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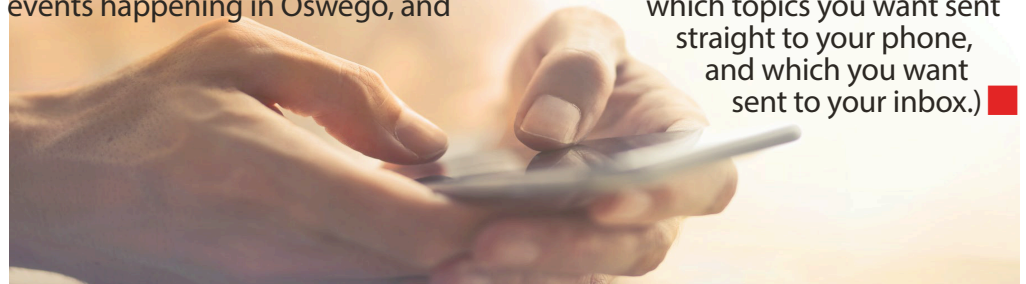
NEW! GET VILLAGE OF OSWEGO TEXT ALERTS

FROM EMERGENCY notifications to reminders about brush collection, the Village of Oswego's new text and email alert system can help you get the information that matters to you the way you want it.

Our new notification system offers text and email alerts to residents on a variety of topics. Sign up for traffic alerts, get notifications about special events happening in Oswego, and

even subscribe to our Village Board agendas. You can choose how you want your notifications delivered (by text or email) and only sign up for the information you want.

To get started, visit www.oswegoil.org and click the blue E-Mail Alerts button. Decide if you want texts or emails, and then pick your topics. (Want both? Sign up twice, and pick which topics you want sent straight to your phone, and which you want sent to your inbox.)



PAY WATER BILLS BY PHONE ANYTIME

THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO now offers a phone payment system for water bills using an interactive voice response system. The new 24/7/365 pay by phone system will enable residents and businesses to enter their account information and pay the up-to-date balance owed on their bill using a credit or debit card or an electronic check, even outside of business hours. There is a \$2.95 fee to use this system.

As always, residents and businesses are welcome to choose other payment options for paying their water bills including: direct debit (ACH) from your bank account, automatic credit card payments, or one-time online payments with a credit or debit card at css.oswegoil.org. Or pay by check in the mail or in the payment in the dropbox outside of Oswego's Village Hall.

**FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK
 NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?**

Several employees at Village Hall are certified Registrars. Staff is usually available Monday- Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. For more information visit our website at www.oswegoil.org and click on "I Want To". Information can be found in the "Apply For" section.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020
 GENERAL ELECTION**

- September 24, 2020**
Early voting begins at the Kendall Co. Clerk's office
- October 12-29, 2020**
Early voting at Oswego Village Hall
- October 6, 2020**
Last day to register to vote
- November 2, 2020**
Last day of early voting

Supporting our small businesses



RECOGNIZING WE STILL HAVE a long road to travel, we've come a long way the past several months and we can look back on some aspects of the journey we have taken. March threw us into the world of unknowns and worries. We saw our grocer's shelves growing more bare by the day as not just Oswego, but the whole country, struggled with the new supply and distribution demands placed on our grocery industry. Our grocers did a great job adjusting, and in just a few weeks the shelves began to fill again.

The restaurant community in Oswego is thriving, and as we worried about the food supply, our restaurants stepped up to play a key role in providing food for our tables. Facing an unknown future, they quickly changed their business models. Delivery, carry-out, Uber Eats, and Door Dash became common words. We saw lines of cars instead of people in this new world, but it was comforting to see. For many of us this experience provided an opportunity to have family discussion about the meal and anticipation of the "new" sit-down meals in our homes. Just getting delivery gave us all a little relief.

As the circumstances allowed us to enjoy outside dining, our restaurants stepped up again. We saw patios, tables, and umbrellas reach out to us. Soon we were able to go inside and our restaurateurs kept us safe with social distancing guidelines and disposable tableware and menus. Our established restaurants survived, and some even thrived. And our recently opened restaurants – Domino's, Menchies, La Yummy Michoacana, Asadoras, Pho Son, and Freddie's Off the Chain – found their way as well. Indeed we owe a great deal to these businesses.

In the coming weeks and months, even though we are still dealing with this pandemic, we will see the opening of several new restaurants, including RV's Home of the Hoagie, 113 Main, Raising Cane's, and Dairy Barn, with more exciting announcements to come. This not only is comforting to see during this time but also very reassuring for the long term growth of our Village when we do return to a "normal" time. Please join me in thanking this special and growing segment of our business community. I look forward to seeing you soon in one of these establishments!

On the cover: Pho Son, which debuted just last year at 2980 Route 34, serves up approachable, casual Vietnamese cuisine.

Sincerely,

Troy Parlier
Oswego Village President



Where's Troy? La Yummy Michoacan, Happenstance Goods, and shops around Oswego to highlight unique offerings and demonstrate all the ways our businesses are keeping patrons healthy. Follow @VillageofOswego on Facebook to see where he'll pop up next.

