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The official newsletter of the Village of Oswego, Illinois

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# Fall brings welcome change



AS DAYS grow shorter and temperatures cool our senses are heightened by the display of brilliant colors on trees and doorsteps, followed by the crunching of leaves underfoot. It means bringing out the blankets and extra books, long walks and long talks and of course, pumpkin everything!

Fall is also a reminder that everything changes. In Oswego this fall change means new single-family homes, townhomes, and apartments constructed throughout the village. This new construction will offer a variety of housing options to new residents and 2018 will mark the most housing starts in Oswego in more than 10 years.

You will also notice new businesses moving into town in existing spaces and new facilities: Delta Sonic Car Wash, ATI Physical Therapy, and a small commercial strip center on Orchard Road in front of Jewel-Osco. These businesses are following the influx of new residents and investing new dollars into our local economy.

Our downtown will see the most transformative changes. The Reserve at Hudson Crossing is expected to break ground before the end of 2018 and is the beginning of our vision for a thriving downtown. This \$69 million project will bring new restaurant, retail, and residences, and is already attracting other investment. A three-story mixed-use development that will include a new restaurant is taking shape for the old Village Hall block, and an upscale Mexican restaurant is in the works. Bringing new development to vacant spaces brings more options and new tax dollars into our community as soon as they open the doors.

Our long-awaited new police headquarters will open its doors to the public on Oct. 26, and this is a grand opening you won't want to miss! See the article on page 4 to learn how this new facility will allow our growing police force to serve our community more efficiently and work collaboratively to keep our community safe.

Please join me in welcoming each new business, resident, and opportunity to Oswego. Continue to shop, eat, and play locally—this is truly what makes Oswego great!

Happy fall ya'll!

Gail Johnson  
Oswego Village President

## FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

### WATCH MEETINGS FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

Log on to our website at **www.oswegoil.org** and click on Meeting Agendas & Videos on the homepage. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., followed by the Regular Village Board meeting at 7 p.m.

### INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

We have a page for that. Log onto our website at **www.oswegoil.org** and click on I Want To. Information can be found in the Learn About section.

# GROW YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

OSWEGROW IS a partnership between the Village of Oswego, the Oswego Public Library, Fox Valley SCORE and the Waubonssee Small Business Development Center to provide Oswego's entrepreneurs and small business owners with resources to help their businesses grow and succeed.

**Oswegrow**  
Small Business Development

"We help small business owners connect with experienced mentors and offer programs on everything from social media marketing to tax deductions," said Drea Flores, Adult Services Reference Librarian for the Oswego Public Library District. Drea helps business owners find print and digital resources that can assist with creating a business plan, identifying local business competitors, and finding consumer data. "It's practical advice that really helps small businesses with their bottom line."

Learn more by contacting Drea at (630) 978-1024 or by attending a business workshop at the library — look for Facebook announcements of upcoming workshops from @VillageofOswego and @OswegoPLD.



## OSWEGO LITERARY FESTIVAL RETURNS SEPT. 30

BIBLIOPHILES, GET excited for your opportunity to mingle with dozens of local authors. The Oswego Literary Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30, and includes the opportunity to meet one-on-one with authors, buy books and get them signed, and talk about craft and inspiration in writing. Please note that authors sell books direct, and not all accept electronic forms of payment.

Presented by the Cultural Arts Commission and the Oswego Public Library District, the 7th Annual Oswego Literary Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the library's sidewalk and main floor. Join us for Illinois author signings and sales, a raffle, live music, a community art exhibit, readings, and more! For more information, find the Oswego Literary Festival event on Facebook! ■



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### NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

We have the solution. Several employees at Village Hall are certified Registrars. Staff is usually available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org) and click on 'I Want To.' Information can be found in the 'Apply For' section. More information can also be found on the Kendall County Election & Voter information page at [www.co.kendall.il.us](http://www.co.kendall.il.us).

### GENERAL ELECTION - NOV. 6, 2018

**September 27, 2018** First day of early voting, at your election authority  
**October 9, 2018** Last day to register to vote at Village Hall  
**November 5, 2018** Last day of early voting, at your election authority  
**November 6, 2018** Polls are open 6 a.m.-7p.m.

### CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**September 18, 2018** Petition circulation starts for the Dec. 10-17, 2018, filing period.

For more election and voter registration information, visit [www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/](http://www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/)

# A POLICE HQ FOR THE FUTURE OF OSWEGO

When the Oswego Police Department moved into its headquarters on Route 34 back in 1991, the facility was designed for a staff of just 50 people, in a town of just 4,400 residents. Now, 27 years later, and with a staff of 70, Oswego Police are getting ready for the move to a roomier HQ. Step inside the new Oswego Police Department headquarters on Wooley Road, a station built not just for more space, but for a forward-thinking, collaborative police force.

**CURRENTLY, WHEN** an Oswego police officer needs extra firearms practice, just getting to the range can take hours of an officer's time. It requires packing up gear and driving out west to an outdoor range with limited daylight hours.

"It's a big drain on time, when we'd rather have them out on patrol," said Deputy Police Chief James Jensen.

But when it's complete this October, the new Oswego Police headquarters will include a

dedicated training center with an emergency operations center and classroom, a fully padded defensive tactics training room, and a six-lane, 25-yard shooting range.

The new space will allow first responders from Oswego and other agencies to get more training in less time and in a variety of adverse conditions. Already, OPD is working with the neighboring Oswego Fire Protection District to plan an active shooter training that would get paramedics into mass shootings sooner.

"That shaves minutes off their response and can save lives," Jensen said.

These are the kind of efficient operations and collaborative opportunities the new headquarters was designed to create.

"We gave a lot of thought to flow and process," said Police Chief Jeff Burgner. "How can we move our patrol officers through the station most efficiently so that they spend less time getting

The eye-catching tower shields the building's mechanics and includes solar tubing that will heat the facility.





Residents can tour the new police headquarters as a part of the ribbon cutting, scheduled for Oct. 26.

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Instead of cramped spaces where officers bump into each other, the new 70,000 square-foot headquarters will have spaces for the specialized functions of a modern force, including records storage, jailing and evidence processing using current best practice standards in law enforcement. A new lab will speed up tasks like fingerprint testing, which currently must be sent out and can take more than a year just to determine the viability of samples.

The new station also offers a community room for both the police and outside community groups to use, building policing relationships that prevent crime before it happens. Other spaces throughout the facility will be dedicated to organizations like the Kendall Co. Health Department, which will offer satellite services and offer links to services like mental health and addiction treatment.

The new facility is forward-thinking in its environmental footprint, too. It will be LEED Certified Silver, and topped with its hallmark solar tower, which houses a south-facing solar tube thermal system that will provide radiant floor heating in the lobby and reduce energy costs.

A public ribbon-cutting is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, with tours continuing through the evening. Check out [www.oswegopoliceil.org](http://www.oswegopoliceil.org) for more details. ■



## LEAF COLLECTION ZONES

The Village has a zoned collection system to provide residents with a set schedule for leaf collection. Your house is assigned 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 Route 34.

**Zone B** All properties south of Wolf Road, all properties south of Route 34 east of the Fox River and west of Route 71 (the downtown area), all properties south of Route 71 excluding Hunt Club subdivision.

**Zone C** East of the Fox River and northwest of Route 34.

Track leaf collection zones by visiting [www.oswegoil.org/leaf-collection.aspx](http://www.oswegoil.org/leaf-collection.aspx)

## DATES

Village crews will collect leaves three times this season. Leaf collection is scheduled for Monday through Friday as follows:

**Zone A** Weeks of October 15, October 29 & November 19

**Zone B** Weeks of October 15, November 5 & November 26

**Zone C** Weeks of October 22, November 12 & December 3

Dates may be subject to change due to Inclement weather, staffing, potential equipment issues, and the volume of leaves.



Proper leaf piles, up on the curb. Leaves are not piled long enough to kill grass.



Improper leaf piles, in the street. Leaves in the street clog drains, causing flooding.

## FREE CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

EACH FALL, the curbside leaf vacuum program provides Oswego residents a way to dispose of leaves at no additional cost.

