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From the Mayor



Welcome to this edition of YOUR newsletter. I am very pleased to say that the comments though out the community are very positive about this outreach. It is so difficult today trying to find the right

media to reach everyone and what their favorite is, but I think I am safe in saying everyone who has a mailing address receives this hardcopy newsletter in their mailbox and of course it is available on the city web page as well. So 2016 is off to a fast start. We have new businesses moving into our industrial park, new retail business in the central business district, new business looking at developing on the north side, businesses "graduating" from the Portage Enterprise Center moving on to new locations, and of course the opening of LaVita at the Divine Savior Healthcare complex. I can't fail to mention what's happening along the canal. It sure did not take long for the landscape to take on a whole new look. The next few years will find the central business district in Portage looking quite different. And be sure to congratulate Marianne Hanson from the Portage Area Chamber of Commerce on her appointment to the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Board. That is a great thing for Portage. I hope everyone takes an opportunity to check out the progress of the home being built by the high school students on School Rd. The first of multiple homes is progressing nicely. What a win-win for so many. A new home for sale, young folks learning a trade..... all good for Portage!
The recreation complex at Good Year Park is ready to take its next step. The

design firm for the skate park is busy with final concepts and if all works out, by sometime this summer Portage will have an official skate park. So you will have a splash pad, playground equipment, green space and restrooms all in one location. I never can figure why I hear, "nothing ever happens in Portage" or "there is nothing to do in Portage" when you see developments like Good Year Park. If you travel to the south side of Portage you cannot help but notice the changes happening at Veteran's Memorial Field. A solid cooperative effort between the school system and the city will bring new and improved soccer fields to Portage. And that is just the start of the transformation of that area. Keep an eye on that area, it is going to be spectacular!
There has been a dedicated group working on forming the Portage Area Community Fund. I have mentioned this concept in past articles, but I am pleased to say it is coming closer to reality. This fund will be an endowment tool, one which will allow folks from every walk of life to help maintain a variety of causes in Portage and the surrounding area. Stay tuned, you'll be hearing more and more about this effort very soon.
Every April all throughout Wisconsin local governments have elected officials and appointed committee, commission and board members take their respective oaths of office. I want to take this moment to recognize and thank those who have served in the past and for those returning thanks for continuing in your efforts to make Portage a better place. Your willingness to give of your time is certainly appreciated by me. And remember, those who are interested in being part of a board, commission or committee, please contact city hall and make your interest known. We can always find room for people who want to make Portage a better place!

From the City Administrator

As the Mayor mentioned in his column, there is a lot going on in Portage this year. I wish to take this space to update you on several of those developments and introduce you to some new faces at the City.

City Employee Changes

As you may be aware, Public Works Director/City Engineer Bob Redelings retired at the end of 2015. We are very fortunate to have Aaron Jahncke join us at this position. Aaron previously was the Deputy Director of Public Works/Asst. City Engineer in Mequon, WI. and the Asst. Village Engineer/Deputy Director of Public Works in Whitefish Bay, WI. Aaron joined us in December, 2015, which was not soon enough as we have another full schedule of street and building projects planned for 2016.

Longtime Adult Service Librarian (31 years), Michelle Hartley retired at the end of January, 2016. Lynn Harthorne was selected to succeed Michelle and has already begun her duties.

Lt. Penny Kiefer, of the Portage Police Department retired at the end of February after 38 years with the Department. Lt Kiefer was instrumental in establishing the TRIAD (stands for the 3 organizing agencies AARP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service). Chief Manthey has more details on Lt. Kiefer's career with the City in his column.

After a brief stint away, Erin Salmon returned as Engineering Technician (ET) for the City in January, 2016. Erin was initially hired as the 1st ET the City ever had in 2013, she resigned in August, 2015. We are happy to have her back.

Angela Clemmons began her duties as the Administrative Assistant at City Hall, replacing Jennifer Loveland. Angela is a welcome addition to our front office staff.