Shop online, pick up curbside

Need some essentials, but still not ready to shop in store? Most chain retailers, like those on Route 34, offer the option to order online and pick up contactless at the curb. Unlike shipping an order to your home, when you pick up at an Oswego location, a portion of your sales tax dollars stay in Oswego. It's one small way you can help keep our local economy strong.

GET UPDATES AS THEY HAPPEN

Residents are encouraged to follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook (@VillageofOswego) and Twitter (@OswegoIL60543) for up to the minute updates. You can also subscribe to Village of Oswego emails or text alerts by visiting www.oswegoil.org and clicking on E-mail Alerts on the homepage.

For more election and voter registration information, visit www.co.kendall.il.us/offices/county-clerk-recorder/election-voter-information

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. Scroll down to Upcoming Events. Once the meeting begins, an In Progress link will appear. Click on it to watch the meeting. 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.

LEAF COLLECTION STARTS OCT. 19

It's autumn! Grab your cosiest sweater and your pumpkin spice everything, and get ready to rake.

THE CURBSIDE LEAF VACUUM program provides residents an efficient way to dispose of leaves. The bulk of the piles will be vacuumed up as the crews go by your address. Place leaves in the parkway, on the grass near the curb by 6 a.m. on the Monday of your specified pickup week for collection. No brush, grass clippings, tree limbs, vines, or trash will be collected. These materials will damage the leaf truck and could injure workers or residents nearby.

Please remember

- Leaves placed in the parkway after 6 a.m. Monday will be picked up on the following scheduled week for your zone.
- Due to the tremendous scope of this work village wide, leaves blocked by parked cars or near other obstructions will be skipped and not picked up until the next collection week in that zone.
- 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.

- 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 could alter the leaf pickup schedule. Once the leaves are covered by snow, the vacuum cannot collect the leaves and the program may be suspended.

Collection alternatives

Residents are encouraged to use alternative options such as placing leaves in and around plant beds under trees and shrubs as this provide nutrients for the soil and provide insulation for the plants. Residents can also bag leaves and place them at the curb on their regular garbage day though the week of Nov. 23. Bagged leaves and yard waste will be accepted without stickers the week of Nov. 16. ■

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 All properties east of the Fox River and northwest of Route 34.

For a list of leaf collection zones by subdivision, visit www.oswegoil.org/leaf-collection.asp

DATES

Leaf collection is scheduled for Monday through Friday as follows:

Zone A Weeks of Oct. 19 & Nov. 2

Zone B Weeks of Oct. 19 & Nov. 9

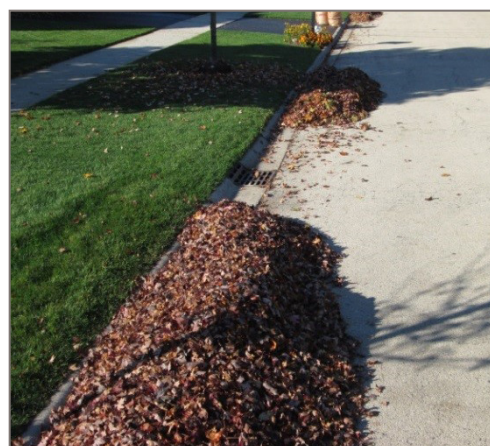
Zone C Weeks of Oct. 26 & Nov. 16

A third and final pickup for all three zones will begin on Monday, Nov. 23.

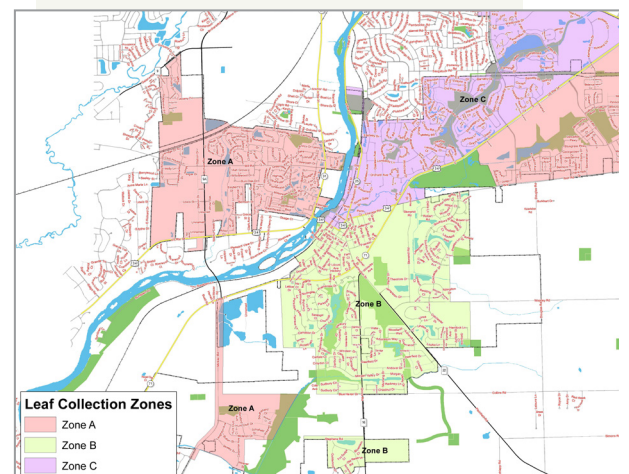
Dates are subject to change due to Inclement weather, staffing, potential equipment issues, and the volume of leaves. Follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook or Twitter, or check www.oswegoil.org for updates to the leaf collection schedule. ■



Correct: leaf piles, up on the curb.



Incorrect: Leaf piles in the street cause flooding.



SEPT. 7 - OCT. 2

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains between Monday, Sept. 7, and Friday, Oct. 2, weather permitting. Crews will begin flushing at 7 a.m. Signs will be displayed to alert residents of the upcoming flushing. These signs will be placed throughout the Village the week before the flushing. It is best to complete laundry before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on these days to avoid a possible rust discoloration of laundry. If your laundry does become discolored, please 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



Water main flushing flushes iron deposits and helps pull fresh water all the way through the line.

