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The official newsletter of the Village of Oswego, Illinois

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Happy spring, Oswego!

Spring is a time for new beginnings. This year, more than any I can remember, I look forward to a fresh, new year. We traveled a long – and many times, tiring – road this past year. Spring is, however, around the corner, and with it comes new opportunities.

At the time of this writing we've passed through the increasingly cold and gray days of November, December and January. We've moved past the days of lockdown, moved from Tier 2, through Tier 1, and have entered Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan, which allows the reopening and expansion of many businesses and increased gathering size to 50 people. Our children have returned to school, moving from remote learning to a hybrid model with more opportunities being discussed. Our first responders, frontline workers and seniors are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Oswego is ready for spring, for new opportunities!

Together, we have positioned ourselves to begin anew and enjoy the new opportunities that await. I have nothing but praise for our Village staff, business community, and you, our residents. We have worked together, supported each other, and found a way to push ahead. We see evidence of this in our new construction and private sector investment on almost every corner throughout Oswego. Our Village finances have weathered the storm as our revenues exceed expenditures through the first eight months of the fiscal year. Our revenues remain strong and track closely to last year. We have not had to tap the budget surplus from the previous year or rely on our reserves to continue operating. Very importantly, we have not had to limit any of our Village services. This we have achieved together.

New opportunity is here with the spring! Stay tuned – there are many new happenings and events on the horizon and this is only the beginning. It's amazing to see what we can accomplish together!

Best regards,

Troy Parlier

On the cover: Filet with steak butter and grilled asparagus is on the menu at the new 113 Main, now open on Main Street in downtown Oswego.

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PRAIRIEFEST RESTAURANT WEEK



FEBRUARY 21-27

Now open! Burgers, chops, cocktails and more are waiting for you at 113 Main, downtown Oswego's newest restaurant, located on Main Street. Dine in and carryout available. Details at 113main.com.

THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO, Oswego Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oswegoland Park District are joining up to support our local restaurants with PrairieFest Restaurant Week, Feb. 21-27.

All week long, enjoy special offerings from our local long-time favorites and our best new restaurants, including Steve Buresh's Cheesecake

and Sandwich Shop, Pearce's, The Village Grind, the newly opened 113 Main (pictured above), and many more, at bundled pricing. A full list of participating restaurants and mouth-watering specials will be posted to PrairieFestRestaurantWeek.com the week of Feb. 15. Make a plan to get out and support our small businesses in the tastiest way possible. ■

FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 6, 2021

This election includes races for three Village Board seats, plus school boards, county boards, townships, and other local races.

NEED TO REGISTER?

Several employees at Village Hall are certified registrars. Staff are typically available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit www.oswegoil.org/elections.

CHECK YOUR POLLING PLACE

Be sure to check your polling location and registration prior to Election Day. Election and voter



registration information is at www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

February 25, 2021 First day of early voting begins at the Kendall County Clerk's Office, 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville

March 9, 2021 Last day to register to vote at Oswego Village Hall

April 5, 2021 Last day of early voting

April 6, 2021 Election Day

More information can be found on the Kendall County Election & Voter information page at www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration/.

WATCH MEETINGS FROM HOME

Can't make an in-person meeting? Live-streams of Committee of the Whole and Village Board meetings are at www.oswegoil.org/watch. Click the *In Progress* link when it appears next to the meeting. See the calendar on page 8 for upcoming meeting dates.

NEW FACES



SCOTT MCMASTER
Economic Development Director

IN DECEMBER, the Village of Oswego hired Scott McMaster as its new Economic Development Director.

McMaster brings more than a decade of strategic development and client relations management experience from the both the public and private sector to the position, where he will be responsible for attracting new businesses to Oswego and supporting the existing Oswego business community.

McMaster is a licensed Realtor, a certified Economic Development Finance Professional, and a certified Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst. He spent nearly six years with the City of Crest Hill as the Community Development Director and is looking forward to helping Oswego reach new heights in the development of the downtown and commercial corridors.

Connect with Scott and learn more about opportunities to grow your Oswego business at www.oswegoil.org/business. ■

GET UPDATES AS THEY HAPPEN

Follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook (@[VillageofOswego](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofOswego)) and Twitter (@[OswegoIL60543](https://twitter.com/OswegoIL60543)) for up-to-the-minute news and updates.

