

Look what's brewing in downtown Oswego!

Oswego Brewing Co. now open



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**Beats & Eats returns
 July 28 & August 25**

Greetings Friends & Neighbors!

Spring in Oswego seemed to last for exactly one weekend this year. Luckily, that weekend happened to be May 5 and 6, when the Village hosted Wine on the Fox at Hudson Crossing Park in full bloom. Thank you to our generous presenting sponsor John Greene Realtor, as well as sponsors Emerson Creek and ChiroOne, plus all our local wineries and the hundreds of volunteers that helped make Wine on the Fox a huge success!

Now that summer has fully arrived, it's time to get out and about town, and we've got plenty of opportunities:

- Oswego Beats & Eats returns with the coolest music and best food from around the region for two dates this year: July 28 and August 25. Bring a chair and the neighbors, or consider volunteering to greet people and pour beer – it's the most fun you can have while giving back to the Oswego community! You can find more information on page 5, and the lineup as it is announced at www.oswego Beats and Eats.com.
- At my State of the Village address this spring, I highlighted all the ways Oswego works “better together” – including partnerships with other communities to bring down the cost of providing municipal services like plowing and leaf collection. But this dedication to good old-fashioned thrift isn't just about pinching pennies – it's an opportunity to have fun too! This summer, thanks to one of these partnerships with our neighbors in Yorkville, we're pleased to offer additional Movies in the Park at two fun new locations. Check out page 6 for details on *Moana* at Raging Waves and a drive-in experience of *Coco* at the Park n Ride.
- And for beer lovers, the wait is over! The Oswego Brewing Co. held its grand opening May 18-20. Located just downstairs from the Oswego Cyclery, it's the perfect meetup spot for a cold drink with friends after an afternoon on the trails. Keep watching downtown for more exciting hot spots, including Market 7, the wine bar brought to you by local entrepreneur Macey Brooks, which slated to open later this summer.



Cookouts, block parties, and even yardwork make summer an opportunity to create community. Go knock on a door, invite a neighbor, and gather for some fun this summer in Oswego!

Gail Johnson

Village President

■ Village Clerk

Watch the Oswego Village Board live

You can watch Oswego Village Board meetings from the comfort of your own home. Just log on to www.oswegoil.org and click on the green Meeting Agendas & Videos button on the home page to watch live and archived videos.

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 on to www.oswegoil.org and click on “I Want To.” Information can be found in the “Learn About” section.

Register to vote

Several employees at Village Hall are certified Registrars. Staff is usually available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information visit www.oswegoil.org and click on “I Want To.” Information can be found in the “Apply For” section. Additional information can also be found on the Kendall County Election & Voter information page at www.co.kendall.il.us.

General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

Dates governing the General Election are:

Monday, June 18, 2018

First day for independent and new party candidates to file nomination papers

Monday, June 25, 2018

Last day for independent and new party candidates to file nomination papers

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the U.S. to vote by mail

Summer Driving Reminders

There are more people, including children, outside during the summer months. Do your part to be a safer, more aware driver:

- Stay off the cell phone. Using an electronic device, which includes talking even if you're holding it up on speaker mode and texting, while driving are illegal in Illinois.
- Obey all traffic signals, including traffic lights and stop signs. Rolling a stop sign does not count as a complete stop, and the yellow light on the traffic signal is a warning to slow down, not speed up.
- Be aware of bicyclists. Bicyclists ride with traffic while walkers and joggers will go against it.

Be alert for children, pedestrians and cyclists

Foot and bike traffic is likely to be increased in the following locations:

- Downtown Oswego, specifically the crossing at Washington and Main
 - Keep an eye out for the bright yellow pedestrian stop flags and flashing lights.
 - Be aware of drivers slowing for pedestrians or to turn at Hudson Crossing Park.
- Civic Center
 - Bike traffic in this area is particularly heavy.
 - Parked vehicles also present decreased visibility.
- Subdivisions
 - Be aware of parks and slow down.
 - Many children are outside playing. Slow down and proceed with caution.