Project Planning

Columbia County Building Project

As previously discussed in this newsletter, Columbia County has gone out for bids to start construction on 2 new multi-story office buildings along the Canal, east of DeWitt Street this year. The \$45 million project will

get underway this spring with expected completion in late 2017. After that, Columbia County will renovate the existing Courthouse at 400 DeWitt Street. The City of Portage has been working closely with Columbia County on this project as it will have a huge impact on the downtown area. The City deeded several vacant/underutilized lots to Columbia County for use in establishing parking lots and entered into an agreement with the County for the shared use of Market Square parking lot. Additionally, the City is participating with the County and Wisconsin DNR on a remediation project involving the section of the Canal between DeWitt and Adams Sts.

Veteran's Memorial Field Soccer Fields

In 2014, the City completed a Master Plan for Veteran's Memorial Field. This multi-year Plan of proposed improvements for the facilities, playing fields and roadways in Fairgrounds area is intended to revitalize and update this destination. The first phase of improvements are already underway with the removal of ball diamonds at Lawton & Siegel Fields and construction of new soccer fields in cooperation with the Portage School District. The school district has agreed to temporarily host recreational softball leagues at their facilities. 2 new soccer fields for the High School Soccer teams along with fields for Youth Soccer leagues will be constructed this summer. More changes and improvements next year and beyond include relocation of the Park & Recreation Maintenance Garage.

Canal Rehabilitation – Phase II

Last year, the City retained Short Elliot & Hedrickson (SEH) consulting engineers, to design Phase II (Adams Street to RR Bridge) of the proposed canal rehabilitation. Design costs are paid in part from a Congressional appropriation the City received in 2009 for the canal restoration. The design, which will be similar to the Phase I rehabilitation (Wisconsin River to Adams Street) of the canal is expected to be completed in fall, 2017. Construction, if funding is available would occur in 2018-2019 at the earliest. The design work is conducted through the Ad Hoc Canal Committee, who will host several public information meetings as the final design is drafted.

Shawn Murphy
City Administrator

Election News

Presidential Preference and Spring Election – Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the lower level of the City Municipal Building

Voter information

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

- Check your registration address and voting ward.
- Information on registering to vote.
- Information on updating your voter registration.
- Find out what's on your ballot.
- Information on requesting an absentee ballot.

Not Registered or need to Update your Voter Registration?

If you have changed your address, changed your name or are not currently registered to vote, update your voter registration now to avoid waiting in line on Election Day. Stop by the City Clerk's Office to update your registration or to register to vote now. You need to provide a valid proof of residence document when registering. Acceptable proof of residence documents can be found on the city's website: www.portagewi.gov.

Photo ID Required at the Polls

Photo ID is now required at the polls before a voter can cast a ballot. Plan now to make sure you have an acceptable photo ID to vote. An acceptable photo ID is not required to include a current address.

How does the process work?

After stating your name and address, the poll worker will ask to see your Photo ID.

What will the poll worker be looking at on your Photo ID?

- Photograph – must reasonably resemble the voter.
- Name – voter's name must conform to the name on their voter registration.
- Expiration date – if the ID has an expiration date, it must meet the requirements listed below.

Acceptable Photo IDs (can be unexpired or expired after November 4, 2014 which the date of the most recent general election):

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services

- U.S. Passport Book or Card

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable:

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within two years of issuance
- Driver License or State ID card Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document. Valid for two years from date of issuance. (Please contact your local clerk, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board or your college or university for specifications)

Note: If you do not have a valid Wisconsin Driver License or State ID you can receive a free State ID from your local DMV if you specifically request a free ID for voting purposes. If you do not have a birth certificate, the DMV can help with that, too. Please contact your local DMV for more information.

Check out www.bringit.wisconsin.gov for more information.

Absentee Voting

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2016. Must include a photocopy of photo ID with your request.

In-person absentee voting hours at the City Clerk's Office: March 21, 2016 through April 1, 2016. Must present photo ID.

Interested in being an Election Worker?

If you are interested in being an election worker, please complete the form on the city website: www.portagewi.gov, and submit to the city clerk's office.

Contact the City Clerk's Office for information?

By telephone: 608-742-2176

By mail: City Clerk, 115 West Pleasant Street, Portage, WI 53901

By email: marie.moe@portagewi.gov

Portage Fire Department



The department responded to 418 calls for service in 2015 and is made up of a full time Chief, fulltime Secretary, a full time Inspector, 4 full time Engineers, and 24 Paid-on-call personnel.

The fire department has been doing their regular training and has also been involved in active shooter training with members of the Columbia County sheriff's department, members of the Portage Police department and members from Divine Savior Hospital. They have coordinated several trainings in two different facilities. There will be planning going on to do a larger scale exercise later in the year.

