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CITY TO HOLD FLAG RAISING CEREMONY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Common Council adopted a City flag, designed by eighth grader Ben Laurin, on October 18.

PORT WASHINGTON, WI – December 28, 2022 – The City invites the community to join Mayor Theodore Neitzke and Thomas Jefferson Middle School student, Ben Laurin, for a flag raising ceremony located in front of the Port Washington City Hall building on January 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

A modified version of Ben Laurin's flag was adopted on October 18, 2022 after four finalists were selected from a pool of twenty submissions for a community vote held on the Mayor's Facebook page. Ben's flag submission received 58% of the vote. The idea to adopt a City flag also came from Laurin, who wrote a letter to the Mayor earlier in 2022 after discovering the City did not have an official flag. "I'm really proud that one of our middle school students reached out and advocated for this," Mayor Neitzke said.

The flag features the City's historic lighthouse on a background of a rising yellow sun and the blue waters of Lake Michigan.



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