To have your leaves collected, rake them into piles placed in the parkway, on the grass between the sidewalk and curb, by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your specified collection week.

**No brush, grass clippings, tree limbs, vines, or trash will be collected.** These materials can cause damage to our costly equipment and can put the operator and residents in the area at risk of injury or death.

### Please remember

- Leaves placed in the parkway after 7 a.m. will be picked up on the following scheduled week for your zone.

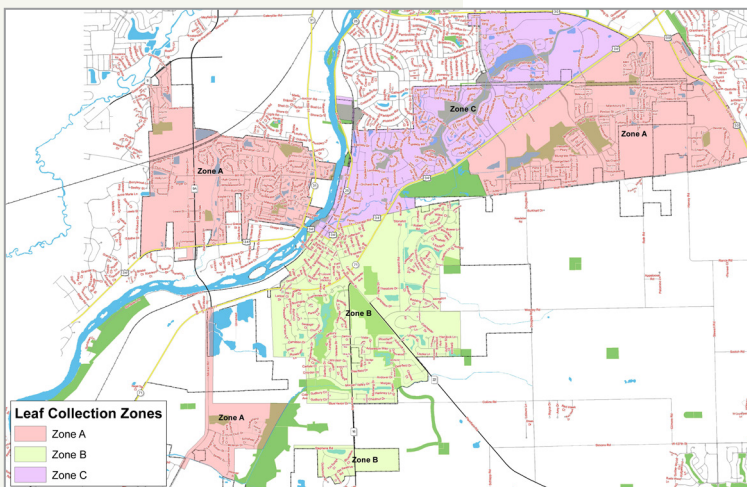
- Due to the tremendous scope of this work, leaves piled near an obstruction or obstructed by a parked vehicle will be skipped, and will not be picked up until the next collection week.
- The bulk of the piles will be vacuumed up as the crews go by your address. However, it is impossible for crews to collect 100 percent of the leaves piled for collection.
- Keep leaves out of the curb line and street. Leaves in the street can cause hazardous driving conditions and local flooding.
- Leaf burning is prohibited at all times throughout the Village.

There is a very small window of opportunity to collect the leaves from the time the leaves fall to when winter weather begins. Inclement weather or large volume of leaves can alter the leaf pickup schedule. Once the leaves are snow covered, the vacuum cannot collect the leaves and the program may be suspended.

### Collection alternatives

Residents are strongly encouraged to use alternative options such as placing leaves in and around plant beds under trees and shrubs as this provides nutrients for the soil and provides insulation for the plants.

Residents can also use Groot's curbside yard waste bags and refuse collection program. The final day for yard waste pickup through Groot is Friday, November 30th.



View a larger map of leaf collection zones at [www.oswegoil.org/leaf-collection.aspx](http://www.oswegoil.org/leaf-collection.aspx)

OCT. 15-26

**WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains between October 15th and October 26th, weather permitting.

Crews will begin flushing at 7 a.m. Signs will be displayed to alert residents of the upcoming flushing and will be placed throughout the Village the week before the flushing.

To avoid possible rust discoloration, finish your laundry before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on these days. If your laundry does become discolored, notify the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242.

The Public Works Department flushes fire hydrants in the spring and fall under the recommendation of the Illinois EPA.

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.

**Run cold water first**

Before running your hot water, run all cold water taps first to make sure the water is running clear. Once you are sure it is running clear, it is alright to run your hot water. ■

NOVEMBER 5-9

**FREE FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK**

Groot Industries will collect additional household waste, yard waste and bulk items for all Village residents the week of November 5-9, on your regularly scheduled garbage day for free.

Place all items at the curb by 6 a.m. along with your regular garbage and recycling on your normally scheduled garbage day.

Residents must place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft yard waste bags. **Do not place yard waste in plastic bags.**

Stickers will not be required for this week only.

