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# VILLAGE NEWS



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES, by Andrew Bach



Happy warm weather folks! I hope that everyone has had an eventful and cozy winter and that you're ready for the higher temperatures to come rolling in. I just wanted to give a quick department update that the Osceola Police Department is doing very well and that our new officers are exceeding expectations in their duties. If you haven't had the chance to meet them yet, feel free to say hello if you see them out in our community. On that note - our final Coffee with a Cop events for the season are going to be Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am - 10:00am at Caribou Coffee, so please stop by and say hello!



In other spring-related news, we will begin testing our storm sirens in April in conjunction with Wisconsin Severe Weather Awareness Week from April 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Our first storm siren test will be Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm and we will be testing our sirens on the third Thursday of each month until we're through the storm season. Please follow our Facebook page for more information on when we will be testing the sirens. We will also be installing an additional siren to cover the downtown area of Osceola later this year!

I also wanted to bring up the issue of burning within the village. We often see a lot of residents doing spring cleanup of leaves and brush when the snow melts away, and I just wanted to remind folks that our Village Code 168-16 prohibits any burning outside of acceptable containers or fire pits. When you have a chance, please give that code a look to make sure that your cleanup efforts this spring are following the Village codes. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Finally, I wanted to talk about our Animals at Large ordinance, Village Code 168-19. This code prohibits animals to be at large within the Village which is defined as: *To be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a member of his or her immediate family over 12 years of age, either by leash or otherwise.* So please make sure that we are using leashes when walking our dogs throughout the Village and that they are not free to run around unattended. If one of our officers encounters an animal at large and we cannot identify or contact the owner, we contact Dedicated Animal Control who takes possession of the animal and assesses a fee. A good way to provide officers with a contact for the owner of a dog is to have it registered with the Village, which is required by ordinance, in addition to having owner contact tags and rabies vaccination tags attached to the dog's collar.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming months.

Chief Andrew Bach  
Osceola Police Department

# RECYCLING POLK COUNTY, WI



**Recycle these items for FREE at blue bin locations:**

**Combine: Bottles, Cans & Jars:**

**Loose Recycling**

**No Bags**

**Bags Damage Equipment**

**Items Accepted:** Plastic #1 & #2, Glass, Aerosol, Aluminum, & Tin

Lightly Rinse / Leave labels & Caps On

**No:** dishes, cookware, bulbs, window glass, aluminum foil etc..

**Combine: Cardboard & Paper:**

**Items Accepted:** Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Soft Cover Books, Glossy Flyers, Paper, Envelopes, Cardboard Egg Cartons, **Flatten:** Brown Cardboard, Cereal & Cake Boxes. (Leave Shredded paper in a bag)

**No:** hard cover books, wrapping paper, greeting cards, cartons, refrigerated beverage/food & detergent/small boxes



**24 hour Locations:**

<b>Alden</b> Town Hall, Star Prairie	<b>Black Brook</b> Town Hall	<b>Cushing</b> Co-op Grain Dept	<b>Johnstown</b> Town Shed	<b>Osceola</b> Fire Dept.
<b>Amery</b> Behind Fire Dept.	<b>Clam Falls</b> East of Tavern	<b>Eureka</b> Town Hall	<b>Laketown</b> Atlas County Park	<b>St. Croix Falls</b> Recycling Center
<b>Apple River</b> Town Hall, Range	<b>Clayton</b> Mun. Bldg	<b>Frederic</b> Village Shop	<b>Luck</b> Village Shop	<b>Wanderooos</b> Garfield Town Hall
<b>Balsam Lake</b> Government Center	<b>Clear Lake</b> Shop	<b>Georgetown</b> Town Hall	<b>McKinnley</b> Town Hall	<b>Scheduled Location</b> <b>Farmington</b> Town Hall Sat. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**Polk County Recycling Center**  
St. Croix Falls, WI  
(715) 483-1088

**Hazardous Waste**  
**Polk County Residents**

**\*New 2026\* Request online:**  
[www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling](http://www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling)

