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Village News

OSCEOLA

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ELECTION NEW



There will be a Partisan Primary Election held on August 9th, 2022, in the Village of Osceola at Village Hall. Contests on the ballot are Governor & Lt Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, State Senator, and State Representative. Federal offices on the ballot are US Senator and Rep. to Congress. There may be County offices on the ballot as well for Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court. This is a Partisan Primary, meaning you may only vote for candidates in one party and not cross vote to multiple parties. You must be registered to vote and show a photo ID. As if June 10, 2022, the following absentee ballot return procedures are in effect, but this is subject to change due to any applicable court decisions.

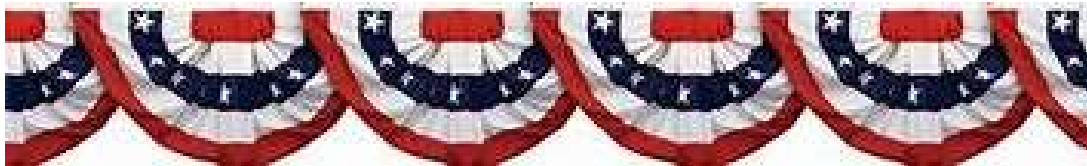
ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN PROCEDURES

A voter may return an absentee ballot by mail, or by handing it across the counter to Clerk staff at Village Hall. Only the voter can mail or return the ballot. What this means is a spouse, other relative, friend, or neighbor may not mail or drop off the ballot for you.

You may no longer return a ballot by using the drop box slot on the east side of the Village Hall building.

If you return a ballot other than as outlined above, your ballot may not be counted.

If you have any questions about elections, please contact the Village Clerk Fran Duncanson at 715-294-3498 or villageclerk@vil.osceola.wi.us.



OSCEOLA VILLAGE BOARD

The Osceola Village Board meets at Village Hall in the board room on the upper level on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12th.



Jeromy Buberl – President
Deb Rose – Trustee
Van Burch – Trustee
Bruce Gilliland – Trustee
Brad Lutz – Trustee
Holly Walsh – Trustee
Bill Chantelois IV - Trustee

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wheels & Wings ~ September 10, 2022 ~ www.wheelsandwings.org

Osceola Community Fair ~ September 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2022

St. Croix ArtBarn ~ www.stcroixartbarn.org

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

Osceola Braves ~ www.osceolabraves.com

Wednesday, July 6th – vs. St. Paul Hops @ 7:30 pm

Friday, July 8th – vs. Spring Valley Hawks @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 10th – vs. Bay City Bombers @ 1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 13th – vs. Hinckley Knights @ 7:30 pm

Friday, July 15th – vs. New Richmond Millers @ 7:30 pm*

Fan Appreciation Night w/ chicken dinner!

Sunday, July 17th – @ Prescott Pirates @ 1:00 pm

Saturday, July 23rd @ River Falls Fish @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 24th @ Plum City Blues @ 1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 27th – vs. Ellsworth Hubbers @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 31st @ Hudson River Rats @ 1:00 pm

League Tournament (game schedule TBD): August 6th – 7th @ Prescott and Bay City



FIREBALL! By Deb Rose

I love how seeing or hearing something can spark a memory. It could be a song on the radio, a smell at the store or a scene from a TV show. I recently binge-watched the latest installment of the Netflix show *Stranger Things*. When the scene came on where the kids went roller skating, I was transported back to my teen years and skating at Fireball Roller Rink right here in Osceola. An off-shoot of the disco craze of the 1970's, indoor roller skating blew up in the 1970's. Advancements to the death trap strap on metal skates of my early youth, such as better plastics for the wheels, led to smooth riding and, in turn, an explosion of indoor skating rinks.



Trying to make sure that Osceola stayed a hip place to be, local resident Chips Fowler broke ground for the Fireball Roller Rink in October of 1975. Originally slated to be a "Recreation Center" to also include a swimming pool and ice arena it eventually settled into being a roller rink with a concession stand and a room full of the coolest pinball machines. Much of the block work on the building was done by longtime Osceola builder Phil Steffen. Rumor has it that when Chips started running low on funds, he gave part ownership of the rink to Phil and his wife, Mary. Another rumor has it that Mary was none too happy with the trade off!

With much fanfare, Fireball Roller Rink opened on Friday, April 16, 1976. The opening lines of the article in *The Osceola Sun* the day before the opening proclaimed "With all the excitement that is buzzing among the youngsters in town from the elementary school to downtown to the Sunday School classes to the last student off the bus anyone would think that Ringling Brothers' elephants would be trotting down Main Street any day now. Actually though, the cause of all this anticipation is the opening this Friday of the Fireball Roller Rink."



WARNING SIRENS



The Village will initiate a test of our outdoor tornado warning sirens on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. through October.



PUBLIC WORKS 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 Nuisances- Any grass and weeds that exceed 12 inches 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.

Cutting Grass into 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 into the storm water that runs to the Lakes and Rivers which will pollute them.

Park Shelter Rentals- The large gazebo at Millpond Park is available to rent for \$25.00 and the shelter at Oakey Park can be rented for \$50.00. If you do not reserve the Gazebo or the Shelter it is first come, first serve.

Use of Village Street- No person shall place upon the street any construction dumpsters or moving containers. Please contact the Village office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

