

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 mobile application, the Central Avenue East project, Willowcreek Road (South), Pride of Portage Marching Band and the Portage MCJROTC, and recent IDEM report.

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 Governor Eric Holcomb and Congressman Peter Visclosky. The event was truly a once in a life time experience. and we are grateful as a City to have hosted

this event. 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 over 3,000 present. I want to extend my thankfulness to each of the hands involved in creating this event for 2019, and years past. 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 smartphones 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.

Which you deserve.

Central Avenue East will begin to be paved this week weather permitting.

Starting today, you will be detoured when traveling on Hamstrom Road. The detour will be down Main Street (in Founder's Square). As soon as this area is paved, the traffic will begin to be directed back to normal. This process will continue into tomorrow following the same pattern, if necessary.

I received a report from IDEM this past week reporting on the chemical dump of this past August. The report is extremely critical of ArcelorMittals procedures and safety

standards. The safety procedures were not followed properly putting employees and our water ways at risk. We will continue hold Arcelor's feet to the fire and continue to ask for fish replenishment and daily independent monitoring.

Willowcreek Road South has been recently worked on to alleviate the flooding that occurs here, just past Route 6.

As you know, we have experienced heavy rain events and with the recent ditch clearing to the area, we are hopeful that this work alleviates flooding in the area.

Pride of Portage Marching Band presented at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis this past weekend. On Saturday, they also played in the State Finals. Even though the band did not bring home the state title, we are proud of their hard work and passion. Our marching band is truly the Pride of Portage.

Also this past Saturday the Portage MCJROTC earned many awards. With all these great accomplishments, I want to also congratulate each member for their hard work and dedication.

Speaking of Portage Pride, I also met with Mayor Sammie Maletta this week. He offered advice and we enjoyed our time together. Listening to old stories and laughed about a few of the stories. Mayor Maletta is truly the father of Portage pride.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this update. With all these acts of Portage Pride, remember to keep your Portage Pride high as well!