will schedule an in-person listening sessions. Portage is **your** City and it takes everyone's involvement to move it forward and keep it a great place to live, work and play. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your support through this pandemic journey. Whether it was adapting to new voting routines, waiting to make a payment, or just the confusion as we worked through revised processes. The staff and elected officials appreciate the sacrifices you made and your patience is very much appreciated.

Vision: Create opportunities to make Portage a progressive and diverse community.

Mission: The City of Portage is dedicated to building on our past and providing its citizens with a good quality of life in a safe and caring community.

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Message From the City Administrator

Portage Airport

In January, 2021 the Common Council, after hearing options and recommendations from an aeronautical consultant (TKDA), the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics(BOA), Federal Aviation Administration(FAA), an Ad Hoc Airport Technical Advisory Committee and the Airport Commission, voted to make safety improvements at the present airport and pursue the process to relocate the airport to another location adjacent to Portage. This decision by the Council was made after 2 years of analyzing and evaluating options including complete closure of the airport, expanding the current airport or making minor improvements to keep the airport in its current configuration. The process to find a site to relocate and construct a new airport will take years, necessitating repairs and improvements at the current airport to keep it functional until a new airport is opened. There are many hurdles, challenges and approvals to achieve in order for a new airport to be constructed and all of these have to be done with the approval of the BOA and FAA as well as the Council. But after 80 years at its present location, the Portage Airport had become confined and unable to feasibly expand or accommodate modern aircraft. This is the 1st step in a long process but it was an important step.

Employees Transitions/Milestones: Each year I recognize new employees who joined the City and those employees who reach work anniversary milestones.

New Faces: Casey Crary was selected in August, 2020 as Police Adm. Asst. In September, 2020 Adam Kreger joined the Public Works Dept as a Crewperson. Troy Haase was selected as Fire Chief in December, 2020. Jesse Sprague was sworn in as a Patrol Officer in March, 2020 and Austin Valenta was sworn in as Patrol Officer in January, 2021.

Several employees changed titles recently: Ryan Armson from Public Works was selected as a fire fighter in March, 2020 succeeding Andy Anderson who retired after 33 years. Pete Warning was promoted to Detective in April, 2020. Off. Kate Behling was selected as the School Resource Officer in May, 2020. Det. Lt. Dan Garrigan was promoted to Captain in October, 2020.

We also bid farewell to Clayton Simonson, Jr. Fire Chief who retired in December, 2020 – 16 years

The following employees will achieve milestones with the City of Portage this year:

10 Years: Bob Lentz, Public Works and Sgt. Ben Neuman, Police

20 Years: Keith Klafke, Chief of Police and Jeff Wilson, Operator, Wastewater Treatment Plant

30 years: Chris Essex, Adm. Asst. Fire Dept.

Thank you for your years of service to the residents and visitors of Portage!

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Portage Police Department



With 2020 behind us, The Police Department started this year fully-staffed and I am optimistic that 2021 will eventually bring back a sense of normalcy; whatever that may look like. In my first year as Police Chief there was no wading slowly into Silver Lake until I was acclimated, it was more like being thrown into the Wisconsin River. I thank the efforts of each officer and proud of them for getting us through a challenging year.

After reorganizing the command structure and our staff, the goal (and still is) was to be ever-so-connected to our community. To accomplish this, we had to adapt and utilize other means of communication relying heavily on technology. In this newsletter, I want to focus on how we plan to keep you and our community informed. We are starting a weekly "Briefings from the Badge" report which will be posted on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/PortagePD>. You can also access additional information on our website located at www.portagewi.gov/police Or scan our QR Code with your cellphone camera. To get a summary of our 2020 activity please review our annual report located on the website.



To report some upgrades, the police department's entrance is close to having a makeover which will help identify our location with new signage. The police department also obtained new digital radios and are in the process of establishing another transmitter on the northside of Portage to enhance police radio communications.

Being the Winter Newsletter, I must reinforce your obligations of clearing snow from sidewalks and moving vehicles on city streets within 24 hours after a snowfall. This allows our Public Works Department to keep our roadways safe for travel. If measurable snow is expected, a snow emergency may be declared. You can obtain information on snow emergencies in several ways; sign up for Nixle, follow our social media, or call the hotline at (608) 742-2176 ext. 335.

The police department's lobby continues to be closed to the public and we have no public events planned due to the persistent pandemic. This unfortunately meant cancelling the Citizens Police Academy for 2021. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and let's all set a goal to have a safe year and do something positive in our community.

Respectfully, Chief Keith Klafke

Looking to Make Improvements to your Home?



The City of Portage has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG is a 0% interest, deferred loan that can be used by Homeowners, Homebuyers, and Rental Property Owners (monthly payments) that meet the program's requirements.

The CDBG money can be used for various eligible repairs and replacements including: Handicap accessibility adaptations, heating systems, water heaters, plumbing and electrical systems, insulating attic and sidewalls, exterior improvements, including roofing, painting, siding, porch repairs, lead-based paint removal.

Information is available on the city's website www.portagewi.gov; search: loan; select Loan and Grant Programs

For more information contact: MSA Professional Services, Sue Koehn
800-552-6330 skoehn@msa-ps.com

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Business Development and Planning

Late 2020 saw the following new developments and businesses reach completion:

- **K & M Tire Distribution Center**, a new 50,000 sf Phase 1 development, 2500 Boeck Road
- **S & L Co (Culvers Franchise)** headquarters 6,600 sf expansion, 2651 Kirking Ct
- **Burger King**, a new 3,300 restaurant, 2960 New Pinery Road
- **Arbys**, 2921 New Pinery Road
- The newly redeveloped **Portage Mart**, a Liberty Kwik Stop, has opened at 601 E. Wisconsin Street.

Construction of a **new Alliant Electric Substation** on Cemetery Road, an impressive 15 acre development, is currently underway off of Cemetery Rd/CTH O. Once completed, this new electric infrastructure development will help meet Portage's growing electrical needs, particularly industrial, in the years ahead.

9 new **Single Family homes** were constructed in 2020, a record number in recent history. This new home construction has been led by Valido Homes, Pewaukee, recruited to Portage in late 2019. Homes built by Valido Homes were constructed on Moorland Cir, Eagle Ridge Ct and W. Slifer Street.

City of Portage discussions with both single family and multifamily developers are currently underway to bring new residential construction to Portage.

Upcoming Developments:

- **Dollar General** will construct a new 9,800 sf store on a newly configured –and soon to be re-developed 38,000 sf parcel at Brady Street and E. Wisconsin Street in the Spring.
- **Former DSH Nursing Home, 715 W. Pleasant St.** New owner and developer JD Kath is working with a Milwaukee development firm to put together a redevelopment proposal for this site, including residential.
- **Several manufacturing businesses** will be expanding in 2021 with a planned additions or new product lines.
- Development of a **new industrial facility** is expected to move ahead on a 20 acre site in the Portage Industrial park. The multi-phase development, including a rail spur, is expected to start later in 2021.
- Remediation, and renovation/redevelopment of **former Antique Mall/Strip It Shop**, 114 W. Cook Street, is expected under the helm of the Community Development Authority (CDA) in partnership with a private developer. The City applied for and received a DNR WAM environmental assessment grant as Columbia County is moving to foreclose on the property for delinquent property taxes, transferring title to the City.

