

# Oswego News



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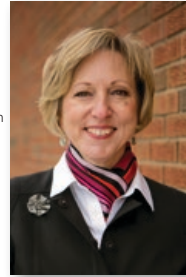
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# From the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

It's been a busy 100+ days since I took office as your Village President. The board of trustees and staff have been working diligently since May 5<sup>th</sup> to create a Bold, Balanced, and Bountiful Oswego! Here's a top ten list of what has been accomplished:



- Approved a ground-breaking comprehensive plan (the main tool for planning Oswego's future) that defies suburban sprawl and creates a balanced approach to both commercial and residential growth.
- Funded Oswego's long term road program—saving money by resurfacing more and replacing less.
- Approved the planning phase for a much needed police facility.
- Initiated a Kendall County Metra task force, bringing Metra Chairman Oberman and Director Orseno to Oswego to meet with our neighboring mayors and staff.
- Completed a shared services study with our community neighbors, exploring opportunities to eliminate duplication of services when possible.
- We've begun the first steps to kick-starting our downtown...inching closer to making it the vibrant center of our community.
- Appointed an advisory Economic Development Commission to put substance behind the words: "Oswego's open for business."
- Created a "one stop shop" for new businesses wanting to open in town, saving time and money on both ends.
- Completed a board workshop to establish Village initiatives and prioritize them for the long and short term—the first one this century.
- Reviewed 47 resumes and interviewed 10 candidates for the Village Administrator position.

Fall, for me, has always been a time to relax and step back, recharge and renew. This year at Village Hall we are too fired-up to slow down. We're moving forward with a bold plan for balanced growth to keep Oswego the bountiful community so many of us call "home."

Warmest regards,

*Gail Johnson*

Village President



Back Row, Left to Right – Trustee Ryan Kauffman, President Gail Johnson, Trustee Judy Sollinger, Trustee Joe West

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 ment Director  
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 ment Director

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This newsletter is published quarterly and mailed to over 14,000 Oswego postal customers. Comments, suggestions and questions are welcome at [info@oswegoil.org](mailto:info@oswegoil.org).



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## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

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 Economic Development . . .551-2335  
 Finance . . . . .554-0864  
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# From the Village Clerk

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

- All persons conducting business within the Village shall register their business.
- All businesses must renew annually.
- Registration applies to both home and commercial businesses.
- Commercial businesses must:
  - Verify properly zoned;
  - Obtain a certificate of occupancy;
  - Schedule an on-site inspection;
  - Pay required fees; and
  - Be issued a business registration certificate before opening or conducting business.
- Home businesses must:
  - Verify the home occupation is permitted;
  - Pay required fees; and
  - Be issued a business registration certificate before opening or conducting business.
- Not-for-profit organizations will be required to register. Please contact the Village Clerk's Office for more information.

## REGISTRATION FEES AND FINES

- Certificate of Occupancy Fee = \$90.00
- Commercial Registration Fee = \$50.00; Annual Fee = \$25.00
- Home Registration Fee = \$25.00; Annual Fee = \$10.00
- Not-for-profit Registration Fee = \$0.00
- Failure to obtain a business registration will result in a first offense fine of \$55.00.

Business registration applications can be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office or from the Village's website at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org).



## REQUIRED TRAINING DATES FOR ALCOHOL SERVERS

The signing of Public Act 99-0046 on July 15, 2015, requires all Illinois on premise alcohol servers (and those checking ID's for alcohol service) to successfully complete a **Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Education & Training (BASSET)** class by a certain date based upon county population.

**Kendall County** - BASSET certification required by **July 1, 2017**

*NOTE: Some local jurisdictions may already require BASSET. Please visit [www.illinois.gov/ILCC/SitePages/Survey.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ILCC/SitePages/Survey.aspx) for ordinances in your community.*

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- Ordinances Approved May 19, 2015- July 21, 2015

HOW TO VIEW

- Approved ordinances may be viewed on the Village's website at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org)

Did You Know...

ILCC Public Act 99-0046, "Happy Hour" law went into effect July 15, 2015

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# Senior Services Program

After being appointed Chief of Police, Chief Jeff Burgner identified a need to improve upon the police services provided to the senior population in the Village of Oswego. He felt the solution was to create a smaller group of officers whose mission would be building relationships with the senior population, which in turn would help the Oswego Police Department in serving them.