You can also subscribe to Village of Oswego emails or text alerts at www.oswegoil.org/alerts. ■

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE PICK-UP STARTS APRIL 5

Groot's yard waste pick-up program will begin the week of April 5 and will continue weekly through Friday, Dec. 3.

Yard waste is defined as grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, small tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Yard waste material will be collected only if it is placed in a 30-gallon Kraft paper bag with one Groot Industries yard waste sticker affixed to the front of the bag. Yard waste stickers do not expire regardless of dates on the sticker. Yard waste stickers purchased in 2021 will cost \$2.50 each.

Kraft bags and stickers are available at local grocery and hardware stores, including Jewel, Liane's Family Pantry, Meijer and Walgreens. Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage day. Have your yard waste, trash, and recycling at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Groot also offers a subscription program that allows residents to place both yard waste and food scrap compost (fruits and vegetables only) in a 95-gallon cart for weekly collection. This option is available for \$135.04 per season. For more information or to sign up, call Groot at 630-892-9294. ■



Correct (left) and incorrect (right) brush piles for collection. To ensure that your brush is collected, place it neatly at the curb with cut ends facing the same direction before 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.

BRUSH PICKUP STARTS MAY 3

THE VILLAGE of Oswego offers free brush collection throughout the season.

ZONES

The Village has two separate residential brush collection zones. See the map below. A list of the neighborhoods located in each zone can be found at www.oswegoil.org/brush.

RESTRICTIONS

Brush is defined as tree and bush branches less than 5 inches 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. 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 too early.

ZONE COLLECTION DATES

| Zone A | Zone B |
|-----------|------------|
| May 3 | May 10 |
| July 12 | July 19 |
| October 4 | October 11 |

Special collections are held following major storms that cause downed limbs. For announcements of these collections, sign up for texts or email from the Village of Oswego at www.oswegoil.org/alerts.

FOR COLLECTION

Place 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. Place unbundled brush parallel or perpendicular to the street in neat bundles with all cut ends facing the same direction.

Do not pile brush higher than four feet or put brush in a container or in the street.

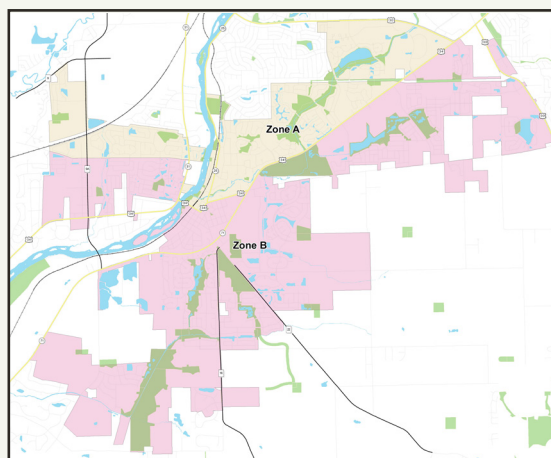
The Village does not accept landscaping waste, tree branches, or tree removals as a result of contracted work. Crews will not remove brush from commercial, industrial or other non-residential properties. ■

BRUSH COLLECTION ZONES

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. (Marked in tan.)

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. (Marked in pink.)

A list of neighborhoods by zone is at www.oswegoil.org/brush.



GET PARKWAY TREES AT HALF PRICE!

IF YOUR PARKWAY TREE is removed for any reason, you as a homeowner can move to the front of the list for replacement trees by choosing to participate in the 50/50 tree replacement program. This program allows homeowners to select the species of the tree from a list provided by the Village.

