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Entertainment returns!



ENTERTAINMENT IS BACK in town! On June 11, the State eased capacity restrictions on businesses providing for the return of festivals, concerts and large gatherings. We were ready and eagerly awaiting the day we could safely gather together once again in large settings.

Classic Cinemas Kendall 11 theater reopened with a full slate of movies, and Altitude Trampoline Park is once again full of jumping children and even brave adults. I believe the Village also has a responsibility to find ways for our residents to gather with their families and friends to enjoy the sur-

roundings and time with each other. To that end we have been busy!

Recently, we've held: a socially-distanced return of Wine on the Fox that provided two days of music and entertainment; an Oswego Honors Veterans week that paid tribute to our fallen heroes with the Mid-East Conflicts Wall of Honor displayed at Village Hall along with several patriotic concerts and events; and of course our 4th of July fireworks display.

That's a great start but we're just warming up. Our new entertainment venue has a full slate of activities scheduled including our free drive-in style Movies at the Park. As I write this letter, we've already had three movies with hundreds in attendance and have one more, The Greatest Showman, scheduled Aug. 12 to close out the season. We also presented a free music concert by Sojourn Rocs on July 17th.

In August, we're cutting the ribbon for our new amphitheater with local performers, and we are very excited to partner with Vetfest141 to bring a carnival and several musical performances to town. The carnival will run from August 26th to August 29th. The Man in Black: A tribute to Johnny Cash kicks off the musical performances on August 26th, followed by chart-topping country duo LoCash on August 27th. 7th Heaven will wrap up the lineup on August 29th.

We're not done yet! We held LUNAFEST at Village Hall in August, too. We are planning to

have the U.S. Air Force band Starlifter in for a free concert this fall along with the return of our Pumpkin Pick-up and the Christmas Drive-thru. And of course, Christmas Walk will return this year downtown. I have even heard a rumor about our local talent on display at an Oswego's Got Talent event.

I look forward to seeing you out and about town at our exciting events! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any board member with your thoughts, concerns, or ideas. Remember we work for you and working together makes a greater Oswego!

Sincerely,

Troy Parlier Oswego Village President



OSWEGO SAVES \$1.58M BY REFINANCING DEBT

This board is committed to

JUST LIKE IN your own family's finances, aggressively tackling the Village's debt means a better path for the future.

That's why in June the Oswego Village Board decided to refund its bonds, allowing the Village to repay some of its debt at a lower interest rate.

Municipalities issue debt in the form of bonds to pay for larger fiscal responsibility." projects, such as major road projects and new buildings. Similar to refi-

nancing a home mortgage to lower your interest rate, municipalities with outstanding debt can sometimes issue new bonds to pay for their existing bonds at a lower rate, a practice called refunding, and save money over the long term.

Staff reviewed the Village's outstanding

debt and presented outstanding bond issuances dating from 2016, originally issued to finance the new Oswego Police Headquarters, that had matured enough to be at least partially refunded, saving an estimated \$1 million. With the refunding now finalized, Village staff have con-

> firmed that the Village will actually save \$1.58 million that otherwise would have been lost to interest payments.

> "[FINAL QUOTE FROM TROY HERE]."

IN BRIEF

TAKE OUR ZONING SURVEY

With help from the Chicago Metropolitan Association for Planning, the Village and local stakeholders have embarked on a community-based process to update and modernize Oswego's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to create the UDO. The planning process aligns Oswego's development regulations, land-use practices, and community vision with its comprehensive plan and will include updates to zoning districts, uses, subdivision standards, stormwater, zoning applications, parking, landscaping, and definitions, and will give developers a single set of requirements for building in Oswego. Take our survey at www. oswegoil.org/UDOsurvey.

MAYOR PARLIER NAMED METRO **WEST PRESIDENT**

Village President Troy Parlier has recently been elected the president of the board of directors of the Metro West Council of Governments, an organization that represents Oswego and its neighbors in Springfield and Washington on legislation and policies that affect residents.

