By the Number 2024

40 Promotional Event Days

25,000+ Attendees



6 N Media Butlets

featured Downtown Port

\$25,000

in local grants awarded

\$30,000

in Kiva Loans supported

973

Volunteer Hours Valued over \$24,325

Statewide Awards

Community
Choice Award

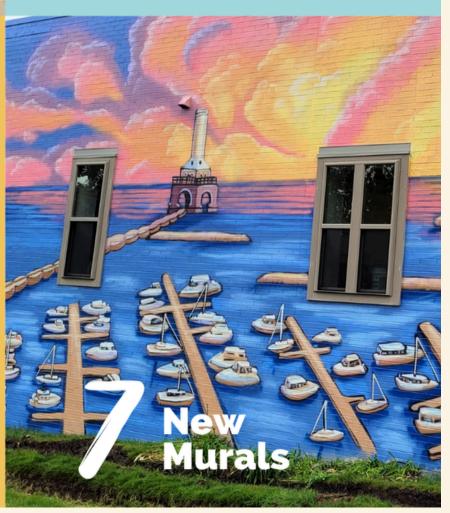
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New Businesses

Businesses Closed

95%

Business Retention Rate



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LEARN. NETWORK. BRAINSTORM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH 6-8 PM THE VENUE AT NEWPORT SHORES





Presentation are communication tools that can be used as demontrations, lectures, reports, and more. it is mostly presented before an audience.

MAIN STREET BASICS

2024 BY THE DATA

PLAQUE RECOGNITION

2025 EVENTS

ONGOING/UPDATES

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2025?

MARKETING CONSULTANT

GROUP DISCUSSION

THANK YOU!

NON PROFIT

MAIN STREET

Main Street America - national organization, started under National Trust for Historic Preservation

WEDC - Wisconsin Main Street organization

Port Main Street is a 501(c)3 local non-profit focused on downtown development and revitalization, falling under the Main Street America umbrella



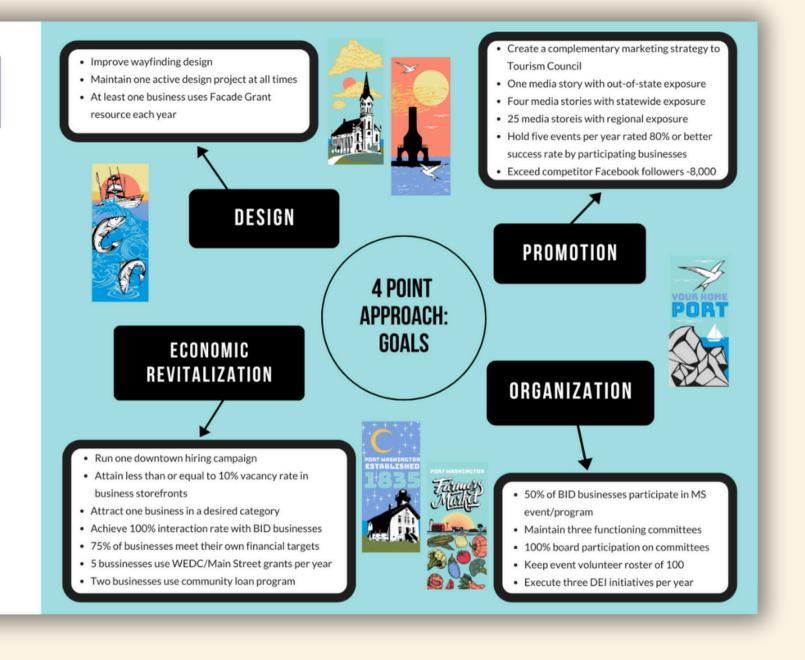




PORT MAIN STREET, INC STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION Our mission is to increase the economic vitality of downtown Port
Washington as the commercial and community center of the city, through dedicated efforts of volunteer organization, innovative marketing, impactful design projects, and business retention, recruitment, and support.

VISION Historic downtown Port
Washington will be a premier destination on
Lake Michigan, attracting locals and tourists
to grow the economic vitality of Main Street
businesses.

