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# Village News



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## VILLAGE BUDGET PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Village's budget process doesn't happen overnight – it happens over a 6-month time frame with a brief timeline show below:

**July:** Administration hands out budget documents to all department heads for creation of departmental budgets.

**August:** Staff enters expenditure amounts given by department heads and starts to enter revenues to work on the preliminary budget.

**September:** Staff continues to work on the preliminary budget as well as the Levy Limit Worksheet for the State of Wisconsin.

**October:** Village Board Workshop Preliminary Budget Discussion (open to the public) and more than one meeting.

**October/November:** Staff continues fine tuning budget from discussions.

**November:** Village Board Workshop Present Final Budget for discussion (open to the public).

**November/December:** Staff makes final changes to the budget for approval.

**December:** Approve Final 2024 Budget at Regular Village Board meeting, to be held on December 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Village Hall, 310 Chieftain Street, Room 205.



We look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

## POLICE REMINDERS, by Chief Pedrys



**COMMUNITY COFFEE** - The Osceola Police Department will be starting up "Community Coffee" event weekly at Caribou Coffee again this year. This event has been a great success in the past and we are looking forward to starting again after the year we had last year. We will hold this event the last two Fridays of each month, from October 2023 through March 2024. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. the following dates:

<b>October:</b>	20 & 27	<b>January:</b>	19 & 26
<b>November:</b>	17 & 24	<b>February:</b>	16 & 23
<b>December:</b>	no events due to holidays	<b>March:</b>	22 & 29

**ALL-NIGHT PARKING** – Village Code prohibits the parking of unoccupied vehicles on any Village Street, or in a Village parking lot, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 15 through April 15. Winter parking restrictions are in effect and enforced during that time, even if there is no snow. Vehicle owners are subject to towing, storage charges and a parking ticket.

## LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENT REMINDERS

Don't miss the upcoming events held at Wilberg Memorial Public Library of Osceola:

- Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Peter Kwong Author Visit and Cooking Demonstration on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Books and Biscotti Author Visit with Marcie Rendon Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm
- Jim Lammers Author Visit Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm



Located in the upper level of the Municipal Building, 310 Chieftain Street, Osceola.

## PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERES



**BRUSH PICK-UP** - Brush chipping for residents within the Village of Osceola will begin **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>** and will continue through the week, ending on **Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>**. If it is not curbside during that week, 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. No shrubs, trees, or stumps with attached roots will be picked up nor chipped.

**LEAF PICK-UP** - Leaves will be picked up as time permits **beginning Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and running through November 3<sup>rd</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.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE TRIMMING** - Public Works will be conducting right-of-way trimming or removal of trees and shrubs through the fall and into early winter. Public and private trees or shrubs impeding roads and sidewalks preventing pedestrians, vehicles, line of sight and equipment from safe travel will be trimmed appropriately. Work conducted conforms to Village Code Chapter 124.

Please keep private trees and shrubs from obstructing pedestrians, driver sightlines, or impeding vehicular traffic flow and parking. Village code states sidewalk clearance height shall be 10 feet and roadways must be a minimum of 13 feet. Public Works may bill the resident appropriately for the cutting, trimming, and removal of branches and vegetation that impede these areas.

**TRASH RECEPTACLES** - With winter approaching this is a reminder to adhere to Waste Management Policy in the placement of your trash receptacle. Public Works deems these an obstruction in streets, sidewalks, and lots while conducting snow removal and street sweeping efforts. During pick-up days it is appropriate for your receptacle to be in your driveway or on the boulevard to eliminate it from being removed during maintenance efforts.

**PUBLIC WORK & UTILITY REMINDERS cont.**

**SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL** – The Village Code 186-6 requires the owner, occupant, or person in charge of every building, structure to include an unoccupied lot in the Village to clean the snow and ice from the entire width of the sidewalk in front of the building within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowfall. If any ice cannot be removed, the owner or occupant is required to sprinkle the ice with ashes, salt, sawdust, or sand. As we move into and beyond the 2023 and 2024 winter season, the Public Works Department will **ONLY** maintain sidewalks that border public lands and buildings.



**MAILBOXES** - Please inspect the integrity and placement of your mailboxes and ensure they conform to USPS standards. The Village of Osceola Public Works Department during snow removal efforts will not be responsible for the loss or damage of mailboxes due to snow or ice contact from equipment. Best practices are to have an updated and suitable mail receptacle appropriately placed to endure northwest Wisconsin winters. Snow removal around the mailbox after each storm plays a critical role in keeping your delivery space open for both delivery and space for the snow removed from the roadway. If Public Works makes physical contact with a mailbox or post while operating snow removal equipment, please report it immediately to the Village of Osceola Public Works Department. We will only provide a suitable alternative or temporary repair if we have made direct contact with our equipment.



**HYDRANT FLUSING** - The Osceola Water Department will be flushing mains as weather permits and continuing until complete. Check our Village website for maps of the flushing area. Additionally, signs will be placed daily to remind residents that flushing will occur in their neighborhood. Flushing may cause changes in water pressure and temporary discoloration of the water. If you experience discoloration, the best option is to run an outside faucet until the water clears up.

**WATER RATES**

Meter Fee Per Quarter:

5/8-inch meter: \$ 24.00	3/4-inch meter: \$ 24.00
1-inch meter: \$ 60.00	1¼-inch meter: \$ 78.00
1½-inch meter: \$ 99.00	2-inch meter: \$162.00
3-inch meter: \$273.00	4-inch meter: \$330.00

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

**SANITARY SEWER RATES**

Flow Charge: \$10.75 Per 100 Cubic Feet (748 Gallons)

Sanitary Fixed Fee

Meter Size	Quarterly Fee
5/8" or 3/4"	\$40
1"	\$56
1 ¼"	\$64
1 ½"	\$72
2"	\$116
3"	\$440
4"	\$560

# Comprehensive Planning by Drew Lindh, Engineer for MSA Professional Services

We are excited to share insights into our tailored approach for planning and public involvement.

The Village of Osceola is collaborating with MSA Professional Services, a planning consultant, to update the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). The Comprehensive Plan is a vital community document that sets goals to guide budgeting and decision-making for the next 20 years, especially related to land use and development. The CORP is a parks and outdoor recreation planning document crucial for communities seeking grant funding for parks, trails, and other recreation projects. The Village and the consultant will host several engagement events, including public listening sessions, a community survey, and an open house, to give community members the opportunity to provide input into the development of these significant plans.

MSA believes that effective planning is not just about policy and design ideas; it's about engaging with communities to understand residents' wants and needs and connecting that input with practical actions. MSA's Planning + Design Studio is organized around the development of great places. They bring together planners, urban designers, and landscape architects to consider the relationships between physical design and social, economic, and environmental vibrancy, with a commitment to effective stakeholder engagement at the core of their work.

Thank you for being a part of our journey towards a brighter future. Stay engaged, stay informed, and let's shape tomorrow, together.