New Businesses:

- **MSI Auto Sales** has opened at 515 E. Wisconsin Street
- **Portage Motors** has relocated to 116 Brooks Street.
- **Fisher King Winery distribution center** has relocated from the Madison area and opened in the Portage Enterprise Center.
- **The Framery**, 233 W. Cook St

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Business Development and Planning Cont.

- Main Street Consignment, 13 Main St
- Green Berry Smoothies, 2931 New Pinery Rd (Opens March 2)
- Sadly, **Stock+Field** will close all stores, including Portage, in 2021.
- The Portage Enterprise Center will see four additional new welding stations (for a total of 10) have been added to **the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center**. This will allow for more welding class capacity and training and an additional two welding camps for middle school students in the coming years.

After a year-long process, including a significant public engagement process, the Plan Commission and City Council have adopted a **sign code update**, now in effect. The sign code revision was necessary to comply with the *Reed v. Gilbert* Supreme Court decision and Wisconsin State Statutes. In addition, it reflects modern business sign practices and new sign technology, and increase user-friendliness and administration.

The updated sign code can be viewed at: <https://www.portagewi.gov/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/10/Final-Draft-Portage-Sign-Code-10.28.2020.pdf>

Portage COVID-19 Business Relief Loan Program

The City of Portage COVID-19 Business Relief Loan program is available to Portage businesses that have been adversely impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible businesses must have less than 20 employees, have a physical presence in the city of Portage, and have been in business at least two months prior to March 12, 2020.

The maximum loan amount is \$2,000 with a 0 percent interest rate.

Information and loan program guidelines for this business loan program and can be accessed at: <https://www.portagewi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/img112.pdf>

Click here for the application: <https://www.portagewi.gov/business-development/business-relief-loan-program-application-20-07-07/>

For further questions contact Jean Mohr at jean.mohr@portagewi.gov / (608)742-2176 or Steve Sobiek at: Steven.sobiek@portagewi.gov / (608)745-0038

COVID-19 Business resources are available through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp at: <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/>

Support Local Portage Restaurants

The City has worked with Portage resident Burt Cavanaugh, Lion Tree Group, to develop the TakeOutPortage.com website. This website allows Portage restaurants and bars to immediately download their menu, hours of operation and carry out information in real time to help citizens support and patronize local Portage restaurants. A big thank you to Burt Cavanaugh for his generous donation of time and talent to assist Portage businesses!

Go to: www.TakeoutPortage.com

Cat & dog Licenses

Cat & dog Licenses are due: spayed or neutered pet is \$10.00 per pet, if not spayed or neutered \$15.00 per pet. Licenses issued after March 31st will be a charged a \$5.00 late fee per animal. The 2021 Dog Licenses include access to the dog park. Reminder that all cats and dogs in the city limits MUST be licensed. Each household is allowed up to four cats/dogs total.



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Fire Department



Chief Clayton Simonson, Jr. retired from the Portage Fire Department on February 5, 2021. As the new Chief, I want to thank Chief Simonson for his dedication and commitment for the past 16 years as chief and 41 total years on the department.

I want to thank the Portage Police & Fire Commission and the City staff for allowing me this opportunity to lead a great group of people. I look forward to providing the leadership necessary to move this organization forward over the next decade. I am a native of Portage, and served as a member of the Portage Fire Department for three years. In 1993, I was hired by the Two Rivers Fire

Department and spent 5 years there before being hired by Fond du Lac Fire Rescue. I served 22 years as a firefighter/paramedic and finished my career as the Division Chief of Fire Prevention. I retired from Fond du Lac in April of 2020 and my wife and I moved back to Portage in May. My wife, Angie works for the Columbia County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher. I have two children, Tanner who will graduate from the University of Indianapolis with Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science in May. My daughter Tianna will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education in December.

As the new Chief I want the community to understand there is a large commitment to serve as a firefighter. Firefighters are expected to be on call 24/7, leave their job at a moment's notice, miss family dinners and rush to the scene of an emergency. They place themselves in harm's way for the sake of quite often, a complete stranger's life and property. I believe we all take for granted the time and effort that goes into the hundreds of hours of training that these men and women put forth, because of their dedication to helping others.

But it is not only the firefighters that make sacrifices while serving our community, but also the families that allow us to do this special voluntary work. I want to say thank you to our families. Thank-you for allowing your lives and time with your brave loved one to be interrupted and endangered in a moment's notice. Your support and sacrifice is priceless not only to your loved one but to all of us in the Portage and surrounding communities.

The Portage Fire Department currently has 26 members, 6 full time and 20 paid-on-call members. We also have a full time Administrative Assistant. We are currently looking for people who would like to become a paid-on-call member of the department. There is *No Experience Needed* and we provide all training and gear necessary. If you are interested in obtaining an application to join, you can pick it up at the fire station or online at the City's website, <https://www.portagewi.gov/fire/>. Please feel free to contact us anytime at (608) 742-2172 with any questions.

The department would like to encourage residents to replace the batteries (9 volt and AA) in their **Smoke Alarms** and **Carbon Monoxide Alarms**. We have batteries available at the fire station. If assistance is needed with installing the batteries in your smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, please contact the fire department at **(608) 742-2172** and someone will schedule a time to come and assist. The batteries we receive are donated each year by Ray-o-Vac/Energizer.

The City of Portage requires a burn permit for all open burning other than outdoor recreational fire pits or fireplaces. The permit can be found on the Portage Fire Department website or you can stop into the station. For those of you that live outside of the City and wish to burn, you must contact the DNR at <https://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits> or 1-888-947-2876. Due to the Coronavirus there are no in person DNR burn permits being issued.

On behalf of the department I would like to thank the Mayor, City Administrator, the Portage Council members, the four Town Chairpersons, and all the citizens and businesses for their continued support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by our members.

Troy Haase, Fire Chief



Portage Park & Recreation Activity Guide

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Without knowing where the COVID-19 situation will be in the summer months, it is difficult to plan ahead for our spring and summer programs.

Please be flexible as we may need to cancel or alter programs, and implement safety protocols as we get closer to the programs.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL INDOOR PROGRAMS.

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Meets 1st Tuesday of each month

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Employment Opportunities- Persons interested in obtaining part-time or seasonal employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department should visit Page 8, go on our website, or contact our department for information about open positions.

You Snooze....You Lose- Nothing kills a program quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If we do not meet the minimum number of participants by the registration deadline, the program will be cancelled. We also set registration maximums on each program based on staff, equipment, and space, so be sure to register early in order to reserve your spot before they are all gone!

Say 'Cheese'- For program promotional purposes, photographs may be taken of participants. If you do not wish to have your photo, or photos of your children taken, please notify our department.

