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4 things to know about Port of Green Bay expansion, coal piles move

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The Port of Green Bay now has the funds to fully redevelop a former power plant site at the mouth of the Fox River into two new port terminals. • Still, several key deadlines lie between mid-July and spring 2026 when construction could start on the new C. Reiss Co. salt terminal and another terminal site for a future tenant on the former Pulliam power plant site. • The salt storage site will enable C. Reiss to relocate the coal piles from West Mason Street to the Fox River Terminal site just north of the Leo Frigo bridge under the general terms C. Reiss and Brown County Board approved in June. Weeks later, local legislators secured another \$20 million for port expansion in the state budget, essentially closing a funding gap and enabling the county-run port to complete redevelopment of the entire Pulliam property. • Here are four things to know based on discussions and updates provided during the July 14 Brown County Harbor Commission meeting.

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NEXT STEPS

Later start times for Green Bay schools?

District considers beginning classes after 8 a.m. in 2026-27

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In a few school years, teenage Green Bay students may be able to sleep in a little extra.

The Green Bay School District is considering changing high school start times and adjusting class scheduling for the 2026-27 school year, hoping to improve student attendance and success. Right now, any potential changes are in the first stages, with feedback and listening sessions planned for the future.

Most of Green Bay's secondary schools start at 7:30 a.m., with some alternative schools starting later. Right now, the earliest Green Bay elementary start time is about a half-hour after secondary schools start, and some elementary schools start up to an hour and a half after. Most other Green Bay area secondary schools start around 7:30 a.m.

The district plans to make a formal recommendation to the board on school start times in the coming months. Now, administrators are waiting for teacher feedback and working on scheduling family engagement listening sessions, which will cover the high school experience overall.

ABOVE: Coal piles at C. Reiss

Coal Co. are seen along the Fox River in April 2024 in Green Bay. SARAH KLOEPPING/ USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN RIGHT: Dean Haen, director of the Port of Green Bay, talks about the port's economic impact on the Green Bay area during a Sept. 12, 2023 media event at the U.S. Venture port terminal. JEFF BOLLIER/ USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN



What start time changes is Green Bay considering?

Green Bay would likely consider a version of one of two plans proposed in a 2020 report. In Scenario A, high

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Homeless veterans housing location in Bellevue to close

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The state's homeless veteran housing location in Bellevue will close after the finalized state budget passed July 3 did not include additional funding for the Veteran Housing and Recovery Program amidst a national housing crisis in which veterans are particularly vulnerable.

The leased space at 2500 Bel Meadow Drive will close by Sept. 30, according to a July 14 news release from Gov. Tony Evers' office. A location in Chippewa Falls will also close. Both locations appeared to have been removed from the state Department of Veterans Affairs website; both had been listed on the website as recently as June 15. A third location in Union Grove in the state's southeast will remain open.

A representative from the facility was

not immediately available for comment by phone.

Costs associated with staffing the state's three homeless veteran locations were "significantly higher" than in the past through the nonprofit Lutheran Social Services, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau. It prompted the governor's office to seek a \$1.9 million increase to the statewide Veteran Housing and Recovery Program, which offers services for a maximum of 24 months to veterans on their way to getting a permanent home, like temporary housing through the three homeless veteran locations and substance abuse care.

The bureau's report said that approximately two-thirds of the program's costs have gone toward Lutheran Social Services and its case management and

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Wisconsin's Veterans Housing Program's Bellevue location at 2500 Bel Meadow Drive is set to close by Sept. 30 due to lack of additional funding in the state budget. JESSE LIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

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