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VILLAGE NEWS



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POLICE DEPARTMENT, by Andrew Bach



Summer has officially kicked off in Osceola, and with that warm and sunny weather brings new topics which I would like to address with the community. One of the more common summertime calls which OPD officers respond to are dogs inside parked vehicles. On a warm day, a vehicle parked in direct sunlight can have an interior temperature of 120 degrees in a matter of minutes. Exposure to these extreme temperatures can have significant impacts on our animals, including organ failure, heat stroke, brain damage, and death. According to the Humane Society of the United States, partially open or cracked windows have little effect on the interior temperature. Another point to note is that Wisconsin state statute 895.484, *Civil liability exemption; entering a vehicle to render assistance*, affords protections from civil liability for good

Samaritans who intervene with dogs inside hot vehicles. However, the Samaritan must first contact law enforcement before taking any action and should remain on scene to wait for law enforcement. If you observe a dog inside a vehicle that appears stressed, I advise contacting law enforcement to inform them of your observations and to let our officers respond and assess the situation before taking any action. Some of the signs of heat stress to look out for include heavy panting, glazed eyes, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue.

I also want to mention the ongoing efforts to combine the Osceola Police Department and the Saint Croix Falls Police Department into a new agency to serve both communities. I have been involved in this process and meeting with a group consisting of both Chiefs of Police, both Administrators and two representatives from each community's board. Personally, I believe that combining police departments is the best option to provide police services to each community. Looking at other smaller municipalities in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, I see that a lot of police departments are either disbanding or maintaining a small roster of officers due to lack of applicants. I see combining departments as the most effective way for the Village of Osceola to maintain autonomy over its police force and have access to more law enforcement resources such as a K9 officer and dedicated investigator. I also believe that by combining departments, we would be pooling the talents of both agencies and creating a larger department which would appeal to future applicants. I would be happy to talk to anyone who has any questions about this effort and encourage them to contact our office or stop by and personally meet with me.

Have a fun and safe summer!

ELECTION NEWS 2024

The polling place is at Village Hall, 310 Chieftain Street, for all voters and opens at 7 am and closes at 8 pm on election day.

Upcoming 2024 Elections

August 13th: Partisan Primary Election

November 5th: Presidential Election

Photo IDs are required to vote. If registering at the polling place on Election Day you must have resided in the Village at least 28 consecutive days preceding the election and provide proof of residency. Questions call Village Clerk, Carie Krentz, at 715-294-3498.



NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE OSCEOLA WATER & SEWER UTILITY

WATER RATES

5/8-inch meter:	\$ 24.00	3-inch meter:	\$273.00
3/4-inch meter:	\$ 24.00	4-inch meter:	\$330.00
1-inch meter:	\$ 60.00	6-inch meter:	\$411.00
1¼-inch meter:	\$ 78.00	8-inch meter:	\$510.00
1½-inch meter:	\$ 99.00	10-inch meter:	\$699.00
2-inch meter:	\$162.00	12-inch meter:	\$906.00

Plus Volume Charges:

100 cubic feet = 748 gallons

First	4,000 cubic feet used each quarter:	\$3.62 per 100 cubic feet
Next	26,000 cubic feet used each quarter:	\$2.72 per 100 cubic feet
Over	30,000 cubic feet used each quarter:	\$1.64 per 100 cubic feet



SEWER RATES

5/8-inch meter:	\$40.00	1½-inch meter:	\$72.00
3/4-inch meter:	\$40.00	2-inch meter:	\$116.00
1-inch meter:	\$56.00	3-inch meter:	\$440.00
1¼-inch meter:	\$64.00	4-inch meter:	\$560.00

Plus Volume Charges:

Charge per 100 Cubic Feet: \$10.75

OUTDOOR USE METERS - If using to water gardens, irrigate lawns, or fill swimming pools, consider the installation of an outdoor use meter. This is an additional meter that is plumbed to the exterior faucets of the home for use that doesn't contribute to the sewer system. These meters are not charged sewer fees and are a good option for continued outdoor use. More information can be found on our website under the Utilities tab.

PUBLIC WORK REMINDERS



Storm Damage – In the event of a storm, a Storm Event will be declared and posted on the Village Website. Residents will have 7 days to place brush by the curb. Brush must be stacked neatly parallel to the curb or road surface and be less than 3” in diameter and 6’ in length. If a storm event is not declared, it is up to the homeowner to dispose of the debris. Otherwise, the Village only collects brush and leaf bags on designated dates in the spring and fall. Items placed curbside outside of those designated dates is considered a nuisance and the owner of the property will be contacted and any costs incurred by the Public Works Department will be billed appropriately.

Street Lights – If you notice a streetlight that is out or not functioning correctly, please contact the Village Office at 715-294-3498 or email us at info@myosceola.com. Please provide us with the nearest address to the affected street light, which will allow us to locate the street light and see that it is repaired.