Residents vs. Non-Residents- All program and park shelter rentals will list 2 prices under the description. (example- \$15/\$25). The first price is for residents of the City of Portage or Pacific Township. The second price is for non-residents (Lewiston, Caledonia, Fort Winnebago, Pardeeville, etc.). Non-resident fees are charged to help our department continue to maintain our programs and facilities.

Scholarships- The City of Portage wishes to offer our programs and activities to all area children. If financial assistance is needed for a child's participation, please contact our department for more information. Park Shelter Rentals and select programs do not qualify for our scholarship program.

Typo/Mistakes- Occasionally, there may be an error in days, times, registration requirements, pricing, or location in our program descriptions. When such errors occur, our staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. Our department reserves the right to change program schedules as needed to accommodate demand or school/community conflicts.

Program Refund Policy- Refunds will be granted if requests are made seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the activity. Please contact our department if you have questions regarding refunds due to medical or unavoidable circumstances. All refunds carry a \$5.00 processing fee.

Facility Rental Refund Policy- Refunds for facility rentals will be granted if requests are made thirty (30) days prior to scheduled rental. Extenuating circumstances are occasionally considered. All refunds carry a \$5.00 processing fee.

Registrations and Reservations

There are 3 easy ways to register for a program or reserve a park shelter for your next event:

1. Online

Portage.recdesk.com

Create an account on our website to sign up for programs or reserve a park shelter. You will need a credit card to complete any online transaction. A small convenience fee will apply.



2. Mail-In or Drop Off

Mail-in or Drop Off registration is available for all programs and shelter rentals. All Mail-In and Drop Off registrations or reservations must have payment included in envelope. Drop Offs can be placed in our secure drop box outside of our office front door.

Office address:
701 W. Slifer St.
Portage, WI 53901



3. In Person

Check our website or Facebook page for office hours, or call ahead to make sure we are taking in-person registrations.



We accept cash, check, or credit card for registrations and reservations. All Mail-In or Drop Off payments must be made with cash or check only.

Employment Opportunities

Applications and more information about our Employment Opportunities can be found under the 'Employment' tab on our website: portage.recdesk.com

Youth Sports Staff

Help coach and instruct kids in our t-ball, soccer, and/or other youth sports programs! Employees must be reliable, hard working, outgoing, and able to work well with kids.

- 5-25 hours per week
- Pay range \$8.00-\$9.50/hour

Youth Sports Supervisor

Help lead and run our youth sports programs. Applicants must have past experience working with kids, preferably in a sports setting.

- 5-25 hours per week
- Pay range \$9.50-\$16.00/hour

Lifeguards

We are seeking Lifeguards for Silver Lake Beach and the Rusch Community Pool! Job responsibilities will include lifeguarding, swim lesson instruction, concession attendant, and facility opening and closing procedures. If you are interested in becoming Lifeguard Certified, check out the Aquatics Section on page 17 for details on our next Lifeguard Certification Course.

- 25-40 hours per week
- Pay range \$9.75-\$12.00/hour

Summer Camp Staff

This position will help at our Summer Playground Program. Staff will be responsible for leading games, activities, and crafts throughout the camp. Staff will also be responsible for supervising all children attending the camp, and ensuring their safety and well-being.

- 25-35 hours per week
- Pay range \$9-\$11/hour

Summer Camp Supervisor

This position will help the Recreation Coordinator plan and implement various activities and games at our Summer Playground Program, while also helping lead and supervise the Summer Camp Staff.

- 30-40 hours per week
- Pay range \$12-\$16/hour DOQ
- Previous experience working with kids required



Summer Hotspots

Silver Lake Beach

522 Silver Lake Drive



Facility Information

- Free Admission
- Concessions available during staffed hours
- Opens Saturday, May 29th
- Lifeguarded daily starting at 11am
- Weather permitting

Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

- Available during staffed hours, weather permitting
- Pricing: \$10 for 1 hour, \$5 each additional hour (cash only)
- Equipment must be used at Silver Lake— no transporting to other locations. Lifejackets and paddles provided. A Driver's License will be required as a deposit.



Goodyear Park Splashpad

920 Dewitt Street

Facility Information

- Free Admission
- Opens Saturday, May 29th
- Operating Hours: 10am-7pm

Portage Family Skate Park

920 Dewitt Street



Facility Information

- Located at Goodyear Park
- Free Admission
- Operating Hours: 8am– Dusk



Fritz Port Dog Park

720 Griffith Street



Facility Information

- Dogs must be registered in the City of Portage, or you must pay the daily fee (\$2) at the Dog Park
- Operating Hours: 8am-10pm



Spring Programs

Flag Football Skills Camp

We are happy to offer a Flag Football Skills Camp this Spring! Boys and girls will learn and work on the basic skills such as passing, catching, running, and kicking. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will not be playing any actual football games during this program to avoid close contact between participants.

Dates: Saturdays, April 17-May 8

Times: K-2nd Grade (9:00-9:45am) or
3rd-5th Grade (10:00-10:45am)

Location: Football Field behind Bartels Middle School

Grades: K-5th

Fee: \$15/\$25

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 12

Min/Max: 10/30



SafeSitter Essentials Course

This class will teach middle schoolers how to be a safe, responsible babysitter. Safety skills, child development and behavior tips, rescue breathing, first aid, and general responsibilities will be covered in this course. Upon passing this class, children may gain employment within their community with their certification, and parents will be able to feel more comfortable and confident leaving an elder child to watch their younger siblings.

Dates: Saturday, April 24
Saturday, May 1

Times: 9am-2:30pm

Location: Park & Recreation Office (701 W. Slifer St)

Ages: 11-15

Fee: \$35/\$45

Registration Deadline: Monday prior to each classes start date

Min/Max: 2/6 per class



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Lifeguard Certification Course

We are happy to offer a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course this spring. This course will include online assignments in addition to in-water skills training and classroom training.

Participants who successfully pass this course will be eligible for employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department.

Starting pay is \$9.75/hour for Lifeguards.

Dates: Sundays, May 2, 9, and 16 (must attend all 3 class dates)

Time: 12-6pm

Ages: Must be 15 or older by May 16, 2021

Fee: \$50- for participants who will be working for Portage

Park & Rec following successful completion of course

\$150- for participants who will work elsewhere

following successful completion of course

***Please contact the Park & Recreation Department for information on registering for this course!**



**American
Red Cross**

Karate Classes

Karate Basics- Join in on the fun and join our martial arts program! Karate Basics is an intro level class and will introduce participants to the fundamental skills of the martial arts world. This program is fun for all ages and skill levels! **Karate Basics is for anyone with less than a Green Belt Status.**

Karate Advanced- This program is designed for more experienced Karate participants. This advanced program will expand and develop participant's knowledge and skills in martial arts. **Karate Advanced participants must have a Green Belt or higher in order to register.**

Information for both Basics and Advanced:

Dates: Mondays and Thursdays

Session 3- March 22-April 26 (registration open now)

Session 4- May 3-June 7 (registration open now)

Session 5- June 14-July 15

Session 6- July 22-August 23

Session 7- August 30-October 4

Session 8- October 11-November 15

Session 9- November 22-December 30

Times: Basics (6-7pm), Advanced (7-8pm)

Location: City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

Ages: 6+

Fee: \$20/\$30 (per session)

Each class may have additional classes scheduled as needed for Belt Testing

Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for additional programs that get added after the Activity Guide is published!

