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• Receive two or more direct deposits totaling at least \$500 in the personal checking account within 90 calendar days of account opening. For purposes of this bonus offer, a direct deposit is defined as any payment made by a government agency, employer, or other third-party organization that is made via an electronic deposit. A direct deposit does not include teller, ATM, mobile, remote deposits, or transfers between accounts at Allied First Bank.

Open an Allied First Bank Checking Account before December 31, 2021. Offer expires December 31, 2021. Accounts closed within 90 calendar days of personal checking account opening may be charged \$20 and may forfeit any cash bonus earned. Fees may reduce earnings. On the 90th calendar day following the opening of the personal checking account, the relationship will be reviewed to determine if activity met offer requirements. If requirements are met, the cash bonuses will be credited to the personal checking account within 10 calendar days. Cash bonuses may be subject to 1099 reporting. Employees of Allied First Bank, S.B. and its affiliates are not eligible for the Checking Account Bonus Program. Allied First Bank reserves the right to modify or terminate the promotion at any time.



### Seasons greetings, Oswego!

"CITY SIDEWALKS, BUSY SIDEWALKS dressed in holiday style. In the air there's a feeling of Christmas—" Bing Crosby's lyrics in "Silver Bells" mean a lot to me as I look forward to the holidays and reflect on the busy year we have had in our wonderful Village of Oswego!

Busy sidewalks indeed! We've had back-to-back budget surpluses of \$2.9 and 2.6 million, and this fiscal year is off to a great start as well. This success story couldn't be written without the dedication and innovation of our business community and YOU, our great residents. Your support of local business gave our general fund revenue a blockbuster start, including a record-setting month in July.

Not only has revenue been strong but our new development has matched it. Construction crews are working all across town, from Orchard Road to Route 34 to Route 71, bringing new offerings for our residents. Downtown is still a beehive of activity with the Fox Valley Winery opening its doors on Main Street, Freddie's Off the Chain starting construction, and the Dairy Barn getting ready to open its doors. You can even see new residential construction preparing the way for new residents and the spending power they will bring to our community.

Our dedicated Village staff have continued to deliver services to our residents. We just capped off a construction season that included over 12 lane miles of new pavement, sidewalk and curb repairs and additional alley work. The community relations team has been busy producing events like Oswego's Got Talent, the Pumpkin Pickup, and the Christmas Walk and Holiday Drive-Through at Venue 1012.

With all of this busy activity it is always good to slow down a little and enjoy the holiday season, spend time with our friends and families, reflect on the year and be very thankful for what we have. I hope you take some time to enjoy our fantastic community along the way! Wishing you a very merry Christmas and happy new year!

> **Troy Parlier** Oswego Village President



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#### **OSWEGO NEWS**

Oswego News is the official newsletter of the Village of Oswego, published quarterly and mailed to more than 14,000 Oswego postal customers. Comments, suggestions and questions, including advertising, should be directed to:

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOV. 27**



Shop small on Saturday, Nov. 27, find great deals on unique holiday gifts, and keep your tax dollars local. When you spend \$100 at a local shop, about \$68 continues to circulate in the local community. That's compared to just \$14 spent at a national retailer, where profits go out of state. So support your community by shopping locally this holiday season!

### IN BRIEF

#### LEARN ABOUT OSWEGO'S **FINANCES**

The Popular Annual Financial Coming together. Report, or PAFR, is a concise, easy-to-read explanation of the Village of Oswego's financial standing. It includes information on taxes, expenditures, funding for megaprojects, and much

more. Download the newly available edition

for the 2021 Fiscal Year at www.oswegoil. org/financial-reporting.

### **FOX VALLEY WINERY NOW OPEN ON MAIN STREET**

In mid-October, the Fox Valley Winery opened the doors to its new tasting room, now located at 59 Main Street, next to Oswego Cyclery. Stop by to grab a bottle to go or enjoy a glass on the patio.

### **Happy Holidays from Physicians Immediate Care**

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#### **CONGRATS TO OUR**



THIS FALL, the Village of Oswego hosted its first Oswego's Got Talent competition to find and promote our talented Oswegoans on the Venue 1012 stage. Winners took home \$250 each and will perform at future Village events. Congratulations to:

Karla and the Phat Cats, adult division, pictured above.

