

## *Voters to decide on consolidation with La Porte on May 2*

The citizens of Shoreacres will have an additional ballot item to consider for the May 2 election. At its January 12 meeting, the Shoreacres City Council officially ordered the mandated consolidation election with the City of La Porte. La Porte voters will also consider the same question on their ballots that day.

Residents of Shoreacres began discussing consolidation with the City of La Porte in mid-2025 and citizens of both communities ultimately conducted the petition process called for in state law ([Local Gov't. Code Ch. 61](#)). The completed petitions were submitted to the two cities in December and the respective verified signatures exceeded the number needed to require a consolidation election in both cities.

Both elections must be approved by the voters in order for consolidation to occur. If either election fails, there is no change to the independent and incorporated cities as they are today, and the measure cannot be placed on a ballot again for two years.

A total of four town hall meetings are scheduled to provide factual information and answer questions. These events are open to all, and no registration is required. The town hall meetings in La Porte will be livestreamed on their YouTube channel and archive the recordings on the City website.

Each evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. as noted below:

- February 10 at City Hall, 604 West Fairmont Parkway\*
- March 3 at the Maritime College, 3700 Old Hwy 146
- March 24 at Brookglen Community Center, 3324 Somerton\*
- April 9 at the Jennie Riley Community Center, 322 North 4th Street\*

\*Sponsored by the City of La Porte

If voters in both elections decide the cities will consolidate, Shoreacres residents will become residents of the City of La Porte without reservation, subject to the same tax rates, code of ordinances, etc. City of La Porte departments and divisions would begin overseeing municipal functions in what is now the City of Shoreacres. The La Porte leadership team is currently working with the City Manager and the City of Shoreacres to make assessments and develop a fuller understanding of what that could be entailed and develop estimates of timing and sequencing, were consolidation to occur.