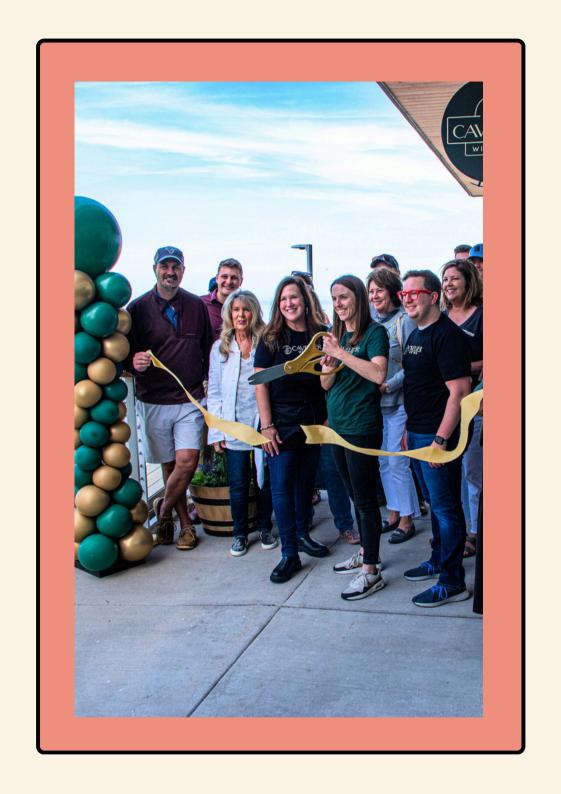


MEMBER BENEFITS

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Networking Opportunities
Downtown Business Advocate
Free Business Consulting
Free Website Listing in Directory
Free Posting on Online Job Board
Free Posting on Online Events Calendar
Free Farmers Market Business Booth
Advertising Opportunities
Downtown Gift Certificate Program
Discounted fees for Downtown Events
Digital Newsletter
Business Recognition Program

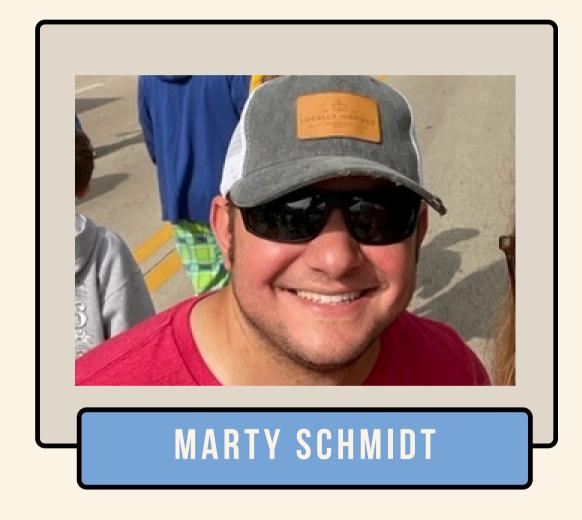
Hiring Campaign
Downtown Beautification
Social Media Spotlights/Sharing
Façade & Signage Grants
Educational Opportunities
Discounted Event Sponsorships
Collaborative Marketing
Media Opportunities
Ribbon Cutting
Dedicated Staff Promoting Your Business to the Public



CONTACT US

MEET THE TEAM







New business welcome & Ribbon Cuttings
Networking events
Marketing
Main Street Grants
Financial Assistance

Sponsorship Media coverage Event planning support Website maintenance
Payments/Financial
General questions
Event registration







EVENT REGISTRATION

WEDC BENEFITS

MAIN STREET OPPORTUNITIES

MARKETING

GRANTS

GIFT CERTIFICATES



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ANNUAL REPORT

FROM 2024

- 6 TV MEDIA OUTLETS COVERED PORT
- RECORD ATTENDANCE AT FALL STREET FESTIVAL
- AWARDS STATEWIDE AWARDS AND COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD
- EDELWEISS BOAT TOURS

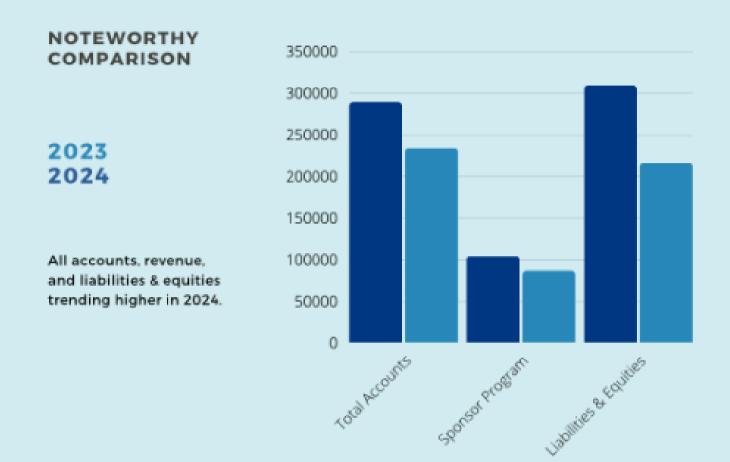


ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIALS

From our 2024 Annual Report - download the full report under downtownport.com/about.