Summer Sports

Tot T-Ball

This program covers the basics of t-ball and baseball, and will incorporate skill development, fun games, and team work.

Parent participation is required. The first few weeks will focus on practicing the basics, and improving individual skills, and during the last few weeks, kids will play in organized, unscored games. This program will utilize Safe-T Soft Baseballs and Whiffle Balls to keep kids safe while learning this sport.

Participants must bring their own glove.

Dates: Thursdays, June 10-July 22

Time: 5:15-6:00 pm **OR** 6:15-7:00 pm

Location: Fairgrounds Ballfield #1 (north end of Fairgrounds near the Dog Park)

Ages: 3-4

Fee: \$25/\$35

Min/Max: 12/24 per session

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 4



5-6 Year Old T-Ball

Portage Youth Baseball runs a Co-Ed T-Ball league for 4-6 years old in the Portage community. Please contact them or visit their website (portageyouthbaseball.org) for more information. Financial assistance is available through PYB.

Registration Deadline is Friday, March 26th

7-8 Year Old Baseball

Portage Youth Baseball runs a baseball league for 7-8 years old in the Portage community. Please contact them or visit their website (portageyouthbaseball.org) for more information. Financial assistance is available through PYB.

Registration Deadline is Friday, March 26th

Masters Baseball

Masters Baseball is a skill development baseball program for players ages 9-13. This program will begin as individual skill development and will evolve into gameplay after the first few weeks. This program will meet Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Thursday will be used only if there is a rainout earlier in the week.

Dates: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays (June 14-July 21)

Time: 9am-12pm

Times may be adjusted depending on enrollment and gameplay. Coaches will announce changes at practice

Location: Fairgrounds Ballfield #1 (north end near Dog Park)

Ages: 9-13

Fee: \$50/\$60

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 11

Tot Soccer

This program is focused on getting kids in the game and having fun! We'll teach soccer basics such as kicking, throw-ins, and basic game play, in a relaxed, recreational environment.

Dates: Tuesdays, June 15-July 20

Times: 5:15-6:00pm **OR** 6:15-7:00pm

Location: Varsity Soccer Field @ the Portage Fairgrounds

Ages: 3-4

Fee: \$25/\$35

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 4

Min/Max: 10/24 per session



Youth Instructional Soccer

This program will focus on intermediate skills and drills for soccer players. The first portion of the program will be dedicated to individual skill development, but will evolve into more advanced drill work and gameplay.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15-July 22

Times: 5-6 years old- 9:00-9:45am

7-8 years old- 10:00-10:45am

9-10 years old- 11:00-11:45am

Location: Youth Soccer Fields @ the Portage Fairgrounds

Ages: 5-10

Fee: \$40/\$50

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 11

Min/Max: 10/24 per age group

Girls Basketball Skills Camp

Our Girls Basketball Skills Camp will focus on improving on individual skills and teamwork. This camp will be run by volunteer coaches, as well as coaches and players from the Portage Varsity Girls Basketball Team!

Dates: July 13-July 15 (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Times: 3rd-5th Grade: 10:30am-Noon

6th-8th Grade: 8:00-10:00am

Location: Portage High School Gym

Grades: 3rd-8th

Fee: \$10/\$20

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 5

Min/Max: 10/40 per age group



Summer Sports

Youth Tennis Camps

Interested in developing and improving your tennis skills in a fun, relaxed atmosphere? This co-ed program will consist of drills and activities to help improve tennis skills, as well as learning about and participating in game play. Participants should bring their own racquet.

Session 1

Dates: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, June 14, 15, & 17

Location: Portage High School Tennis Courts

Age:	Time:
5-6	5:00-5:45pm (parent participation required)
7-8	6:00-6:45pm
9-10	5:00-6:00pm
11-14	6:00-7:00pm

Fee: \$30/\$40 Registration Deadline: Friday, June 11

Session 2

Dates: Monday thru Thursday, June 28-July 1

Location: Portage High School Tennis Courts

Age:	Time:
7-8	9:00-9:45am
9-10	10:00-11:00am
11-14	11:00am-Noon

Fee: \$15/\$25 Registration Deadline: Friday, June 25

Session 3

Dates: Monday thru Thursday, July 12-15

Location: Portage High School Tennis Courts

Age:	Time:
7-8	9:00-9:45am
9-10	10:00-11:00am
11-14	11:00am-Noon

Fee: \$15/\$25 Registration Deadline: Friday, July 9

Session 4

Dates: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, August 2, 3, & 5

Location: Portage High School Tennis Courts

Age:	Time:
5-6	5:00-5:45pm (parent participation required)
7-8	6:00-6:45pm
9-10	5:00-6:00pm
11-14	6:00-7:00pm

Fee: \$15/\$25 Registration Deadline: Friday, July 30

Speed and Agility Training Camp

This program is designed to help athletes discover that extra gear, and improve on their speed, agility, conditioning, flexibility, and coordination. This program will be instructed by varsity level coaches and will help athletes reach their full potential.

Dates: July 13, 14, 15

Location: High School Track

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Grades: 3 - 8

Fee: \$10/\$20

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 9

Max: 15 participants



Wrestling Camp

This program will teach the fundamental and introductory level skills of wrestling. Participants will learn from members of the varsity coaching staff, as well as current and former members of the high school wrestling program. This program will help develop and improve individual skills in a fun atmosphere!

Dates: Mondays, June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19

Location: Portage High School Wrestling Room

Time: 9 am – 10 am

Grades: K - 5

Fee: \$15/\$25

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 11

Min 5/Max 15

Volleyball Camp

This is a fun and exciting program being taught in partnership with the Portage Varsity Volleyball Program, and will feature current players and coaches as the instructors. Participants will learn the fundamentals and develop individual skill, while having fun playing volleyball!

*We are finalizing details for this camp, so be sure to check our website or Facebook page in April for more information!



Free Tennis Tournament

We are happy to offer our Annual Tennis Tournament again this year! This kids tournament is FREE for any kids in the community that have participated in our spring or summer programs. Every participant will earn a medal, and trophies will be awarded for top finishers. No registration required!

Date: Friday, August 6

Location: Portage High School Tennis Courts

Times: 7-8 years old– 10am

9-10 years old– Noon

11-14 years old– 2pm

Each age group will last roughly 1.5 hours, depending on number of participants



Summer Enrichment Programs

Playground Program

Looking for a fun and exciting program to keep your kids entertained all summer long? Our Playground Program is a supervised day camp designed to keep kids active and outdoors this summer! Whether you can attend all day every day, or just a few hours each week, our camp staff will lead them in fun structured games and activities, arts and crafts, and much more. NEW this year— you can register for the specific week(s) that you can attend, or register for the whole summer for a discounted price!

