

# Oswego News



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**Reminder: No Parking 2am – 6am on Village Streets**



# From the Village President

Cleaning out a closet in my home office a few months ago I came across a box of transparencies. For those of you born after the mid-1980's, transparencies were the precursor to PowerPoint slides. They are thin sheets of clear flexible material on which you can draw or print graphics to be shared via an overhead projector. For those of you born before, oh, never mind.

As the use of transparencies became obsolete in business environments, the use of the word "transparency" became prevalent in the world of government. Today it has become a buzz word; jargon that is bantered about without much thought or value.

We have been striving for the past year to find ways to connect people to the Village of Oswego in more meaningful ways. A large part of this push is transparency. Not transparency the buzz word, rather, transparency as an action.

To this end your board and staff have taken several significant steps:

First, beginning in August of 2015, our committee of the whole meetings have been added to the videos available to view live or at your leisure. What's the big deal? The committee of the whole meetings are where many discussions and debates are held prior to an item coming to the regular village board meeting for a formal vote.

You can now hear the discussion and follow the thought processes that led to the decision. I believe great decisions are made when many people share their thoughts and add their voices to the conversation. Different points of view often shape outcomes; they definitely shape great outcomes.

Secondly, we have just concluded a series of Community Conversations. What's the big deal? These were one-on-one, face-to-face opportunities for residents to interact with the board and staff to share information, concerns, and possible solutions on a myriad of topics. These conversations were so successful we are all eager to do them again next year.

Thirdly, this summer we added Open Books Oswego: a new online financial tool available to everyone. What's the big deal? Anyone can now look to see exactly where every dime is spent. Even the Village's check book is online. If you want to know how many checks were written to a vendor, or how much it cost to pave a road, or even how many tickets we sold at an event—log onto our website ([oswegoil.org](http://oswegoil.org)) and click on "transparency," then click on "open books Oswego" and you're in! This removes any uncertainty about where public dollars are spent and provides great tools to help us make data-driven decisions, as well.

These additions have taken us strides ahead of where we were a year ago in terms of accountability and openness, we think that's a really big deal.

*Gail Johnson*

Village President



## OSWEGO VILLAGE BOARD

Gail Johnson	Village President
Tina Touchette	Village Clerk
Ryan Kauffman	Village Trustee
Karin McCarthy-Lange	Village Trustee
Pam Parr	Village Trustee
Luis Perez	Village Trustee
Judy Sollinger	Village Trustee
Joe West	Village Trustee

## ADMINISTRATION

Daniel Di Santo	Village Administrator
Jeff Burgner	Chief of Police
Michele Brown	Community Relations Manager
Christina Burns	Asst. Village Administrator / HR Director
Jay Hoover	Building and Zoning Manager
Mark Horton	Finance Director
Jennifer Hughes	Public Works Director
Rod Zenner	Community Development Director

## OSWEGO NEWS

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).

## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

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Economic Development	551-2335
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## GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2016

## 2017 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

April 4, 2017

**The 2017 Consolidated Election will be held on April 4, 2017.**

Municipal offices to be elected are three (3) Trustee positions each for a four (4) year term. The first day to circulate petitions is September 20, 2016. A candidate's packet will be available at the Clerk's Office located at the Oswego Village Hall, 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego. Or the forms and guides can be downloaded from either the Village of Oswego ([www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org)) or State Board of elections ([www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)) web sites. Nominating papers are to be filed in the Village Clerk's Office located at 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Monday–Friday, Dec. 12–19, 2016, during normal business hours, which are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**The nominating papers to be filed with the Village Clerk include:**

- ▶ Statement of Candidacy
- ▶ Receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests
- ▶ Loyalty Oath (optional)
- ▶ Valid nominating petitions containing the requisite number of signatures

**The following terms are expiring:**

Village Trustee (3 positions for a 4-year term each)

1. Pam Parr
2. Luis Perez
3. Judy Sollinger

**To be eligible to run for village office you must:**

- ▶ be a qualified elector/registered voter;
- ▶ not be in arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due the municipality;
- ▶ not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5], unless your right to hold public office has been restored in the manner provided by law;
- ▶ reside in the municipality for one (1) year preceding the election.
- ▶ There are special requirements for those in active military service [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5].