FINANCIALS



GROSS INCOME 2024

Main Street currently has a gross income of \$391,909 for 2024 compared to \$306,231 in 2023. This is largely due to the increase in the sponsorship program, which grew from \$87K last year to over \$100K this year. In addition, Paint on Port Mural Program also received donations in 2024,



MAIN STREET

PORT MAIN STREET, INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT

\$190K+ \$110K+

Event + Program Revenue
Up from \$179K

Sponsor Program
Up from \$82k

299K

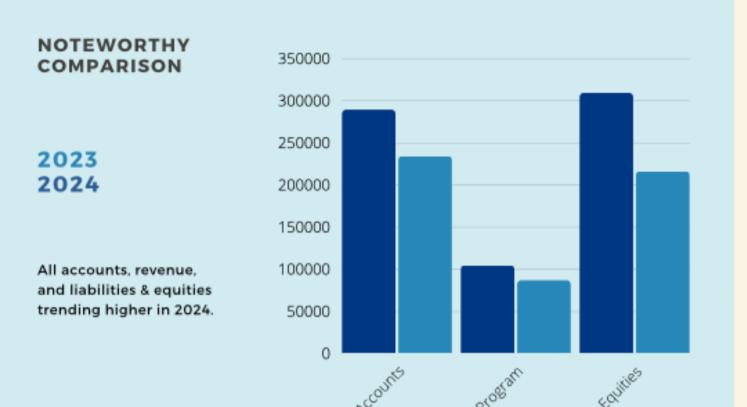
Facebook Reach up 30%

@downtownportwidowntownport.com

11K

Instagram Reach down 27% (Mandi effect) but interactions are up 100%

FINANCIALS



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PORT MAIN STREET, INC.

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2024 EVENTS

EVENTS

- Five large-scale signature events
- Paint on Port Week
- Farmers Market 19-week series
- Purpose of events: Increase foot traffic, widespread promotion of downtown, drive new customers, and FUNDRAISING for Main Street
- \$1,400 spent on hired event staff



253+
Event Volunteer
Hours

1932
Staff Hours on Events

\$75K+ Event Profits in 2024

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SATURDAY, MAR 2
2 AM - 6 PM
CO-ED, ADULT-ONLY, Q1 OFFSEASON FOOT TRAFFIC,
SALES DAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 1 11 AM - 5 PM SEASON KICKOFF, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ART FOCUS, LARGE CROWD, HIGH PR REACH



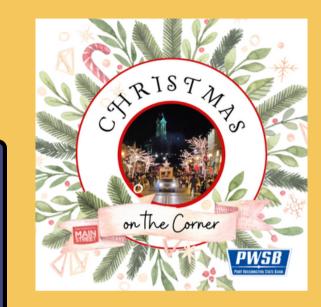
THURSDAY, AUG 15 4 - 9 PM

ADULT-FOCUSED, DRIVE SALES, FUN THEME, CAPTURE NEW CUSTOMERS



SATURDAY, OCT 5 11 AM - 5 PM

WIDEST PULL, DESTINATION EVENT, FAMILY-FUN, GREAT PR, SALES DAY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 2 - 6 PM

HEART OF COMMUNITY, LOCAL/REGIONAL PULL, PR, FAMILY-FUN, FEEL GOOD

2024 DATA

TOURISM

- Social media numbers all dramatically up
- Pebble House visitors up by almost 50%
- Website page views up IL driving most traffic
- Room sales revenue is up due to more expensive room stays, not numbers
- Despite being up in visitors from surrounding states, down in overall trips