We would like to remind residents that they need to replace the batteries (9 volt and AA) in their **Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors**. We have them available during normal business hours of 8:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 to noon Saturday and Sunday. If they need assistance with installing the batteries or placement of new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors they can contact the fire department at **742-2172** and someone will schedule a time to come and assist them. The batteries are donated each year by Ray-O-Vac.

Portage Fire Department is always looking for personnel that have the time to dedicate in joining the department. There is a lot of training for the members when they first get on, the new member will be issued all of their turnout gear and other protective clothing needed for the calls they will respond to. The new member will be put with a mentor that will assist them through a 30hr. training

sheet to familiarize them with the departmental procedures and the tools we use. They will attend Entry Level Firefighter class then move on to Firefighter 1 class and then to Firefighter 2. If they chose to they can also attend Hazmat classes to become a Hazmat Technician. A lot of these classes are held right here at our station training with our equipment. If you are interested in getting an application to join they can be gotten at the station or on line at the Cities website. Any questions please feel free to contact us anytime at 742-2172.

We accept applications for Paid-on-call members at the Office from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

The department starting on the second Tuesday of the month will meet two or three times a month depending on the month. These drills are conducted twice during those drill days 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to accommodate the different shifts members work. The first Tuesday drill runs 2 hours and has an association meeting right after the drill. The other Tuesday's drills run 3 hours long for the training. When we get the opportunity to get a building to burn we may schedule more training and will train in it before we burn the building.

I would like to thank the Mayor, City Administrator, the Portage Council members, The Four Town Chairpersons, the citizens of Portage and the Four Townships along with all businesses for their support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by the members of the department. We encourage everyone to come and see all the equipment we have at the station and take a tour if you would like to.

Fire Chief Clayton Simonson Jr.
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Portage Police Department

I would like to dedicate my entire report in honor of Lt. Penny Kiefer; she unfortunately had a career ending injury and her last day on the department was Saturday, February 27th.

Penny has touched many lives in the Portage area by serving the Portage Police Department and the community of Portage for over 37 years. She started for the Police Department on 9-18-78 as a dispatcher. On 9-27-81, she became the first Portage Police Department female Patrol Officer. On 7-15-90, she made history again by being promoted to Patrol Lieutenant. In 2003, just one month after her 25 year anniversary, Penny was awarded the Mary Rita Ostrander Leadership Award which is the highest award a female officer can receive in Wisconsin.

Penny has been very active in the Portage community. She was doing community policing before it became a "buzzword". She is always willing to go the extra mile to help those who are in need of her services. I would like to share with you some of the things that Penny does to help our department stay involved with the community.

- Lt. Penny Kiefer has one of the most active TRIAD/SALT (Seniors & Law Enforcement working Together) groups in the State of Wisconsin.
 1. The senior citizens receive annual training including receiving information on identity theft and other types of fraud.
 2. They have the annual Senior Safe Night Out where officers will escort the seniors out to their vehicles after having a fun night together.
 3. Penny & her family & friends donated their own time to paint and install new cabinets and

decorate the downstairs nutrition site kitchen at city hall.

4. They have made blankets (Blanket Patrol) as well as hats/mittens which are donated to law enforcement and Human Services to give to victims of child abuse/sexual abuse.
 5. Penny and volunteers have collected and handed out numerous 9-1-1 cell phones; many to senior citizens who didn't own one
- Penny is in charge of our annual Police Department Open House.
 - Penny is our Liaison with the Salvation Army.
 - Penny is our Liaison with the Columbia County Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse Coalition.
 - Penny is in charge of our teddy bear program where we keep teddy bears, blankets & children's books in our squads and give them to children who have suffered or witnessed different forms of trauma
 - Penny gives safety demonstrations to women's groups when requested
 - Penny is in charge of our annual bike rodeo and auction.
 - She works closely with ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) and ABC Connections in helping senior citizens get the care they need
 - Penny is a member of the Columbia County High-

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way Safety Committee.

