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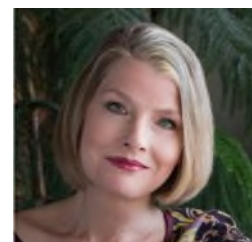
LIBRARY NEWS, by Anne Miller, Director

As we move into fall you might find yourself longing for a good book to read while curled up in your favorite chair. But how do you decide what that book is going to be? The library is here to help you find that next read. If you come into the library and want to browse the shelves and let a cover grab you, that works! But if you don't have time to look at all the shelves and books, talk to one of the library staff, they are trained in readers advisory. They will ask you a few questions to get started. What authors do you enjoy? And what about that author do you enjoy – the writing style, the action, the pace? Is there a particular genre you are looking for – mystery, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, biography? Once you've answered a few questions, we will suggest a few options to fill your reading void. There is also an online resource on the MORE library catalog website (www.more.lib.wi.us) that can even help you find your next read from the comfort of your home. Scroll to the bottom of the MORE home page and click on the "Research Page" under "Dig Deeper." This page will take you to a whole world of opportunity, but for finding that next read, scroll until you find "NovelistPlus" under the "Literature" heading and prepare yourself for the options that this website will provide you. You can search by age group (Adult, Teens, Child 9-12, Child 0-8), by genre, by curated lists, and much more. Not only will NovelistPlus help you decide what you can read next, with the click of a button, you can check to see if that book is available in our library system and place the hold! I hope you give NovelistPlus a try when searching for your next read.

We have many reasons for you to come visit us at the library. Every Tuesday at 10:30am is Storytime! Join Ms. Michelle for stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft for your littles. The library is the place to be on Thursday afternoons! On the 1st & 3rd Thursdays join us for LEGO Club at 4pm, and on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays we have Chess Club at 4pm. Both programs are for ALL AGES! On the 1st & 3rd Mondays, bring your lunch to the library at 12:30pm and join Anne for Lunch with a Librarian where we can talk all things library. Every Monday from 12-2pm is Tech Help where Dee can help you with those pesky problems you might be having with your device or to navigate through a website or app. Maybe you are looking to join a book discussion? The WMPL Book Discussion meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Copies of the discussion books are available for check out at the library. And don't forget to come to the Friends of the Osceola Library book sale on the 1st Saturday each month from 10am-3pm. The deals on books, movies, and jigsaw puzzles are fantastic! And speaking of the Friends of the Osceola Library, join them on Saturday, October 11th for their annual Books & Biscotti author event featuring P.J. Tracy! Refreshments will be served at 1pm with the presentation beginning at 1:30pm.



Books & Biscotti
with author PJ Tracy
Saturday, October 11 at 1pm



UTILITY INFORMATION



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.

EMAILED BILLS - Water and Sewer bills can now be emailed to you. If you choose this option, your bill will no longer be mailed to you via USPS. If you would like your utility bill to be emailed, please return an E-Billing Consent Form available at myosceola.com/residents/residential-forms/. E-Billing Consent Forms are also available by request at our Village office.

WATER RATES

Meter Fee Per Quarter:

5/8-inch meter: \$ 24.00	3/4-inch meter: \$ 24.00
1-inch meter: \$ 60.00	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 ½"	\$72
2"	\$116
3"	\$440
4"	\$560

VILLAGE INFORMATION & REMINDERS

VILLAGE CALENDAR

- Oct 7 Planning Commission 6:00 pm
- Oct 9 Admin & Finance 4:30 pm
- Oct 14 Village Board 6:00 pm
- Oct 16 Library Board 5:30 pm
- Oct 20 Airport Commission 4:30 pm

- Nov 4 Planning Commission 6:00 pm
- Nov 6 Admin & Finance 4:30 pm
- Nov 11 Village Board 6:00 pm
- Nov 13 Library Board 5:30 pm
- Nov 17 Airport Commission 4:30 pm

- Dec 2 Planning Commission 6:00 pm
- Dec 4 Admin & Finance 4:30 pm

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

HOLIDAYS - Facility Closed

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27 & 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving
Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 24 & 25, 2025 - Christmas
Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 31, 2025 & Jan. 1, 2026 - New Year's

- Dec 16 Village Board 6:00 pm
- Dec 18 Library Board 5:30 pm
- Dec 22 Airport Commission 4:30 pm

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



PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS



BRUSH PICK-UP - Brush chipping for residents within the Village of Osceola will be the week of **October 13th through October 17th**. Final run will be completed Friday, October 17th at 9:00 am. If it is not curbside beginning Monday, October 13th IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Residence are allowed **ONE** pile 6' length, 6' tall and 6' wide with brush being less than 3" in diameter and 6' in length.

LEAF PICK-UP - Leaves will be picked up as time permits **beginning Monday October 27th and running through November 7th**. 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 - 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.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL - Village Code 186-6 requires the owner, occupant, or person in charge of every building, structure, or 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 2025 and 2026 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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT, by Andrew Bach, Police Chief



Hi everyone! Summer has flown by and now we are looking forward to the cooler weather. Wheels & Wings and the Community Fair have come and gone, and I'm pleased to report that it was another great year despite our staffing issues. On that note, I'm happy to announce that Osceola PD is on track to become stronger than ever with a fully staffed department. Officer McCade Miller graduated from the law enforcement academy and has started our field training program and Officer Dalton Dodge will be shortly behind him graduating in mid-October. Officer Tremblay began his assignment as the Osceola School Resource Officer, and I've heard nothing but positive reports from staff, parents and students. I'm also pleased to report that we're working hard to fill our last vacancy and are hopeful of having another qualified candidate on the roster soon.

It's sobering to look back on one year ago when I was appointed to Chief of Police. Shortly before that, our combination talks with St. Croix Falls fell through and our service agreement with them was set to expire. In my opinion, September of 2024 was the lowest point of our department and the year to follow would be the busiest time in my career. We had many challenges to face and a lot of work to do in the coming year, and I'm proud to say that our staff stepped up and maintained their dedication to our mission. Now we get to see the fruits of our hard work as we start training the next generation of police officers, and the community can begin to enjoy the benefits of a fully staffed police department. It took some time and we're not quite finished, but I am confident that our ranks will be filled with good people to serve Osceola. I look forward to you meeting them while they are out and about.



Moving on to more fall-related topics, *Coffee with a Cop* is coming back at Caribou Coffee located inside of Dick's Fresh Market! We will kick off the event on November 21st and it will run from 8:30am to 10:00am on the last two Fridays of every month until spring. This event is a good time and a great opportunity to meet some of our new officers. We love talking with folks about any concerns or issues that they have in a more casual setting, or about how the fish will bite come first ice. We'll send out reminders and updates on our Facebook page, so be sure to follow us. We hope to see you there!

I always like to remind residents around fall about our winter parking restrictions. Under Village Code 207-9(B) *no person shall park any unoccupied vehicle on any street in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between November 15 and April 15, except with prior police approval.* This also applies to vehicles in the municipal parking lots, except for permitted parking spaces. This ordinance is to allow for Village snow removal operations. Our plows need the space on the roadway to effectively remove the snow. We usually spend the first couple of weeks in November putting out reminder flyers on vehicles before enforcing the ordinance, but I just wanted to put it in the back of everyone's minds as it is fast approaching.

Thank you and have a fun and safe fall season!

Chief Andrew Bach