Sergeant Brian Nehring was selected to oversee the team of officers. Sergeant Nehring then met with different senior developments and groups to better learn what the needs of the senior population were. Three other Patrol Officers were also assigned to the team in order to provide a more consistent level of service among the different shifts of officers. The team is prioritizing making personal contacts at the many facilities that service the senior population in the Village of Oswego. They also will be attending events for local senior social groups as another way to make personal contacts. The officers want to build relationships with these groups so that the first contact seniors will have with the Police Department occurs before they require any police service. The team also hopes to answer questions and provide any guidance on issues that may not require an actual call for police service.

Here are some of the activities the officers have been involved with in 2015:

- May 12<sup>th</sup>** Detective Patrick Wicyk made a presentation at the Oswego Senior Center during the SCAM awareness day.
- May 27<sup>th</sup>** Officer Joe Geltz spoke to residents at Rose Terrace giving tips on protecting against scams.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** Sergeant Nehring participated in the Oswego Senior Center Fair.

During the daytime Officers Scott Hart and Joe Geltz have been frequenting the Oswego Senior Center. During the evening shift Sergeant Nehring and Officer Kelly Garcia have been frequenting the other senior facilities. Over the year, many visits have been made to these facilities, and much has been learned from the visits. The team will also be looking for any crime trends within the senior population. This will be accomplished several different ways. When visiting local facilities and groups, they will be inquiring about any crime trends. They will be reviewing calls for service and reports taken. They team will also be reviewing any national crime trends that could affect seniors locally.

The officers can be contacted by calling the Oswego Police Department and asking to speak with a senior service officer. They may also be contacted via email at the following addresses:

- Officer Joe Geltz [jgeltz@oswegopoliceil.org](mailto:jgeltz@oswegopoliceil.org)
- Officer Scott Hart [shart@oswegopoliceil.org](mailto:shart@oswegopoliceil.org)
- Officer Kelly Garcia [kgarcia@oswegopoliceil.org](mailto:kgarcia@oswegopoliceil.org)
- Sergeant Brian Nehring [bnehring@oswegopoliceil.org](mailto:bnehring@oswegopoliceil.org)

Senior service officers are not always on duty, but will return voicemails and emails when available. Seniors who need police services do not need to specifically call a senior service officer to report a crime. Seniors should call 911 if they need police service and wish for an officer to respond.

## Tips from the Building Inspectors

It's not too early to check out your furnace to make sure it is ready for the first cold mornings. Take these simple steps to prepare your heating system.

First, remove all the access covers and look for cracks and excess corrosion, especially in the heat exchanger -- the place where air circulates through the combustion chamber. Fuel is burned in the combustion chamber, and if any carbon monoxide leaks out it could be drawn into your home. If you suspect that this might be happening, call a professional to test for the gas and/or install a carbon monoxide alarm in your house. The alarm, available at most home centers, looks and installs much like a smoke alarm.

Second, clean out any dust and spider webs in the furnace with a vacuum and remove the filter. Instead of replacing the filter, you may want to install a new electronic air cleaner. This new filter uses static electricity to keep out many more particles and is very energy efficient.

Installation requires some custom-made ducting, but it is otherwise simple to do. Proper air-filtering has been shown to prevent what is called "sick-building syndrome." There are many causes for this, but symptoms include more frequent allergy attacks and even colds and flu.

Third, in the interest of saving energy, think about installing one of the new programmable thermostats. They may look complicated, but they hook up to the same wires as old thermostats.

Once installed, you program the times you usually turn the furnace on and off. The energy-saving idea behind these thermostats is that people often forget to turn off the furnace or, in order to heat up the house quickly, they overcompensate and run the furnace full blast. By having the thermostat anticipate temperature needs you save energy.

Next, with the thermostat off, light the pilot light and fire up the furnace. After letting it burn for a while, look at the flames to see if they are burning evenly and with a nice blue color.