Dates: Monday thru Friday

Week 1– June 7-June 11

Week 2– June 14-June 18

Week 3– June 21-June 25

Week 4– June 28-July 2

Week 5– July 5-July 9

Week 6– July 12-July 16

Week 7– July 19-July 23

Week 8– July 26-July 30

Times: 9:00am-3:00pm

Location: Collipp-Worden Park Shelter #1

Ages: 6-14

Fee: \$10/\$15 per week **OR** \$65/\$75 for all 8 weeks

Max: 60 kids per week



Creative Craft Corner

Join our staff as we guide participants in some fun and creative craft projects! Participants can choose to attend 1 class or all 4. Craft materials will be provided and all participants will take home their project after each class.

Dates: Tuesdays

June 22– Bubble Wands & Sponge Balls

June 29– Homemade Bird Feeders

July 6– Tic Tac Toe & Catapults

July 13– Sun Catchers

Times: 3:15-4:00pm

Location: Collipp-Worden Shelter #1

Ages: 6-12

Fee: \$5/\$10

Registration Deadline: Friday prior to each class date

Min/Max: 5/15



Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for additional programs that get added after the Activity Guide is published!

BattleDarts

NEW! BattleDarts is a mobile Nerf party that includes nerf blasters and inflated bunkers to provide the layout of a battlefield. All participants will be divided into teams and will have the opportunity to play games such as Capture the Flag and Team Elimination. There will be an official to help monitor games. **Participants must bring their own eye protection (sunglasses, goggles, clear glasses, etc.).** All other equipment will be provided by the BattleDarts Game Operator.

Date: Saturday, August 14th

Time: 10am-Noon

Location: Portage Fairgrounds (799 Thompson St)
Rain location: Bartels Middle School Gym

Ages: 7-13

Fee: \$10 / \$15

Registration Deadline: Monday, August 9th

Min/Max: 12/40



Portage Public Library Programs

Be sure to check out the Portage Public Library information on Page 20 for some great adult programs. They also have tons of youth and teen programs to keep the whole family entertained!

Website: portagelibrary.us

Summer Registration opens on Monday, April 5th at portage.recdesk.com 13

Summer Enrichment Programs

Discover Drums

Is your child's inner musician looking to explore? Would you like your child to learn about the world of rhythm and how to play various instruments? This program is the perfect introduction to all of that! The instructor will help your child discover snare drums, drum sets, marching drums, hand drums, woodblocks, tambourines, mallet instruments, and more! This program is geared towards beginners. Every participant will take home a pair of drum sticks and a bucket drum as well!

Dates: Session 1 (June 28 & June 29)
Session 2 (July 27 & July 28)
Session 3 (August 18 & August 19)

Times: 10am-Noon

Location: Portage Soundworks (129 W Cook St)

Ages: 8+

Fee: \$40/\$50 per session (includes drumsticks and bucket drum)

Registration Deadline: Friday prior to each session

Min/Max: 3/5 per session



Youth Dance

Is your child looking to learn more about the world of dance? Whether your child has participated in our dance programs before, or you just have a child that loves to dance around the house, this program is for everyone! Our Summer Youth Dance program is designed to introduce the basics of dance in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Dance shoes are allowed but not required.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Session 1–June 15-July 8 (registration deadline June 11)

Session 2– July 13-Aug 5 (registration deadline July 9)

Ages & Times: 9:00-9:30am (ages 3-4)

9:35-10:05 (ages 5-6)

10:10-10:40 (ages 7-9)

10:45-11:15 (ages 10-14)

Location: Woodridge Elementary School

Fee: \$25/\$35

Min/Max: 4/12

Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for additional programs that get added after the Activity Guide is published!

Youth Cheerleading

Let's show your Warrior Spirit and join the new Portage Youth Cheerleading Program this summer. Cheerleaders will be taught Game Day everything; cheers, band dances, and stunts to lead the crowd and the team to victory! No experience needed, we will teach you everything you need to know. This program will be taught by the Portage High School Cheer Coaches and current Cheerleaders! Youth Cheerleaders will have an opportunity to cheer with the Varsity High School Cheerleaders at a football game this fall. Details will be given during sessions.

Dates: Session 1- Wednesdays, June 16-July 14
Session 2– Wednesdays, August 4-September 8

Times: 5-8 years old (4:45-5:30pm)

9-14 years old (5:30-6:15pm)

Location: Portage High School Football Field (High School wrestling room will be used for a rain location)

Ages: 5-14

Fee: \$20/\$30 (includes a set of pom poms to keep!)

Registration Deadline: Friday prior to each start date

Min/Max: 5/40



Special Events



Milwaukee Brewers Game

Join us for the Milwaukee Brewer Game on Memorial Day, May 31st, against the Detroit Tigers. These tickets are for the Johnsonville Party Deck at the game. Each ticket will receive 2 complimentary drinks, as well as a full buffet throughout the game. Children under 18 must be with an adult. This ticket and event does NOT include transportation. Fans will be required to find their own transportation to and from the game. This is a joint event with the Sauk Prairie Recreation Department and the Wisconsin Dells Recreation Department. Specific COVID-19 restrictions and rules will be determined by the Milwaukee Brewers and MLB closer to the game date.

Date: Monday, May 31

Time: Game begins at 1:10pm

Location: American Family Field, Milwaukee, WI

Fee: \$45 per ticket

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 30

Movie In The Park

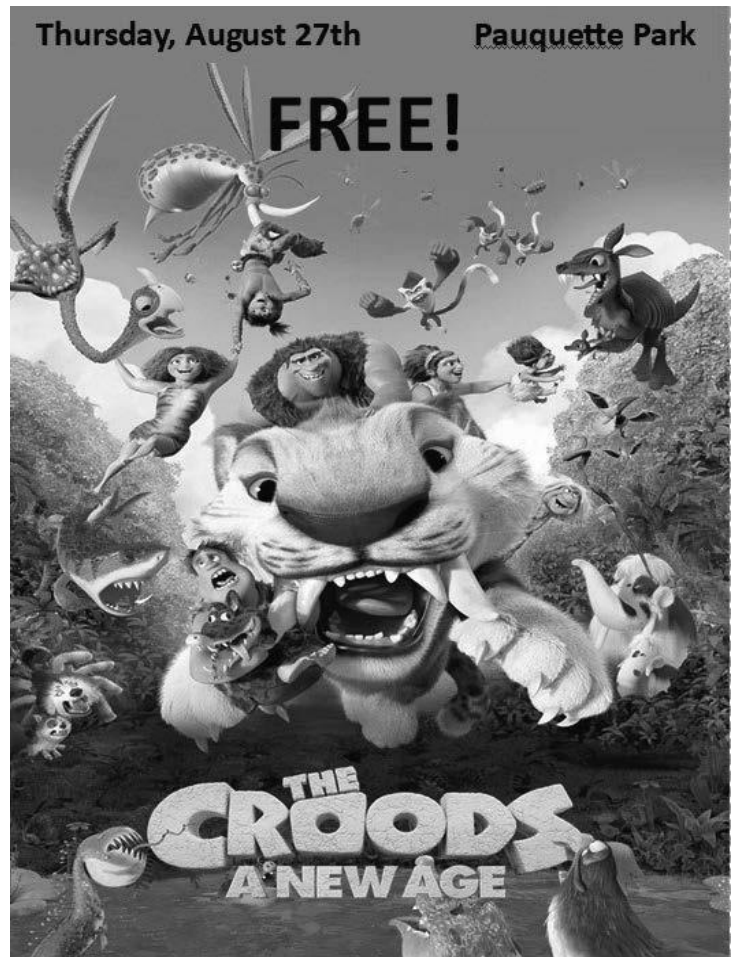
Come celebrate the end of summer with our annual Movie in the Park! This year, we will be showing *The Croods: A New Age* at the NEW Pauquette Park Beasley Pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends to this FREE event sponsored by the Portage Park & Recreation department!

