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VILLAGE NEWS



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UTILITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES, By Rick Caruso



The Village has contracted with HydroCorp to replace water meters throughout Osceola to modernize the meter reading process. Property owners who do not already have a modern meter will be receiving a letter from the Village with instructions for scheduling an appointment with HydroCorp. Please be on the lookout for this letter and be sure to set up your appointment ASAP. HydroCorp will be conducting a brief cross-connection survey of residential homes as required by state code, if violations are found they will be the responsibility of the owner to remedy by a future date. HydroCorp employees will be clearly identifiable with ID badges, uniforms, and drive vehicles with the HydroCorp logo. **Not all property owners will receive a letter.** Approximately half of the meters we are currently using are on this modern system, this program is to replace the remaining meters. If you have received this letter, please respond to the number or website listed ASAP. Note that meter replacements and appointments under this program have no direct cost to property owners.

OUTDOOR USE METERS - If you are using water 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

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.



LIBRARY NEWS, by Anne Miller



The 2025 Summer Learning Program is currently underway at the Wilberg Memorial Public Library of Osceola. We encourage all children ages 0-18 to participate in the program. If your child has not registered for the reading portion of the program, there is still plenty of time, as the last day to turn in reading logs is August 15. Each week in June and July we hold a drawing after the Summer Learning Program event for two \$10 gift certificates for a local business. At the Wrap up Party on August 16, we will put all the reading logs into the bin to draw for Grand Prizes in each age group.

In addition to the reading side of the program, the library also hosts a Summer Learning Event on Thursday afternoons at 4pm – no registration required. In July we will be crafting at Oakey Park, learning about pollinators, and hosting visits from the Carpenter Nature Center raptors, the Polk County Museum, and Wild Rivers Conservancy. There is always something to do at the library! You can even sign up your child to read to Breezy, a certified therapy dog who loves kids and listening! Breezy is here for reading times on Monday afternoons 4-6pm.

Why is it so important to encourage our children to participate in a library summer learning program over the summer? Reading over the summer helps prevent the summer slide by keeping their skills active. Being an active participant in events at the library may draw reluctant readers to the library where librarians can help them seek out books of interest. And by participating in a Summer Learning Program we encourage our children to become lifelong readers and learners.

If you need more information about our programs, please stop into or call the library (715-294-2310), or visit our website (osceolapubliclibrary.org), Facebook or Instagram pages.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Osceola Farmers Market ~ Fridays, June 13th through October 10th from 2-6 pm

Osceola Community Fair ~ September 5th – 7th, 2025

Wheels & Wings ~ September 6, 2025

St. Croix ArtBarn ~ www.stcroixartbarn.org

Osceola Braves – www.osceolabraves.com

Wednesday, July 9th vs. Isanti Redbirds @ 7:30 pm

Friday, July 11th @ New Richmond Millers @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 13th @ Hudson River Rats @ 1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 16th vs. Metro Knights @ 7:30 pm

Friday, July 18th vs. St. Paul Capitals @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 20th vs. Menomonie Eagles @ 1:00 pm

Friday, July 25th @ River Falls Fish @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 27th @ Prescott Pirates @ 1:00 pm

Friday, August 1st vs. Osceola Braves Alumni @ 7:00 pm

August 8-10 State Semi-Final Tournament @ Oakey Park – Times TBD



VILLAGE INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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

HOLIDAYS - Facility Closed

Friday, July 4, 2025

Monday, September 1, 2025

VILLAGE CALENDAR

July 8	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
July 10	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
July 10	Library Board	5:30 pm
July 15	Village Board	6:00 pm
July 21	Airport Commission	4:30 pm
Aug 5	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
Aug 7	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
Aug 12	Village Board	6:00 pm
Aug 14	Library Board	5:30 pm
Aug 18	Airport Commission	4:30 pm
Sept 2	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
Sept 4	Admin & Finance	4:30 pm
Sept 9	Village Board	6:00 pm
Sept 11	Library Board	5:30 pm
Sept 15	Airport Commission	4:30 pm

CURRENT VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

- 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 – Ron Pedrys email: rpedrys@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Mike Sine email: mikesine@myosceola.com
- Trustee – Nicole Holt email: nicoleholt@myosceola.com



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.

Emerald Ash Borer - The Department of Public Works has identified countless cases of Emerald Ash Borer infecting public trees. The department will be working throughout the summer and fall in removing infected species from parks, boulevards and public spaces.

Storm Sewer - Public Works requests that streets and curb lines remain clear of sanitation cans or other items that may inhibit in keeping your streets clean. We have over 200 hours in the street sweeper in 2025 to ensure we keep our creek, river and ponds clear of debris. A healthy storm system helps prevent flooding, erosion, and roads from degrading due to pooling water.

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 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, by Chief Bach



Hello residents, I can see the sun again which means that Wisconsin's shortest season is upon us. I've got some exciting updates for all of you from the police department. Our department is continuing to grow and I'm happy to inform all of you that we have hired Dalton Dodge as our second officer-in-training. Dalton comes to us from New Richmond, Wisconsin, and had formerly worked at the jail in St. Croix County prior to accepting a position with us. Because Dalton has not yet attended the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy, we will be sponsoring his enrollment in the full-time

academy at Northwood Technical College which started in June. Dalton should be ready to hit the road with our officers later this year.

In other news, I have assigned Officer Matthew Tremblay to the new School Resource Officer (SRO) position. Officer Tremblay expressed interest in the position and following a hiring process for the position where several applicants were interviewed, the school staff and I determined that Officer Tremblay would be the best choice for the SRO. Our office will be working with the staff at the Osceola School District this summer to make sure that Officer Tremblay is equipped and prepared for the upcoming school year. We're very excited for this new position and cannot wait to interact more with our kids in a school setting and to provide the community with a dedicated focus on the safety of our schools. Because we selected an internal candidate for the SRO position, we will continue our hiring process for another police officer. I'll keep all of you updated when we hire another officer.

With summer comes road construction season and the Village has several upcoming projects in the downtown area which will likely affect traffic. This area becomes notoriously congested if there are any delays, so it's important to be observant of the workers, pedestrians and other vehicles in traffic, and to be aware of the delays these projects can cause. A lot of these projects will be significant improvements to the public areas of our community, such as the updated Cascade Falls staircase, and we look forward to seeing them come to life and beautify our community.



Lastly, I wanted to touch on crosswalks. We have a significant number of crosswalks in the village, many of which are concentrated in the downtown area. I want to remind residents that a pedestrian in a crosswalk has the right-of-way. Conversely, if a pedestrian is not in a crosswalk they must yield to vehicles on the roadway. This topic is often brought up in the summer and I figured that with the additional congestion from construction and our special events it was worth addressing again. We will be actively enforcing crosswalks and any other traffic violations which present a safety issue, and I encourage our residents to keep us informed if there are any ongoing concerns you want us to address.

With that said, I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer this year and we look forward to seeing you while we're out and about!