

It's time for your weekly update. There was a lot going on this past week. Today we will go over the USS Indianapolis Commissioning Event, Trunk-or-Treat, and the recent approval of a new City App and

The USS Indianapolis event took place this past Saturday. If you didn't get the chance to watch it, or be there in person, there's a link in this video's description where you can watch it again.

The event hosted 10,000 individuals from the area, including service men and women, distinguished governmental officials (such as US Senator Todd Young and Governor Holcomb), and many area members. The event was truly a once in a life time experience, and we are grateful as a City to have been a part of

it. The ship, made in Marinette, Wisconsin, will complete its trip to Florida this week.

The ship is a Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship. Construction of the Naval Vessel began on July 18, 2016. The Christening took place April 14, 2018 and the launch on April 18, 2018.

Coming in at a 3500 metric ton displacement, 378.3 feet in length, and 57.4 feet wide. “It is the fourth vessel to bear the name of Indiana’s capital city.” – Member of Congress, Greg Pence. What an honor it was to be able to participate in such a historic event.

The City held its annual Trunk-Or-Treat event this past Friday as well. We saw a tremendous amount of hard work and volunteerism to pull this event off. It was great to see that this

event set another record in turn out- with approximately 3,000 children present. I want to extend my thankfulness to each of the hands involved in creating this event for 2019, and years past. Weeks of planning go into making this event the best one yet and it truly paid off. Also, thank you to the Youth Council for selling concessions to those in line!

This past week at the Board of Works meeting, a new amenity to the City was approved. The process is beginning on developing an app for smartphone that City residents can access for free. This app will allow you to communicate with the City seamlessly and get instant notifications about events, or things like emergency happenings. In addition to the City's app, the Police Department will also be releasing a public safety

app soon as well. The app will provide yet another piece of governmental transparencies to the residents of Portage.