If the flames are dancing around with more yellow than blue, you may need to adjust the air/fuel mixture. Different furnaces adjust this mixture in different ways. If you do not have the instructions for your individual furnace, have a professional do it. A furnace that is not working efficiently will waste fuel and take longer to heat up.

Finally, if after looking your furnace over you decide that it's time for a new one, check with your local utility to see if there are any rebates or purchasing plans available for a new furnace. Also, check the Energy Star Program. Many manufacturers offer low-cost financing on appliances that meet the Energy Star guidelines.





# Economic Development News

## OSWEGO EDC INAUGURAL MEETING HELD

The Village's newly formed Economic Development Commission (EDC) held its inaugural meeting on July 14th. Besides helping the Village with fresh ideas for marketing, the commission will tackle future incentive applications, business outreach visits, as well as implementation of downtown plans identified in the new comprehensive plan. Future EDC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. If your business has concerns that could potentially be discussed by the EDC, email to: [vgadde@oswegoil.org](mailto:vgadde@oswegoil.org)

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## SITES & BUILDINGS Who's Opening and Where



**Salsa Verde** has signed the lease to take the old Panera Bread space at the Oswego Commons shopping center. They plan to open by October. In 2014, an overwhelming number (32%) of the Oswego shoppers surveyed indicated they would patronize new restaurants in the Route 34 corridor, especially local independent restaurants.

**Anytime Fitness** has signed the lease to take 2962 and 2964 U.S. Route 34 at the Oswego Commons shopping center. They plan to open by December.

### New Commercial Businesses

Registered in June-July 2015

Kiddie Academy  
Distinctive Dental  
Woolkeeper

## PARTNER NEWS

Kendall Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) presents:

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**Kendall Legislative Business Forum**

Whitetail Ridge Golf Club  
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Breakfast/Networking	7:30 a.m.
Program	8:15 a.m.

### Aurora Job Fair

Waubonsee Community College hosts several free job fairs across the district each year. In addition to securing job or internship offers, job fairs are also a great source for networking leads. This year's third and last job fair will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aurora Campus. Learn more at:

<https://www.waubonsee.edu/experience/services/career/job-fairs/>

### Other Upcoming Events

**September 8, 4:00 PM:** AIRE Developer Showcase. Location TBD

**October 7-8:** ICSC Chicago Deal Making, Navy Pier, Chicago

**Healthy Driven**  
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# 2015 Fall Property of the Season

The Oswego Historic Preservation Commission is proud to announce the N. M. Tripp Insurance building at 5 S. Main as the 2015 Fall Property of the Season. The building, currently owned by Robert and Janet Tripp, is a fine example of Queen Anne architecture built circa 1895 by Gottfried Schwartz, a prolific local builder. This deceptively large former residence faces Main Street, but extends back down the hill towards Adams Street. Scalloped wood siding covers the front of the building below the eaves of the roof above a large stone covered porch. Decorative lintels line the windows on the second floor of the home and a large two story bay with canted windows gives interest along the south facade. The lower level of the building is clad in brick with the same stone foundation as the front porch. A small addition on the rear of the building has a walk-out porch to the roof from the second story of the home with a surrounding porch railing and the same scalloped trim as the front of the building. The business still retains the wooden trim and moldings on the inside of the building.

N. M. Tripp Insurance Company occupies lot 1 in block 3 of the original town of Oswego. The block was surveyed and platted on May 5, 1842 by Walter Loucks. This lot had been purchased by America Gates, a Brewer in Aurora, who dabbled in real estate. He bought and sold multiple properties in Aurora and Oswego in the 1840s and 1850s. Mr. Gates sold this property in 1841 to John Wade, a full year before Loucks platted the block. The lot changed hands many, many times between 1841 and 1876. Some of the owners included well known movers and shakers in Oswego such as Decolia Towle, John G. Clark, Benjamin Fridley, Moses Cherry, James Cutter, Reuben Whitley, and Edgar Zimmerman.