The Metro West Council of Governments represents 33 municipalities serving more than 750,000 residents in Kendall, DuPage, and Kane Counties, stretching from Minooka to Elgin. The nonprofit fosters intergovernmental cooperation between the communities and advocates for state and federal policies. The Village takes an active role in Metro West to ensure that the interests of Oswegoans are well represented in conversations happening across the region. Mayor Parlier's election to the board president role follows a term serving as the board's vice president. Oswego Village Administrator Dan Di Santo currently serves as the board's treasurer.

VILLAGE RESURFACES 6 MILES OF ROADWAY

THIS SUMMER, the Oswego Village Board approved a \$1.88 million contract to resurface some of the Village's most worn streets during the 2021 construction season.

About 12 lane-miles of roadways and alleys have been resurfaced as a part of this year's program. Most are older streets around downtown Oswego or collector streets that see higher volumes of traffic than other residential roadways. Roads for the resurfacing project are prioritized based on overall condition, level of traffic, and other operational considerations. Get notified about upcoming construction projects. Visit www.oswegoil.org/alerts



where you can sign up for text or emails from the Village of Oswego on topics that interest you. Select Traffic Alerts to get notifications about street closures, and while you're there, sign up for seasonal reminders, news about upcoming events and much more!

FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

WATCH MEETINGS FROM THE COMFORT OF 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 11 for upcoming meeting dates.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Several employees at Village Hall are certified registrars. Staff is usually available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit our website at www.oswegoil.org/elections. Additional information can also be found on the Kendall County Election & Voter information page at www.co.kendall.il.us.

Now open in Oswego!

VENUE 1012

COMMUNITY PARK & CONCERT VENUE

It went from concept to reality in just two years. Now, Venue 1012, the new community park and concert venue, is open, and the schedule is jam-packed with events for Oswego residents to enjoy this fall!

FROM THE FIRST CHORDS that ring out from the bandshell, the new Venue 1012 will pack a big punch, with chart-toppers and rock legends hitting the stage for a great cause.

On Aug. 18, Motley Crue front man Vince Neil and twin brother rock duo Nelson will join an already packed line-up for VetFest 141, a fourday musical festival that gives back to local veterans causes and schools. The party begins Thursday, Aug. 26, with The Man in Black – A Johnny Cash Tribute starring Shawn Barker. Chart-topping country duo LoCash headlines Friday, Aug. 27, Neil takes the stage Saturday, and local favorites 7th Heaven bring the party on Sunday.



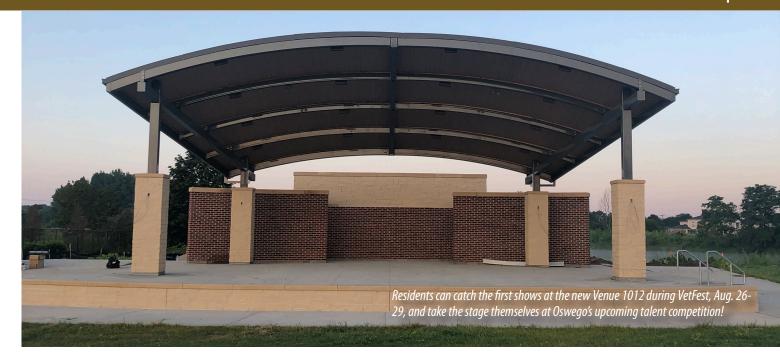
The four-day music event also brings food, drinks and a carnival to the new venue, plus veterans and first responders get free admission and special perks. VetFest 141's one-for-one ticket program admits one veteran, active military member first responder or frontline medical worker for every regularly priced ticket purchased.

VetFest 141 is slated to be the first major show at the new Venue 1012, located at 1012 Station Drive, but this fall's packed calendar of community events also includes patriotic concerts, a local talent competition, the return of the free pumpkin pick-up for Oswego families and much more to engage residents and activate the Orchard Road corridor.

By next spring the new Venue 1012 will also be available for community organizations to reserve for both public and private events, from dance recitals to weddings.



Events coming to the new entertainemnent venue this season include the Pumpkin Pick-up on Oct. 17 and four-day Vet Fest, which will be headlined by LOCASH on Aug. 27. See the full line-up at www.oswegoil.org/venue1012.