Port Washington Tourism Council Performance Chart

2024 Goals	YTD Results	2024 Initiatives Update	Room Sales Revenue
increase Website visits 15%	+47%	On- Water Experience	YTD 11/23 YTD 11/24
ncrease Digital & Social Imp 15%	+112%	Support Events/Orgs with Mrkting	Hotel Collections \$225,098 \$300,626
ncrease Click Through Rate 10%	-30%	with Mrkting ✓ Update Website	Short Term Collect. <u>\$69,755 </u>
ncrease Eblast Open Rate 10%	-7.5 %	Submit Grant Holiday Promo	TOTAL COLLECT. \$294,852 \$377,898
increase # Inquiries for VG 10%	-25%	Revise Visitors Guide	Room Sales \$ \$3,685,655 \$4,723,730

Social / Digital Marketing Results

IMPRESSIONS		CLICKS	FACEBOOK VISITS		ADDED FB LIKES/ FOLLOWERS	
2024 YTD	12,698,176	2024 YTD 224,408	2024 YTD	16,848	2024 YTD	782
2023 YTD	5,981,568	2023 YTD 196,244	2023 YTD	9,821	2023 YTD	622

Email Marketing YTD		WEDC Data—Port Washington, WI				
	2024 YTD	<u>2023 YTD</u>		YTD 11/30/24	YTD 11/30/23	
mails Sent	59,018	29,812	Total Trips	660 625	721 066	

# Emails Sent	59,018	29,812	Total Trips	660,625	721,966
Emails Opened	17,378	9,788	Unique Visitors Day Trip/Overnight	245,837 71.5%/28.5%	340,862 72.0%/28.0%
Open Rate	29.4%	32.8%	WI Visitors	595,401	568,113
			Ill Visitors	86,390	70,302
# People Clicked	1,015	1,395	Minn. Visitors	19,694	11,831
V E	- 00/		Indiana Visitors	14,844	12,426
% Engagement	5.8%	14.3%	Michigan Visitors	18,030	13,357

Visitor Guide Requests by State YTD

Pebble House Visitors by State YTD

	2024 YTD	2023 YTD		2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Wisconsin	129	374	Wisconsin	592	373
Illinois	123	325	Illinois	225	167
Indiana	15	55	Indiana	16	18
Minnesota	28	96	Minnesota	42	23
Iowa	14	73	Iowa	34	17
Michigan	34	106	Michigan	17	12
Rest of Country	823	607	Rest of Country	<u>130</u>	124
			TOTAL VISITORS	1,085	736

Website Results

WEBSITE VISITS

2024 YTD - 232,439 2023 YTD - 165,749

WEBSITE PAGEVIEWS

2024 YTD - 318,537 2023 YTD - 262,384

Website Visits by State YTD

2024 Y I D	2023 YID
89,528	66,071
59,198	38,974
2,867	4,254
3,015	2,180
5,487	3,550
1,607	1,293
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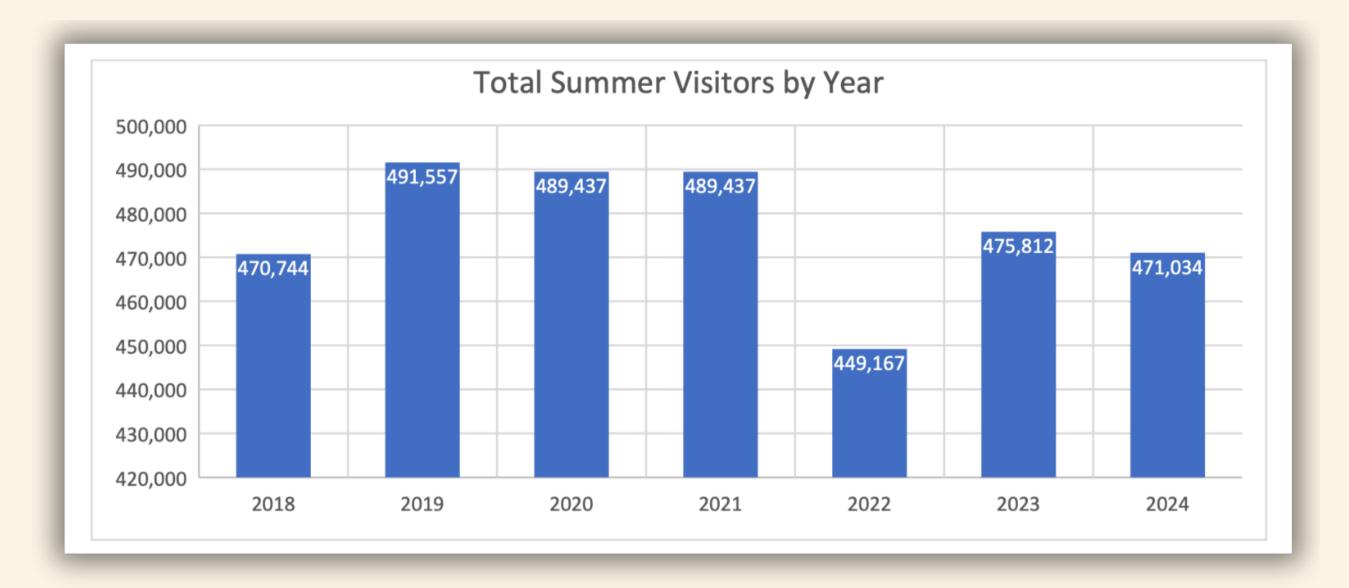
Website Visits by Top TV Mrkts YTD

