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Wine on the Fox, May 6 & 7 p.3

Summer events at Venue 1012 p. 3-4

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On the cover: Village Public Works Director Jennifer Hughes, President Troy Parlier and Administrator Dan Di Santo show a rendering of the Wolfs Crossing and Harvey Road roundabout project due to start this spring.

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



SPRING STRIDES

WE JUST WRAPPED UP OUR ANNUAL STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS, and we have excellent news to report. The 2023 fiscal year that started in May 2022 has been strong with only three more reporting months left. Our general fund revenue is up 11 percent over budget year-to-date, while expenses are running 2 percent lower than budget. This gives us a current budget surplus over \$4 million year-to-date. Our sales tax receipts continue to exceed estimates indicating a robust local economy.

Spring signals the start of the construction season and we have a lot of improvements moving ahead in Oswego!

The first leg of the Wolfs Crossing reconstruction has been designed, engineered, approved and sent out for bid. We will break ground at the Harvey Road intersection as early as April and look for a completion date by Thanksgiving this year.

You may have noticed the construction going on at Collins Road as well. We are working with the County to connect Collins Road all the way to Minkler Road. Downtown, we look forward to traffic lights being installed on Main and Harrison streets. They should be completed and operational by July. Our road program will take a giant leap forward this year as we look to repave 16 lane miles of road!

Spring also means our entertainment season is about to begin. We kick it off on May 6 and 7 with Wine on the Fox. Over at Venue 1012, we launch the season on May 27 with Country Bash and a Memorial Day tribute from the Oswego Pops Orchestra on May 28.

We hope to see you out and about enjoying the change of the season! Enjoy the Spring.

Troy Parlier
Oswego Village President

FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

The Consolidated General Election on April 4 includes races for three Village Board trustees, Village Board president, school boards, county boards, townships and other local races.

ELECTION DATES

Early Voting

March 20 to April 3, Kendall County Office Building

March 20 to March 30, Oswego Village Hall

Election Day

April 4 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., polling places (see below)

For information on voter registration, vote-by-mail, early voting, ballot and polling places, visit: www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO EASE CONGESTION WILL START SOON

WOLFS CROSSING

THE FIRST MAJOR PROJECT on Wolfs Crossing will start this spring to help ease traffic congestion along the corridor.

The Village will replace the four-way stop-controlled intersection of Wolfs Crossing and Harvey Road with a modern roundabout. Wolfs Crossing will also be widened to four lanes from east of the entrance to Oswego East High School to east of Devoe Drive. The project will also include construction of a new water main from Fifth Street to Devoe Drive, which will improve water pressure on the east side of the Village.

The Village will release additional information regarding road closures required as part of the project once the timelines have been established with the project team. The Village is requiring road closures to work around the school calendar due to the project's proximity to Oswego East High School. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2023.

Nearly half of the \$10.2 million project cost comes from federal and state grant funds. This project is the first of several phases planned to improve Wolfs Crossing between Route 34 and Route 30. The Village is currently developing plans for improvements at Douglas Road and Wolfs Crossing.

The Village has been planning for the widening of Wolfs Crossing since 2016. The Wolf Corridor Advisory Team studied current and projected traffic demands, evaluated road improvement scenarios and sought public input. The advisory team recommended the roundabout design as the most effective and safest way to manage traffic through the corridor. The project also includes bike and pedestrian improvements.

Due to the projected cost of the project, the Village is improving the project in phases to maximize federal and state infrastructure funds, reducing the cost to local tax payers. Developer impact fees will also fund a portion of the project.

Find more information about the project history and stay up-to-date on developments by visiting www.oswegoil.org/wolfscrossing.