Welcome and congratulations to new Oswego Police Officers Andrew Wagner and Timothy Laurenzo. Both were sworn in as new patrol officers the Village Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 15.



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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.



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■ Oswego Brewing Co. makes hometown brew in downtown Oswego!

The Oswego Brewing Co. opened its doors May 18-20, in downtown Oswego, offering both Oswego's hometown brew and a look at what's to come for downtown revitalization.

The brewery's new facility is a hip space featuring a handcrafted herringbone-front bar, crafted tables, a restoration of the original fire house doors, and gleaming stainless steel fixtures to compliment the brewing tanks.

Perhaps most importantly, the Oswego Brewing team features top talent in the form of head brewer Marc Wilson, who recently won a gold medal at the World Beer Cup for his Hook & Hatchet Vienna-style lager brewed for Nevin's Brewing Co. in Plainfield. The brewery currently has six beers on tap, including cream ale The Old Firehouse Ale and Hay'z for Horses New England IPA, both of which sold out

both days of the Oswego Brewing Co.'s preview at Wine on the Fox.

"We want to be Oswego's hometown brew, but we want to be more than that," Chris Heinen, one of the OBC's founders said. "We're a place to grab a drink after a ride on the trails, a place to get together with friends. We plan to be a part of downtown Oswego's reinvention."



As part of that downtown reinvention, the Village of Oswego used the opportunity of the new brewery to pilot a reinvented economic incentive program.

For entrepreneurs looking to invest in downtown Oswego, the new incentive program, which repurposes funds from an underutilized façade grant, will give awardees more flexibility in how they invest in downtown. Infrastructure, like the water pipes needed for the brewery, plus signage, interior upgrades and other improvements, could be eligible for reimbursement. The new incentive program guidelines also allow the Village to more thoroughly vet investors and ask for a demonstration of significant investment in downtown.

Just the beginning

Coming later this summer, local entrepreneur and the founder of Oswego Beats & Eats, Macey Brooks will open Market 7, a wine bar on Main Street offering residents and visitors even more options in downtown Oswego. And two other projects are in the works for downtown's publicly owned properties, including a sit-down Mexican restaurant and bar concept from the creators of Naperville-based Potter's Place and Jimmy's Grill, and The Reserve at Hudson Crossing, which will feature luxury apartments, retail and public parking garage on the former Alexander Lumber site.

For more information on the Oswego Brewing Co. visit their website at www.oswegobrewing.com or check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/OswegoBrewing>, where you can also find current updates of what's on tap.

For more information on economic development opportunities in downtown Oswego, contact Economic Development Director Corinna Cole at ccole@oswegoil.org.

■ Grow your small business or business idea with OsweGROW!

OsweGROW is a partnership between the Village of Oswego, the Oswego Public Library, and Fox Valley SCORE that offers workshops, mentoring and resources for Oswego's entrepreneurs and small businesses. The best way to learn about available resources is to attend one of our workshops, held the fourth Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oswego Public Library's downtown Oswego campus. Check out this summer's workshops:

June 21

Getting Known on Facebook

Learn the essential functions of your Facebook business page and how to reach your target audience effectively. With 2.2 billion users worldwide as of April 2018, small business owners can't afford to ignore it. However, as a small business owner with a demanding schedule, it can be hard to maintain your business' Facebook page. Learn the tips for maximizing the time you spend on Facebook.

July 19

The Do's and Don'ts of the Restaurant Business

Opening a restaurant can be risky. Whether starting a quick-service restaurant, casual restaurant, or fine dining establishment, entrepreneurs need to develop a solid strategy. Our SCORE expert speaker will discuss the behind-the-scenes view of the crucial steps to open a restaurant and help entrepreneurs decide whether to venture into their own business or franchise in the food industry.

August 23

SEO: What is it? And why is it important to businesses?

Search Engine Optimization can help your business improve your search engine rankings to find new customers online. As a business owner, you've probably heard the term "SEO," but you may not understand what it is or why it is crucial to learn how to use it for your company. Join us to get the basics of how SEO can work for you.