In 1876, William and Sarah Bunn sold the property to Minnie Southworth. Ms. Southworth owned the lot for 13 years, which was, at that time, the longest ownership of the lot to date. She sold the lot to Gottfried and Margaret Schwartz in November 1893. Mr. Schwartz, a native of Germany, came to Oswego in 1869, and in 1877 he married Miss Margaret Rieger. Gottfried was a prolific local builder, having built the ice houses around Oswego plus many barns and buildings in his years as carpenter and tradesman. He built the current structure as a showpiece of his work and as a blank canvas for his wife, who was an accomplished gardener. The foundation was laid in March of 1894, and the home was completed just after Thanksgiving that same year. September 12, 1894, the Kendall County Record announced, "Some thought that Schwartz should have selected a better site for the fine new residence he has been building, but as far as the showing off of it from out of town, specially from the north and the other side of the river is concerned, no better could have been had."

The couple lived together in the home until his unfortunate death in February of 1906. Margaret stayed in the home alone until 1911 when she moved to Indiana. She rented the property to Jacob Meyer, a local stock buyer and meat market owner, and his wife Anna. Margaret sold the home outright to the couple in 1913. Jake died unexpectedly in an auto accident in April 1918. Anna sold the home the following February to Fred and Minnie Shoger Mundsinger.

Fred and Minnie bought the home in 1919 as Fred was retiring from farming. They lived in the home with their teenage children Laura, Alma, and Harry. Eldest daughter, Stella, had died a couple of years before. In 1920 Laura was a seamstress in a wrapper factory while Alma worked for a company in Aurora. Harry became a farmer like his father. Fred and Minnie lived in the home the remainder of their lives. Their daughter Laura married Alex Crosman, an Oswego policeman, and lived in the home until selling to James Zentmeyer in 1948. Jim Zentmeyer, owner of Zentmeyer Ford down the street, was a well-known entrepreneur and Village President for several years. Jim and his wife rented out the property for several years until they sold the home to Ken and Jacqueline Pickerill in 1966. They ran the successful Jacqueline Shop Tea Rooms here from the 1960s to 1990s.

They sold the building to Bob and Janet Tripp in 1996. The Tripp's are proud of their maintenance of the historic building and will be giving the business a facelift with some new paint in the near future.

The Property of the Season Program was created by the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission to honor properties, and their owners, that are deemed contributing to the historical and cultural character of the Village of Oswego. For the purposes of this program, a property can be defined as a structure, site, or permanent object such as a sign, clock, or other community icon. More details about the program are available on the Village's website.



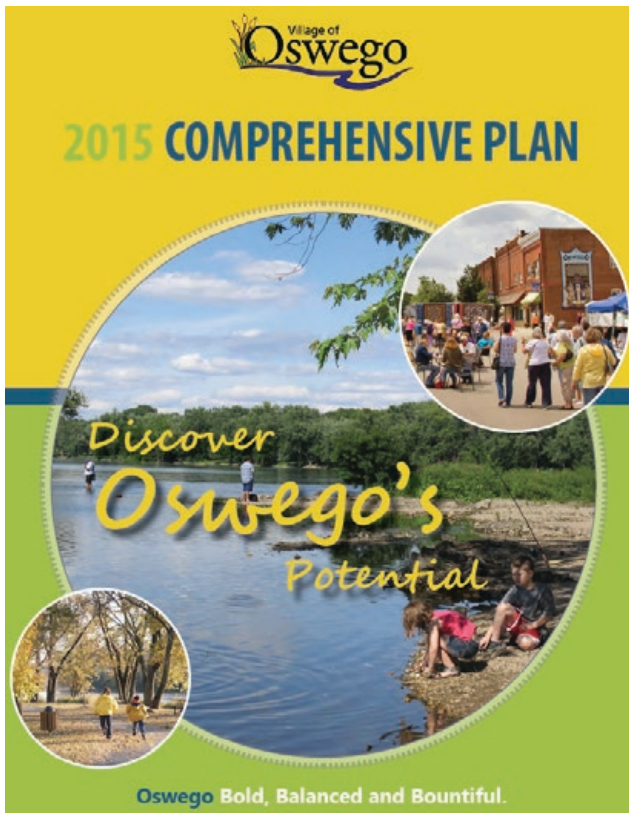
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# Comprehensive Plan Update Adopted



The Village of Oswego had initiated the process of updating the current Comprehensive Plan to create a unified plan that can strengthen Oswego's position in the post-recession economy in the region. The Comprehensive Plan is used to guide the Village in evaluating future development opportunities. A major goal of the update to the Plan is to develop bold and economically viable concepts for Downtown, the riverfront, and other key sites that can serve the community and also attract visitors.

