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Oswego News

The official newsletter of the Village of Oswego, Illinois

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Oswego springing forward

Greetings Oswego!

As the days get longer and the temperature turns warmer, activity will increase across the community. We'll soon see people out and about, hustling and bustling. Playgrounds and parks will be filled with families once again enjoying the outdoors. The great author Tolstoy said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects." We didn't wait for warmer temperatures at the Village. Despite the cold, we stayed very active. We've been busy working on plans, projects and the warm weather fun and have a lot to talk about!

We recently selected Lake Michigan as our new long-term water source. We were joined by Yorkville and Montgomery in the decision to source water from Lake Michigan through the DuPage Water Commission. This will provide a clean source of water for Oswego for generations and generations. The next steps in the process will be changing legislation to allow us to join the DuPage Water Commission, receiving an allotment for the Lake Michigan water and reaching a cost sharing agreement with our neighbors.

On the local construction front we have moved into the property acquisition phase on Wolf's Crossing. We are past the concept design, received Phase I and Phase II engineering approval from the State and hope to break ground on this project in early 2023. While any construction causes inconvenience at times, we look forward to the day when Wolf's Crossing is four lanes wide, bringing in not only a new safe route of transportation but new residential and commercial growth.

Now for some community fun! One of our favorite community events, Wine on the Fox, will return in May and we have a full schedule of events to go with it! Venue 1012 plays a large role in the event calendar this year. Join us on Thursdays this summer at Venue 1012 for free concerts, movies or theatrical productions for the community to enjoy. In addition, we will have some ticketed concerts featuring regional bands. Follow the Village on Facebook and Twitter for the latest event announcements. If I'm going to talk about community fun, I can't forget about fun for all of Oswego's family members. Last fall the Village board approved construction of Oswego's first dog park! The dog park will be located at 100 Theodore Drive, near the site of Prairiefest. It will feature separate paddocks for small and large dogs as well as a training paddock with an obstacle course.

We hope to see you out and about, enjoying what Oswego has to offer you and your families! Don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us or just say "Hi".

See you soon!

Troy Parlier, Village President



SAVE THE DATE

Wine on the Fox

presented by john greene realtor

The Village's popular celebration of wine returns to Hudson Crossing Park on May 7 and 8, providing opportunities to sample wines from all across Illinois, enjoy local food, listen to great music and more.

The 2022 Wine on the Fox will return to its traditional format. This is a great opportunity for everyone from wine novices to

connoisseurs to taste local wines that are receiving accolades in statewide, national and international competitions.

Oswego's own Fox Valley Winery and Oswego Brewing Company will

also be at the event featuring the best of Oswego's wine and beer offerings.

Bring your blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy live music on the Main Stage at 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Food vendors will be on site with bites that pair perfectly with more than 100 types of wines.

Admission is free but attendee tickets are needed to purchase beer or wine. Advanced tickets, which provide the best value, will be on sale beginning March 21 through 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6. All purchasers will pick up their tickets, wine glass, and wristbands with a government-issued photo ID at the event. Day-of-event ticket packages will also be for sale.

For more information, visit www.wineonthefox.com.



Get ready to rock out this summer with your family, friends and neighbors right here in Oswego. Alongside the community's well-known events, the Village will debut a new summer series at Venue 1012 including concerts, movies and more.

The entertainment venue, which opened in summer 2021 near Orchard Road, will host a combination of free and ticketed events, bringing entertainment and cultural opportunities to the Village of Oswego. A full calendar is in the works and is expected to be announced in early spring.

"I am looking forward to seeing everyone this summer enjoying all the great entertainment the Village has to offer," Village President Troy Parlier said. "Our events not only provide great opportunities for families and friends to gather, but they really show all that Oswego has to offer to those who visit from out of town. Venue 1012 builds on the great events program we already have. It's going to be a great summer!"

The expanded events calendar keeps long-time favorites like Wine on the Fox and Christmas Walk and features returning events like the Air Force band Starlifter and Oswego's Got Talent.

New this year is a free Thursday night event series featuring a combination of concerts and movies, with special appearances by the Springbrook Pops Orchestra. Saturday night ticketed concerts will offer an elevated concert experience featuring some favorite regional acts.

"We saw an under-utilized area of our community with plenty of open space and existing parking, and we turned it into an entertainment destination not only for our community, but for the region," Parlier said. "Orchard Road, and the entire community, will certainly benefit from all that Venue 1012 has to offer."

The Village's special events program is designed to be self-sustaining on a year-to-year basis, funded through sponsorship, beverage and ticket sales, and other events-related revenue.

For more information on sponsorship, donor opportunities or event rentals, visit the Venue 1012 website at www.oswegoil.org/venue1012 and contact Julie Hoffman, Community Engagement Coordinator – Events at jhoffman@oswegoil.org. To stay up to date on event announcements, sign up for the Village's email newsletter at www.oswegoil.org/alerts.

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE PICK-UP STARTS APRIL 4

Groot's yard waste pick-up program will begin the week of April 4 and will continue weekly through Friday, Dec. 9.

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 2022 will cost \$2.50 each.