Questions? Contact Community Engagement Coordinator Jenette Sturges at jsturges@oswegoil.org.

Oswegrow
Small Business Development

Join us for Oswego Beats & Eats July 28 and Aug. 25

Oswego Beats & Eats brings the best music and food from around the region to Main Street on Saturday, July 28, and Saturday, August 25, this summer. Bring your chairs and your neighbors for two chill evenings of blues, rock, reggae and more, plus food trucks from across Chicagoland!

Check out www.oswegobeatsandeats.com for the full lineup this summer.

Volunteer!

Have a ton of fun and give back to your community, right in the middle of the party! Volunteers are needed on both event dates from 4-8 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. Responsibilities include greeting guests at the gate, selling wristbands, pouring beer, soft security, running the VIP tent and more.

Must be 21 or older for more positions, and submit a liability waiver and a safety check form in advance.

In exchange, you'll receive dinner compliments of Chipotle, a Beats & Eats T-shirt, and one beverage ticket.

For more information or to sign up, contact Julie Hoffman at jhoffman@oswegoil.org.

Show Oswego some love – Sponsor Beats & Eats!

The Village of Oswego has several sponsorship opportunities at various levels available for businesses who want to reach the thousands of Oswego residents who party on Main Street each summer! Get your business' name out there by sponsoring the Beats & Eats stage and more. Contact Julie Hoffman at jhoffman@oswegoil.org for more information.



More outdoor movie experiences this summer!

This summer, in addition to our regular Movies in the Park series, Oswego residents will be able to enjoy more movies outdoors, thanks to a partnership with Yorkville!



- Join us Thursday, June 14, at Raging Waves Waterpark in Yorkville, for a Movie in the Park, featuring Moana! First, enjoy a full day of fun at Raging Waves

Waterpark at a discounted price. Go to www.ragingwaves.com and use the online discount code MOANA18 to receive a general admission ticket for \$19.99/person plus a free bag of popcorn at the movie. Then, starting at 7 p.m. enjoy pre-movie entertainment including bounce houses, DJ, and a princess meet and greet. The night concludes with viewing Moana on the 30-foot inflatable movie screen!

This event is free and open to the public starting at 7 p.m.; however, tickets must be purchased to access Raging Waves Waterpark during regular hours. To access just the free movie and pre-movie entertainment, enter through the gate from the parking lot at the southwest end of the park after 7 p.m.



- On Thursday, Aug. 2, residents can find a retro drive-in experience at the Park n Ride lot, 1031 Station Drive, for a showing of Coco. The drive-in is free, with food available for purchase.

More information on these and other events is available at www.GoOswego.org!

Shared services save Oswego residents big bucks

Steve Raasch does more than manage the construction and maintenance of Oswego's buildings. He manages the construction and maintenance of Yorkville's buildings, too. And that saves money for both communities.

Having an expert in charge of building maintenance and construction improves efficiency, allowing Oswego to focus on maintenance instead of repairs, and to plan for future growth. But as a smaller community, there wasn't enough work for one staff member. So Oswego and Yorkville partnered up.

By partnering, Oswego and Yorkville were able to offer a full-time position, with time split evenly between the two communities, and attract more highly qualified candidates. Raasch, hired in April, has a decade of experience in facilities operations, operation budgets, capital planning, contracting and public procurement, and previously served as the Manager of Facilities for Brookfield Zoo. Raasch now oversees projects like the final construction of the new Oswego police station and the development of maintenance schedules for Village facilities.

The Facilities Manager position is the second joint position Oswego and Yorkville have shared. Last year, the communities hired a joint Purchasing Manager to manage bidding, and negotiate contracts and purchases, and saved more than \$160,000 through those efforts. And the two communities share contracted IT assistance, too, reducing costs related to troubleshooting technology issues.

More than just staff

In addition to staff, the Village of Oswego has formed other partnerships to be able to offer more to our residents for less.