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-Village President Troy Parlier



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And there's even more to come! The complete vision for Venue 1012 includes a park complete with concessions stand, an entry court and donor wall, public art installations, walking paths and a playground to be added in subsequent phases. (Turn the page to learn how you can be a part!)

For more information on Venue 1012, including this season's ever-expanding calendar of events, visit www.oswegoil. org/venue1012.

DON'T MISS A SHOW!

Did you know that when LoCash tickets went on sale in July, our email and text subscribers got first dibs?

Sign up for special events email and text notifications, and be the first to get notified of concert announcements, advanced ticket sales and more. Plus you can sign up for seasonal reminders, police announcements and other urgent alerts from the Village of Oswego.

Visit **www.oswegoil.org/alerts** to get signed up.



Play your part The new Venue 1012 is now open,

but there's still plenty of opportunity to support this new destination for entertainment and the arts in the Oswego community. Find out how.

Thank you to our recent donors!

Thank you to the following Oswego businesses and organizations that are playing their parts in bringing this amenity to the Oswego community:

- Kevin Fialko
- Property Concepts, Inc.
- · Central Sod Farms, Inc.
- KCM Companies, Inc.
- Schoppe Design Associates
- D Construction, Inc.
- H. Linden & Sons
- Integral Construction, Inc.

OFFICIALLY OPENED on Aug. 19, Venue 1012, Oswego's new amphitheater at 1012 Station Drive, is bringing live performances and a green space for community gatherings to enliven both the Orchard Road corridor and the performing arts in our community. Oswego musicians, actors, and performers of all kinds now have an outdoor stage to call home.

Performances begin in late August on the new 40-foot by 60-foot stage, included in Phase I of the park and venue project.

Future phases will include additional landscaping, semi-permanent seating, entranceway paver bricks, art installations, restrooms, concession stand, playground, walking paths, and improvements to the bandshell. The Village of Oswego is soliciting donations and sponsorships to bring

this amenity to our community without additional burden on our residents.

YOU CAN HELP

Donate to Venue 1012 to help jumpstart subsequent phases of the park! Several sponsorship levels are available, and donors can be commemorated on The Next Act donor wall coming to the main entrance to the venue. Donor levels are available on the Village's website.

Entranceway bricks are also now available for reservation. Commemorate a loved one or a meaningful event with an engraved paver brick on display to the Oswego community.

To reserve a brick, or to learn more about the amphitheater and how you can play your part in making this community amenity a reality, visit www. oswegoil.org/venue1012.

THE FUTURE OF OUR WATER

TODAY, you can open your faucet and get clean, safe drinking water. We take it for granted that our water supply will always be there for us. Unfortunately, our source of water—a deep underground reservoir—is severely stressed, placing us in danger of running out of water in the next ten to twenty years. According to the Illinois State Water Survey, the depletion of our aquifer has been going on for many years and has now reached the point where no amount of conservation or stopping development will reverse the trend.

Since constructing facilities to connect

to a new water source will take several years of planning and construction, the Village is taking steps now to ensure that you, your children, and your grandchildren will have uninterrupted, safe, drinking water.

The Village is exploring options to get water from either the Fox River or Lake Michigan. The cost to build infrastructure and connect to these sources is signficant, but we must move forward with this project to secure our future as a community. Residents are encouraged to visit www.oswegoil.org/ water-source to learn more about this most important project.

SAVE YOUR BOTTLE CAPS FOR THE KENDALL CO. FAIRGROUNDS

THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO has partnered with the Kendall County Fair Association to provide a drop-off point for bottle caps that will be recycled into new benches for the fairground.

Residents can drop off their old bottle caps and lids in the lobby of Oswego Village Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A labeled collection bin is located inside, near Village Hall's main entrance.

The following items can be accepted: plastic bottle caps, medicine bottle caps, milk jug caps, detergent caps, hair

spray caps, butter lids, creamer lids, coffee can lids, 5-gallon bucket lids, or any lid or cap with recycling symbols 2, 4, or 5. In doubt about whether a lid or cap can be used? Drop it in water, and if it floats, your cap can become a new bench.