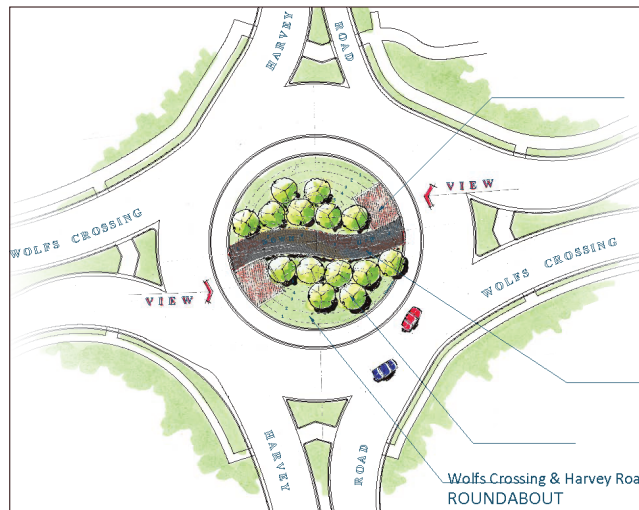
DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Two new traffic signals will be installed in downtown Oswego this spring to help improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

The signals will be constructed on US 34/Washington Street at the intersections of Main Street and Harrison Street. The new traffic signals will feature ADA-compliant pedestrian signals, lighted street signs and decorative finishes. Pedestrian ramps at the intersections will also be reconstructed.

All signals on US Route 34 from Illinois Route 31, near Village Hall, to Illinois Route 25, at the intersection of Madison and Chicago, will be electronically interconnected to provide better traffic flow. In addition, the railroad warning signals on US Route 34 will communicate with the traffic signals to ensure that vehicles can clear the tracks prior to a train approaching.

On occasion, temporary lane closures will be necessary to accomplish the work, and several sidewalks will be impacted in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the work zone.



Rendering of the new Wolfs Crossing and Harvey Road roundabout near Oswego East High School.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of July.

To receive construction updates and road closures related to both projects, subscribe to the Village's biweekly enews bulletin at www.oswegoil.org/alerts and follow the Village on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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Venue 1012 Event Series

WEEKEND CONCERTS

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Memorial Day Weekend

May 27

Country Bash: Oswego Honors Veterans
Whiskeyfist with Alika Arlynn Band and
Tim Gleason Band

May 28

Tribute to Veterans: Oswego Pops
Orchestra (free event)

June 10

SEMPLE with Fletcher Rockwell

July 15

Boy Band Review

August 5

Southern Accents, the ultimate Tom
Petty experience

Labor Day Weekend Special Event

September 1 & 2

Wine OFF the Fox & Benefit Concert
The PriSSillas, Serendipity and the
Jersey Girls

THURSDAY NIGHT FREE CONCERTS

June 1

Sealed with a Kiss (SWAK)

June 29

Petty Cash

July 6

Hillbilly Rockstarz

July 27

The GooRoos

August 17

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FREE MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

June 22

Minions: The Rise of Gru

July 20

Sonic the Hedgehog 2

August 10

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish



A full season of entertainment at Venue 1012 Rock out the summer

Pack up the lawn chairs and picnic blankets and join all your friends and neighbors for another rocking summer at Venue 1012.

For its second season, the outdoor entertainment venue, located at 1012 Station Drive, will host 15 family-friendly events including Saturday night ticketed concerts, Thursday night free concerts and free Movies Under the Stars.

The season is loaded with opportunities to sing, dance, sip, eat and unwind in Oswego's own backyard. In addition to local cuisine, soda, wine, beer and hard seltzer will be available for purchase at Saturday and Thursday evening concerts. Parking is free and plentiful!

The series kicks off on Memorial Day weekend with two special events planned to honor veterans. On May 27, Country Bash brings in three different country bands for a six-hour extravaganza. The Tribute to Veterans free concert on May 28 features patriotic favorites performed by Springbrook's Oswego Pops Orchestra.

Saturday Night Concerts feature top regional acts on select Saturdays. Tickets are now on sale for Country Bash on May 27 featuring Whiskeyfist; SEMPLE on June 10; Boy Band Review on July 15 and Southern Accents from Nashville, Tenn. on August 5. Children 12 and under are always free.