In the winter, Oswego has the equipment to produce salt brine to help defrost roadways, and maintains agreements with neighboring towns. Montgomery crews, for instance, get our brine at a reduced cost in exchange for applying it to our streets on their way back north to Montgomery. The Village has an agreement to trade certain streets with Oswego Township, in order to make plowing faster and more efficient.

Our fleet supervisors share expertise and equipment with other communities to keep truck maintenance and purchase costs low. In the past, Oswego crews have fixed vehicles for Montgomery, and Montgomery in turn provided Oswego with leaf collection equipment they no longer needed, while Yorkville has loaned Oswego a sewer vacuum to clean catch basins. These cooperative arrangements mean that each community saves money by buying fewer pieces of specialized equipment that are rarely used.

Our neighboring communities join together to save costs on training, too. This spring, staff from Oswego, Yorkville and surrounding agencies participated together in active shooter training to help save lives.

All this cooperation adds up to communities that are more effective for less cost to taxpayers, and makes us better together.



Facilities Manager Steve Raasch inspects recently delivered equipment at the new Oswego Police facility. His position is split between Yorkville and Oswego, saving both communities money.

■ Keep your tax dollars in Oswego!

Every paycheck, you pay an Illinois state income tax.

A portion of those tax dollars come back to your hometown to pay for critical services like police, sewers, road repair and snow removal through the Local Government Distributive Fund. This helps the Village of Oswego keep a balanced budget and provide services without continuing to put the burden on local property taxes.

Springfield is proposing to cut the LGDF, the amount of money that comes back to Oswego and towns across the state in order to balance the state's budget.

Go online to ProtectMyTown.us to learn more about the proposed cuts to local funding, and to send an email to your legislators in Springfield to tell them you want to keep your dollars here in Oswego.

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■ Electronics Extravaganza by the numbers

The Village of Oswego held its ECO Earth Day Electronics Extravaganza on Saturday, April 21. In addition to planting the Village's future Christmas Walk tree for Earth Day, volunteers collected:

- 13 tons of electronic waste, thanks to Groot Industries
- 2 truckloads of Styrofoam, thanks to Dart Container
- 200 pounds of medication, thanks to Fox Metro
- 1 large bag of retired American flags, thanks to the American Legion
- 175 pairs of eyeglasses, thanks to the Lions Club

In addition, volunteers collected pet supplies for area rescue organizations and books donated to Goodwill. More than 600 cars full of reusable or recyclable items were unloaded at the event.

Missed the Extravaganza? Call Groot to schedule a curbside pickup!

The Village's waste hauler, Groot Industries, will pick up old electronics, right from your curb, in most cases for free. Residents must call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a pickup. Accepted items include computers, monitors, TVs, computer peripherals like printers and scanners, and much more. A charge, determined by Groot Industries, may be required for heavy or large items.

To request electronic collection, call Groot at 1-877-775-1200.



Field Supervisor Zach Jardine, Village President Gail Johnson, Arborist Russ Garcia and Administrative Assistant Kathy Schiltz in front of the 2018 Arbor Day tree, which in future years will serve at the Village's Christmas Walk tree. Thanks to The Garden Faire for donating the tree to the community.

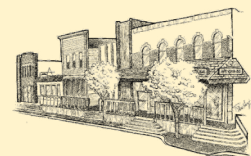
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■ Save water, get a greener garden with a half-price rain barrel

The Village of Oswego has partnered with Upcycle Products and the Illinois Conservation Foundation to offer rain barrels to residents for \$60-\$65, about half the price for you'd find on Amazon.

Rain barrels save water and money, and they hold onto soft rain water, which is even better for your garden plants than tap water. The barrels are made of recycled food-grade materials, are available in several colors, and a portion of proceeds benefit The Conservation Foundation.

To order, visit www.upcycle-products.com/oswegoil.html or call Upcycle Products directly at 815-735-9535.