Residents cannot put out appliances, televisions, or electronics during this collection. Call Groot at 877-775-1200 to schedule a special pickup for these items. ■

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**NO TRASH COLLECTION**

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day during those weeks. ■

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# OSWEGO REMAINS COMMITTED TO 100% CLEAN ELECTRICITY

In July, the Oswego Village Board renewed its commitment to 100 percent renewable energy for residents in the Village, making good on the Village's mission to respect our environment, while also remaining fiscally responsible. Learn more about your options and how renewable energy works in our electrical grid.

**Where does my electricity come from?** Oswego residents pay ComEd to *deliver* electricity. However, Oswego's new energy *supplier* is MC Squared, which will supply renewable energy at the same rate as ComEd's nonrenewable energy. As always, residents will get their electricity bill through ComEd.

**What kind of power will I be using?** MC Squared will generate wind power, and then put that power into the ComEd grid. ComEd cannot route specific power directly to your home. When wind energy is put into the grid, it is essentially "mixed" with other sources of energy like coal and nuclear. However, by contracting with MC Squared for a 100 percent green energy contract, the Village of Oswego is supporting local wind energy producers, guaranteed by using a system called Renewable Energy Credits.

When you turn on a light, that light will be powered by a combination of wind, coal, nuclear and other sources. Although the dollars you spend on your ComEd bill each month will pay renewable energy

producers, it is still environmentally friendly to reduce energy use, especially during peak times.

**Will I be paying more for green energy that I would for fossil fuels?** No. Village staff did comparison shopping and negotiated with electricity suppliers. Our supplier, MC Squared, agreed to supply green energy and price match the rate that ComEd would have charged for supplying non-renewable energy. Oswego residents will pay the same price, but will be supporting the development of non-polluting renewable energy.

**Can I opt out?** Yes. Residents can sign up to use ComEd or any other energy supplier at any time without a penalty.

**Who do I call if I have a problem?** As always, billing and the electrical system will be handled by ComEd. If you have an issue with your bill, experience an outage, or discover a downed wire or other safety issue, call ComEd at 800-334-7661.

**Will someone come to my home to sign me up for clean energy?** No. You do not need to do anything to be signed up for clean energy. If someone calls or visits your home claiming to be the Village's energy supplier, you can report them to the Illinois Commerce Commission at [www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint). ■



Oswego's newest electricity supply contract means our residents are helping to support clean sources of power like this wind farm at no additional cost.







The Exclamation London Planetree features fall color and winter interest with dappled peeling bark, and is available for half the cost through the Village's 50/50 Parkway Tree program.

## GET A NEW PARKWAY TREE FOR HALF THE COST

Do you have a dead tree in your parkway? Contact the Public Works Department to report dead parkway trees so they can be inspected and removed. Then ask for a replacement through the Village's 50/50 Tree Replacement Program.

For half of the wholesale cost of a tree, you can select the species you'd like from an approved list, and the Village will take care of the planting and stump removal. Call Public Works at (630) 554-3242 to sign up. ■

THRU OCT. 12

### BRUSH COLLECTION

The Village of Oswego has two brush collection zones for residential properties. Zone A includes all properties east of the Fox River and north of Route 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 Route 34 as well as those properties west of the Fox River and south of Mill Road. The final brush collection weeks of the year are:

**Zone A**

September 4  
October 1

**Zone B**

September 10  
October 8

Brush is defined as tree and bush branches that are less than 5" in diameter. The brush collection program is not intended to handle branches, logs, or tree stumps from large-scale tree trimming or removal. Crews will not pick up logs, wood, root balls, cuttings, or grass clippings.

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. 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.

Place all brush at the curb by 7 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.

The Village does not accept landscaping waste generated by contractors. Crews will not remove brush from commercial, industrial, or other non-residential properties. ■

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While you're there, thank our sponsors for their commitment to Oswego! When you participate in an Oswego event, whether by sponsoring or just buying a drink and enjoying the party, you're doing more than bringing great events to Oswego. Your dollars support programs and amenities throughout the community.

Partial proceeds from this year's Oswego Beats & Eats benefit music in Oswego schools and meals at the Oswego Senior Center. Check out [www.oswegobeatsandeats.com](http://www.oswegobeatsandeats.com) for details. ■



The final Oswego Beats & Eats of the summer is Saturday, Aug. 25, on Main Street. Get event information at [www.oswegobeatsandeats.com](http://www.oswegobeatsandeats.com).