Date: Thursday, August 26th

Time: Movie will begin after sunset, typically around 7:45pm

Location: Pauquette Park Beasley Pavilion

Fee: FREE



Lake Geneva Bus Trip & Scenic Boat Tour

Come visit Lake Geneva with us! This day trip includes Coach bus transportation and a 2 hour boat cruise around the lake. Drive up to Wisconsin Dells where we will board the coach bus and head directly to the lake. Once there you will have roughly 2 hours to enjoy the town and do some shopping and eating. The afternoon cruise includes a full tour with historical landmark narration. There is also a snack and cash bar to provide you with refreshments while on board. After the cruise we will re-board the bus and head back. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Friday, July 30

Time: Bus loads at 7:30am (In Wisconsin Dells) and will return around 6pm.

Fee: \$69 per ticket

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 29

Adult Programs

Adult Softball

Adult softball is back in Portage and we are happy to offer Men's and Co-ed leagues this year! Rules and Registration Packets can be found on our website beginning April 1st. Teams from last year will be contacted prior to April 1st and will have first choice of leagues. Each league is limited to 8 teams, and we will accept the first 8 teams to turn in their Registration Packet and Team Fee.

Leagues: Mondays (Men's League)
Tuesdays (Co-Ed League)
Wednesday (Men's League)

Times: Games will start between 6-9pm. Exact game times will be determined when schedule is created after registration

Location: Portage Fairgrounds (new field at north end of complex near the Dog Park)

Fee: \$350 per team (no individual or non-resident fees)

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 19

Season Dates: Mid-May through Mid-August

Interested in umpiring any Adult Softball Leagues? Contact our department. \$25/game and paid training.



2020 Men's League Champions— Riley's Bar & Grill

Pickleball

We are happy to once again offer our Adult Pickleball program. This is a drop-in type program, with no registration. Pickleball players will meet at Pine Meadow Park (865 Hamilton St) for pick up games. All skill levels are invited to try it out! Pickleball nets, paddles, and balls are provided, but feel free to bring your own. The Pickleball nets will be available at the court all summer, so if you can't make it during these times, feel free to check it out with a partner at your convenience!

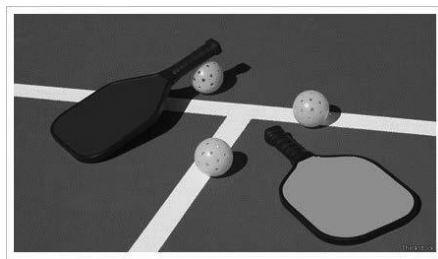
Dates: Monday & Wednesdays Mornings,

Season Dates: Mid-May through September (weather dependent)

Location: Pine Meadow Park (865 Hamilton St)

Time: 9 am - 11 am

Fee: Free



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WPRA Ticket Program

Tickets available at the Portage Park & Rec Office (701 W. Slifer St) May 3rd-September 3rd.
Cash or card accepted. No checks. Please call ahead to check availability

**MOUNT OLYMPUS
WATER/THEME PARK**
Season: May 28-September 6
Price: \$5.75 per person
Children 2 and under are FREE

NOAH'S ARK— Any Day
Price: \$29.99 per person
Children under 36" are FREE
Season: May 29-September 6

NOAH'S ARK— WPRA Days
Valid Aug 20, 21, 22
Price: \$28.99 per person
Children under 36" are FREE

WISCONSIN DUCKS TOUR
Price: \$27.50 Adult (12+)
\$15.50 Child (4-11)
Children 3 & under are FREE
Season: March 7-November 8

JET BOAT ADVENTURE
Price: \$27.50 Adult (12+)
\$15.50 Child (4-11)
Children 3 and under not allowed
Season: May 15-October 15

UPPER DELLS BOAT TOUR
Price: \$27.50 Adult (12+)
\$15.50 Child (4-11)
Children 3 & under are FREE
Season: March 31-October 31

PIRATES COVE MINI GOLF
Price: \$6 per person
Children 4 & under are FREE
Season: Mid-March thru Mid-October (weather permitting)

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO
Price: \$12.25 Adult (13+)
\$10.25 Child (3-12)
Children 2 & under are FREE
Open year-round. Tickets expire 12/31/21

SIX FLAGS
Ticket information coming soon!
Check out website or call our office for updated information.

Swim Lessons & Aquatics

Each session of swim lessons includes 8 classes

Red/White/Blue Classes- \$27/\$37 Level 1 thru Level 6- \$37/\$47 Parent & Child Classes- \$15/\$25

Due to COVID-19, there are limited Swim Lessons and reduced class sizes to allow for safe social distancing. Parent & Child, Red, White, Blue, Level 1, and Level 2 classes will REQUIRE one parent or guardian to be in the water with the participant. This is to keep our staff safe, while also giving the young swimmers the physical support and assistance they need. Level 3-Level 6 will not have this requirement. Masks will be required for anyone that is not in the water. These restrictions and safety protocols are subject to change.

SUMMER SESSION #1

Dates: June 7-June 17 (Mon-Thurs)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
9:00AM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3 9:00-9:45AM
9:30AM	BLUE	
10:00AM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
10:30AM	RED	LEVEL 2
11:00AM	WHITE	LEVEL 3 11:00-11:45AM
11:30AM	BLUE	
12:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 4 12:30-1:15PM
1:00PM	LEVEL 1	
1:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 5/6 2:00-2:45PM
2:30PM	RED	

SUMMER SESSION #2

Dates: June 21-July 1 (Mon-Thurs)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
9:00AM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 4 9:00-9:45AM
9:30AM	BLUE	
10:00AM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
10:30AM	RED	LEVEL 2
11:00AM	WHITE	LEVEL 3 11:00-11:45AM
11:30AM	BLUE	
12:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 5/6 12:30-1:15PM
1:00PM	LEVEL 1	
1:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 3 2:00-2:45PM
2:30PM	RED	

SUMMER SESSION #3

Dates: July 5-July 15 (Mon-Thurs)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
9:00AM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 5/6 9:00-9:45AM
9:30AM	BLUE	
10:00AM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
10:30AM	RED	LEVEL 2
11:00AM	WHITE	LEVEL 4 11:00-11:45AM
11:30AM	BLUE	
12:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 3 12:30-1:15PM
1:00PM	LEVEL 1	
1:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 3 2:00-2:45PM
2:30PM	RED	

SUMMER SESSION #4

Dates: July 19-July 29 (Mon-Thurs)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
9:00AM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3 9:00-9:45AM
9:30AM	BLUE	
10:00AM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
10:30AM	RED	LEVEL 2
11:00AM	WHITE	LEVEL 5/6 11:00-11:45AM
11:30AM	BLUE	
12:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 3 12:30-1:15PM
1:00PM	LEVEL 1	
1:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 4 2:00-2:45PM
2:30PM	RED	

SUNDAYS SESSION

Dates: June 6-August 1 (No class July 4)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
1:00PM	RED	LEVEL 1
1:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 3 2:00-2:45PM
2:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	
3:00PM	RED	LEVEL 1
3:30PM	WHITE	LEVEL 2
4:00PM	BLUE	LEVEL 4 4:00-4:45PM
4:30PM	PARENT/CHILD	



What Level Does My Child Belong In?