Bryce Ramsbottom, youth division (tie), pictured top right.

Levi Cull, youth division (tie), pictured right.

Follow the Village of Oswego on social media or sign up for email alerts at

www.oswegoil.org/ alerts for more events and opportunities to shine on our community stage.







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### FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

### HOW TO WATCH MEETINGS FROM HOME

You can watch the livestream of Oswego Village Board meetings on our website at www.oswegoil.org. Click on the Meetings Agendas & Videos section 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 6:00; followed by the Regular Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

#### **GET NEWS AS IT HAPPENS**

Residents are encouraged to follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook (@VillageofOswego) and Twitter (@ OswegolL60543) 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.

### NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Several employees at Village Hall are certified Registrars. Staff is usually available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information visit www.oswegoil.org/voting. More information can also be found on the Kendall County Election & Voter information page at www.co.kendall.il.us.

### 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 28, 2022

Early voting information should be available from the Kendall County Clerk's Office in March or April 2022.

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



After a pandemic hiatus, Oswego's beloved holiday tradition returns to Main Street on Friday, Dec. 3. But that's not all! We're bringing back the Holiday Drive-Through Experience on Dec. 10, too.

### THE 2021 OSWEGO CHRISTMAS WALK, presented by Allied First Bank, will be held from 4:30

to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, along Main Street, with the return of all the holiday traditions you've come to know and love.

Take a ride on the Toyland train, meet Santa's reindeer, and get a photo with Santa himself. Sip hot cocoa, shop sales at unique downtown Oswego businesses, enjoy holiday-themed activities at booths up and down Main Street, and watch the annual tree lighting ceremony, sponsored by Hennessy's River View Ford, live! Check out live

entertainment from local musical groups in spots up and down Main Street thanks to entertainment sponsor The Reserve at Hudson Crossing. As always, admission is free, so don you now your gay apparel (and your face mask when indoors, per state mandate) and join the Village of Oswego in ushering in the holiday season.

### SILENT LIGHT PARADE

The Silent Light Parade of emergency vehicles steps off at 8:10 p.m. and will wind down Main Street for the official end of the event.



### DON'T MISS THE HOLIDAY DRIVE-THROUGH ON DEC. 10!

Back by popular demand, last year's Holiday Drive-Through returns Friday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. to Venue 1012.

Drive through illuminated holiday displays, wave at Santa and his helpers, and enjoy giveaways for kids. More details are available at www.oswegochristmaswalk. com.



#### **PARKING**

Shuttle buses will move attendees from the Oswego High School parking lot to downtown beginning at 4:45 p.m. Free parking is also available in the public Downtown Parking Deck under The Reserve at Hudson Crossing, in the Harrison Street lot, at Oswego Village Hall, and on streets in and around downtown.

Find all the details at www.oswegochristmaswalk. com and sign up for email updates for the latest.







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# PREPARE FOR WINTER WITH THESE TIPS

# PREPARE YOUR MAILBOX

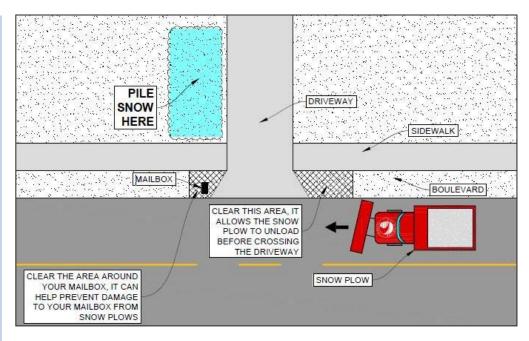
Village of Oswego snow plow drivers are careful to avoid damaging mailboxes, however, with limited space to pile snow and hundreds of miles of roadway to plow during each snowstorm, drivers cannot avoid pushing snow against mailboxes.