Please remember that this information is not intended to constitute legal advice and that each candidate is responsible for taking all steps necessary to be on the ballot.

## EARLY VOTING

**Early Voting for the General Election** September 29, 2016- November 7, 2016; times and locations to be determined.

**Early Voting for the Consolidated Election** February 23, 2017-April 3, 2017; times and locations to be determined.

For more information on early voting and other voting options please contact the Kendall County Clerk's Office at 630-553-4104, 111. W. Fox Street, Yorkville, IL.

**Kendall County Clerk's Office is in need of Election Judges with the following qualifications:**

To be eligible to serve as an election judge, you must be:

- ▶ A citizen of the United States
- ▶ A resident of Kendall County
- ▶ A registered voter
- ▶ Be able to speak, read, and write in English
- ▶ Be of good understanding and capable of performing duties

For more information, please visit the Kendall County Clerk's web page at: <http://www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/16132-2/>

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Individuals registering to vote must have two (2) forms of identification with at least one showing their current residence (i.e. photo ID; utility bill).

To register to vote you must:

- ▶ Be a U.S. citizen
- ▶ Be at least 18 years of age by Election Day
- ▶ Be a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- ▶ If you are a naturalized citizen please bring your papers with you or know the court, city, state and date of naturalization; the registration form requires this information

## LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

**General Election** October 11, 2016

**Consolidated Election** March 7, 2017

## LOCATIONS:

### Village Hall

100 Parkers Mill, Oswego  
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Mon.–Fri.

### Library District—Oswego Campus

32 West Jefferson St.  
630-554-3150

*\*\*Please contact them directly for availability of registrars at their locations*

### Oswegoland Park District

630-554-1010

*\*\*Please contact them directly for availability of registrars at their locations*

### Kendall County Clerk's Office

111 W. Fox Street, Room 103 Yorkville, IL  
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Voter registration forms and a complete list of voter registration locations can be found on the Kendall County Clerk's website at <http://www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/>.

## VOTE BY MAIL

The Kendall County Clerk's Office is now accepting Vote by Mail applications. Fill out the application and return it to the County Clerk's Office. The first day the Kendall County Clerk's Office can mail out the ballots is September 29, 2016. The application can be found at the following link: [http://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/Election\\_Application\\_MailBallot.pdf](http://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/Election_Application_MailBallot.pdf)

# Safety

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – BASICS YOU NEED TO KNOW

You were probably taught as a child when it's time to change our clocks either forward or backwards due to daylight savings time, it is also time to change the batteries in your home smoke alarms. But have you thought about your household fire extinguisher? Did you know that they need care and maintenance?

It is important to know which type of fire extinguisher is the right one for the job. Fire extinguishers come in all different types, shapes, and sizes. If you are not sure which type you need in your home, you can contact your local Building Department, Fire Department, or search on line to be sure you have the right fire extinguisher.

There are three basic types of fire extinguishers along with several specialty types. They are broken down into types (class) of fire that they are capable of extinguishing.

**Class A:** wood, lumber, paper, cardboard, and many types of plastics

**Class B:** flammable or combustible liquids (gasoline, oils, petroleum products and organic solids)

**Class C:** energized electrical equipment (switches, appliances, electrical service panel and power tools)

An A-B-C type fire extinguisher is an excellent choice for in home use as it covers most of the situations confronted in the home. These type extinguishers are typically a one-time use tool (disposable) and have an extended shelf life.

When looking at which extinguisher to use, read the label where you will find marked symbols that show the types of fires it can and cannot be used on. If unsure, contact an expert.

### Fire extinguisher tips:

1. Never use a Class A fire extinguisher (normally chrome/silver body unit) on a Class B (liquid) or Class C (electrical) fire. This could spread the fire or you could get a significant or deadly shock.
2. Fire extinguishers should be inspected monthly.