	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Chicago	85,876	62,745
Milwaukee	41,091	24,956
Green Bay	9,580	5,627
Madison	5,446	5,420
Wausau	1,570	1,240
Rockford	1,638	1,426

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2024 GEOFENCING DATA

FOOT TRAFFIC



\$471K | 2019 | 2022 in 2024

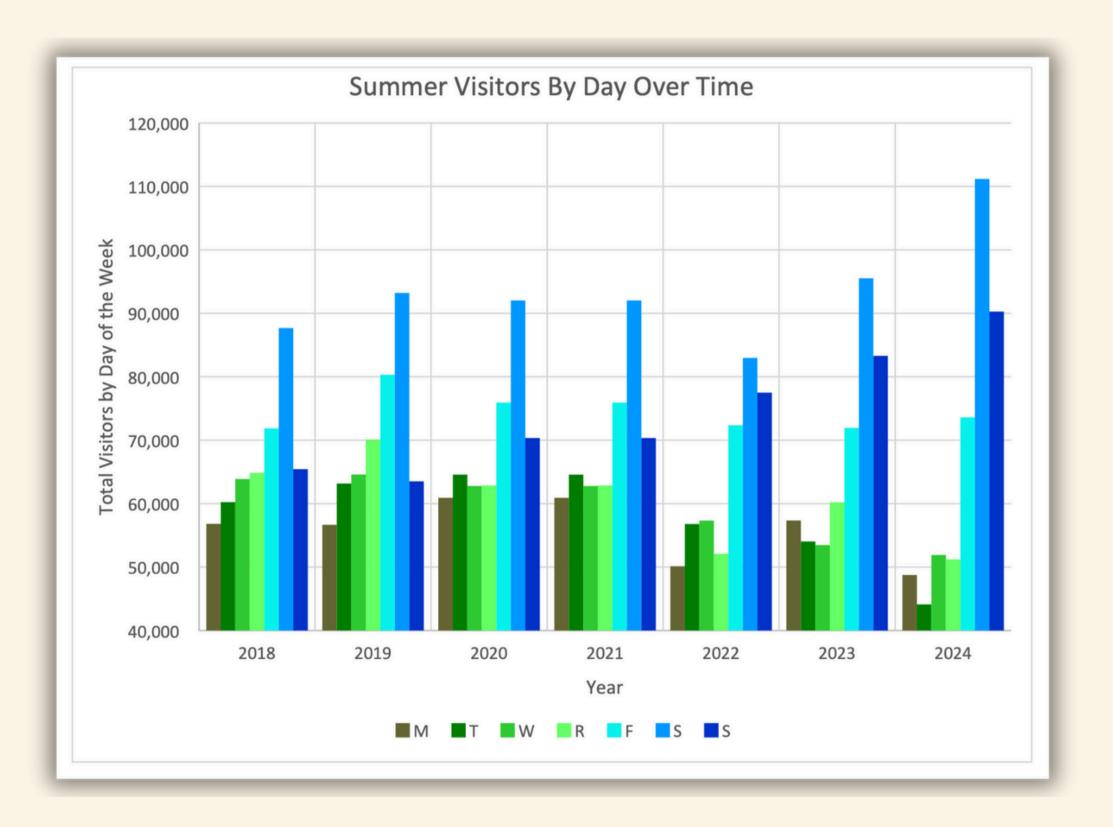
Highest foot traffic

Lowest foot traffic??

