

Hello everyone. This week's video update will include some words about Yesterday's holiday of Veteran's Day, some road construction updates, and some more important news.

Before we begin, I wanted to share some words on the election of last week. First, I want to congratulate Sue Lynch on her victory. Portage will be served well under her leadership, and I truly believe the City will continue to improve over the next 4 years. As this year comes to a close in the next few weeks, I will continue to serve faithfully as the current Mayor of Portage. I have every intention of our currently in place plans to be seen through either before the end of my time here, or in the passing of these duties to Ms. Lynch. I will also continue to update you weekly in these videos about City events,

construction, or other important information. My hope is for this transparency to continue and to keep you informed in the coming New Year. Thank you.

Next, Crisman Road and Central Avenue East are now completely paved. Central Avenue East from the Hamstrom Road Intersection to Airport Road looks great. Painting, traffic lights, and a few more miscellaneous things are still pending to get this project buttoned up, but the massive work is over.

Crisman Road paving is also complete. Just as with the Central Avenue project, line painting and some minor updates also need to be completed, but the hard part is complete!

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. Back on November 11, 1938

Veteran's Day was recognized as a National Holiday. The day actually goes back to 1919, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War One. This day is set aside to both honor and remember persons who have served in the United States

Armed Forces. Many individuals in Portage have served in our

Armed Forces; and I wanted to give my appreciation to all of

our service men and women. Your choice to serve in our armed forces is highly commendable and we are proud to have you all as residents of Portage.

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

A quote from Abraham Lincoln.

Also, in light of Veteran's Day – trash pick-up will be delayed by 1 day this week.

In final updates, the Portage Pop Warner Mitey Mite and Pee Wee teams won State Titles this past Sunday. I wanted to send my congratulations to these teams. As we all know, "It's a great day to be an Indian" thank you for bringing pride to Portage. I look forward to also seeing the Junior Pop Warner Cheer and Dance teams bring home the National Title in less than a month – good luck!

Thank you for taking the time to watch this week's City update. Remember to thank a veteran for their service today.