■ Water conservation rules save money, preserve environment

In the Village of Oswego, water comes from underground aquifers with finite supply of water. To ensure the sustainability of our drinking water supply, the following water conservation rules are in effect:

- Properties with even-numbered street numbers may use Village water for sprinkling or automatic yard watering systems on even-numbered calendar dates between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Properties with odd-numbered street numbers may use Village water for sprinkling or automatic yard watering systems on odd-numbered calendar dates between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- All non-addressed properties including, but not limited to, subdivision entrances, roadway islands, and parkways may use Village water for sprinkling or automatic yard watering systems on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

These restrictions include automatic watering of trees and shrubs with root feeders within the drip line of the tree or shrub. There are no restrictions on hand-held watering devices to water or sprinkle gardens, trees, shrubs, or other plants.

New grass and sod

Property owners or residents who want to continuously water a newly seeded, slit-seeded, or sodded areas of more than 10 square yards must obtain a permit from the Public Works Department, or may be subject to fine. Planting sod or grass seed is prohibited during July and August.

Swimming pools

Residents may fill swimming pools with water brought in by tank through a private contractor or with a private garden hose. Filling swimming pools with hydrant water is prohibited. Residents using a private hose must follow odd/even water conservation rules.

If filling your pool will take longer than the conservation limitations, you may get a permit from the Public Works Department to run a hose for up to 48 hours.

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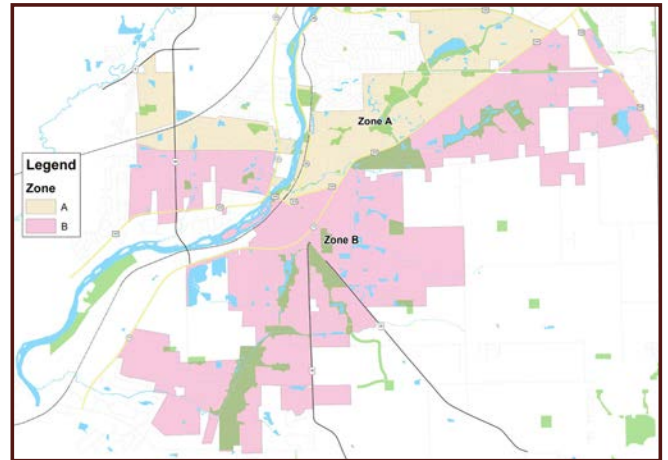
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■ Free curbside brush collection continues all summer

The Village of Oswego collects brush for free from residences throughout the village in two separate brush collection zones.

- Zone A includes all properties east of the Fox River and north of US 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 US Route 34, as well as those properties west of the Fox River and south of Mill Road.



Brush collection weeks are as follows:

Zone A

June 4
July 2
August 6
September 4
October 1 (final pick-up)

Zone B

June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8 (final pick-up)

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 as a result of large scale tree trimming or removal. Crews will not pick up logs, wood, root balls, cuttings, or grass clippings.

Place all brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday morning of your 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.

Why wasn't my brush picked up?

Brush must be placed at the curb properly to ensure it is collected.

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.

Proper Brush Pile



Improper Brush Pile



■ No trash collection Fourth of July and Labor Day

Groot Industries will not pickup residential trash and recycling on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day or Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day. Put your trash and recycling to the curb for collection the following day.

2017 Annual Water Quality Report

Village of Oswego

This year, as in years past, your tap water was tested according to USEPA and state drinking water health standards. Our system vigilantly safeguards its groundwater supply, and we are working hard to continue providing the best water possible. This report summarizes the quality of water that we provided last year and informs you of initiatives currently underway to address issues. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Timothy Zasada, Assistant Public Works Director - Utilities at 630-554-3242. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 100 Parkers Mill.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Oswego's current drinking water source is groundwater, delivered by eight wells. All of these wells are considered deep wells, and draw water from a sandstone aquifer. While these aquifers provide a high quality of water and excellent potential for meeting the water demands of the community, these wells often contain elevated concentrations of Radium-226 and Radium-228. The Village of Oswego is utilizing a filtration process for radium removal. The water from the Village's eight high-capacity deep wells contain naturally occurring radium as do many deep wells in northern Illinois. The radium level at each well is below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) maximum allowable level of 5 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Fluoride levels from the deep sand stone aquifer meet EPA and Illinois Department of Public Health standards for drinking water and no additional fluoride is added at any of the well sites. Oswego's Well No. 3 is located on Madison Street by the village center's 500,000-gallon