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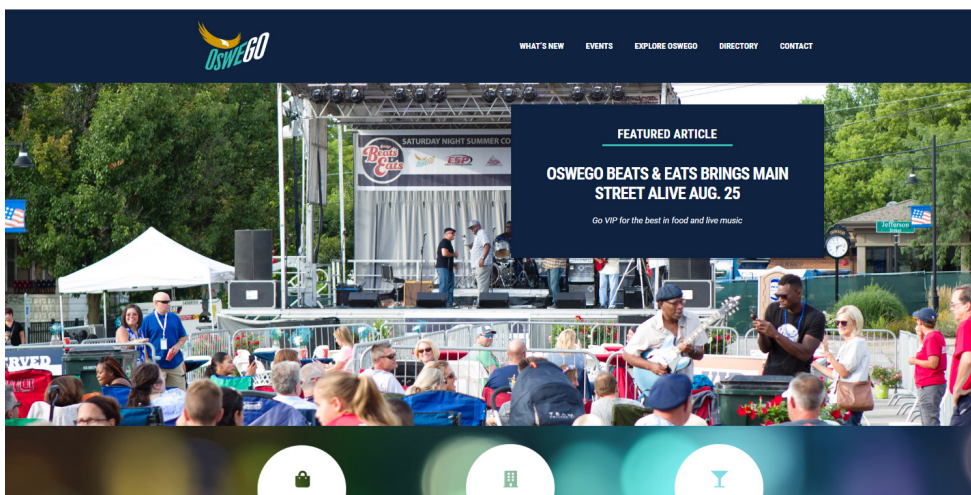


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# Check out the new GoOswego.org



Have you seen GoOswego.org lately? Check out Oswego's newest site for everything happening in town, whether you're planning a vintage shopping trip or a kayak adventure down the Fox River.



THE VILLAGE of Oswego is making it easier for visitors and residents to get out and go Oswego all year long at [www.GoOswego.org](http://www.GoOswego.org).

The expanded site relaunched this summer and includes a directory of restaurants, hotels and downtown shopping, a full events calendar, and itineraries for visitors looking to experience all that Oswego has to offer. Visitors can also sign up to receive occasional emails about events and opportunities around town.

The new site is just one of the Village's initiatives to attract visitors and investment to Oswego, and position our community as a regional destination for businesses, homebuyers and weekend adventurers. Check it out today at [www.GoOswego.org](http://www.GoOswego.org)! ■

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NEW FACES

**CARRI PARKER**  
Purchasing Manager

CARRI PARKER joined the Village of Oswego in July as the new Purchasing Manager, responsible for negotiating contracts, managing bids for large purchases and identifying ways to reduce costs.

Part of Oswego's shared services initiative, Carri is a shared employee with the United City of Yorkville and splits her time between the two communities.

Carri has worked in procurement for 4 years, most recently at the City of DeKalb. She comes to Oswego with over 20 years' experience in public and private sector finance and will graduate with her Master's in Public Administration through Northern Illinois University in May 2019.

"My favorite thing about this job is that I am able to work with vendors to obtain the best pricing for the Village resulting in cost savings to residents."



Purchasing Manager  
Carri Parker

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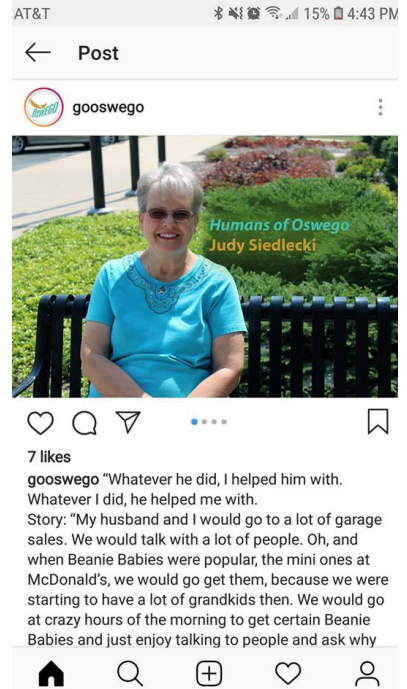
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In this series happening all summer, get to know Oswegoans new and old, of all ages and backgrounds, and read their heartfelt stories of what brought them to Oswego.