Thursday is the new Friday this summer. Thursday Free Concerts feature music from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and today along with pop, rock and country favorites.

Movies Under the Stars rounds out the series with free family-friendly movies, games and prizes on select Thursdays.

Wine OFF the Fox & Benefit Concert wraps up the summer season on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 and 2, now a two-day event powered by three all-women bands to support breast cancer awareness. Enjoy live entertainment, wine tasting and food trucks at this ticketed event.

For more information on the Summer Event Series and to purchase tickets for Saturday Concerts, visit www.venue1012.com.



Wine on the Fox

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Village's popular celebration of wine returns to Hudson Crossing Park the first weekend in May with opportunities to taste wine varieties from across Illinois, enjoy local food and listen to live music on the banks of the Fox River.

The event kicks off on Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and continues on Sunday, May 7 from noon to 6 p.m.

Make plans to meet family and friends and bring along a blanket and lawn chairs. Food vendors will offer tasty bites that pair perfectly with more than 100 types of wine, including selections from Oswego's own Fox Valley Winery. Hand-poured craft beer from Oswego Brewing Co. will also be featured.



Event admission is free to relax, listen to music and access food, however, a ticket package for those 21+ is needed to consume wine and beer. For the best value, buy tickets before the event. When you arrive, show your photo ID to pick up your tickets and a commemorative wine glass. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.wineonthefox.com.



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BRUSH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE PICK-UP STARTS APRIL 3

Groot's yard waste program will begin the week of April 3 and continue weekly through December 4.

Yard waste is defined as grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, small tree limbs and other materials accumulated from 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 yard waste sticker affixed to the bag's front.

Yard waste stickers costs \$2.50 each, the same price as 2022, and are available at Oswego Jewel locations, Ace Hardware, Liane's Family Pantry, Meijer and Village Hall.

Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage day. Yard waste, trash and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

A cost effective and environmentally friendly composting option is also offered by Groot. The subscription program for yard waste and fruit and vegetable scraps is \$141 per season and includes a 95-gallon cart for weekly collection. For information, call Groot at 630-892-9294.

BRUSH PICKUP STARTS IN MAY

THE VILLAGE offers free brush collection throughout the growing season by zone. See below for brush collection zones.

RESTRICTIONS

Brush is defined as tree and bush branches less than 5 inches in diameter. Crews will not pick up logs, wood, root balls, cuttings or grass clippings as these will clog and possibly damage the machines.

If you place materials out too early, or include unacceptable items, an orange tag will be placed on your door indicating the reason.

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

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. 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 put brush in the street, in a container, or pile brush higher than four feet.

ZONE COLLECTION DATES

Zone A	Zone B
May 1	May 8
July 10	July 17
October 2	October 9

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.

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.

View the list of neighborhoods by zone:
www.oswegoil.org/brush.

The Village does not accept landscaping waste, tree branches, or tree removals as a result of contracted work or large-scale tree-trimming or removal. Crews will not remove brush from commercial, industrial or other non-residential properties. For more information visit www.oswegoil.org/brush.

WEEK OF APRIL 10

SPRING CLEANUP

Groot will provide a free spring cleanup collection for additional household waste, yard waste and bulk items on your regularly scheduled garbage day the week of April 10.

Place yard waste without stickers in 30-gallon Kraft bags; plastic bags are unacceptable. Items such as old couches, rugs and mattresses will be collected. Note: Groot will not pick up appliances, televisions, electronics or plastic bags containing yard waste. Place all items, along with your routine garbage and recycling, at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day.

For information, visit www.oswegoil.org/waste or call the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242.

MAY 1-JUNE 2

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Public Works crews will flush water mains from May 1 to June 2. Signs will be posted to alert residents. Work begins at 7:30 a.m. To avoid rust discoloration of clothes, finish your laundry before 7 a.m. or begin after 6 p.m. on days that crews are in your neighborhood.