2024 GEOFENCING DATA

BY DAY OF THE WEEK

- Weekend days steadily increasing
- Weekday visits decreasing
- Over the years, weekdays swapping for highest foot traffic
- Takeaways?
 - Becoming a good weekending destination but not many longer stays
 - Monday + Thursday good days to be open to capture LONG weekenders
 - Locals are not coming down midweek



2024 GEOFENCING DATA - HOW DO WE STACK UP?

Visitors (51+ miles from Port)

- Port ranked 21st (of 33) in visits to town BUT ranked 10th in downtown visitors in 2024 and 11th in percentage of visitors also visiting downtown (49.2%)
- This is promising, nearly half of visitors from far away are coming downtown
- The average length of stay is 1.6 days

Regional Visitors (21-50 miles from Port)

- Port ranked 20th (of 33) in visits to town BUT ranked 10th in downtown visitors in 2024 and 6th in percentage of visitors also visiting downtown (38.2%)
- We are creating a strong pull downtown with regional visitors, which appears to be our strongest visitor group

Local Visitors (within 20 miles of Port)

- Port ranked 21st (of 33) in visits to town BUT 21st in downtown visitors and 15th in percentage of visitors also visiting downtown (22.3%)
- Locals are NOT visiting downtown in high numbers

Summer 2024 Community Comparison Data Set

	Port Washington			Main Street Communities of Similar Size (10-25k)			
	Visitors (50+ mi)	Regional (21-50 mi)	Local (0-20 mi)	Visitors (50+ mi)	Regional (21-50 mi)	Local (0-20 mi)	
Unique guests	112,716	254,737	1,066,02 7	206,320	357,857	1,538,854	
Unique downtown guests	55,488	97,324	238,124	51,235	85,657	446,536	
City guests also visiting downtown (%)	49.2%	38.2%	22.3%	35%	26%	27%	
Day Trips (%)	51.1%	NA	NA	48%	NA	NA	
Length of Stay (average)	1.6	NA	NA	1.6	NA	NA	
First time guest (%)	53%	15.8%	0.5%	47%	9%	5%	
Peak Day	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	
Peak Date	June 22 2.3k visitors	NA	NA	June 16	NA	NA	
Top Age Group	45-64	45-64	45-64	45-64	45-64	45-64	
Top Income Group	\$100- 150k	\$100-150k	\$100- 150k	\$0-50k	\$0-50k	\$0-50k	



Add your thoughts on these topics to the large post-it notes around the room.

We will use these for later group discussion.

RESOURCE NEEDS

REACHING LOCALS

BUSINESS MIX

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OUR BUSINESSES





JUMPING INTO 2025

2025 Events

2025 EVENTS

Lineup looks very much the same as last year.

Register for events by March 15th!
Online and hardcopy forms available.
Holding prices steady for 4th year.

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Fall Street Festival Doggy Costume Parade Downtown Trick or Treat Christmas on the Corner

SAT OCT 4 THURS OCT 16

SAT OCT 25 SAT DEC 6









CONTINUING IN 2025

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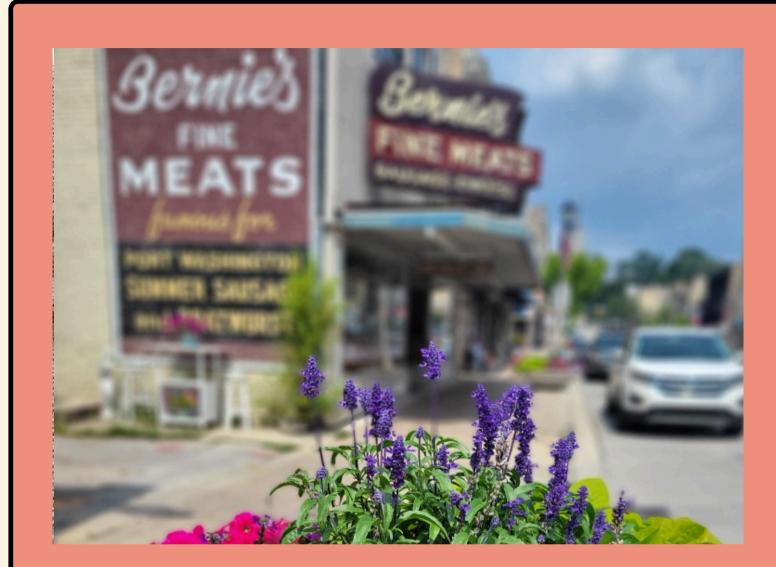
MAIN STREET GRANT

