

2020-2021 Fall/Winter Newsletter



Program Update:

With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we are unfortunately not able to offer our full range of programs and aquatic classes due to the safety considerations for our participants and our staff. All of our programs are subject to change or cancellation.

The Rusch Community Pool will remain closed until further notice. We will be working with the Portage School District to ensure a safe re-opening of the Rusch Pool.

Karate

Karate Basics

This class is for ages 6+ who are at the introductory level of karate. Participants will learn martial arts fundamentals and a strong emphasis will be put on building confidence, focus, discipline, respect, and manners. Each student will have the opportunity to test at the end of the session. This program is for participants with less than a green belt status.

Karate Advanced

This program is a step above our Karate Basics program, and will teach advanced karate skills to ages 6+. Participants in this program must be a green belt or higher to participate in this class.

Ages: 6+

Dates: (Monday and Thursday Nights)

Session 8: October 5-November 9

Session 9: November 16-December 21

any participant can register for any session

Fees: \$20-Residents / \$30-Non-residents (per session)

Location: City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

Times: Basics—6:00-7:00pm

Advanced—7:00-8:00pm

There may be additional classes scheduled for Best Testing



Youth Dance

Whether your child aspires to become a professional dancer or you just want to improve their coordination, provide some exercise, or just have fun, this dance program has something for everyone! This program is designed to introduce dancers to the basics of dance in a fun and relaxed environment. Each class will learn 2 dances to perform at a recital held in March!

Ages: 4-14

Dates: Week of September 20th through March 8th

Classes: Tuesdays: (formerly the Monday Night Classes)

4 Year Olds: 5:45-6:15pm

5-6 Year Olds: 6:25-7:10pm

7-9 Year Olds: 7:15-8:00pm

Wednesdays

5-6 Year Olds: 5:45-6:30pm

7-9 Year Olds: 6:35-7:20pm

10-14 Year Olds: 7:25-8:15pm

Sundays: (NEW!)

7-9 Year Olds (Technique): 5:30-6:15pm

10-14 Year Olds (Technique): 6:25-7:10pm

10-14 Year Olds: 7:15-8:00pm

Sunday Technique classes are for more experienced dancers to refine technique and form. Check out our website for more details on these classes. The 10-14 year old class from 7:15-8pm is the same format as the Wednesday night class, we just added another class due to high demand for roster spots

Location: City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

Fee: \$50-Residents / \$60-Non-residents

(Does not include cost of costume and shoes)

Min/Max: 4/10

Registration Deadline: September 14



Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage, WI 53901. Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!



Flag Football Skills Camp



Fall is football season! We are happy to offer a Flag Football Skills Camp this Fall! 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.

Ages: 4-7 year olds– 5:15-6:00pm
8-10 year olds– 6:00-6:45pm

Dates: Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6

Location: Outfield grass of the Ball Diamond at the Portage Fairgrounds (North end near the Dog Park)

Fee: \$10-Residents / \$20-Non-residents

Min/Max: 8/20

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 11

Adult Basketball

Due to COVID-19 precautions, we are unable to use school district facilities at this time. We are hopeful that we can offer an Adult Basketball 3 on 3 League this winter, but exact dates are yet to be determined. We will announce any decisions on our Facebook page and Website.



Youth Girls Basketball

Due to COVID-19 precautions, we are unable to use school district facilities at this time. We are hopeful that we can offer our Youth Girls Basketball program this winter, but exact dates are yet to be determined. We will announce any decisions on our Facebook page and Website.



Pumpkins In The Park

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances regarding COVID-19, we have made the decision to cancel our Pumpkins in the Park event this year. We will be working on a safe alternative to help celebrate Halloween in Portage! Pay attention to our Facebook page and website for more details!

Adult Volleyball

Due to COVID-19 precautions, we are unable to use school district facilities at this time. We are hopeful that we can offer an Adult Volleyball League this winter, but exact dates are yet to be determined. We will announce any decisions on our Facebook page and Website.



A Call From Santa

Would your little one like to receive a phone call from Santa? We are happy to partner with the Portage Optimists Club to offer this FREE event on Monday, December 7th. You will fill out a form for each child, and Santa will use that to have a conversation with them and get them excited for the Holiday Season! Call From Santa forms will be available in November and will be located at the Park and Recreation office or in the "Forms" tab on our website. Please drop off or mail completed form to the Park and Recreation office, 701 W. Slifer Street, Portage, WI 53901.

Date: Monday, December 7th

Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 6th

Fee: FREE!

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Park Project Update

Portage Family Skate Park:

Phase 2 of the Portage Family Skate Park started construction in August and is set to be finished this fall. Funds for this project were raised by the Portage Family Skate Park Project, along with generous donations from the community and local businesses.



Portage Family Skate Park Design Concept

Pauquette Park Pavilion:

Construction on the Pauquette Park Pavilion will begin in September 2020 and is set to finish in the spring of 2021. We will be building a multi-use pavilion next to the pond at Pauquette Park, as well as adding a trail through the park. Money for this project was generated through fund raising efforts by the Portage Service Club Association, as well as grants from the Wisconsin DNR. This pavilion will be able to host community events, concerts, and much more!



Pauquette Park Pavilion

Winter Vehicle Storage

Looking to store a boat, camper, motorcycle, or any other vehicles for the winter? We offer storage in enclosed, locked buildings at the Fairgrounds, as well as under our open-air shelters.

Move-In Dates: Fri, October 23rd 8am-12pm
Sat, October 24th 8am-10am

Move-Out Date: Sat, April 10th 8am-10am
*Early Move-Out is **NOT** an option*

More information and pricing can be found on our website, portage.recdesk.com. Look under the 'Forms' tab for 'Winter Vehicle Storage' or follow our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/portageparknrec](https://www.facebook.com/portageparknrec)

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