water tower. This well produces 950-gallon per minute. Well No. 4 is located on Chicago Road. This well produces 550-gallon per minute. Well No. 6 is located in the Fox Chase subdivision next to the 300,000-gallon water tower. This well produces 1000-gallon per minute. Well No. 7 is in the Ogden Falls subdivision next to the 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1100 gallons per minute. Well No. 8 is located on Grove Road ¼ mile south of Plainfield Road. This well produces 1100 gallons per minute. Well #9 is located at 700 Yoakum Blvd. This well produces 1000 gallons per minute. Well No. 10 is located at 700 Cole Avenue and on site is a 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1000 gallons per minute. Well No. 11 is located at 6701 Tuscany Trail off of Orchard Road and on site is a 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1200 gallon per minute. All of the wells are treated to remove high levels of Radium, chlorinated to kill any microbial contaminants that may be present and treated with polyphosphate for corrosion control and mineral sequestration and then delivered into the distribution system.

Due to favorable monitoring history, aquifer characteristics, and inventory of potential sources of contamination, our water supply was reissued a vulnerability waiver renewal for the sampling period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. The special exception permit extends sampling requirements to once every nine years for SOC's and Cyanide and once every six years for VOC's for Wells No. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10. Well No. 11 has not received waivers from IEPA at this time.

In addition to the informational section of the Water Quality Report, we have included for your review a table. This table will give you a better picture of the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water operator at 630-554-3242. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: OSWEGO Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, six potential sources or possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of Oswego's wells. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Section of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediations which may be of concern. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Oswego Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydro geologic data on the wells. Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Oswego Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists which prevents pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

2017 Regulated Contaminants Detected

The next several tables summarize contaminants detected in your drinking water supply.

Here are a few definitions and scientific terms which will help you understand the information in the contaminant detection tables.

AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Avg	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.
N/A	Not Applicable
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb	Parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L) - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm	Parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Coliform Bacteria	MCLG	Total Coliform MCL	Highest Number of Positive Samples	Fecal Coliform or E. coli MCL	Total No. of Positive E. coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
	0	MCL: presence of coliform bacteria in > 5% of monthly samples (for systems that collect 40 or more samples/month). > 1 positive monthly sample (for systems that collect < 40 samples/month).	3 Samples	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	0	N	Naturally present in the environment. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

“Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.”

“During the past year, 3 coliform samples were positive for coliform bacteria in September 2017. 9 repeat samples were taken, the repeat samples were negative for the presence of coliform bacteria, and a Level 2 assessment was required to be completed for our water system. After the completion of the Level 2 assessment, the sampling procedures were modified to include the wearing of latex gloves while taking samples. The chlorine residuals were increased to optimize the effectiveness of the disinfection in the distribution system and the water levels were modified to reduce the water age in the water towers allowing more turn over and the freshest water possible to the community.”

Lead and Copper								
	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2017	1.3	1.3	0.722	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor. Samples are taken every 3 years.
Lead	2017	0	15	0	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Samples are taken every 3 years.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Oswego is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines / Chlorine	12/31/2017	2.20	0.5-2.20	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes. Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia. Testing for Chloramines is done daily.
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	2017	0.0194	0.0194 - 0.0194	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Fluoride	2017	0.7	0.7 – 0.7	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Iron	2017	0.402	0.402-0.402		1	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. Excessive iron in water may cause staining of laundry & plumbing fixtures & may accumulate as deposits in the distribution system. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Manganese	2015	18	0 -18	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. Excessive manganese in the water may cause staining of plumbing fixtures and laundry. It may also produce an unpleasant taste in beverages, including coffee & tea. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	7/12/2016	0.107	0 – 0.107	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. This contaminant is tested yearly.
Sodium	2017	16	16 - 16	N/A	(There is no state or federal MCL for sodium)	ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Volatile Organic Contaminants								
Xylenes	04/01/2015	0.00202	0 – 0.00202	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old. Some people who drink water containing xylenes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system. This contaminant is tested every 6 years.
Radiological Contaminants								
Combined Radium 226/228	2017	6	0 – 6.8	0	5	pCi/L	Y	Erosion of natural deposits. Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called the maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. TP02 Well 4 had a Radium level that was in excess of the MCL. The well was taken out of service and the Radium removal media was changed. This contaminant is tested quarterly and yearly.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2017	9.8	0 - 9.8	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits. This contaminant is tested yearly.