Visit the portage.recdesk.com and click on the 'Pool' tab for more information on each level, as well as a full description and age ranges.

Lifeguard Certification Course

We are happy to offer a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course this spring. This course will include online assignments in addition to in-water skills training and classroom training. Participants who successfully pass this course will be eligible for employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department. Starting pay is \$9.75/hour for Lifeguards.

Dates: Sundays, May 2, 9, and 16
(must attend all 3 class dates)

Time: 12-6pm

Ages: Must be 15 or older by May 16, 2021

Fee: \$50-Certification for participants who will be working for Portage Park & Rec following course
\$150- Certification for participants who will work elsewhere

***Please contact the Park & Recreation Department for information on registering for this course!**

Interested in Youth Swim Team? Check out www.portageyouthswimteam.com for more info!

Pool Activity Schedules

Monthly schedules can be picked up at the pool, Park & Rec Office, or online at portage.recdesk.com on the Pool tab. Schedules change often, so check our website for the most up to date schedule.

Pool Daily Fees

Daily Fee-\$3 (any swimmer)

Punch Pass- \$30 (13 entries for the price of 10)

Year Pass- \$125 (unlimited entries for 1 year from purchase date)

Pool Rental

Rent the Rusch Community Pool for your next party!

\$70/\$90 for 2 hours (1-50 people)

\$90/\$110 for 2 hours (51-100 people)

***Open Swim and Private Rentals are currently suspended due to COVID-19. Please pay attention to our website and social media for when we are able to offer Open Swim hours and Private Parties again!**

Swim Lesson Registration opens on Monday, April 5th at portage.recdesk.com

Reserve any shelter at portage.recdesk.com under the 'Facilities' tab.
 Or stop in the Portage Park & Recreation Department at 701 W. Slifer Street, Portage, WI

Shelter Rentals

TIER ONE SHELTERS

Monday-Friday \$40 R/\$60 NR Saturday/Sunday \$50 R/\$70 NR

Collipp-Worden #1



226 W. Slifer St
 -12 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Flush Restrooms
 -Charcoal Grills
 -Disc Golf Course
 -B-ball & Tennis Courts
 -Playground

Sunset



1217 W Pleasant St
 -10 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Flush Restrooms
 -Charcoal Grills
 -Playground
 -Scenic Overlook of Wisconsin River

Silver Lake



522 Silver Lake Dr
 -6 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Flush Restrooms
 -Playground
 -Beach swimming area

Pauquette Beasley Pavilion



815 W. Cook St
 -12 picnic tables
 -Electricity

*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

Pauquette #1



900 W Conant St
 -7 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Basketball Court
 -Playground
 -Flush Restrooms
 -Floral Garden

Goodyear #1



920 Dewitt St
 -5 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Splashpad
 -Playground
 -Flush Restrooms
 -Skatepark

TIER TWO SHELTERS

Monday-Friday \$30 R/\$50 NR Saturday/Sunday \$40 R/\$60 NR

Lawton



500 Townsend St
 -5 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Soccer Fields
 -Flush Restrooms

Collipp-Worden #2



310 W. Slifer St
 -5 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Charcoal Grill

*Please see Collipp-Worden Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

Pauquette #2



900 W. Conant St
 -2 Banquet Tables
 -Electricity

*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

TIER THREE SHELTERS

Monday-Friday \$20 R/\$40 NR Saturday/Sunday \$30 R/\$50 NR

Cattail



510 W. Burns St
 -1 picnic table
 -Green Space
 -Small playground equipment

Pine Meadow



865 Hamilton St
 -3 picnic tables
 -Green Space
 -Playground
 -Tennis/Pickleball Court
 -Portable Restroom

Goodyear #2



1016 Dewitt St
 -2 picnic tables

*Please see Goodyear Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

Sanborn



922 W. Franklin St
 -3 picnic tables
 -Green Space
 -Playground
 -Basketball Court

Woodridge



424 Winnebago St
 -3 picnic tables
 -Playground

Lincoln



404 E Carroll St
 -2 picnic tables
 -Playground
 -Basketball Court

Pauquette Gazebo



900 W. Conant St
 -Great Wedding and photograph venue
 -Located next to Bridal Pond at Pauquette Park

*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

Riverside



300 E. Wisconsin St
 -5 picnic tables
 -Electricity
 -Swings
 -Portable Restroom
 -Along Wisconsin River
 -2.9 mile Levee walking trail

City Newsletter

Department of Public Works

Spring Clean-Up: May 1, 2021 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Public Works Garage located at 616 Washington St.

Guidelines for Brush Collection: Brush Collection the week of April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, and November 7. Brush needs to be out in boulevard by **7 A.M. Monday morning** to be picked up that week. Leaf bags and grass clippings must be separated from the brush and be out by 7A.M. Monday morning as well. Leaf and grass bags may be collected separately from our brush collection.

Water Utility: To ensure utility customers continue to receive to quality drinking water, crews will be flushing hydrants April 18th - May 22nd, 2021.

Waste Water Reminders: If you have a back-up after 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, or on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, call 742-2171.

2021 Construction Projects:

Pavement Rehabilitation: Oakridge Dr. (Slifer St – Woodcrest) and Village Rd. (Northridge to approximately 685' south)

2021 Sidewalk Project – New sidewalk on both sides of E. Minnehaha Ave from Yellowstone to Winnebago. Replacement sidewalk in various locations around the City.

Chip Seal Project: DeWitt St. (Pleasant to Burns) and MacFarlane Rd. (Burns to W. Wisconsin), Red Pine Ct., Oneida St. (Cass to MacFarlane)

DNR Canal Dredging Project – Adams St to the railroad bridge.

USH 51 DOT Reconstruction Project. E. Wisconsin from DeWitt to Ontario and DeWitt from Pleasant to E. Wisconsin.