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. ■

FINAL BRUSH COLLECTION OF THE SEASON STARTS OCT. 5

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
October 5

Zone B
October 12

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. ■

NOVEMBER 16-20

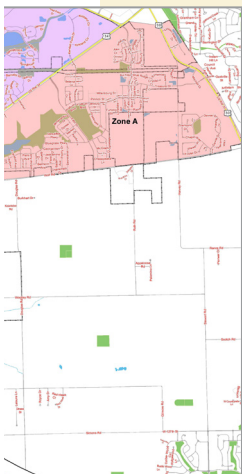
FREE FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK

Groot Industries will collect additional household waste, yard waste and bulk items for all Village residents the week of November 16-20, 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. Stickers will not be

required for this week only.

Residents must place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft yard waste bags. **Do not place yard waste in plastic bags.** Residents cannot put out appliances, televisions, or electronics during this collection. Call Groot at 630-892-9294 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 7, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day during those weeks. ■

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Reserve at Hudson Crossing



PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS are complete throughout downtown Oswego, and work continues of two major downtown developments, The Reserve at Hudson Crossing (pictured) and 113 Main. Village staff and elected officials recently toured The Reserve, including the parking deck, which when complete will be owned by the Village and available for free public parking for downtown shoppers and diners. Fun fact: The Reserve, which sits on the former Alexander Lumberyard site, is being constructed from Alexander Lumber.


A sincere thank you to Shodeen Group, the developer of The Reserve at Hudson Crossing, for sponsoring the Movie in the Park Drive-In experience on July 16. ■

YARD WASTE COLLECTION CONTINUES THRU WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

The final week for yard waste bag collection is the week of Nov. 23. Yard waste is grass or shrubbery cuttings, weeds, garden plants, leaves, small tree limbs and logs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Dirt and woodchips are not yard waste and must be disposed of through your trash or by other means. Yard waste material will be collected only if it is placed in a 30-gal. Kraft paper bag.

Yard waste is collected on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Have your yard waste, trash and recycling at your curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Each bag requires one yard waste sticker which may be purchased for \$2 at:

- Oswego Village Hall, 100 Parkers Mill
- Ace Hardware, 4500 Route 71
- Jewel, 2540 Route 30 and 3795 Orchard Road
- Meijer, 2700 Route 34
- Walgreens, 410 Chicago Rd and 3401 Orchard Rd
- Lianes Family Pantry, 4574 Route 71 ■



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SEPTEMBER

01 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. A Committee of the Whole meeting precedes at 6 p.m. Agendas and live meeting streams are at www.oswegoil.org.

07 Village offices are closed for **Labor Day**. Trash collection is delayed by one day.

Water main flushing begins this week and continues through Friday, Oct. 2. Avoid washing clothes during the day and call 630-554-3242 with questions or reports of discolored clothes.

15 Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.

24 Avoid the lines. Any registered Kendall County voter can **vote early** at Oswego Village Hall.



OCTOBER

05 It's the final week of the year for **brush collection** in Zone A. See page 5.

06 Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.

Today is the **last day to register to vote** for the Nov. 3 election. Register at Village Hall during regular business hours.

12 It's the final week of the year for **brush collection** in Zone B. See page 5.

19 **Free leaf collection** starts today. See page 4 for your zone and more information.

20 Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.

31 **Trick-or-Treating** hours in the Village of Oswego are 3:30 to 8 p.m. Observe state and local health guidelines and check oswegoil.org or our social media pages for last-minute updates.



NOVEMBER

02 It's the last day for **early voting** at the Kendall County Clerk's Office.

03 Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for **Election Day**. Find polling places and more information at www.co.kendall.il.us/offices/county-clerk-recorder/election-voter-information

16 Put your extra garbage to the curb for **free fall cleanup week** on your regular garbage day – no sticker needed! Details page 5.

10 Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.

11 Village Hall is closed in honor of **Veterans Day**.

23 It's the last week for **bagged yard waste collection** in 2020. See page 6.

24 Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.

26-27 Village Hall is closed Thursday and Friday, and trash collection is postponed by one day, in honor of **Thanksgiving**.

28 Celebrate our small Oswego businesses on **Small Business Saturday**, an annual holiday tradition. Shop small in Downtown Oswego, and follow @DowntownOswego on

Facebook for holiday shopping specials to find gifts that support your neighbors and your community.



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LAST CHANCE!

Respond now to the 2020 Census

IN AUGUST, the U.S. Census Bureau announced an accelerated deadline to complete the count of everyone living in the United States. This census happens every 10 years, and determines how much every community, including Oswego, will receive in federal funding and Congressional representation over the next decade.

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Census workers are identified by a badge and bag, and are following health and safety protocols.

Make sure you're counted! Census workers are now going door-to-door, and can attempt to contact you up to six times if you do not respond. You can avoid a knock on the door by completing the Census online. Visit my2020census.gov to complete the questionnaire online. It takes less than ten minutes, does not ask questions

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