

April 30 meeting to discuss parking in downtown Port

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An informational meeting on a study of parking in downtown Port Washington will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 30.

The session, which will be hosted by the Port Washington Business Improvement District and Main Street, will be in the lower-level meeting room at the Holiday Inn Harborview.

The open house is intended to get input on parking needs, issues and ways to improve them from residents, business owners, downtown merchants and employees “and anyone who parks or can’t find parking in Port Washington,” officials said.



The Boston-based firm Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates will present a summary of its upcoming work on the study and discuss how people can contribute.

Nelson/Nygaard, which has been commissioned for the work by the BID and Main Street, will work with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which is conducting a study for the city, on the project.

Main Street Executive Director Sara Grover said earlier this month that after the kickoff meeting, Nelson/Nygaard will meet with business and property owners to determine their needs, how they accommodate parking now and to hear of any future plans that might affect downtown parking.

The firm will also develop a survey to be filled out by downtown customers and visitors when they visit shops, she said. The survey will ask, among other things, whether people are aware of parking options.

At the same time, SEWRPC will collect parking data, such as traffic flow, and the number of cars in downtown lots on a daily basis. The agency will also look at how existing on and off-street parking is used.

Nelson/Nygaard will then analyze its data and that collected by SEWRPC and make recommendations to Main Street and the city. SEWRPC will review these and create an implementation plan, Grover said, noting this should be completed by late fall.