If you choose to participate in the 50/50 replacement program, you will be responsible for half of the cost of the tree, which the Village purchases wholesale. Contact the Public Works office at 630-554-3242. ■



APRIL 19-23

SPRING CLEANUP WEEK

EACH SPRING AND FALL, Groot Industries collects additional household waste, yard waste, and bulk items from residents at no extra charge. This year, the spring cleanup will be the week of April 19, with collection on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

Yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon Kraft bags, but stickers will not be required during this week only. Groot Industries will not pick up appliances, televisions, electronics, or plastic bags containing yard waste. Place all items, along with your regular garbage and recycling, at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. If you have any questions regarding this collection week, contact the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242. ■

FREE WOOD CHIPS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR GARDEN

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT has free wood chips available for residents. These wood chips are the product of our brush pick-up program and other tree removal. This coarsely cut wood is from a variety of species, not the fine, uniformly sized and colored mulch you might purchase at a home improvement store. Still, these wood chips are effective at keeping water from evaporating from soil and will break down into nutrients for your garden. ■



MAY 3-28

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will flush water mains during the four-week period of May 3 through May 28. Crews will begin flushing each day at 7:30 a.m. Public Works will put up signs to alert residents of the upcoming flushing. Watch for these signs, which will be placed throughout the Village the week before the flushing.

Should you notice discolored water coming from your cold-water faucet, simply run the water until the water clears up. This usually takes only a few minutes. Do your laundry before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on days that Village staff are in your neighborhood to avoid rust discoloration of clothes.

The Public Works Department flushes all fire hydrants in the spring and fall under the recommendation of the Illinois EPA. Flushing scours the water mains by running high flows of water through fire hydrants to get rid of iron deposits that could produce colored water and allows Village staff to evaluate the operation of fire hydrants. ■

MEMORIAL DAY

NO TRASH COLLECTION

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash or recycling on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Trash pickup will be delayed by one day that week. ■

Have 401(k) questions? Let's talk.



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Those lines of traffic around the Dick's Sporting Goods and Kohl's shopping center parking lot? They're hungry Oswegoans waiting for Raising Cane's, which opened in January at 2450 Route 34. Raising Cane's features a limited menu of only chicken finger meals and sides like fries, coleslaw and Texas toast, but that focus on a single specialty created a massive following of Caniacs. Try 'em out for yourself at the Raising Cane's on Route 34. For more information, visit www.raisingcanes.com.

FROM THE OSWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Applying for parking exemptions just got easier

THE OSWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT would like to remind you of the Overnight Parking Ordinance for public streets within the village. The ordinance has changed in 2021 and the hours of restricted parking are now 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. There is also a new way to retain a parking exemption by visiting the MSI Parking Exemption & Ticket Portal online. Residents can apply for an exemption by visiting the Oswego Police Department's parking page, www.oswegoil.org/parking and clicking on the MSI Parking Exemption & Ticket Portal.

To enter an exemption you will need the

following information: resident name; address where vehicle is parked; vehicle make, model, color, year, plate number and state; and the dates for the requested exemption. Each residence is allowed 30 exemptions per year starting Jan. 1 of each year.

You also have the option to pay a parking ticket through the portal as well. You still have the option to call in for a parking exemption to our non-emergency number, 630-551-7300 and will need to have the same information handy. To see the full details of the ordinance, visit www.oswegoil.org/parking.

SAVE WATER AND SPRINKLE SMART.

Water conservation rules in effect

OSWEGO'S WATER SUPPLY is drawn from an underground aquifer twice as fast as it is replenished. To conserve our dwindling supply of drinking water, the Village has enacted regulations limiting when residents can water lawns. The full ordinance is available at www.oswegoil.org/water-source

ODD-NUMBERED PROPERTIES

Sprinkling allowed 4-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. on odd calendar dates

EVEN-NUMBERED PROPERTIES

Sprinkling allowed 4-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. on even calendar dates

NON-ADDRESSED PROPERTIES

Subdivision entrances, roadway islands, and parkways
Sprinkling allowed 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

There are no restrictions on using hand-held watering devices to water or sprinkle gardens, trees, shrubs, or other plants. Automated tree and shrub watering using root feeders within the drip line of the tree or shrub will follow the even/odd restrictions above.

SOD AND GRASS SEED

Residents who want to continuously water newly seeded, slit-seeded, or sodded areas of more than 10 square yards must obtain a water permit from Village Hall or Public Works. There is no fee for this permit; however, violators will be fined. **Planting sod or grass seed is prohibited during July and August.**

SWIMMING POOLS

Residents filling swimming pools may have water brought in by tank through a private contractor or may use a garden hose. Filling swimming pools with hydrant water is prohibited. Residents using a private hose must

follow the water conservation rules above. If the filling will take longer than the conservation limitations, a water permit can be obtained allowing the hose to run for 48 hours.