- Penny has been very active with the Kiwanis; she has served as President, Vice President and held other offices.
- Penny has served on the Portage Elks Club as a secretary.
- Penny has been a team leader for the Girl Scouts of America.
- Penny has helped out with fundraising for Santa's Workshop.
- In 2014, she received an Asset Builder Award for making a difference in our community
- Penny was a member of the Dementia Friendly group from Portage
- Penny was also very active with the Sharing Supper.
- When she is off-duty, she is very busy helping to take care of her two grandchildren; photo attached. (She and her daughter, Melissa, are also known for making the best cakes/cupcakes in town!)

She is leaving some big shoes to fill on our department.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Ken Manthey



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The Portage Park & Recreation Department

Spring is almost here and it is time to start thinking about getting active and outside again! The Parks and Recreation Department is just about to roll out our summer program schedule which will include a number of new programs this year such as a revamped family festival that is being run in conjunction with the Movie in the Park. Be sure to check out our brochure when it is released through the schools and in our office in March.

In addition to all of our programs, the City is moving forward with a number of additional park projects in 2016. The most visible projects will be the construction of a skate park within Goodyear Park and the grading and construction of two soccer fields in the footprint where Lawton and Siegel Field's once stood. Both projects are scheduled to begin in spring/summer and it is the intent for them to be operational come fall. In addition to these projects, new planters and trees are scheduled to be installed along Commerce Plaza parking lot.

We hope to see you all at our programs and parks this spring and summer! Have a great start to your 2016.

Dan Kremer
Manager of Parks and Recreation

Seasonal and Summer Employment

We are in need of youth sport instructors, swim lesson instructors, lifeguards, playground leaders, facility supervisors, and maintenance seasonal staff. For complete job descriptions, and more details please feel free to visit the employment tab on our website at <http://portage.recdesk.com>. Job postings will begin showing up in March and applications and interviews will take place in April.

ALL registrations will begin on April 4. This will include mail in, walk in, and online. Our programs will be viewable online in March, so please visit our website for additional offerings and information.

The Community Pool

We offer three pre-school levels that begin with a parent-child level, and then teach Kindergarten and older age group levels 1 through 6. In addition to the swim lessons, we have various open and lap swim times to serve the public. For more information on everything related to water, please check our website and click on the "Community Pool" tab.

Silver Lake Beach and Splash pad

Both facilities will open on Memorial Day weekend in 2016. This year that date is Saturday, May 28th. Both locations are free to the public and offer great recreational opportunities for the entire family. Dates and hours for both facilities are as follows:

Splash pad:

Open : Saturday, May 28
Close :Monday, September 5
Hours: 10 am – 8 pm daily

Beach:

Open: Saturday, May 28
Close: Monday, September 5
(Lifeguards on duty until August 31)
Hours: 11 am – 8 pm daily

Winter Vehicle Storage Move Out @ VMF

All storage vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. must be removed from buildings at Veterans Memorial Fields on **April 8, 9 or 10**. Hours vary by day so please check our website for more information. We will have a representative on site to assist with removing your equipment. Any storage items left after Sunday, April 10th will be removed by city staff and parked at the perimeter of Veteran's Memorial Fields along the basketball court area at the owner's risk.

NFL Punt Pass and Kick Competition

The Parks and Recreation Department will be rolling out a new partnership with the NFL to offer a free punt pass and kick competition on Saturday, May 7. The competition will begin at 9 and run until noon. In order to compete, all you need to do is show up and register. Please call our office to get more information and to be informed of what information is required to register. Local winners will move on to a regional competition at a later date!

Free Community Event – Movie in the Park

We are excited to announce we will be showing the movie Minions at Sunset Park on Thursday, June 16. In addition to the movie, we will be providing on site games and entertainment for the entire family. A local dj will be leading games and activities, a free bouncy house will be open for children to enjoy and concessions will be sold so no one leaves hungry! Activities

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begin at 6 pm and the movie will begin as soon as the screen is visible. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Program Activity Guide

We offer a LARGE variety of programs, activities and events through our department each year. To make

Open Book and Board of Review Dates Set

Property owners will soon be receiving notices from the Assessor if their assessment has changed.

The 2016 assessment roll for the City of Portage will be open for inspection beginning March 14, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office in the City of Portage Municipal Building.