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# RESPIRE DAY PROGRAM OFFERS A NEW OPTION FOR SENIORS WITH MEMORY LOSS

Specifically designed to create a safe space for those with memory loss, the new Lighthouse Day Respite Program is just one of the many programs at the Oswego Senior Center that is improving the quality of life of Oswego's senior residents and their caretakers.



**LIGHTHOUSE DAY** Respite program at the Oswego Senior Center is a new social model program for participants experiencing mild to moderate memory loss, but who can interact, use the restroom, and eat without physical assistance. Participants engage with their peers, get social interaction, explore interests and improve their quality of life, all while caregivers get an opportunity for respite.

By hosting the Lighthouse program within the Oswego Senior Center, OSC staff can maintain a safe and secure space, while also partnering with Senior Center volunteers and class participants for a more enriching experience that promotes compassion for

those with memory loss.

Lighthouse is offered 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Participants must be aged 60 or older to participate in this private pay program. The cost is \$40 a day.

A typical day includes group discussions, lunch, art, exercise, games and music, and supported engagement with ceramics, tai chi, woodworking and other OSC activities.

There is a \$40 fee to apply, and participants will need to go through an intake process.

For more information, contact Sandy Pastore at 630-554-5602 or [sandy@oswegoseniorcenter.org](mailto:sandy@oswegoseniorcenter.org).



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SEPTEMBER

**02** Buy fresh produce from local farmers in the heart of downtown Oswego at the **Oswego Country Market**. Stop by Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday in September.

**03** Village offices are closed for **Labor Day**. Trash collection will be delayed by one day.

**04** The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Oswego Village Hall to vote on Village business. Meetings are open to the public and include a public forum for those wishing to speak. A Committee of the Whole meeting precedes at 6 p.m. to allow more in-depth discussion on issues before they reach a final vote before the Board. Agendas and streams of live meetings are available at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org).

**08** Feel like a kid again entering the magical, expansive lawns of **Cab Cab: Forever Young** at Arranmore Farm and Polo Club. Celebrate the spirit of being young and young at heart, with

a great variety of tunes to keep you dancing and feeling all the good feels. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. General Admission: \$30. [www.arranmorefarmandpoloclub.com](http://www.arranmorefarmandpoloclub.com)

**18** The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**22** Join the Oswego Area Chamber of Commerce and local craft distilleries for **Spirits on the Farm** from 1 to 7 p.m. for tastings at Dickson-Murst Farm. Tickets and details at [spiritsotf.com](http://spiritsotf.com).

**27** It's the **first day of early voting** at the Kendall Co. Clerk's Office. See page 3 for more details.

**30** The Oswego Cultural Arts Commission and Oswego Public Library District present the 7th Annual **Oswego Literary Festival** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See details on page 3.



OCTOBER

**01** Final **brush collection** for the year begins. See page 9 for details.

**15** Head to Hudson Crossing Park from 1 to 7 p.m. Sept. 15 for Oswego's seventh annual craft beer festival, **Brew at the Bridge**. Sample some of the greatest beer in the region, enjoy live music, delicious food, and a beautiful fall day on the Fox River. Free admission. Tasting packages are \$20. More at [www.brewatthebridge.com](http://www.brewatthebridge.com).



**02** The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**09** It's the **last day to register to vote** at Village Hall. See page 3 for more information.

**14** Follow the crowds to **Fox Fall Fest**, a family-friendly festival filled with fun and fantastic activities, on Main Street in Downtown Oswego from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the Downtown Association for a giant slide, bubble artist, and Touch-A-Truck featuring tractors and emergency vehicles, plus arts and crafts, a photo

booth, food trucks, the Handmade on Main craft marketplace and live music. More info at [oswegodowntown.org](http://oswegodowntown.org)

**15** Curbside **leaf collection** begins and runs through the first week of December, weather permitting. See page 6 for more information.

