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Public Meeting on Washington Park Beach Water Quality

Michigan City, IN – Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced today that he will host a Public Meeting on Wednesday evening, February 4, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, regarding water quality issues related to E. coli bacteria along Washington Park beach.

“The City of Racine, Wisconsin, has been a leader in the area of reducing levels of E. coli bacteria along Lake Michigan’s public beaches and we have asked Dr. Julie Kinzelman of the Racine Health Department to meet with local agencies and review beach management practices that could lead to improved water quality along our own Washington Park beach,” Mayor Oberlie said.

“Dr. Kinzelman is a well-respected expert on the subject of beach water quality issues and she has agreed to lend her expertise to Michigan City, in the hopes of helping identify potential strategies that would improve our local beaches. As part of her visit, Dr. Kinzleman will speak to the general public on Wednesday evening to explain in the simplest terms why we test beaches, how we test beaches and what worked in Racine to reduce the numbers of beach closings in Racine due to high E. coli readings.

I encourage any resident interested in understanding how we assess water bodies to determine their fitness for swimming and recreational activity to come out Wednesday evening and meet one of the region’s experts in this field. We will have ample time for a question and answer session and we are looking forward to gaining valuable insight from Dr. Kinzelman.”

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