The Assessor will be present for Open Book to speak with property owners regarding the value placed by the Assessor on their property. The date for Open Book is March 28, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Portage Municipal Building.

sure you aren't missing anything, please plan on checking out our program activity guide that will be released by March 15. This guide contains 16 pages of **ALL** park and recreation related business, including facility information, activity offerings and event dates. This guide will be available in our office, at Portage School District information locations, city hall and on-line at our park and rec website.

To schedule an appointment contact Accurate Appraisal:

- Website: www.accurateassessor.com
- Telephone: 800-770-3927

Board of Review will be held May 10, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the City of Portage Municipal Building.

If you have questions regarding your assessment, be sure to attend Open Book.



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Business Development and Planning

2015 was a very good development year for Portage. Certainly one of the most visible developments taking place is Columbia County's Gateway project along the Canal. Demolition is nearly complete and construction of the 69,000 square foot County Administration Building and the 46,000 square foot County Health and Human Services Building will begin this year, with completion in early 2017. This exciting development is already invigorating downtown Portage, and once completed, will bring an additional 50,000 visitors to downtown Portage.

In addition, Portage has seen other significant new developments take place, including:

- **Divine Savior Healthcare's La Vita Wellness Center**
- **Rolling Woods Estates Apartments** on Airport Road
- **Hamilton Park Place Assisted Living**
- **Saint Gobain, AMPI, and Dawns Foods** expansions
- **TriEnda**, which has seen its employment double this past year
- **Encapsys**, with two expansions, including a new product line of mattress pad cooling agents made in the Portage plant. Another product line is planned.
- **Ship Rec Logistics**. After receiving business assistance and growing in the Portage Enterprise Center, this home-grown Portage business is expanding and creating new jobs in the former Sharpshooters building.

- **Freedom Carpeting**, with their new location on Albert Street.
- **Two new manufacturing businesses**, Loggerhead Deco and Winport, have moved to Portage from the Chicago area, soon to create more new jobs and economic growth for Portage!

Pate's Place Home Nearing Completion

The Portage Community School District's enhanced Building Trades Program is off to an impressive start with the construction of the first home in Pate's Place at 401 School Road. Sealed bids on the home will be accepted through March 29. Contact Margaret Rudolph at 742.4867, ext 4121, for further information. Construction of the second Pate's Place home - now being designed by Portage High School students - will begin in September.

Portage Enterprise Center

The Center serves as a business incubator to assist and grow new businesses, as well as a workforce training center. The business incubator has seen the Center retain or create 333 new jobs in the past three years.

This past year saw MATC's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center take shape and open, offering manufacturing training and classes. MATC's educational and training facilities and presence at PEC has resulted in training or classes with 1,582 enrollments (998 individuals) which has generated 55.21 Full Time Jobs.

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The success of the Portage Enterprise Center has garnered attention at the national, regional and statewide levels. Last year, The Huffington Post carried a great article on PEC, touting it as one of the top 8 business innovations in the country. In addition, PEC was invited to make a presentation on its successes at last year's Future Economic Conference sponsored by the International Economic Development Council.

Career Fair

Portage High School will be holding a Career Fair with Portage School District students in October. In addition, a number of other workforce development initiatives to connect students and graduates with Portage manufacturers and other employers are taking place. If your business would like to participate in the Career Fair and/or other workforce connection programs, please contact Steve Sobiek (contact info on last page).

Portage-An America's Best Community

With Portage being named one of the 50 top communities in Frontier's America's Best Communities Award program in 2015, our city was awarded a \$50,000+ grant award. A joint Portage Area Chamber of Commerce and City Committee is finalizing a number of revitalization and business assistance programs to utilize this grant award.

Sign ordinance

Plan Commission efforts to revise the City's sign

ordinance have been put on hold due to the recent Reed v. Town of Gilbert Supreme Court ruling. This ruling invalidated broad swaths of most municipal sign ordinances throughout the country, as well as the proposed sign ordinance revision, by invalidating any regulation of signs by type or description.

A number of business assistance programs are available including:

- City, County and other Revolving Loan Fund programs for businesses.
- Business assistance, counseling and business plan assistance programs -- all free of charge -- through SCORE (Madison.score.org) and the Wisconsin Small Business Development Centers (sbdc.wisc.edu.)
- State (wisconsinhistory.org) and Federal Historic Tax Credit Programs (nps.gov) for buildings in the Downtown Historic District.