3. Make sure they are mounted in a clear and obvious location, but away from the reaching hands of small children.
4. Be sure to also inspect the pressure gauge. Is it in the green and ready to go?
5. If it is the disposable type, is it up to date and not expired? If your extinguisher is not disposable type, has it been inspected and tagged within the last year?
6. Are all the parts there and in working condition?

### Keep in Mind:

- ▶ All homes should have at least one fire extinguisher
- ▶ Practice makes perfect; an emergency is not the time to learn how use an extinguisher. Many local Fire Departments and vendors have training classes available to the public.
- ▶ Always have a clear path to an exit to your back if ever forced to use an extinguisher.
- ▶ And remember, "when outgunned, it's time to run!"

## WATER CONSERVATION

Oswego obtains its water from a deep underground pool of water called an aquifer. As this source of water is limited, Oswego is one of many communities which have enacted conservation regulations to help ensure that water is available for everyone. We ask your cooperation in complying with the following regulations:

### Watering from the Village of Oswego water distribution system may only be used as follows:

All properties with even-numbered street numbers (i.e. numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8) may use village distributed water for sprinkling or automatic water systems for plant or yard watering on even-numbered calendar dates between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All properties with odd-numbered street numbers (i.e. numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) may use Village-distributed water for sprinkling or automatic water systems for plant or yard watering on odd-numbered calendar dates between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE OSWEGO SENIOR CENTER	Call or email for information on how to purchase tickets
<b>Healthy Aging: Free Health Screen Event</b> <i>Tuesday, October 4, 9am-1pm</i>	 <b>Oswego Senior Center</b> 156 E. Washington Street Oswego, IL 60543 (630) 554-5602 Email: <a href="mailto:info@oswegoseniorcenter.org">info@oswegoseniorcenter.org</a>  <i>Join us for lunch on Mondays and Thursdays, call a business day ahead to make your reservation, sug. don., \$5.</i>  <i>Classes on health, financial, caregiver, computers, mobile devices, and more! Tai Chi, Gentle Yoga, Woodshop, Ceramics, Knitting &amp; Crocheting, Bunco, Bridge, Euchre, Mah Jong, Scrabble and more!</i>
<b>Medicare Forum</b> <i>Wednesday, October 5, 10am-12:30pm</i>	
<b>Polka Dinner Dance with Eddie Korosa Jr.</b> <i>Friday, October 21</i>	
<b>Holiday Art &amp; Craft Fair</b> <i>Saturday, November 19</i>	
<b>New Year's Eve Luncheon</b> <i>Friday, December 30</i>	

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# Water Conservation

All non-addressed properties including, but not limited to, subdivision entrances, roadway islands, and parkways may use village distributed water for sprinkling or automatic water systems for plant or yard watering on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and also between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Notwithstanding the provisions of the paragraphs above, the following special regulations shall apply:**

There shall be no restrictions as to hours or days when water from the Village water distribution system may be used for watering or sprinkling gardens, trees, shrubs, or other outdoor plants where such watering or sprinkling is done by a person using a hand-held watering device.

The automatic watering of trees and shrubs by means of root feeders within the drip line of the tree or shrub will follow the even/odd restrictions stated above.

**The planting of sod or grass seed is prohibited during the months of July and August.**

Property owners or residents who want to continuously water a newly seeded, slit-seeded, or sodded area more than ten (10) square yards will need to obtain a permit at the Public Works Department, at Village Hall located at 100 Parkers Mill. (There is no fee for this permit; however, violators will be fined.) (Village Code 8-7-14)

**Filling swimming pools:** Persons wishing to fill their pool may have the water brought in by tank by a private contractor or use their private garden hose to do so. The filling of swimming pools with hydrant water is prohibited. If using a private hose, the homeowner will follow the water conservation rules. If, in the case of a new pool, and filling will take longer than the conservation limitations, a FREE permit will be issued to allow the hose to run for 48 hours. Keep in mind that the permit is free and violators will be fined.