Grass Nuisance – Any grass and weeds that exceed 12” in height will receive a warning notice. Failure to comply with the notice will result in the village abating the condition and any cost incurred will be billed to the home owner.

Grass cuttings onto the Village Street and onto Sidewalks – Please pick up any grass that has been cut into the street or on the sidewalk to comply with Village Ordinances. If grass is left on the street or sidewalk it can enter the storm water that runs to the Lakes and Rivers which will pollute them.

VILLAGE PARK RENTALS

Planning a party, picnic, meeting, reunion, or special event? The Village of Osceola has park facilities available for public rental. Parks are open from dawn to dusk.

Available Parks to rent:

Oakey Park, cost is \$50.00

- Pavilion with picnic tables, electricity and restrooms

Mill Pond Park, cost is \$25.00

- Large & small gazebo with picnic tables, electricity and restrooms

For further information about hosting your event at one of our parks, please call Osceola Village Hall at 715-294-3498.

VILLAGE INFORMATION



**Regular Hours: Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

HOLIDAYS - Facility Closed
Thursday, July 4, 2024
Monday, September 2, 2024



CURRENT VILLAGE BOARD

- Village President – Brad Lutz email: bradlutz@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Van Burch email: vanburch@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Arvid Maki email: arvidmaki@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Neil Kline email: neilkline@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Marsha Hovey email: marshahovey@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Ron Pedrys email: ronpedrys@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Mike Sine email: mikesine@myosceola.com

VILLAGE CALENDAR

July 2	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
July 3	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
July 9	Village Board	6:00 pm
July 11	Library Board	5:30 pm
July 15	Airport Commission	4:30 pm
Aug 6	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
Aug 8	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
Aug 8	Library Board	5:30 pm
Aug 14	Village Board	6:00 pm
Aug 19	Airport Commission	4:30 pm
Sept 3	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
Sept 5	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
Sept 10	Village Board	6:00 pm
Sept 12	Library Board	5:30 pm
Sept 16	Airport Commission	4:30 pm

OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Board of Appeals
- Court Commission
- Downtown Façade Loan Committee
- Ethics Board
- Historical Preservation Commission
- Micro Loan Fund Committee
- Redevelopment Authority
- Room Tax Commission

All Commission and Board Meetings are tentative and subject to change. Check the Village website at www.myosceola.com for more information.

All Boards and Commission listed above meet as needed and can be found on Village Website.

LIBRARY NEWS, By Anne Miller



The library is now well into this year's Summer Learning Program where Adventure Begins At Your Library! Children ages 0-18 are encouraged to participate in this year's program where we have events on Thursday afternoons at 3pm through July. The reading portion of the program runs through August 16, with weekly drawings for gift certificates from local businesses, and grand prize drawings at the end of the program in August. If you haven't registered yet, there is still plenty of time to get signed up and start tracking your reading! Every child that finishes and turns in at least five reading records will be able to choose a new book at the end of the program in August! The library would not be able to bring our summer program to our patrons without the monetary support from our community's businesses and organizations. Thank you to all those that donated to the Summer Learning Program to keep the youth in our community engaged in learning during the summer!

Make sure to watch for and stop at our book bike when you see it out and about. We plan on occasionally being at the at the Osceola Farmer's Market where we will have books for sale (free-will donation to the Friends of the Osceola Library) and at Evergreen Senior Living and Millside Apartments where you will be able to checkout library materials (you do not need to be a resident of these locations to stop and checkout materials when we are there).

Check out our Facebook page and website (www.osceolapubliclibrary.org) for a listing of library events and programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Osceola Farmers Market ~ Fridays beginning in June going through October from 2-6 pm

St. Croix ArtBarn ~ check out what's happening at www.stcroixartbarn.org

Osceola Community Fair ~ September 6th, 7th and 8th, 2024

Wheels & Wings ~ September 7, 2024, www.wheelsandwings.org

Osceola Braves Baseball ~ www.osceolabraves.com

- Wednesday, Sunday, July 10th vs. St. Anthony @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 12th @ Ellsworth Hubbers @ 7:30 pm (Summit Park)
- Saturday, July 13th vs. Spring Valley Hawks @ 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 17th vs. Hudson River Rats @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 19th vs. River Falls Fish @ 7:30 pm
- Sunday, July 21st vs. Bay City Bombers @ 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 24th vs. Metro Knights @ 7:30 pm
- Saturday, July 25th @ Plum City Blues @ 1:00 pm (American Legion Park)
- Sunday, July 26th @ Prescott Pirates @ 1:00 pm (Fire Hall Field)
- League Tournament (game schedule TBD): August 2nd – 4th @ New Richmond