If I can assist your Portage business, including any of the programs referenced above – or if you have questions, concerns or ideas regarding Portage's business and economic development -- don't hesitate to contact me.

Remember, if your business is looking at growing or expansion plans, I can help!

Steven Sobiek

Director, Business Development and Planning



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Public Works

Guidelines for Brush Collection:

- **Brush Collection will begin the first full week in April (April 4th – April 8th).**

2016 Brush Collection Weeks:

- April 4-8
 - May 2-6
 - July 11-15
 - August 1-5
 - September 12-16
 - October 3-7
 - November 7-11
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- Materials for collection should be placed in the boulevard parallel to the street, not the alley, by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of a brush collection week.
 - During brush collection, the City will also collect **bagged** leaves and grass clippings.
 - Material placed in the boulevard for collection shall be easily accessible and shall not be hindered in any way by any obstruction(s) such as a mailbox, tree, utility pole/pedestal, guy wire or fire hydrant.
 - Material shall be placed in the boulevard for collection and shall be bagged, boxed or securely bundled.
 - Material needs to be less than 60" in length, less than 5" in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. Any material placed for collection that does not comply with these criteria will not be collected.
 - **DO NOT rake leaves or grass clippings into streets!**
 - Please do not mow or place grass clippings into the streets. The leaves and grass make their way to the storm sewer lines and ultimately to Silver Lake, the Canal or the Wisconsin River.

Airport Road Drop Off Site

Reminder that this site is for use by City residents only. Please deposit brush, leaves and yard waste

only. **NO BAGS ALLOWED.** Areas are designated for brush and leaves. Wood chips are available for the taking, free of charge to residents along the north end. Violators will be ticketed for illegal dumping and pay the cost of hauling and disposing of material off site.

Whole trees may be taken to the Currie Rd site for a fee of \$5/cubic yd fee. Please call City hall at 742-2176 to set up an appointment.

Morgan Street Site

This site is no longer used for dumping.

Building Permits

Residents must obtain building permits for construction and remodeling projects. Any project that involves improving, altering, converting, repairing, extending or demolishing a building or structure requires a building permit. Permits are also required for land disturbing, erosion control, storm water, plumbing, heating, electrical, accessory buildings, decks, fences and signs. Permit applications are available at the Municipal Building. Permits must be obtained before construction begins. Permit fees double for projects started without a proper permit. Please allow 3 days for processing permit applications.

Waste Water Reminders:

- Never put any kind of grease in a drain. Running hot water doesn't help. The grease cools, solidifies, and constricts the line causing a clog.
- Only put bathroom tissue in a toilet. Other paper products and rags don't deteriorate quickly and get lodged in laterals and mains.
- Don't connect French drains, sump pumps or other flood control systems to your sanitary sewer. Not only is it illegal, but debris and silt will clog your line
- Don't place medications of any kind down a toilet or sink.
- Backed up sewer lines, line breaks, sewage odors, and overflowing manholes are emergency situations. If you have such an emergency after 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, or on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, call 742-2174.

WATER UTILITY

Hydrant flushing will begin in the spring. The water department flushes hydrants twice a year to remove mineral build-up which can cause water discoloration. In extreme cases, water will be brown to red. We ask that you not use water, if at all possible, during the hydrant flushing to avoid bringing discolored water into your home/business. Once flushing is done, wait at least one hour before using water. Discoloration could last up to four hours. The water is safe to use, but not pleasing to see. Should the discoloration continue, please contact the Water Department. Please watch the newspaper and listen to the local radio station for the schedules.

The city will be mailing the Annual Consumer Confidence Report to all customers by July. The utility continues to test and monitor the city's water supply in accordance with DNR requirements. The utility has been successful in providing its customers with safe drinking water and fire protection as evidenced by the CCR. Revised utility rates were approved for sanitary sewer on May 28, 2015 and October 15, 2015 for water rates.

PORTAGE WATER UTILITY CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL (CCC) INFORMATION

Per Wisconsin DNR regulations, DNR 810.15 and Comm. 82.41, the Portage Water Utility staff will be conducting a residential cross-connection control program in accordance with the City of Portage ordinance, Chapter 78, sec. 78-36. The purpose of the cross-connection control program is to ensure the safety and quality of our drinking water. A cross-connection is a direct or potential connection between any part of the public water supply system and a source of contamination or pollution. Potential hazards are toilets, laundry tubs, water softeners, boilers, lawn irrigation systems, inside / outside hose bibs.