Kraft bags and stickers are available at Oswego Jewel locations, Ace Hardware, Liane's Family Pantry, Meijer and at Village Hall. 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 \$141 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 as these will clog and possibly damage the leaf collection machines. Crews will place an orange tag on your door indicating the reason they did not pick up the brush if it is the

ZONE COLLECTION DATES

Zone A	Zone B
May 2	May 9
July 11	July 18
October 3	October 10

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.

wrong material or placed at the curb too early.

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.

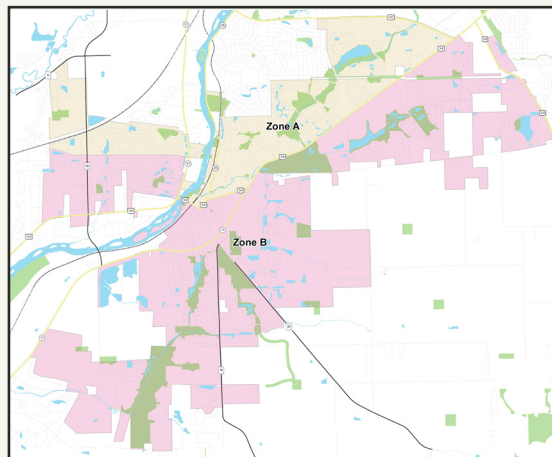
The Village does not accept landscaping waste, tree branches, or tree removals as a result of contracted work. Crews will not remove brush from commercial, industrial or other non-residential properties. ■

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 Public Works to plant a replacement tree 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 18-22

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 18, 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 2-27

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will flush water mains during the four-week period of May 2 through May 27. 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 30, 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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FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police offer program for at-risk residents

In 2010 the Oswego Police Department started the Citizens at Risk (C.A.R.) Program. The purpose of the program is to identify people in the community that have difficulties communicating with others and may be at risk of wandering away from their home. During the registration process, an Oswego Police Officer will meet with the person and their family to get to know the individual. The officer will speak with the family and gather very specific information that may assist the police if they need to locate the person in the future. Officers will provide the family with an identification bracelet for the individual. The bracelets have assisted police in identifying, and safely returning home, at risk individuals who have wandered into other police jurisdictions.

There is no fee for registering. To register yourself or a loved one, or for more information about this program, please contact Officer Anthony Snow at 630-551-7365 or asnow@oswegoil.org. You can also find additional information on the Oswego Police Website at www.oswegoil.org/police and look under Programs and Services.

SAVE WATER, SPRINKLE SMART
Water conservation rules in effect

OSWEGO'S WATER SUPPLY is drawn from an underground aquifer. According to the Illinois Office of Water Resources, water is being withdrawn 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. Watering is prohibited on the 31st of each month in which the date occurs.

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. ■

OUR OFFICERS ARE ALWAYS ESSENTIAL.

The Oswego Police Department is now accepting applications for patrol officer. We're looking for new officers interested in growing with our community, candidates who come from diverse backgrounds of all kinds to strengthen our community-oriented approach to policing, and people who are up to the challenge of approaching each day as an opportunity to do things better.



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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.

The Village of Oswego has a Historic Preservation Commission that works to preserve and enhance Oswego's unique historic character. Members include residents Kelly Schomer, Alan Langguth, Connie Peshia, Juan Terrazas, and Subash George. Some of their goals are to inform 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.

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.

Interested in joining them? the HPC is always looking for members to join the Commission and help make an impact on the community. Contact Rod Zenner, Development Services Director, at rzenner@oswegoil.org for more information. ■



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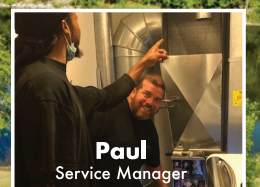
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

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

19 The Village Board meets for the annual
Budget Workshop at 9 a.m. Livestream
at oswegoil.org/watch.

APRIL

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

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

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

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

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



07-08

Bring the neighbors and
celebrate the arrival of
spring with wine servings,
live music, food and fun at **Wine on the Fox** presented
by John Greene Realtors! Tickets go on sale March 21 at
www.wineonthefox.com.

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

28

Kick off the Venue 1012 summer event
series with the **Oswego Honors Veterans
Country Bash** featuring Ricky Lee, Wild Daisy and
Whiskeyfist. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets go on sale
April 1. Entertainment subject to change.

30

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.

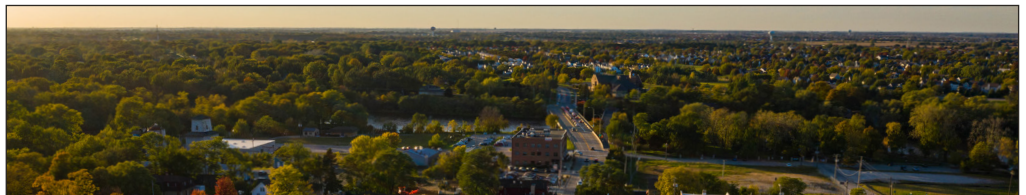
Event dates and details are subject to change. Visit
oswegoil.org/calendar or follow us on social media
for updates.

MAY

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

02-27 Crews will be conducting
water main flushing.
Avoid daytime laundry. Details on page 5.

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



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St. Patrick's Day
at Oswego Brewing Co.
Sat. March 12, 2022



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