## Police Department commits to improve efforts

The Oswego Police Chief is committed to providing the most effective police service to the senior population of Oswego. A team of officers was created last year to best serve the 55 and older community. They are continuing their mission by reaching out to the community and having face to face contact with many Village seniors. Over the year the team made periodic appearances at the many 55 and older communities to reach out and lend a helping hand with crime prevention and bridging the gap between the community and the residents.

In order to assist in the mission and improve our efforts, Chief Burgner and the Oswego Police Department have partnered with Aurora University creating a Masters in Social Work internship which will serve the community. This social work internship will allow an intern to work within the community and identify the needs of our 55 and older population. The intern will travel to different areas in town and meet with many different community members in order to establish this needs assessment. This will allow the Department to focus efforts on areas in which the Village residents and the police department feel are important.

We are proud to have Constance Revelle as our first social work intern. She is a highly organized and detail orientated worker. She has experience in developing and maintaining programs, but most of all she is excited for the opportunity to work with the Village and our residents. She will be starting immediately by becoming familiar with the Police Department and how it functions followed by transitioning out into the community to begin our needs assessment.

Along with Constance, the team will continue to be out amongst the community being proactive and getting to know the residents. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us at: 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), or Sergeant Brian Nehring [bnehring@oswegopoliceil.org](mailto:bnehring@oswegopoliceil.org). Senior officers are not always on duty, but will return voicemails or emails when available. Seniors who need police services do not need to specifically call a senior officer to report a crime. Seniors should call 911 if they need police service and wish for an officer to respond.

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## WATER MAIN FLUSHING: OCTOBER 3-14

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains during the two-week period of Oct. 3 – 14 (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 April 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.

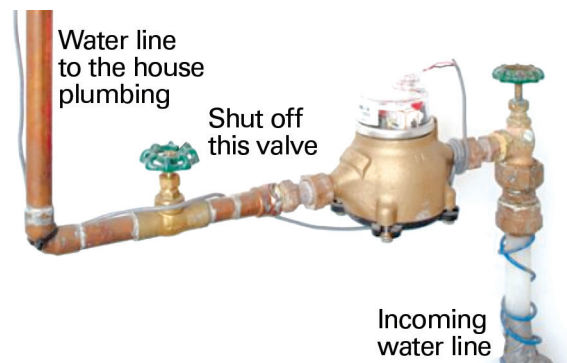
**REMEMBER** – if the Village crews are in your area, do not do laundry until after 6:00 p.m. on the days of flushing. Also, before running your hot water, run all cold-water taps first to make sure the water is running clear. Only when it is running clear do you want to run your hot water.

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.

## 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.





# Public Works Reminders

## URBAN CANOPY

Trees in the parkway are owned by the Village of Oswego. The parkway is generally defined as the area between the curb and sidewalk. There are more than 16,500 trees in the parkway so the Village asks residents to help maintain the trees by watering during extended dry spells and doing light pruning to keep sidewalks clear.

Trees are important for many different reasons. Trees provide us with shade that helps cool us in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. They also beautify our neighborhoods and improve our property value. Trees also help to combat climate change by cleaning the air and removing carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen.

## TREE INSPECTIONS

Trees are regularly inspected by a village arborist. The arborist is looking for cracks in the trunk, broken or hanging branches, obstruction of streets and sidewalks, and clear site of street signs. The arborist is also inspecting for signs of disease or insect infestation. At the same time we are checking for dead or dying trees that need to be removed. Contact the Public Works office at 630-554-3242 with any concerns you may have regarding your parkway tree.

## TREE TRIMMING

The village is currently on a 5-year pruning cycle which means once staff completes an area, those trees will be pruned again in approximately 5 years. Certified/trained staff will go through a designated subdivision and prune all parkway trees to a height that will allow traffic flow, which will include snow plow trucks and garbage trucks, bikes and pedestrians, signage clearance, and any other issues there may be. Although we are on the pruning cycle, residents may still call the Public Works office for individual tree maintenance issues, and we will send a staff member out to check the tree for any needed maintenance.. Staff is trained according to the National Pruning Standards.