Violation Summary Table

The following table(s) lists all violations that occurred during 2017. We included a brief summary of the actions we took following notification of the violation.

Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Violation Duration Start Date – End Date	Violation Explanation
Combined Radium 226 / 228	MCL, Average	1/1/2017 – 3/31/2017	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called the maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.
Health Effects (if applicable)	Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.		
Actions we took:	TP02 Well 4 had a Radium level that was in excess of the MCL. A violation was issued and the Village issued a Public Notice for this violation. Upon receiving notice from IEPA of the concern, the Village removed the well from service and increased pumping from other wells to ensure residents would see no disruption in service. The Village operates a total of eight wells. All other wells are in compliance with IEPA regulations. We worked with our licensed radiological contractor to remedy this problem by replacing the filter that removes the radium from the water at Well 4. Once the filter was replaced, a licensed water laboratory analyzed the water. The results indicated a combined radium level of 0.5 pCi/L, bringing the running average to 4.3 pCi/L which is below the MCL.		

Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Violation Duration Start Date – End Date	Violation Explanation
Consumer Confidence Rule	CCR ADEQUACY/ AVAILABILITY/ CONTENT	7/1/2017	The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems. We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water. In June 2016 one sample was positive for coliform bacteria and we were required to conduct a Level 1 assessment of our water system and report the assessment in the 2016 consumer confidence report. We failed to include this in the 2016 CCR.
Health Effects (if applicable)	Naturally present in the environment. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.		
Actions we took:	The Level 1 assessment was completed and the detection of coliform bacteria was attributed to the use of an outside spigot and possibly an error in sampling procedures. In addition, we were required to take 3 repeat samples, one at the location of the failed sample and one up stream and one downstream of the failed sample site. All of the repeat samples passed with no presence of coliform bacteria. No other deficiencies were noted with the water system.		


Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Violation Duration Start Date – End Date	Violation Explanation
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	5/14/2017 – 5/15/2017	The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency). Upon receiving notice from IEPA that TP02 Well 4 Radium level was in excess of the MCL. A violation was issued and the Village issued a Public Notice on May 15, 2017 for this violation. The Public Notice was not delivered within the required 30 days.
Health Effects (if applicable)	Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.		
Actions we took:	After receiving the violation for the missed radium sample, the Village issued a press release, published the violation in the Oswego Ledger and posted on the Village web site. The Village also removed the well from service and increased pumping from other wells to ensure residents would see no disruption in service. We worked with our licensed radiological contractor to remedy this problem by replacing the filter that removes the radium from the water at Well 4. Once the filter was replaced, a licensed water laboratory analyzed the water. The results indicated a combined radium level of 0.5 pCi/L, bringing the running average to 4.3 pCi/L which is below the MCL. The public notice for the missed radium sample was combined with the MCL violation notice for radium but was not delivered within the required 30 days.		



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June 3 – Sept 30

Oswego Country Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sundays

Main Street

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June 7

Movies in the Park: *Paddington 2*

Dusk (approx. 8 p.m.)

Village Square, 100 Parkers Mill

Magic. Mystery. Marmalade. Bring the blanket or lawn chair for a free movie featuring London's favorite bear. Rated ages 6+ by Common Sense Media.

June 14-17

PrairieFest

It's the festival you know by heart, featuring a carnival, parade, food, and free live music from Sugar Ray and Blood, Sweat and Tears. Info at www.prairiefest.com

June 14

Movie Night at Raging Waves: *Moana*

7-11 p.m.

