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## Village News



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### POLICE CHIEF PEDRYS

Thankfully, spring arrived on March 20<sup>th</sup>! Spring brings us welcomed warmer weather and anticipation of the beautiful summer weather to come. Spring is also the official start of Wisconsin's severe weather season. Wisconsin's Severe Weather Awareness Week this year will be held April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. That week, residents and business owners will have the chance to test their emergency plans as two statewide mock tornado drills will be held. When Wisconsin Emergency Management verifies the exact day and times of the coordinated statewide siren testing, we will post that information on our Facebook page and the Village Website. These drills are part of the annual spring severe weather campaign to encourage people in Osceola and all over Wisconsin to get ready for possible tornados and severe weather.

Starting in May, Osceola will also be testing the Village warning sirens the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. during storm season. This is done to make sure the sirens are working properly.



Please join our Osceola Police Department Facebook page. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any crimes that have taken place. [www.facebook.com/osceola.officers](https://www.facebook.com/osceola.officers)

### OSCEOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library will be open for appointments Monday-Wednesday, & Friday 10am-5pm and Thursdays 12pm-7pm. Saturdays (Drive thru pick-up only) 10am-1pm.

Please continue to pick up all items at the drive-thru window.

## CROSS CONNECTION, by Rick Caruso

Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected. The purpose of the local Cross-Connection Control Program, as required by State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure that everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross-connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires all public water suppliers to maintain an on-going Cross-Connection Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners, if required.

**What is a Cross-Connection?** A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connection must be properly protected or eliminated.

**How does contamination occur?** When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it was pumped and treated at the well. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply. Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

**Back siphonage** may occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a firefighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system, which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

**Backpressure** is created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

## PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES REMINDERS



**BRUSH PICK-UP** – Brush needs to be out by May 10<sup>th</sup>. If it is not out by May 10<sup>th</sup>, IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. All brush must be less than 3” in diameter and 6’ in length and stacked **neatly and parallel** to the curb. Public Works will be chipping curbside through Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**LEAF PICK-UP** – Leaves will be picked up as time permits **beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Leaves **MUST** be in **biodegradable paper bags** and placed along the curb. We **WILL NOT** pick up plastic bags, bags with grass or mixed materials, or bags weighing more than 40 lbs.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS** - With Spring and summer on the horizon the Village of Osceola Public Works wants to remind residents that trash containers are to be kept on the boulevard or in the resident’s driveway on and after pick-up day. The same policy applies during the winter months. Information for proper placement of your container can be found on Waste Management’s website <https://www.wm.com/> Snow removal and street sweeping operations dictate the streets, alleys, parking lots and curb lines remain open so that staff operating equipment can properly perform maintenance actions.



**OUTDOOR USE WATER METERS** – The Osceola Municipal Water Utility customers can apply for an outdoor use water meter to provide water usage for irrigation and other outdoor purposes. Water flowing through this meter will not be charged a sanitary sewer fee. Application information is available on the resident forms section of the Village website at [www.myosceola.com](http://www.myosceola.com)

**SEWER CUSTOMER INFORMATION** - This is a reminder that residents are responsible for the sewer line from their house to its connection with the sewer main. These lines are often referred to as “lateral sewer lines.” Any maintenance or repair of this line is the responsibility of the homeowner. Also, please note that sewer backup coverage is usually available as a low-cost endorsement to a homeowner’s insurance policy.

## **ELECTION INFORMATION, By Fran Duncanson**

There will be a Spring Election held in the Village of Osceola on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Village Hall/Discovery Center located at 310 Chieftain Street, Room 205. Please note the polling place is no longer at the Osceola High School. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters.



You must be registered to vote and present a photo ID. Offices on the ballot will be Village President, three Village Trustee seats, one Osceola School Board seat, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Court of Appeals District 3.

We will be following CDC and Wisconsin Election Commission guidelines on COVID-19 precautions and election workers will be keeping the election facility as clean and safe as possible. For voter’s convenience, hand sanitizer, single use pens, and gloves will also be available.

You can request an absentee ballot online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) and a ballot will be mailed to you. Voters may also request a mailed ballot in writing to the Village Clerk but be sure to include a copy of your photo ID with your request. Please be sure to allow mailing time so the ballot is returned on or before Election Day.

Voters can also vote in-person via absentee ballot (early vote) at Village Hall prior to election day beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup> from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions or need assistance with any of your voting options, please contact:

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## THIS IS JEOPARDY! By Deb Rose



Jeopardy is one of my favorite shows. I am disappointed in myself when I do not get as many right as I think I should, which is pretty much every day! I thrive on the music, pop culture or recent history categories. I am a complete failure on Shakespeare or mythology. What I do know is that I have a head full of junk that I wish was a barterable skill. "Hey, I'll trade you that bathroom renovation for some useless facts about 70's glam rock acts." Recently I was able to use some of the facts rolling around in my head in a useful way! The annual meeting of the Osceola Chamber was done virtually this year and to break up some of the talking heads (btw a favorite band of mine) I was asked to provide some trivia. Below is a sampling of what I put together about our town.

Even though it is multiple choice make sure to answer in the form of a question!

1. What was the original name of the mascot/sports team for Osceola High School?
  - a) Chieftain
  - b) Green Wave
  - c) Braves
2. Name of the coffee company started by former Osceola resident James Stewart?
  - a) Seattle's Best
  - b) Caribou
  - c) Dunn Brothers
3. What year did the first bridge across the St Croix in Osceola open?
  - a) 1865
  - b) 1932
  - c) 1898
4. What does the PY stand for in PY's bar?
  - a) Prosper Young
  - b) Pete Yorn
  - c) Prescott Yates
5. Who owned the barn and ran a farm on the north end of town that became the Art Barn?
  - a) John & Martha Schillberg
  - b) Emily Olson
  - c) Charles Oakey
6. What was the building that houses Bill's Ace Hardware built too originally be?
  - a) Ace Hardware Store
  - b) J & S Variety Store
  - c) Fireball Roller Rink
7. What former Osceola building is the Mill Pond Park bathroom building modeled after?
  - a) 1933 Bank of Osceola
  - b) 1899 School Building
  - c) 1907 Geiger Store
8. What year did the Bank of Osceola burn and what business is now in the building that burned?
  - a) 1980 & the Post Office
  - b) 1974 & Treasure Alley
  - c) 1985 & Red Bird Music
9. In what year was Osceola founded?
  - a) 1857
  - b) 1844
  - c) 1853
10. The ruins behind the BP gas station at the south end of town are all that remains of a:
  - a) brewery
  - b) flour mill
  - c) seminary

Answers 1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. a, 5. a, 6. c, 7. b, 8. a, 9. b, 10. a