Beginning in March of 2014, the Village hired the consulting firm of Ginkgo Planning and Design, Inc. to spearhead the planning effort. The process included analysis of the Village's current conditions, key stakeholder interviews, public meetings, and presentations. Throughout the process, the public has been able to view the presentations and provide comments and suggestions for the planning effort.

In August of 2015, the Village Board adopted the Plan, which is available on the Village's website at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org). The document provides information on the past and future development trends in the Village; it identifies roadway and trail improvements, and a summary of the residential and retail markets.

A main section of the document is dedicated to the Downtown. It identifies several key projects that could be implemented to enhance the character of the Downtown. These are to establish new zoning designations and bulk regulations for the downtown, enhancing Washington Street to make it more pedestrian friendly, improve Harrison Street along the river, relocate and increase the amount of public parking, expand Hudson Crossing Park to the south, encourage redevelopment of underutilized sites, and to develop branding and signage for the Downtown area to encourage residents and visitors to discover what the Downtown has to offer.

The Village will be implementing many of these recommendations to assist the Downtown to become the heart of the community while maintaining and strengthening the charming Main Street character that it has provided since the founding of Oswego.



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# ECO Reuse and Recycling Extravaganza

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Reuse & Recycle Extravaganza – September 12, 2015

Recycle what you don't need at the ECO Commission Reuse & Recycle Extravaganza. The event will be on Saturday, September 12th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oswego Public Works Facility, 100 Theodore Dr.

We will accept bicycles, books, clothing, electronics, eyeglasses, keys, lawn mowers, LCD/LED/Plasma televisions, packing materials, scrap metal, school supplies, suitcases, toys and more! You can also exchange used books, videotapes, CDs and DVDs.


Please note that **tube televisions and latex paints will not be accepted this year.** Antifreeze and motor oil will be accepted at Keith's Car Care, located at 78 Stone Hill Rd., Oswego, at no cost.

This event is made possible with the help of wonderful volunteers. To volunteer, please call 630.554.3622 or email at [eco@oswegoill.org](mailto:eco@oswegoill.org). Volunteering at the Extravaganza is a great way to help your community! Volunteers should be middle school age and older.

The Cultural Arts Commission & the Oswego Public Library District present the 4th annual



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## Oswego Christmas Walk Celebration

### Calling all Community Organizations & Businesses!

The Village of Oswego is again hosting the Annual Christmas Walk celebration and we want YOU to be involved!

The Oswego Christmas Walk Celebration will take place on December 4th from 5 - 9 p.m. throughout downtown Oswego. If your group would like to offer an activity or event during the celebration, please submit your activity application to Village of Oswego at [info@oswegoil.org](mailto:info@oswegoil.org), no later than November 2nd.

Applications are available at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org).

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& November 14  
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Sept. 13, 27, &  
November 15

# Public Works

## ■ FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK: NOVEMBER 16 – 20

Groot Industries provides a clean-up day in the spring and fall. They will collect additional household waste, yard waste, and bulk items for all Village residents the week of November 16th – November 20th, on your normally scheduled garbage day. Residents must place yard waste in the 30 gallon Kraft yard waste bags. PLEASE – NO PLASTIC BAGS! NO stickers will be required (this week only). NOTE – you **cannot** put out appliances or electronics. Please place all items, along with your regular garbage and recycling, at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your normally scheduled garbage day. If you have any questions regarding this pick up, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242.

## ■ FREE WOOD CHIPS

The Public Works Department has wood chips available for residents, free of charge. These wood chips are the product of our brush pick-up program as well as other tree removal efforts. Some chips may be from Ash tree removals. Please be advised that due to the Emerald Ash borer quarantine, these chips need to remain local. Please note that this is not fine mulch as you would purchase. Homeowners may pick up the wood chips at the Public Works Facility located at 100 Theodore Drive any time of day out in the back by the salt dome.