2021 Construction Projects:

An unfortunate but inevitable by-product of every road improvement project, access and traffic will be disrupted. This year, the Wisconsin Dept of Transportation (WisDOT) has hired A-1 Excavating Co to reconstruct US 51 in Portage as listed above. This project will be conducted in 2 phases involving DeWitt and Wisconsin Streets. As construction occurs on these sections, traffic will be detoured. For latest information on the project status, detours and questions WisDOT has setup a website to provide current information here: <https://projects.511wi.gov/us51-portage/>. There is contact information on the Project Manager on this website as well. Please note this is a WisDOT project, not a City of Portage project, therefore we encourage you contact the Project Manager with any questions, concerns or problems related to the US 51 construction project.



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The Portage Public Library is Moving People Forward

www.portagelibrary.us

Chair Yoga hosted by Ellen Swan

Picture provided by:
Portage Daily Register



The Portage Public Library has been enjoying a strong connection with the community. In the throes of a pandemic the library has been negotiating the roadblocks that have been an ongoing burden for the entire country. Some of the ways that the library has found to eliminate barriers, while keeping protections in place, include:

- New self-check machines that allow users to independently check out.
- Plexiglass that has been permanently installed to allow face-to-face interaction in the safest possible way.
- Numerous hand sanitizing stations secured to the wall for patrons to use throughout the library.
- Touchless faucets and toilets installed in all of the restrooms.
- Expanded computer access with all stations distanced at least six feet apart.
- WiFi availability throughout the building and in the street, alley and parking lot.
- Virtual programming for all age groups, available at your convenience, at times that work best for families, children, teens and adults.
- Take 'n Make kits for teens and children.
- In-person programming offered before the library opens or after the library closes.

Visit our website, our Facebook page and YouTube channel for current information and available programming, including up-to-date COVID-19 information, tax forms and programs, job and employment opportunities, library hours and services. Faxing, copying and wireless printing available.



Dawn Foster, Children Service's Librarian
Virtual Storytime

"G" is for Goat

City Newsletter

From the City Clerk

Election Information:

Check out <https://myvote.wi.gov>

Register to vote
Update name or address
Check voting status and history
Request an absentee ballot
Find polling location
See what is on ballot



Spring Election, April 6, 2021

Deadline to Register

By mail or online: March 17, 2021
In City Clerk's office: April 2, 2021

Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot

Regular and Overseas Electors: April 1, 2021
Indefinitely Confined Electors and Military Electors: April 2, 2021

In-Person Absentee Voting Hours

March 23, 25, 30, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
March 24, 26, 29, 31, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 2, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Assessment News



Change of Assessment notices will be going out to property owners whose assessment has changed from last year. Notices will be sent out by March 5, 2021. The Assessment Roll will be open for inspection on the City website and at the Portage Public Library beginning March 11, 2021.

Open Book will be held via teleconference on the following dates:

March 22nd: 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
March 23rd: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Board of Review will be held via teleconference on April 26th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Notice to Destroy Weeds

The City requires that all noxious weeds be destroyed prior to the time in which such plants would mature to the bloom or flower state. The growth of noxious weeds in excess of eight inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the city corporate limits. Noxious weeds shall include any weed, grass or similar plant growth which, if allowed to pollinate, would cause or produce hay fever in human beings or would cause a skin rash through contact with the skin.



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View & Pay Your Portage Utility Bill Online Now!

Register with Payment Service Network to view your bill, make an immediate payment, schedule a payment or set up your own auto pay.



<https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com/login>

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call our online utility payment and billing provider, Payment Service Network (PSN), toll-free at 877-885-7968. They can help you get started.



2nd Half Payments for 2020 Property Taxes – Due by July 31, 2021

Paid to:
Columbia County Treasurer
 P.O. Box 198
 Portage, WI 53901
Treasurer@co.columbia.wi.us
(608)-742-9613

Electronic payments and tax bill information can be found on: www.co.columbia.wi.us
 For assistance contact the Columbia County Treasurer

2021 City of Portage Garbage & Recycling Schedule

Bi-weekly curbside collection is provided to all residential properties consisting of four (4) or fewer dwelling units. Collection of recyclables is still being provided every other week; however the days for collection will coincide with the day your garbage is normally collected. Anytime your normal garbage day is shaded on the following calendar, recyclables will also be collected that same day.

- Garbage & Recycle
- Garbage ONLY

SET YOUR GARBAGE & RECYCLABLES OUT IN BOULEVARD (NOT IN STREET) THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICK-UP DAY

January							February							March							April										
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
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31							28																								
May							June							July							August										
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2021 Holiday Date Changes: 5/31 garbage & recycle will be picked up on 6/1, 7/5 garbage will be picked up on 7/6, 9/6 garbage & recycle will be picked up on 9/7, 11/25 garbage will be picked up on 11/24, No change for Christmas.

City Newsletter

Alderspersons

- Mayor:** **Rick Dodd** (2022)
608-697-7065
rick.dodd@portagewi.gov
- District 1:** **Alan Radant** (2022)
1013 Thompson St.
608-566-5424
allan.radant@portagewi.gov
- District 2:** **Mark Hahn** (2022)
202 Winnebago Ave.
608-742-3307
mark.hahn@portagewi.gov
- District 3:** **Dennis Nachreiner** (2021)
2628 Pine Ridge Court,
608-742-2045
Dennis.Nachreiner@portagewi.gov
- District 4:** **Doug Klapper** (2021)
117 West Mullett Street
608-742-7503
doug.klapper@portagewi.gov
- District 5:** **Jeffrey F. Monfort** (2022)
307 E. Howard St.
608-742-1020
jeffrey.monfort@portagewi.gov
- District 6:** **Eric Shimpach** (2022)
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- District 7:** **Mike Charles** (2020)
214 W. Franklin St.
608-617-9511
mike.charles@portagewi.gov
- District 8:** **Martin Havlovic** (2021)
2835 Northridge Dr., #4
608-617-3217
marty.havlovic@portagewi.gov
- District 9:** **Vacant**



Local
Postal Customer

City of Portage

Municipal Building
115 W. Pleasant Street
Main Phone:
608-742-2176
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

www.portagewi.gov

Administrator

115 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2176, Ext 324
shawn.murphy@portagewi.gov

**Assessor (Accurate
Appraisal)**

800-770-3927
info@accurateassessor.com

City Clerk

115 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2176, Ext 333
marie.moe@portagewi.gov

Fire Department

119 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2172 (non-emergency)

Library

253 W. Edgewater Street,
608-742-4959
www.portagelibrary.us

Municipal Court

115 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2258
dawn.wilcox@portagewi.gov

Parks & Recreation Office

701 W. Slifer St.
608-742-2178
toby.monogue@portagewi.gov

Police Department

117 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2174 (non-emergency)

Treasurer/Finance Director

115 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2176, Ext 334
jean.mohr@portagewi.gov

Utilities Office

135 Northridge Drive,
608-742-4727

Water Payments

Portage Utilities
P.O. Box 214
Portage, WI 53901

Engineer/Public Works

115 W. Pleasant Street,
608-742-2176, Ext 325
aaron.jahncke@portagewi.gov

Business Development/Planning

1800 Kutzke Road, Suite 109
608-617-7121
steven.sobiek@portagewi.gov

Snow Emergency Line

608-742-2176 x335

Sewer Back-Up (After Hours)

608-742-2171