## TREE REMOVAL

Village crews or contractors remove dead trees within the right-of-way.

The Ash tree is our largest project that has affected over 3,000 trees throughout the village. Before removing any parkway Ash tree, the tree is thoroughly examined by a trained Village Arborist. If there is any sign of the tree having the EAB (Emerald Ash Borer), the tree is marked for removal. Once the tree is marked, it will be removed. Later the stump will be ground out of the area dirt and seeded. With the large amount of Ash trees with which we are dealing, this process can be quite lengthy. We plan to remove all infested parkway Ash trees by the end of 2016. The stumps will be ground out and the tree replaced at no cost to the homeowner, provided there is room for a replacement.

## TREE REPLACEMENT

Due to the large number of Ash trees removed in the past few years, there is currently a backlog to replace trees. The Village generally replaces trees in the order they were removed. The backlog is approximately three years as of June 2016. The Village chooses the tree species suitable for installation within the right-of-way and with an eye towards species diversity.

If your tree was removed due to the Emerald Ash Bore or for any other reason, homeowners may choose to participate in the 50/50 tree replacement program. This program allows homeowners to select the species of the tree from a list provided by the village and be advanced to the top of the replacement list. If you choose to participate in the 50/50 replacement program you will be responsible for 1/2 of the cost of the tree that the village gets wholesale. You are not charged for the removal, the stump grinding, or the planting. Contact the Public Works office at 630-554-3242, to sign up for this program.

The Village plants trees in the spring and fall. No trees are planted between June 15 and September 15 due to summer heat.

RANGE AND FIELD TRAINING TEAM		
IL CCW Part 1 - \$150 September 24 October 29	IL CCW Part 2 - \$125 September 25 October 29	Instructors  Dave Phistry NRA Training Counselor davephistry@yahoo.com
IL CCW Parts 1 and 2 together - \$250		
Defensive Pistol - \$195 September 10	Introduction to Carbine - \$195 - September 17	Tom Yackley NRA Trainer of Distinction 1 of 3 in USA tyackley@rftteam.com
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# Public Works Reminders

## BRUSH PICK UP

The Village has implemented brush collection by zones. 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:

**Zone A**  
October 3

**Zone B**  
October 10

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. Village does not accept landscaping generated by contractors.

## 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 or day out in the back by the salt dome.

## TRASH PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### No Trash Pickup on Labor Day

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Trash pickup on Monday will be delayed by one day according to the following schedule:

Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday pick up will be on Thursday, Thursday pick up will be on Friday, and Friday pick up will be on Saturday.

### No Trash Pickup on Thanksgiving Day

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Thursday, November 24th 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.

## Wolfs Crossing Road Open House

*Your Input Matters!*

Public Information Meeting  
October 5, 2016  
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Oswego Village Hall  
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to: Village of Oswego,  
Attn: Jennifer Hughes, P.E., CFM, Project Manager  
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL 60543;  
jhughes@oswegoil.org; (630) 551-2366

The Village of Oswego has initiated the Phase 1 Engineering Study for Wolfs Crossing Road. The study area consists of approximately 4.5 miles between US Route 34 and US Route 30. The study will take a comprehensive look at the transportation needs of the corridor and includes an extensive public improvement process.

The Village of Oswego has scheduled a public information meeting to present the study schedule, planning process, and stakeholder involvement opportunities. The purpose of this meeting is to seek input from stakeholders on the transportation issues and concerns of the Wolfs Crossing Road study area.

# Public Works Reminders

## FALL CLEANUP WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7-11

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 Nov. 7-11, 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 @ 630-554-3242.

## LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

The Village implemented a zoned collection system to provide you with a set schedule for collection. We have added one new vacuum to our fleet to increase our capacity to pick up leaves. You may track the progress of the leaf collection zones by visiting the Villages map gallery at: [www.oswego.maps.arcgis.com](http://www.oswego.maps.arcgis.com).