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LEAF COLLECTION

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 East of the Fox River and northwest of Route 34.

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

DATES

Village crews will collect leaves three times this season. Leaf collection is scheduled for Monday through Friday as follows:

Zone A Weeks of October 18 & November 1

Zone B Weeks of October 18, November 8

Zone C Weeks of October 25, November 15

All Zones Week of November 22

Dates may be subject to change due to Inclement weather, staffing, potential equipment issues, and the volume of leaves.



Proper leaf piles, up on the curb. Leaves are not piled long enough to kill grass.



Improper leaf piles, in the street. Leaves in the street clog drains, causing flooding.

FREE CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

EACH FALL, the curbside leaf vacuum program provides Oswego residents a cost-effective way to dispose of leaves.

To have your leaves collected, rake them into piles placed in the parkway, on the grass between the sidewalk and curb, by 6 a.m. on the Monday of your specified collection week.

No brush, grass clippings, tree limbs, vines, or trash will be collected. These materials can cause damage to our costly equipment and can put the operator and residents in the area at risk of injury or death.

Please remember

- Leaves placed in the parkway after 6 a.m. will be picked up on the following scheduled week for your zone.
- Due to the tremendous scope of this

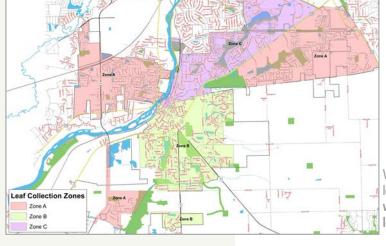
- work, leaves piled near an obstruction or obstructed by a parked vehicle will be skipped, and will not be picked up until the next collection week.
- The bulk of the piles will be vacuumed up as the crews go by your address. However, it is impossible for crews to collect 100 percent of the leaves piled for collection.
- 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 can alter the leaf pickup schedule. Once the leaves are snow covered, the vacuum cannot collect the leaves and the program may be suspended.

Collection alternatives

Residents are strongly 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 use Groot's curbside yard waste bags and refuse collection program. The final week for yard waste pickup through Groot is the week of November 29. Yard waste bags will be accepted without stickers the week of November 15.



View a larger map of leaf collection zones at www.oswegoil.org/leaves.

AUG. 30 - OCT. 1

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains between Monday, Aug. 30, and Friday, Oct. 1, weather permitting.

Crews will begin flushing at 7 a.m. Signs will be displayed to alert residents of the upcoming flushing and will be placed throughout the Village the week before the flushing.

To avoid possible rust discoloration, finish your laundry before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on these days. If your laundry does become discolored, 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 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.

NOVEMBER 15-19

FREE FALL CLEAN-UP

Groot Industries will collect additional household waste, vard waste and bulk items for all Village residents the week of November 15-19, 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. Residents must place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft yard waste bags. **Do not** place yard waste in plastic bags.

Stickers will not be required for this week only.

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.

LABOR DAY &

THANKSGIVING

NO TRASH COLLECTION

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Curbside trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during each of those weeks.

FINAL BRUSH COLLECTION STARTS OCT. 4

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 vear are:

> Zone A: October 4 Zone B: October 11

Brush is defined as tree and bush branches that are less than 5 inches in diameter. 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.





When complete, Wolf's Crossing will include several roundabouts and traffic signals.

CONSTRUCTION AT WOLF'S CROSSING AND HARVEY ROAD NOW FULLY FUNDED

THE RECONSTRUCTION and widening of now fully funded and approved, and con-Wolf's Crossing Road is closer than ever thanks to funding and a project approvals announced this summer.

In June, the Village of Oswego received confirmation that the State of Illinois would release \$91,820 in grant funds for pedestrian-related improvements near Wolf's Crossing and Harvey Road and that Phase 2 Engineering was approved for that intersection.