A letter will be mailed to the Portage Water Utility customers to inform and confirm compliance with the CCC program. Informational literature concerning cross-connections will be provided. To be compliant, make sure the product(s) you purchase has the

American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) symbol on the package or on the product itself.

Corrective actions are the responsibility of the property owner. Properties failing to correct a non-compliant water connection will be subject to disconnection of their water service.

If you have any questions, or to schedule an appointment, please call the Portage Water Utility office at (608)742-4727, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Kevin Bortz, Water Superintendent
Kevin.bortz@portagewi.gov

2016 Dog & Cat Licenses

DOG & CAT LICENSING: Spayed/Neutered \$8.00; Non \$13.00

DUE BY JANUARY 1ST, 2016. LATE FEE OF \$5 will be added APRIL 1ST, 2016; OR 30 Days of ownership; OR 5 months old Forms are available at www.portagewi.gov or at City Hall. Please include a copy of the proof of rabies vaccination and a self-addressed, stamped envelope if paying through the mail.

Reminder: only a total of four dogs or cats shall be allowed on a residential lot.

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Prevention and Response Columbia County

PARCC Mission: To empower communities to recognize their role in responding to and preventing substance abuse.

It Doesn't Start with Heroin...

In Columbia County:

11% of H.S. youth reported taking a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription

2% of H.S. youth have taken over-the-counter drugs 40 or more times in a month to get high

35% of H.S. youth have drank alcohol in the past 30 days

17% of H.S. youth have used marijuana in the past 30 days



Source: 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and **death** for users.

People who are addicted to...

ALCOHOL	MARIJUANA	COCAINE	Rx OPIOID PAINKILLERS
are 2x	are 3x	are 15x	are 40x

...more likely to be addicted to heroin.

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013

The Issue

Young people in Columbia County are overdosing and dying from heroin at alarming rates. In 2011-12, Columbia County drug-related arrests rose 72% from 426 to 733. Members from all sectors of Columbia County began meeting in February of 2015 to address the issue of opiate use in our county.

At these meetings, the group has worked to identify needs and action steps in the following areas: Prevention/Prepare, Harm Reduction/Response & Treatment/Recovery. The group has been meeting monthly and is making progress.

Opioid Use Disorder Risk Factor Rates per 10,000 Population 2011-12 Combined						
	Opioid-Cocaine Arrests	Medicaid Opioid Tx Admissions	Opioid Deaths	Opioid Hospital Admissions	Opioid ER Visits	Narcotic RX Dispensed
Columbia County	29.91	51.03	1.23	52.79	36.25	3,135
Wisconsin	18.44	32.10	1.39	3.76	19.58	3,039

Community Partners

- Columbia Co. & Sauk Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Columbia Co. Sheriff's Office
- Columbia County District Attorney's Office
- Columbia County OWI Treatment Court
- Columbus Community Hospital
- Divine Savior Healthcare
- Lodi Community Action Team
- Lodi EMS
- Parents
- Pauquette Center for Psychological Services
- Portage Police Department
- Probation & Parole
- Public Defender's Office
- Sauk Prairie Healthcare
- Sauk Prairie Police Department
- School District of Lodi
- Several Columbia County Police Departments
- State & Local Government Reps.
- Transitions Behavioral Health Center