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Your house matters.

Oswego's Historic Preservation Commission offers resources to learn about your historic home.



The Historic Preservation Commission also recognizes homeowners for their efforts in preserving Oswego's historic building like this home located at 467 Main Street.

DID YOU KNOW that the Village of Oswego has an active Historic Preservation Commission that works to preserve and enhance Oswego's unique historic character? Informing the community of the positive benefits of preservation, enlisting public support and participation in the historic preservation process, and identifying significant sites that represent preservation opportunities are just a few of their goals.

Check out our website at www.oswegoil.org/historic-preservation to find access to virtual walking tours like Historic Downtown Oswego and the Stone Houses of Oswego as well as an extensive list of state and local preservation resources. The HPC continues to promote preservation through newsletter articles, community outreach, and Historic Preservation Month activities.

Interested in joining them? The HPC is always looking for members to join the Commission and help make an impact on the community. Contact Village Planner Natalie Zine at nzine@oswegoil.org for more information.

Oswego is a beautiful, unique, and historic village – the Historic Preservation Commission needs your help to keep it that way!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

02 Oswego Village Board 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole 6 p.m. See page 3 for details.

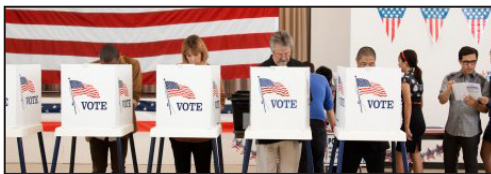
14 Find clues and win prizes at the **St. Patrick's Day Drive-Around Scavenger Hunt**. Details at GoOswego.org.

16 Oswego Village Board 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole 6 p.m.

20 The Village Board meets for the annual **Budget Workshop** at 8:30 a.m. Livestream at oswegoil.org/watch.

27 Seniors, get updates about Village projects at **Coffee & Conversations for Seniors with Village President Troy Parlier**, 11 a.m. at Oswego Police Headquarters. Reservations required. Call 630-551-2344.

Then hop on over to the **Bunny Hop**, hosted by Oswego Downtown! Details at GoOswego.org.



APRIL

05 Oswego Village Board 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole 6 p.m.

Curbside bagged yard waste begins on your garbage day and continues all summer. Details on page 4.

06 Vote in the **Consolidated Election** for various local offices. Details, page 3.

10 **Coffee with the Mayor** is at 11 a.m. at Oswego Police Headquarters. Details at oswegoil.org/calendar.

17 Art exhibits, performances, swag from local businesses and more at the **Oswego Hometown Expo**. More at oswegobusiness.org.

19-23 It's **Spring Cleanup Week!** Toss extra trash at the curb on your regular garbage day for free! Details page 5.

20 Oswego Village Board 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole 6 p.m.

24 Join **Oswego Cares for Seniors** and do a little spring yard work for seniors in your community. Visit oswegoil.org to volunteer.



MAY

01-02 Bring the neighbors and celebrate the arrival of

spring with wine samplings, live music, food and fun at **Wine on the Fox!** Tickets go on sale March 22 at www.wineonthefox.com.

03 **Curbside brush collection** begins in Zone A. (Zone B starts next week.) More info on page 4.

03-28 Crews will be conducting **water main flushing**. Avoid daytime laundry. Details on page 5.

04 Oswego Village Board 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole 6 p.m.

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OSWEGO HONORS VETERANS

22-30 The **Mideast Conflicts Wall of Honor** comes to Oswego May 22-30. The Wall of Honor honors fallen heroes from 2001 through 2018 and will be on display for the public, free of charge, 24 hours a day, at Oswego Village Hall with an opening ceremony on 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

Other events honoring vets will be held all week. Visit oswegoil.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for announcements.



31 Join the Oswego American Legion Post 675 in honoring those who have died in service to the country for a **Memorial Day** parade through downtown Oswego. Village Hall will be closed and garbage collection will be postponed one day all week.



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