\$10K PER YEAR

More than one grant may be funded in one year - total amount not to exceed \$10,000

ADA COMPLIANCE
CREATING EXPERIENCES
OUTDOOR SPACE MAKEOVER
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
INTERIOR RENOVATION
OTHER





The goal is to improve the overall downtown Port Washington business environment and experience by providing fianancial assistance to individual businesses or projects in the BID district.

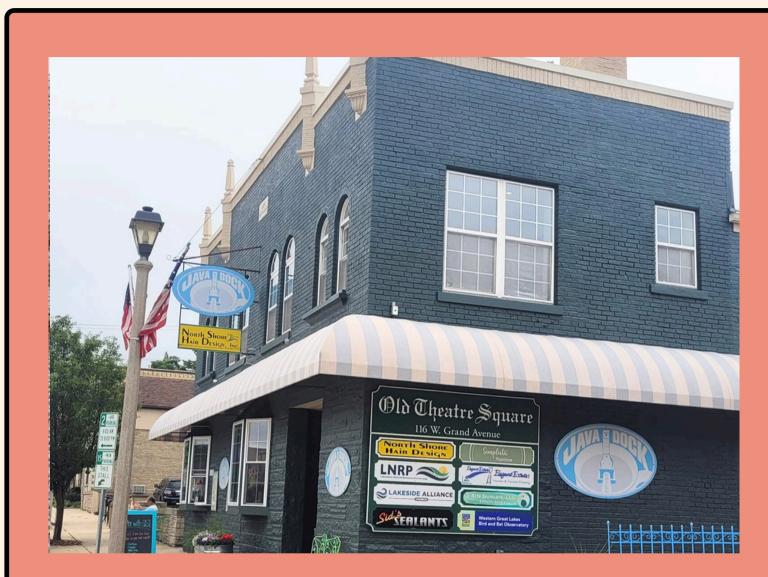
FACADE GRANT

\$15K PER YEAR

More than one grant may be funded in one year - total amount not to exceed \$15,000

EXTERIOR WORK
ADA COMPLIANCE
WINDOWS/DOORS
MASONRY





The goal is to improve the overall aesthetic of downtown Port Washington and the integrity of downtown buildings by providing fianancial assistance to individual businesses or projects in the BID district.

HIRING CAMPAIGN

\$2,500

25 x \$100 Downtown Gift Certificates – use to entice applicants

SPRING AND FALL

ERC working on semi-annual campaign strategy

BANK AT WORK

Tap into free resources through Associated Bank

www.reallygreatsite.com



The goal is to tackle a shared challenge through collaborative efforts in marketing, and focused resources

WINTER PROMOTION - TOURISM/MAIN STREET COLLAB

~\$10,000

Travel Wisconsin Promotion Grant covering 50% of this marketing budget in year 2 of the project

MID-NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Off-season push to multiply foot traffic/sales

AT LEAST 10 BUSINESSES

Discounts, sales promotions, drive returning traffic in Q1 2026



Let's take advantage of increased marketing dollars to make a strategic push to put Port on the holiday tourism map!

WHAT'S FOR 2025?







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EMPLOYEE APPERCIATION WEEK

GET LOCALS DOWNTOWN

week-long event to drive local employees downtown

DAILY THEMES

from wellness to shopping to dining to happy hours

Sign up on the registration table as part of a daily promotion



Celebrate the workers of PW by getting anyone working in Port to visit our downtown and discover what they can enjoy on breaks, over lunch, after work, and on the weekends!

PAINT ON PORT MURALS

PAINT THE SUMMER

Final year of mural program - History theme

NO PAINT "WEEK"

We will have muralists working throughout the summer, culminating in a celebration over Labor Day Weekend.



This year is all about history! Working with Historical Society to choose themes.

DOWNTOWN DECOR

ADDING FALL FLAIR

Planters overhauled. 12 businesses can sign up to decorate a planter. Promotions Committee and community volunteers will decorate others.