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Yorkville, Oswego residents can watch *Moana* for free on the big screen at Raging Waves Water Park! (You're welcome!) More details on the Community Calendar at www.oswegoil.org

June 21

OsweGROW Small Business Workshop

8:30 a.m.

Oswego Public Library – downtown campus
Getting known on Facebook. Free.

June 28

Movies in the Park: *Wonder*

Dusk (approx. 8 p.m.)

Village Square, 100 Parkers Mill

See the inspiring story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream school for the first time. Rated ages 10+ by Common Sense Media.

July 4

Independence Day Fireworks

Dusk

Prairie Point Park

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and celebrate America's 242nd birthday with a dazzling fireworks display with your friends and family!

Parking is available at the following locations:

Prairie Point Park, Oswego High School, the

Village of Oswego Public Works Facility and

East View Academy. Rain Date: Thursday,

July 5 Note: Village Hall will be closed and trash collection will be postponed one day.

July 19

Movies in the Park: *Up*

Dusk (approx. 8 p.m.)

Village Square, 100 Parkers Mill

Seventy-eight year old Carl Fredrickson travels to Paradise Falls in his home equipped with balloons, inadvertently taking a young stowaway in this Pixar favorite. Rated ages 6+ by Common Sense Media.

July 19

OsweGROW Small Business Workshop

8:30 a.m.

Oswego Public Library – downtown campus
The Do's and Don'ts of the Restaurant Business.

Free.

July 28

Oswego Beats & Eats

5-10 p.m.

Main Street

The best music and food from around the region, right here in downtown Oswego! Lineup at www.oswegobeatsandeats.com

Aug 2

Movies in the Park N Ride: *Coco*

7-11 p.m.

Station Drive

Drive and dine with Oswego and Yorkville at the Park n Ride lot for a retro drive-in movie experience on the jumbo screen and watch aspiring musician Miguel enter the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer in this new Pixar feature. Rated ages 7+ by Common Sense Media. More details on the Community Calendar at www.oswegoil.org.

Aug 3

Emergency Vehicle Procession

7 p.m.

Downtown Oswego

Watch dozens of fire trucks, squad cars, and much more caravan through downtown Oswego, lights and sirens on, in preparation for the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show! www.emergencyvehicleshow.com



Aug 4

Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Main Street

Check out static displays of new and vintage emergency vehicles, live demonstrations of firefighting, police, and rescue operations, safety displays, children's activities, public safety-related equipment, toy and memorabilia vendors, food and more! www.emergencyvehicleshow.com

Aug 4

Fox River Cleanup

10:30 a.m.

Violet Patch Park

Help clean up the Fox River from shore or on the water, and maybe even earn a prize for the most unusual find! Call 630-554-3618 or email eco@oswegoil.org to volunteer. Paddlers, sign up at www.illinoispadding.org/trailkeepers.

Aug 23

OsweGROW Small Business Workshop

8:30 a.m.

Oswego Public Library – downtown campus
Search Engine Optimization (SEO): What is it and why is it important to businesses? Free.

Aug 25

Oswego Beats & Eats

5-10 p.m.

Main Street

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Sept 3

Labor Day

Note: Village Hall will be closed and trash collection will be postponed one day.



There's so much more!

For a full list of events this summer from all of Oswego's partners and venues, including free FamJam Concerts in the Park, CabCab concerts and Sunday tailgating at Arranmore Farm + Polo Club, and Yoga and Mimosas at Emerson Creek, check out www.GoOswego.org!



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Thursday, June 21
Fox Chase Elementary
260 Fox Chase Dr N, Oswego


Wednesday, July 18
Churchill Elementary
520 Secretariat Ln, Oswego

Thursday, August 23
Prairie Point Elementary
3650 Grove Rd, Oswego

All Community Conversations begin at 6 p.m. and include short presentations from Village of Oswego staff on hot topics throughout the Village. The rest of the evening will be an Open House format -- learn about different Village departments and initiatives, ask questions and get answers. Community Conversations are free and open to the public.

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