Secure your mailbox now before winter weather strikes and the ground is frozen:

- Check that your mailbox post is straight and that the box is not leaning over the curb.
- Replace damaged or rotting posts before the ground freezes.
- Check the connection point between the box and the post to ensure that the box is securely fastened.

If your mailbox is damaged during a snow storm, report it within 3 business days of the snow event by calling Public Works at 630-554-3242, clicking on Report an Issue on www.oswegoil.org, or by submitting a request through the Oswego My311 app available for most smartphones.

A Public Works representative will determine if the damage is caused by a plow blade or vehicle. If so, the Village will reimburse the homeowner up to \$100 for mailbox replacement. If the damage is caused by snow coming off the plow blade, or some other undetermined cause, the Village cannot provide reimbursement. All receipts must be submitted by April 30th, 2022, to be reimbursed. No reimbursements can be made after that date, and all costs will be the responsibility of the homeowner.



## **HELP OUR SNOW PLOWS CLEAR YOUR STREETS**

SNOW PLOWING CREWS in the Public Works Department work hard to keep you safe during the winter driving season. You can pitch in on the effort to keep the streets clear -- and save yourself some headaches -- by taking a few steps right around your home:

Clear the area around your mailbox. This helps prevent damage to your mailbox and the hassle of getting a replacement. (See left.)

Clear snow from the parkways on either side of your driveway's apron. This lets our plows unload their snow before crossing your driveway, so extra slush doesn't block in your cars.

Pile your driveway snow in your yard. Remember, shoveling or blowing snow into the street is prohibited by Village ordinance.

When plowing, crews prioritize collector roads such as Douglas Road and Boulder Hill Pass as these roads provide access for large areas. Crews then address neighborhood streets. The Village contracts with a private service to plow cul-desacs, which are labor intensive.

The State of Illinois plows US Routes 30 and 34, and Illinois Routes 71 and 25. Kendall County plows Orchard Road.

Visibility from within snowplows is limited. Keep a safe distance, and remind children to also keep away from plows, including building snow forts away from streets.



Secure vour mailbox before the snow falls to prevent damage by snow plows.



FROZEN WATER PIPES flood the homes of a quarter-million families nationwide each winter. This damage is largely preventable.

Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

When temperatures p lummet, a trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall, and keep your thermostat set at the same temperature both day and night.

Before you leave town, set the thermostat in your house no lower than 55°F. Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing. And if you'll be gone long, shut off and drain the water system.

If your pipes freeze, never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame because it could cause a fire hazard. Water damage is preferable to burning down your house!

If your water pipes have already burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house.

### TRASH COLLECTION

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### NO SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

With major holidays falling on Saturdays this year, Groot Industries will continue to collect trash and recycling as scheduled during the holidays. There will not be any scheduled disruptions to their service during the months of December, January and February.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

### FREE TREE COLLECTION THRU JAN. 14

Groot will collect Christmas trees after the holidays through Friday, Jan. 14. Place your bare tree, free from lights, ornaments, tinsel, or any decorations by the curb on your normal scheduled garbage day. Do not bag your tree or place a yard waste sticker on it. After the second week in January, residents will be required to wait until April when the yard waste program starts up again, and a sticker will be required at that time.

### NO PARKING ON SNOW-COVERED STREETS

Parking is prohibited on Village streets when two inches (2") or more snow has accumulated, and one inch (1") in downtown. Keeping cars off the streets helps Village crews clear the roads faster and prevents your car from being plowed in. Vehicles parked on the streets during in snowy conditions are also more likely to be struck by other vehicles. Street parking is allowed again once the snow stops and the streets have been plowed curb to curb.



### **SHOVEL SIDEWALKS, HYDRANTS** AND DRIVEWAYS THIS WINTER



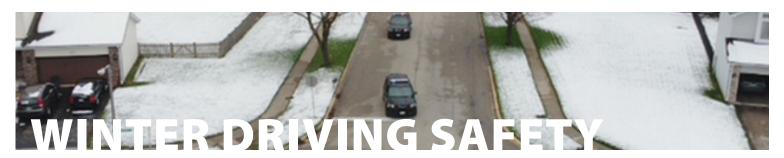
borhood hydrants. Good dog, Ella.