This task is performed in spring and fall per Illinois EPA recommendation. Flushing cleans water mains by running high flows of water through fire hydrants to get rid of iron deposits that could produce colored water and possibly damage water meters. Flushing also helps deliver fresh water to dead end water mains.

MEMORIAL DAY

NO TRASH COLLECTION

Groot will not collect residential waste on May 30, in observance of the holiday. Pick-up will be delayed by one day that week.

New Businesses

Thirty seven new commercial businesses have opened in the past year. Over 150 commercial businesses have opened in the last four years.

Support these local business and others to help keep our tax dollars in our community:

Now open

- Anchor Bar, 2440 Rt. 34
- Blooming Succulents Studio, 52 N. Adams St.
- Dairy Barn, 121 Main St.
- Hell's BBQ, 1019 Station Dr.
- Fox Bluff Resort, 8045 Van Emmon Rd.
- Oak + Bean, 100 W. Washington St.
- Poke Bros, 2940 Rt. 34
- Popeyes, 3601 S Orchard Rd.
- pOpshelf, 3066 Rt. 34
- Primo's Mexican/Monkey's Burgers, 2970 Rt. 34
- SAF House, 4025 Rt. 34
- Stretch Club, 1544 Douglas Rd.
- TGS (Tabletop Game Shop) 150 W. Washington St.

Coming soon

- Belle Tires, Rt. 34/Kendall Point Dr.
- Cloud 9, 2420 Rt. 30
- Jinxy's Boutique, 5 S. Madison
- Orange Theory Fitness, 1540 Douglas Rd.
- Soul Flo Yoga, 120 W. Washington St.
- Scooter's Coffee, Rt. 71/Plainfield Rd.
- Wendy's, Orchard Rd.
- Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome, Orchard Rd.
- The Motor House, 4100 Rt. 71
- Oswego Motors, 1100 Rt. 34

Historic Businesses



In 1947 Bohn's Grocery was located at the intersection of Main and Washington streets.

The Oswego Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will present a **guided walking tour of the Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD) on May 21** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about the rich history of the buildings and their multiple uses across the years at this free event.

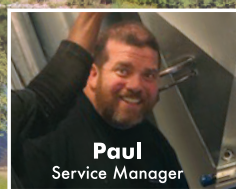
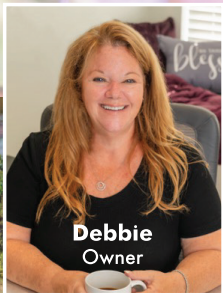
Added to the National Register of Historic Places in August 2022, the DOHD runs along Main Street from approximately Jackson to Washington streets.

Learn more and register:

www.oswegoil.org/historic-preservation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

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

APRIL

01 Bunny Hop presented by Oswego Chamber & Downtown Association

03 Weekly yard waste collection begins
Details page 6.

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

04 Consolidated General Election
See page 2 and find more information:
www.co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration

10 Spring Cleanup Week
Details page 6.

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

MAY

01 Curbside brush collection begins in Zone A. (Zone B: May 8.) Details page 6.

01 Water main flushing through June 2.
Avoid daytime laundry. Details page 6.

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

06-07 Celebrate spring with more than 100 wine varieties, live music, food & fun at Wine on the Fox presented by John Greene Realtor. Free admission; ticket package purchase required to drink wine and beer. **Tickets on sale now:** www.wineonthefox.com



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

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Free guided tour of the Downtown Oswego Historic District. Details page 7.

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Kick off Venue 1012's Summer Event Series with Country Bash: Oswego Honors Veterans. **Tickets on sale now:** www.venue1012.com.



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Oswego Pops Orchestra free Memorial Day weekend concert at Venue 1012. Details page 4.

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Memorial Day
Oswego American Legion Post 675 hosts a Memorial Day parade in downtown Oswego. Village Hall closed. Trash collection delayed.

St. Patrick's Day
at Oswego Brewing Co.
Sat. March 18, 2023

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