**FREE disposal of hazardous waste all year at a disposal facility in Somerset.**

**Hazardous includes Fertilizers, Thinners, Pesticides:**

Auto body Repair	Parts Cleaner	Varnish	Contact Cement	Wood Filler/Preservative
Nonautomotive Oil	Wax/Kill	Fungicide	Driveway Sealer	Gas/Oil Mixtures/Fuels
Leadbased Paint	Turpentine	Mothballs	Aerosol Cans	Paint Thinner/Stripper
Car Wax, Solvent Art	Disinfectants	Herbicide	Oven Cleaner	Nail Polish & Hair Remover
Paint & Media Photo	Battery Acid	Poisons	Spot Remover	Oil Based Paint, Mercury
graphic Chem. Floor Care Products	Lighter Fluid	Insecticide	Pool Chemicals	Shellac, Acetone, Epoxy
		Polishes	Glue/Lye/Stain	

**Commercial Fee:**  
Businesses can also fill out the online form to request information on disposal fees and locations.

**Latex Paint Fee:**  
\$1/less than one Gal. Container  
\$2/one gallon container  
\$5/five gallon container  
**Dispose of Latex Paint:**

- \*Recycle empty paint containers
- \*Contact trash hauler for disposal.
- \*Pour into a plasticlined cardboard box mixed with cat litter or paint drying solvent.

**FREE: SPRAY FOAM CYLINDERS**

**Polk County Recycling Center**  
St. Croix Falls, WI

**Bring to Recycling Center**  
Hwy 8, St. Croix Falls  
Open: Monday-Thursday 6:45- 4:30 p.m.  
Open Fridays: June, July & August

**2026 Fee Items:**

<b>Appliances</b> \$20/each Fridge, Furnace, Humidifier, Freezer, Microwave, Dishwasher, Washer/Dryer, Oven/Range, Water Heater	<b>Bulbs</b> \$1/Fluorescent \$5/HID, UV, Broken \$4/LB Ballasts	<b>Tires</b> 30¢/lb	<b>*No Appointment Needed</b> <b>* Accept Cash &amp; Credit Cards</b>
<b>Latex Paint</b> \$1/less than 1 Gal. container \$2/1 Gal. container \$5/5 Gal. container	<b>Electronics</b> 45¢/lb	<b>Shredding Confidential</b> 15¢/lb	<b>Motor Oil/Antifreeze</b> * FREE: Less 15 gallons * \$10/per 15 Gallon Container or more.
	<b>Oil Filter</b> \$1/Filter	<b>Mattress &amp; Box Spring</b> \$30/Each	<b>Household Furniture</b> \$30 each: chair & sofas \$40: Sectionals \$20 each: tables & bedroom furniture etc..

**More items listed Online:** [www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling](http://www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling)  
WI Laws Ban Landfilling of Recyclables

**Free Electronic Residential Drop-off**

Limit 200 pounds per vehicle.  
Over 200 pounds can be brought to the recycling center for 45¢ per pound along with electronics from a business.

**Polk County Recycling Center**  
St. Croix Falls, WI


**Thursday, October 15, 2026, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
- St. Croix Falls, Recycling Center  
- Line starts North of driveway by taking hwy 35, turning left onto 140th Ave and left at 208th St.  
- Those coming from hwy 8 will be directed to drive ahead to enter into the line from the North.

**Thursday, October 23, 2026, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
- Amery, South Industrial Park Rd  
- South of Amery across from Country Store.  
- Line will enter S. Industrial Park Rd from the North on the west side of highway 46.

**Qualified Electronic Devices:**  
TV's / Computers & Monitors / Video game consoles & accessories / Printers / Computer accessories / DVD Players / VCR's and other video players / Fax machines & cell phones / Cable & satellite receivers / Tablets & E-Readers / Modems & Routers / Exercise equipment / Air fryers / Cook pots / Blenders / Electric can openers / Crockpots / Food dehydrators / Microwaves / Pizza makers / Waffle makers / More items listed on [www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling](http://www.polkcountywi.gov/recycling)

**DYNAMIC**  
Thank you Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations for safely and confidentially recycling our electronics.  
Contact: 715-483-1088 / [polk.recycling@polkcountywi.gov](mailto:polk.recycling@polkcountywi.gov)

**Free to borrow:**  
Event Recycling Containers



**Call: 715-483-1088**

Larger versions can be found on village website at [www.mynosceola.com/residents/news](http://www.mynosceola.com/residents/news).