## ■ SECURE YOUR MAILBOX

With winter just around the corner and snow plowing season not far behind, now is the time to secure your mailbox. **The Village of Oswego is no longer responsible for mailbox repairs** unless damage is physically done by a village vehicle. Statistics show that 99% of the damage done is from the snow off the plow hitting an unsecured box, not by the vehicle.

## ■ WATER MAIN FLUSHING: SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 9

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains during the two week period of September 28th – October 9th (weather permitting). Crews will begin flushing at 7:00 a.m. Please do your laundry before that time or after 6:00 p.m. on these days to avoid rust discoloration of clothes. If your clothes become discolored, please notify the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242.

The Public Works Department flushes all fire hydrants in March and September under the recommendation of the Illinois EPA. Flushing does a number of things including cleaning of water mains and producing fresh water to areas of the system that have low or very little usage. Flushing cleans the water mains by running high flows of water through fire hydrants to get rid of iron deposits that could produce colored water and, in some instances, plugged water meters. Flushing also helps produce fresh water by opening hydrants at the end of water mains and pulling fresh water all the way to the end of the line. This helps if a resident lives in a new subdivision that has little water usage.

**REMEMBER** – if the Village crews are in your area, do not do laundry until after 6:00 p.m. on the days of flushing. Also, before running your hot water, run all cold water taps first to make sure the water is running clear. Only when it is running clear is when you want to run your hot water.

The department will be putting up signs to alert residents of the upcoming flushing. These signs will be placed throughout the Village the week before the flushing. Please watch for them.

## ■ NO TRASH PICK-UP ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Thursday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving. Garbage will be as usual for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Garbage for Thursday and Friday will be delayed one day. Thursday's pick up will be on Friday, and Friday's pick up will be on Saturday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242.

## ■ YARD WASTE PICK UP

Yard waste pick up began the week of March 30th and will continue weekly until Friday, December 4th. The State of Illinois defines yard waste as grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, small tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Examples of yard waste include grass clippings, leaves, branches, limbs, weeds, logs, and garden plants. Your waste material will be collected only if it is placed in a 30 gallon Kraft paper bag with **1 Groot Industries yard waste sticker** affixed to the front of the bag. The bags and stickers are available at local retail grocery and hardware stores. Yard waste will be collected on the same day that your regular trash is collected. Please have your yard waste, trash and recycling at your curb by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

## ■ BRUSH PICKUP

The Village has implemented brush collection by zones this year. There are two zones. Zone A includes all properties east of the Fox River and north of US 34, as well as those properties west of the Fox River and north of Mill Road. Zone B includes all properties east of the Fox River and south of US 34, as well as those properties west of the Fox River and south of Mill Road. We will collect brush from each zone once each month beginning in April. The last pickup will be in October just prior to the start of the leaf collection program. Collection weeks are as follows:

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Zone B</b>
September 14	September 21
October 5	October 12

Place all brush at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning of the designated week, but no earlier than noon the Friday before.

The Public Works trucks will pass through an area once and will not return for brush placed after the deadline.

Brush is defined as tree and bush branches that are less than 5" in diameter. Place unbundled brush parallel or perpendicular to the street in neat bundles with all cut ends facing the same direction. Do not put brush in a container or in the street. We will not pick up logs, wood, root balls, cuttings, or grass clippings. Crews will place an orange tag on your door indicating the reason they did not pick up the brush if it is the wrong material or placed at the curb prior to the deadline.

The Village provides this service for residents. The Village does not accept landscaping generated by contractors.



## LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

The Village has implemented a zoned collection system to provide residents with a set schedule for collection. One new vacuum has been added to the Village's fleet to increase our capacity to pick up leaves. Leaf collection progress by zone can be viewed at Village's map gallery at: [oswego.maps.arcgis.com](http://oswego.maps.arcgis.com).

### LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

#### Zone Collection

Houses are assigned to a zone based upon its location in the Village.

- Zone A - All properties west of the Fox River, Hunt Club Subdivision, and all properties east of Fox Bend Golf Course and south of US 34
- Zone B - All properties south of Wolf Road, all properties south of US 34 east of the Fox River and west of IL 71 (the downtown area), and all properties south of IL 71 excluding the Hunt Club subdivision
- Zone C - East of the Fox River and northwest of US 34

These zones may be seen on the Leaf Collection Zone map.