## ZONE COLLECTION

Your house is 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), 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

We will pick up leaves three times this season. Leaf pickup is scheduled for Monday through Friday as follows:

- ▶ **Zone A** – Weeks of October 17 and November 7, and after November 28
- ▶ **Zone B** – Weeks of October 24 and November 14, and after November 28
- ▶ **Zone C** – Weeks of October 31 and November 21, and after November 28

The Village will make one final pass throughout the entire Village between November 28 and December 2.

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*Christmas Walk*  
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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 2, 2016 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 4th.

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

## LEAF 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
- ▶ **Jewel Foods** – 3795 Orchard Rd.
- ▶ **Meijer's Store** – 2700 U.S. 34
- ▶ **Walgreens** – 3401 Orchard Rd.
- ▶ **Walgreens** – 410 Chicago Rd.
- ▶ **Lianes Family Pantry** – 4574 Route 71

Groot will collect yard waste bags for free on your regular garbage collection day during the week of Nov. 7–11. The final day for collection of yard waste bags is Dec. 2.

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).

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# Fall 2016 Property of the Season



## History Timeline

(excerpts from the Kendall County Record):

(June 1927) The women's restroom and gift shop in the Croushorn store opened June 4 (1927). The room was very neat and pretty. Anyone with articles to sell are invited to bring them to the room, which is open every afternoon and Saturday evening. (July 1927) The rest room and gift shop in the Croushorn building will continue under the management of Miss Harriett Walker. (in the Knapp Block on Main Street)

After her death in June 1948, and the death of her sister Edna in 1956, it appears that the property passed then to the surviving brother Fred (Clara) Walker, and then to Harriet's four nieces. It was noted in the Record, "Miss Walker will be greatly missed in her community, her church, and in the home where she and her younger sister have lived alone for 30 years since the death of their mother in 1918."

## 68 PARK STREET

In March of 1913 J.D. and Lizzie Russel and John and Nellie Herren deeded 68 Park Street to Harriet E. Walker for \$200. Harriet was the daughter of prominent Oswegoan Seth Edward Walker, who had passed away in January of that year. Seth, a farmer, came to the Oswego area from Massachusetts in the 1840s. He later married Alida Loucks, and together they had five children: Bert, Fred and Frank (twins), Harriet, and Edna.

An excerpt from the Kendall County Record in June 1913 reveals that "Oswego will be beautified by a number of new residences. L. [Lew C.] Young and his force of carpenters are working on the Walker bungalow." Harriet worked as a teacher and lived in the newly constructed residence with her sister, Edna and her mother, Alida, until her mother's passing in 1918. Both Harriet and Edna stayed in the home throughout their lives.

This home is a great example of the Bungalow house style categorized in the Arts and Crafts movement. Characteristics include low-pitch gable or hipped roof lines, deep overhanging eaves, exposed rafters or decorative eave brackets, and a front porch constructed from an extension of the main roof. While second stories are incorporated by use of dormers, the house creates a low profile and has the majority of rooms on the main level.

The Walker house's prominent feature is its large front porch that runs the length of the home. This porch played an important part in everyday life as an extension of the home - especially on summer days before air conditioning. The Walker sisters took advantage of this feature; the Record reported in July 1941 that "Twenty-nine ladies enjoyed the Red Cross picnic held July 18 on the spacious front porch at the home of the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker."

The side gabled roof also contains two dormers whose decorative eave brackets and detailed wood trim shows the care and craftsmanship the house underwent and continues to preserve.



Ed. Smith Family Reunion in 1906: (Back, L-R) Susie Croushorn (Roswell), Helen Dwyre, Susan Rice, Clara Walker, Fred Walker, Bird Morey, Louise Morey, Nellie Dwyre. (Front, L-R) Paul Dwyre, Raymond Dwyre, Bill Dwyre, Will Smith, Harry Morey, Anna Reed Smith, Ed Smith, Winifred Walker (Woolley).

**Photo from 150 Years Along the Fox. Fred Walker (Center back) was deeded the property in 1956.**





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