Contact



Prevention and Response
Columbia County

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Prevention Commitment

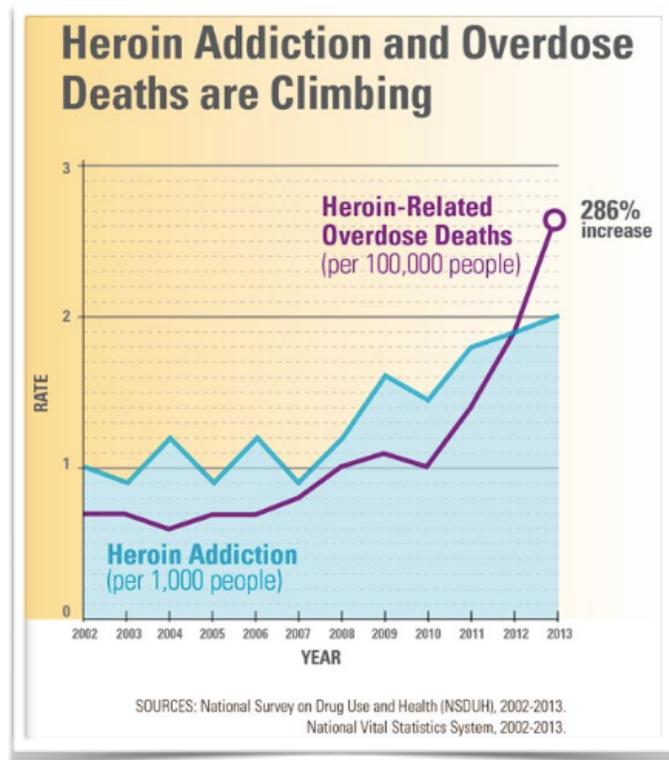
PARCC will...

- 1) Work to provide more community education opportunities, including education on kids at risk, trauma-informed care, mental health issues and drug education.
- 2) Work toward involving our elected officials in our group and mission.
- 3) Work with our school districts and youth on youth substance abuse issues.

Response Commitment

PARCC will...

- 1) Work to secure and develop a Medication-Assisted Recovery Coordinator.
- 2) Assist with all components that come with the Medication-Assisted Recovery Coordinator position.
- 3) Support the county movement for a drug court.



PORTAGE SPRING CLEAN-UP

The City of Portage will again be collecting **RESIDENTIAL** refuse consisting of large/bulky items.

NO BUSINESS, NON PROFIT, OR COMMERCIAL.

NOTE: Elderly individuals and individuals having a disability may call April 4th thru May 4th for a pick-up on Friday, May 6th, 2016. All items picked up are at full price, which is double the cost of below. Pick-ups need to be paid in full before May 6th. All items need to be in boulevard and **NO DEMOLITION MATERIALS** will be picked up. Call (608) 742-2176 for more information.

Saturday, May 7th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Municipal Garage 616 Washington Street

The following prices will be charged at drop off: **Cash or check only**

Appliances/dehumidifier/air conditioner	\$9.00 each -- Non Freon (grill/lawnmower)	\$2.50
Couch	\$7.50 each-- Loveseat	\$5.00 each
Chair/Dresser	\$3.50 each	
Mattress/Box Spring	\$2.50 each	
Microwave	\$2.50 each	
Porcelain Sink	\$1.50 each	
Commode	\$2.50 each	
Tires (<i>NO TRUCKLOADS</i>)	\$1.50 per tire, larger \$4 per tire	
Fluorescent Bulbs **residential only** (<i>BUNDLED</i>)-	.20 EA.---	Ballast \$2.50
Computer Monitor	2.50 each	
Desk Top Computer (CPU)	No charge-- Lap Top Computer	No charge
Printers	\$10.00 each	
Copy Machine	\$20.00 each	
Television 35" or larger	\$7.50 ea., Television 25"	\$5.00 ea., Television less than 25" \$2.50 ea.
Vacuum/VCR/Receiver/Radios	\$1.00 each	
Demolition material Truckload- Long Bed	\$40.00 Demolition Material Truckload- Short Bed	\$25.00

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Clothing/Stuffed animals/garbage materials/yard waste

Medical Waste Explosives Hazardous Waste Paint (Liquid) Solvents Thinners
Pesticides Herbicides Shingles

Upon arrival at the gate, residents shall provide proof of residency. An attendant will be present to assist with unloading. All items are to be placed in the dumpster provided for that purpose.

Call (608) 742-2176 for more information.

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Assessor (Accurate Appraisal)

800-770-3927

info@accurateassessor.com

City Clerk

115 W. Pleasant Street,
742-2176, Ext 333
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Fire Department:

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

Library

253 W. Edgewater Street,
742-4959

Municipal Court

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

Parks & Recreation Office

806 Silver Lake Drive,
742-2178
dan.kremer@portagewi.gov

Police Department

117 W. Pleasant Street,
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Treasurer/Finance Director

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Utilities Office

135 Northridge Drive,
742-4727

Engineer/Public Works

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steven.sobiek@portagewi.gov

Snow Emergency Line

742-2176 x335

Sewer Back-Up (After Hours)

742-2171