**15-26** Wash clothes after 6 p.m. to avoid discoloration during **water main flushing**.

**16** The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**20** Meet up at the Civic Center for your evacuation orders to escape the zombie hordes at **Park After Dark**. Collect essential zombie survival gear and try to make it through the heavily infested forest hot zone without becoming infected. Bring a flashlight and your crew for this scary PG-13 event. \$20 for Oswegoland Park District residents before Oct. 1. [www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/event/park-after-dark/](http://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/event/park-after-dark/)

**26** Cut the ribbon on the new **Oswego Police Department Headquarters** at 3 p.m. followed by tours into the evening. More information at [www.oswegopoliceil.org](http://www.oswegopoliceil.org).

**28** Don't be afraid! The **Healthy Driven Fraidy Cat Races** include events for all levels, including the Fraidy Cat 5K, the Ghost Run 10K and the Meow Mile. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. on site, and proceeds benefit the Kendall Co. Community Food Pantry. Race registration is \$23-\$40. Details at [www.fraidycat5k.com](http://www.fraidycat5k.com).

**31** **Trick-or-Treating** hours in the Village of Oswego are 3:30 to 8 p.m. Ensure that children are only trick-or-treating during those hours and observing typical safety

precautions, including only visiting homes with porch lights on. A teal-colored pumpkin denotes that a home is offering toys or other treats suitable for children with allergies.



**NOVEMBER**

**05** It's the **last day for early voting** at the Kendall County Clerk's Office. See page 3.

**05-09** Dispose of bulk items and more without a sticker during **Fall Cleanup Week**. See page 7 for details.

**06** Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for **Election Day**.

**11** Celebrate Veterans Day and autumn with a chip-timed **Gobbler Hobbler 10K** run down the Fox River and through scenic Oswego. Or enjoy the **Mashed Potato Mile** just for fun! The USATF-certified course begins and ends at Fox Chase Elementary School.

Early registration is \$35 and ends Aug. 31. More information at [www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/event/gobbler-hobbler-10k/](http://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/event/gobbler-hobbler-10k/)

**13** The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**22** Village offices are closed in observance of **Thanksgiving**. Trash collection will be delayed one day.

**23** Village of Oswego offices are closed on **Black Friday**.

**24** Celebrate our small Oswego businesses on **Small Business Saturday**, an annual holiday tradition. Shop small in Downtown Oswego, and follow @DowntownOswego on Facebook for specials to kick-start your holiday shopping season with gifts that support your neighbors and your community.

**30** Come home for the holidays and experience all the charm and excitement of **Christmas Walk**. Meet Santa, light the Village's tree, see the shops lit up with cheer, bounce on giant inflatables, sip hot cocoa, and usher in the holidays with the Silent Light Parade! See details on page 16. More information at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org).



## *Christmas Walk sponsorships, booth space and program listings now available*

**The 2018 Oswego Christmas Walk kicks off the holiday season on Friday, November 30th**

**SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES** are available by contacting Community Engagement Coordinator Julie Hoffman at [jhoffman@oswegoil.org](mailto:jhoffman@oswegoil.org).

**MAIN STREET BOOTHS** for local nonprofit organizations and businesses are available by completing a form at [www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx](http://www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx). A fee applies, but will be waived for nonprofit organizations. Priority is given to booths with activities promoting holiday cheer. Deadline: Nov. 1.

**PROGRAM LISTINGS AND ADS** can be submitted to Community Engagement Coordinator Jenette Sturges at [jsturges@oswegoil.org](mailto:jsturges@oswegoil.org). If your business or organization will be participating in Christmas Walk festivities, let us know and we'll add you to the program for free. Rates and sizes for ads are available at [www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx](http://www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx).



Thousands of Oswego residents join in on the holiday festivities of the beloved Christmas Walk each year. Engage with families at a booth or through a sponsorship!

### *Volunteer and spread cheer!*

Spread holiday cheer at this year's Christmas Walk. Volunteer and get a free food and other perks. Sign up for a time slot at [www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx](http://www.oswegoil.org/news-and-events/christmaswalk.aspx)



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