Competition for community to vote.

FALL DECOR SUPPLIES

Main Street will order pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, hay, etc. to have for use during the decorating day in September.



Summer and Christmas are beautifully decorated downtown, but fall needs some attention, especially with many fall events taking place downtown. Drive community interaction.

MORE OF WHAT'S FOR 2025







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MARKETING CONSULTANT

SIGNALFIRE

Extensive tourism marketing throughout Wisconsin. Email, website, social media, strategic marketing, and more



www.signalfire.us



Let's brainstorm together

MARKETING/REACHING LOCALS

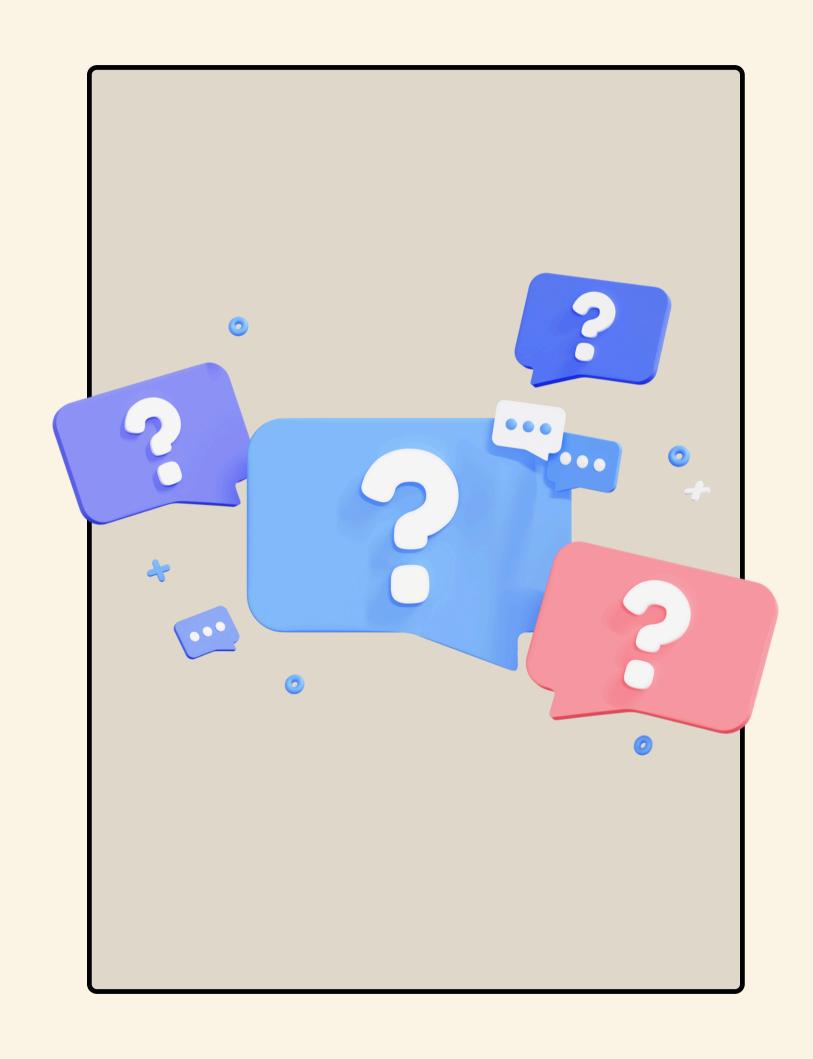
CHALLENGES/RESOURCES

BUSINESS MIX

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ANNUAL SURVEY

Respond online or fill out the survey on paper - we need your feedback and data by March 1st

MARKETING SURVEY

At your table, take a minute to respond

M&M BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Register for this free networking event. Mayor Ted will be presenting on the proposed Data Center and the potential impact to our city 7:30 am Friday, Jan 31st

TO ANSAY + FORK & TAP + ANGELA & CO.

We are grateful to Ansay & Associates for the space, Ansay International for the drinks and to Fork & Tap for the food this evening. Thank you, too, to Angela Ryan of Angela & Co for leading the business learning sessions this afternoon.





HAPPY HOUR

5-6 PM ON THE 4TH FLOOR (USE THE ELEVATOR)

SUMMIT MEETING

6-8 PM ON THE FIRST FLOOR