#### Collection Dates

Leaves will be picked up three times this season. Leaf pickup is scheduled for Monday through Friday as follows:

- Zone A - Weeks of October 12 and November 2, and after November 23
- Zone B - Weeks of October 19 and November 9, and after November 23
- Zone C - Weeks of October 26 and November 16, and after November 23

The Village will make one final pass throughout the entire Village between November 23 and December 4.

#### Collection

Place leaves in the parkway (in the grass) near the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your specified pickup week to guarantee collection during that week. Leaves placed in the parkway after the final collection that week will not be picked up until the next scheduled week of collection.

Please do not mix foreign materials such as brush, garden waste, tree limbs, vines, lumber, etc. with the leaves. These materials can cause equipment failure or injury. The Village will not pick up leaves containing these materials and will notify you of this condition.

Please keep your leaves out of the curb line and street so not to cause hazardous driving conditions or local flooding. Keep in mind that piles must be easily accessible and must contain leaves only. If other debris is in with the leaves the pile will not be picked up. Residents are reminded that leaf burning is prohibited at all times.

Residents may also choose to bag their leaves in yard waste bags. Each bag requires one (1) yard waste sticker and needs to be placed at the curb with garbage and recycling containers by 6:00 a.m. on the normally scheduled garbage collection day. These stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 at:

- Village Hall - 100 Parkers Mill Rd.
- Ace Hardware - 4500 Route 71
- Jewel Foods - 2450 Route 30
- Meijer's Store - 2700 U.S. 34
- Montgomery Market Place - 11525 Douglas Rd., Montgomery
- Walmart - 2300 U.S. 34

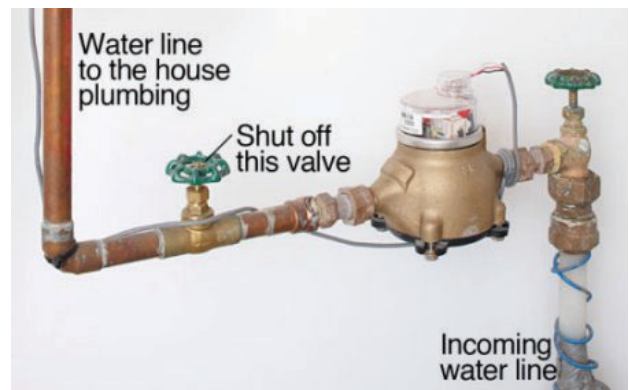
Groot will collect yard waste bags for free on your regular garbage collection day during the week of November 16 through November 20. The final day for collection of yard waste bags is December 4th.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works office at 630-554-3242 or visit the Village website at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org).

## WATER SHUTOFF VALVE

Do you know where your indoor water shutoff valve is? There are times when a leak can occur in the water service line inside the home and a public works employee is not immediately available to turn the water off at the street. Most homeowners can turn off their water at their indoor valve by their water meter until help can arrive.

If you do not know where your indoor shutoff valve is please call the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242 to schedule an appointment for someone to come show you where it is and how to turn it off. This service is FREE and can save you from having a water mess in your home.





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# Top 5 free attractions in Oswego.

Tourism Bureau  
Village of Oswego

## 1. Fox Valley Winery

Spend some time in front of the cozy fireplace or wander through the gift shop to see the work of local artists. The first 5 tastings are free then it's up to you to decide which bottle you will be taking home!



## 2. Hudson Crossing Park

Overlooking the scenic Fox River, you can let the kids loose on the playground, bring a picnic lunch or launch your canoe or kayak and Paddle the Fox River.



## 3. Veterans Memorial Plaza

The memorial is dedicated to members in our community who have been involved in wars throughout our country's history. The memorial includes the Veterans Walk and leads directly to Hudson Crossing Park.



## 4. Little White School Museum

Step back in time at this historic museum. The building is home to a community history museum and genealogy archive.



## 5. Lincoln Highway Mural

This must see mural is hand painted and tells the story of the famed highway and commemorates the Boy Scouts placing highway markers across the nation in 1928.