## 2026 ELECTIONS



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 2026 Elections**

- April 7<sup>th</sup>: Spring Election
- August 11<sup>th</sup>: Partisan Primary Election
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: 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.

## VILLAGE INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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

**HOLIDAYS – Facility Closed**

**Monday, May 25, 2026**

**Friday, July 3, 2026**

**Open Book & Board of Review** – The annual Open Book and Board of Review dates with the Village Assessor, Appraisal Services, will take place this spring. If your property is being reassessed you will receive an assessment notice with dates & times of the meetings. Please call Appraisal Services directly if you have questions (715) 834-1361.

**Board Meetings** - All Village Board meetings meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm and are open to the public. There is an opportunity for anyone in attendance to speak to the Village Board. The Village President will ask for public comment for matters not on the agenda. This is your opportunity to let Board know your questions/concerns/comments about things happening in our community.

**Dogs** – Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't let your dog roam outside the yard or bark excessively. When walking around the neighborhood or any trail, please pick up your dog waste. Per Village Code §168-19B “No person having a dog under his or her control shall knowingly permit such dog to litter upon the property of another...” The first offense is a fine of \$124.00 and second being \$187.00. **Dogs must be licensed, leashed, and within your control.** Dog licenses, for dogs 5 months and older, must be obtained prior to April 1, 2026.

**Stormwater Utility** – the Village completed a Stormwater Utility Rate Study dated December 5, 2025, and held two public hearings on February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10, 2026 to create the ordinance and establish rates, respectively, for a Stormwater Utility.

The ordinance was created to better manage stormwater and surface water runoff. This utility is intended to protect public health and safety, reduce impacts to the sanitary sewer system, limit flood and erosion, and local waterways. Beginning with the May utility bill you will see a charge for a stormwater utility. The ordinance can be reviewed online at our website [www.myosceola.com](http://www.myosceola.com), new laws, Ord. No. 26-01 and please call village offices at 715-294-3498 with any questions.



**Outdoor Use Meters** - If 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS, by Anne Miller, Director

In April the WMPL will be celebrating the NEA BigRead in the St. Croix Valley with Diane Wilson's book The Seed Keeper. There are events associated with the book at libraries and other locations throughout the St. Croix River Valley which you can view at ArtReach's website ([artreachstcroix.org/bigread/](http://artreachstcroix.org/bigread/)).

Specifically at our library we will have take and make seed art kits, and you are invited to bring the finished art you create back to the library for display on our gallery wall during the month of May. We will be hosting the "CROP ART: seeds, glue, and a toothpick" exhibit at the library April 20-25. On April 22 The Seed Keeper will be the book for the monthly WMPL Book Discussion. The grand finale for us will be a plant and seed swap on Saturday, April 25. Bring plants, both indoors and outdoors, and seeds to share with the community, and take home new to you plants and seeds for your garden and home.



We are also busy planning and getting ready for this year's Summer Learning Program. We are excited about the theme, Unearth a Story, and are anxiously awaiting the program's Kick-off event on June 6.

As always, stop into the library or check our website, Facebook or Instagram for more details about our events.

## PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS



**LEAF PICK-UP** - Leaves will be picked up as time permits **beginning April 14<sup>th</sup> and running through April 28<sup>th</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. The Village of Osceola Public Works department continues to offer the drop-off site at 103 Depot Road. This site is open during regular Public Works hours from 7am-3pm to drop off leaf bags and small brush. This site is for residents only and contactors will not be authorized to use the site.

**BRUSH PICK-UP** - Brush needs to be out starting **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. If it is not out by May 4<sup>th</sup>, **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. Public Works will be chipping curbside through **Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>** making a single lap of each residence and completing by 11am.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE TRIMMING** - Public Works will be conducting right-of-way trimming or removal of trees and shrubs through the spring and summer of public and private trees or shrubs impeding roads and sidewalks preventing pedestrians, vehicles, line of sight and equipment from safe travel. Private trees impeding roadways or vision hanging lower than 13 feet and trees and bushes impeding or hanging over sidewalk must be a minimum of 10 feet or are in violation of Village Code. **Owner** or **resident** will be responsible for keeping property in compliance or be billed appropriately for the work performed by the Public Works department or designated contactor. Work conducted and enforcement conforms to Village Code Chapter 124.