Although plow drivers take care to selectively place snow, sometimes snow must be placed at intersections and heaped on parkways.

Help keep yourself and your neighbors safe by shoveling curb ramps and digging out fire hydrants so they can be accessed quickly in

When clearing snow, do not deposit snow onto the roadway. Shoveling, plowing, or blowing snow into public streets causes driving hazards and is prohibited by Village ordinance. Keep garbage cans and recycling totes out of the street so the plows do not hit them.

#### FROM THE OSWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



THE OSWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, wishes to share the following tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to help keep residents safe while driving this winter:

- Check the weather before you leave. Assess the road conditions and traffic.
- Always remain vigilant and drive slowly in the winter
   it takes longer to slow your vehicle on an icy, wet or snowy
   surface.
- Allocate extra time for travel during the winter to compensate for driving more slowly. Do not rush or put yourself in a situation where you feel pressured to speed.
- Either drive behind a snow plow or use caution whenever passing them. Never crowd a snow plow, and do not drive next to them other than for passing. Snow plows are slow, make wide turns, frequently stop, overlap lanes and exit the road often.
- Stock your vehicle with the supplies you need to drive safely and stay warm in an emergency during the winter, including a snow shovel, broom/ice scraper, sand or kitty litter for

stuck vehicles, flashlight, jumper cables, warning devices like flares or emergency markers and blankets.

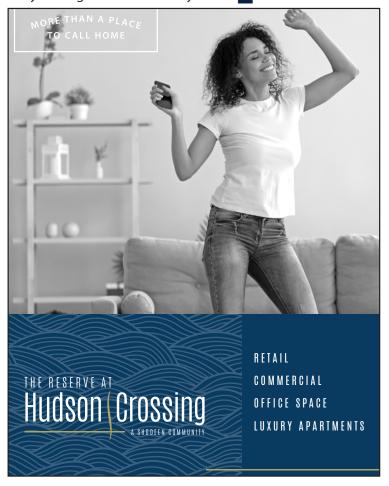
Oswego Police also encourage residents to keep extra warm clothing, a cell phone charger, water, food and extra medication doses in their cars, should their vehicle break down. If your car breaks down in the winter:

- Stay with your vehicle.
- Do not overexert yourself.
- Place bright markers on the antenna or windows.
- Keep the interior dome light turned on.
- Don't run your car for long periods in an enclosed space or with the windows up -- this is a carbon monoxide hazard.

If you have to keep your vehicle running to stay warm, be sure to clear snow away from the exhaust pipe and run the vehicle only as long as needed to stay warm.









### DECEMBER

It's back! Celebrate the season at the **Christmas** Walk, presented by Allied First **Bank!** The holiday season kicks off at 4:30 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Oswego with all the traditions you've come to love. See page 6 for details.

The Holiday Drive-Through was so popular last year, we're keeping it going! See Santa and cheerful displays from our Oswego businesses. Details page 7.

Seniors, join Mayor Parlier for Coffee & Conversation at 9 a.m. at Oswego Village Hall. RSVP by Dec. 10 to ihoffman@oswegoil.org

The Oswego Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Oswego Village Hall to vote on Village business. Meetings are open to the public and include a public forum for those wishing to speak. A Committee of the Whole precedes at 6 p.m. Agendas and streams of live meetings are available at www.oswegoil.org.

Join Mayor Parlier for Coffee with the Mayor at 11 a.m. at Village Hall and learn what's happening around Oswego. RSVP to jhoffman@oswegoil.org by Dec. 17.

Village offices are closed in observance of **Christmas Eve**. Trash collection is unaffected.

Village offices are closed for **Christmas Day**. Trash collection is unaffected.

Village offices are closed in observance of New Year's **Day**. Trash collection is unaffected.



### JANUARY

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The Oswego Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m.

Village offices are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



### **FEBRUARY**

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The Oswego Cultural Arts Commission invites you to **LUNAFEST**, a film festival featuring shorts by and about women plus local artist demos, all benefitting Mutual Ground. Visit www.oswegoil. org/arts for more information.

Village offices are closed for President's Day.



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



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