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Cleanup underway at Malibu Apartments



A view of the progress Aug. 5 where an apartment complex is being built in Sheboygan.

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SHEBOYGAN – The blue house on Clara Avenue has been in Richard Piel’s family for nearly 55 years.

Richard took care of his ailing mother Beatrice, who owned it for 20 years, while she was in poor health there.

He built the porch, where he sits every day, reading the newspaper, enjoying the outdoors with his dog or drinking a cocktail in the afternoon. The King Park neighborhood, especially at the end of that street, is quiet.

Richard could look out and see Lake Michigan across the empty field that used to house Optenberg Iron Works.

But now when he sees the future site of the Malibu Apartments, which was blocked off with chain link fencing and full excavators at the beginning of July, Richard feels the city is losing one of the last untouched pieces of the lakefront. And he feels he’s losing his livelihood, what he’s worked more than four decades to enjoy and keep in his family.

“I’m watching that disappear,” Richard said.

Crews began contaminant removal at



Crews work on the future Malibu Apartments property July 1, 2025, in Sheboygan, Wis.

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Kite Beach this summer in preparation for Malibu Apartments construction. The development will bring 215 luxury apartments across two buildings when fully built.

Jake Buswell, developer with Malibu Apartments, LLC, previously told the Sheboygan Press the first building — 157 units across four stories with a level for garage parking — could be ready for leasing in fall 2026. He did not respond to multiple attempts to contact him to

check on the construction timeline.

Taylor Zeinert, City of Sheboygan’s director of planning and development, said there may be some delays because the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has changed some reporting metrics.

Stantec, the engineering and environmental consulting firm working with the developer, proposed a remedial action plan to WDNR in April, supported by a \$500,000 Brownfield Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The RAP called for stripping the contaminated topsoil across most of the site at a depth of 6 inches below the ground for the majority of sidewalks, landscape and parking areas. Deeper excavations were proposed on the southern part of the site.

The RAP proposed disposing the topsoil at Hickory Meadows Landfill in Hilbert and adding “clean” gravel and bank sand fill from Michel Materials from the Beechwood Pit in Cascade to raise the grade before constructing the parking lot and apartment building.

The additional cap of concrete

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Top real estate sales last month

Osthoff condo among most expensive properties sold

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SHEBOYGAN COUNTY – In addition to the sale of Torginol’s Sheboygan facilities for more than \$27 million, a Plymouth hotel and Osthoff Resort condo were among the most expensive properties sold in July.

The top property transfers last month all topped \$1 million.

Plymouth Inn sold for \$1.3 million

Property: 606 E. Mill St. in Plymouth

Value: \$1.3 million

Parties: Mahakalimaa Hospitality LLC to South Pier Plymouth Inn LLC

Osthoff Resort condominium sold for nearly \$1.5 million

Property: Room 302, 101 Osthoff Ave. in Elkhart Lake

Value: \$1.46 million

Parties: Outlier Global Enterprises Inc. (registered in Lake Forest, Illinois) to Salm Family Trust (registered in Glen Ellyn, Illinois)

Heartland Video building sold to new owner and president Daniel Whealy for \$1 million

Property: 1311 Pilgrim Road in Plymouth

Value: \$1 million

Parties: Heartland Video Systems, Inc., to Heartland Commercial Properties LLC (registered to Capitol Corporate Services, Inc.)

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Kiel post office renamed in honor of late State Trooper

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KIEL – The city of Kiel celebrated the name change to the U.S. Post Office on Fremont Street on Friday, Aug. 15, now called the Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building.

State Trooper Trevor Casper was a Kiel native who died at 21 years old in a shootout with a bank robbery and murder suspect in Fond du Lac on March 24, 2015, while on his first solo assignment.

He was the youngest police officer killed in the line of duty in Wisconsin history.

During the renaming ceremony Aug. 15, U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman said the memorial will ensure Casper’s story will live on to inspire future generations.



Casper

a reminder of a local hero, a young man who represented the very best of Wisconsin.”

Fond du Lac District Attorney Eric Toney thanked Casper’s parents for allowing Casper’s legacy to be honored through the naming of the post office.

“Anyone that knows Trevor’s sacrifice knows he didn’t just give his life for his friends,” Toney said. “Trevor gave his life for strangers, to people he never met and to people that never met him.”

Retired State Patrol Superintendent

“We can never repay such a debt, but we can honor it by renaming the Kiel Post Office in his memory,” Grothman said. “We ensure that every letter sent, every package received will carry with it

Anthony Burrell said naming the post office building, a place that connects people and communities, is a fitting tribute to Casper.

“Every time someone walks into these doors, they will be reminded of the courage and dedication that defines those who wear the badge,” Burrell said. “It will also serve as a permanent reminder of the ultimate sacrifice he (Casper) made for the safety of others.”

The bipartisan bill to rename the Kiel Post Office was introduced in September 2023 by U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman and the entire Wisconsin delegation — representatives Tom Tiffany, Scott Fitzgerald, Derrick Van Orden, Gwen Moore, Bryan Steil, Mike Gallagher and Mark Pocan.

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The sign that will officially dedicate the Kiel Post Office in honor of Trooper Trevor J. Casper, sits on a table August 15 in Kiel. GARY C. KLEIN/USA

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