The intersection of Wolf's Crossing and Harvey Road is the first of ten segments of Wolf's Crossing slated for reconstruction under the Village's multi-phase plan for the east-west thoroughfare. As a result of the two announcements, this first segment is struction is expected to begin within the next two years.

Village leadership has been actively advocating for the \$64 million needed to reconstruct the aging roadway, reduce congestion and accommodate new residential growth along the corridor since 2019, when Village President Parlier hosted a meeting with state legislators to make a renewed appeal for the Wolf's Crossing project. Get the latest on the Wolf's Crossing project at www.oswegoil.org/wolfscrossing.

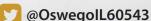
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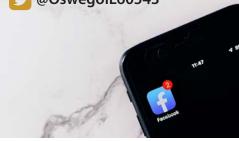
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SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER

- Village offices are closed in honor of **Labor Day**. Trash collection will be delayed by one day.
- The Oswego Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Oswego Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public and include a public forum. A Committee of the Whole meeting precedes at 6 p.m. to allow more indepth discussion on issues before they reach a final vote before the Board. Agendas and streams of live meetings are available at www.oswegoil.org/watch
- Calling entertainers of all kinds, show us your stuff on the new amphitheater stage during Oswego's Got Talent. Details at www.oswegoil.org/venue1012.
- The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.
- Take flight through song with Starlifter: The US Air Force Band of Mid-America on stage at the new Venue 1012. Details at www. oswegoil.org/venue1012.

- Final **brush collection** for the year begins. See page 9 for details.
- The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.
- Oswego families get a free pumpkin -- and a chance to show off their costumes -- at the **Pumpkin Pick-up** at the new Venue 1012. Details at **www.oswegoil.org/venue1012**.
- Curbside **leaf collection** begins and runs through November, weather permitting. See page 8 for more information.
- The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.
- Trick-or-Treating hours in the Village of Oswego are 3:30 to 8 p.m. Ensure that children are only trick-or-treating during those hours and observing typical safety precautions, including only visiting homes with porch lights on.

- The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.
- Oswego Village Hall is closed in honor of **Veterans Day**. Garbage service is unaffected.
- Put out extra unwanted trash and bulk items during the **Free Fall Clean-up** on your regular garbage day. Details on page 9.
- The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole is at 6 p.m.
- Village offices are closed both
 Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of **Thanksgiving**. Trash collection will be delayed one day.
- Celebrate our small Oswego businesses on **Small Business Saturday**. Shop small in Downtown Oswego and kick-start your holiday shopping season with sales on gifts that support your neighbors and your community.

More coming to the new Venue 1012!

Check out the full online calendar of events happening this summer and fall at the new Venue 1012 and sign up to be the first to know about concert announcements and more! www.oswegoil.org/venue1012.



Opening of the Oswego

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08/26/2021 - 08/29/2021 Carnival at VetFest



The Man in Black: A tribute to Johnny Cash



LOCASH headlining VetFest at Oswego Entertainment Venue



8:00 PM Vince Neil at VetFest



4:00 PM
7th Heaven at VetFest



Starlifter: USAF Band of Mid-America





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Make the Christmas Walk season merry!

The 2021 Oswego Christmas Walk kicks off the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 3rd on Main Street!

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES help you get your message out to the community on banners, social media, websites, and more. We can craft a package to meet your marketing needs.

MAIN STREET BOOTHS will be available for local nonprofit organizations and businesses. A fee applies, but will be waived for nonprofits. Deadline Nov. 1.

PROGRAM LISTINGS & ADS Rates and sizes for ads are available at www.oswegoil.org/christmaswalk. A program listing is free for organizations participating in the Christmas Walk festivities.

The popular Christmas Drive-thru returns!

RETURNING TO THE new Oswego enterainment venue, the Christmas Drive-thru event will offer families another night of holiday cheer. Businesses and organizations can reserve display space to decorate, illuminate, and spread the word about their offerings to hundreds of Oswego families.



Thousands of Oswego residents join in on the holiday festivities of the beloved Christmas Walk each year. Engage with families at a booth or through a sponsorship!

Sign up to sponsor and get more information at www.oswegochristmaswalk.com!



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