

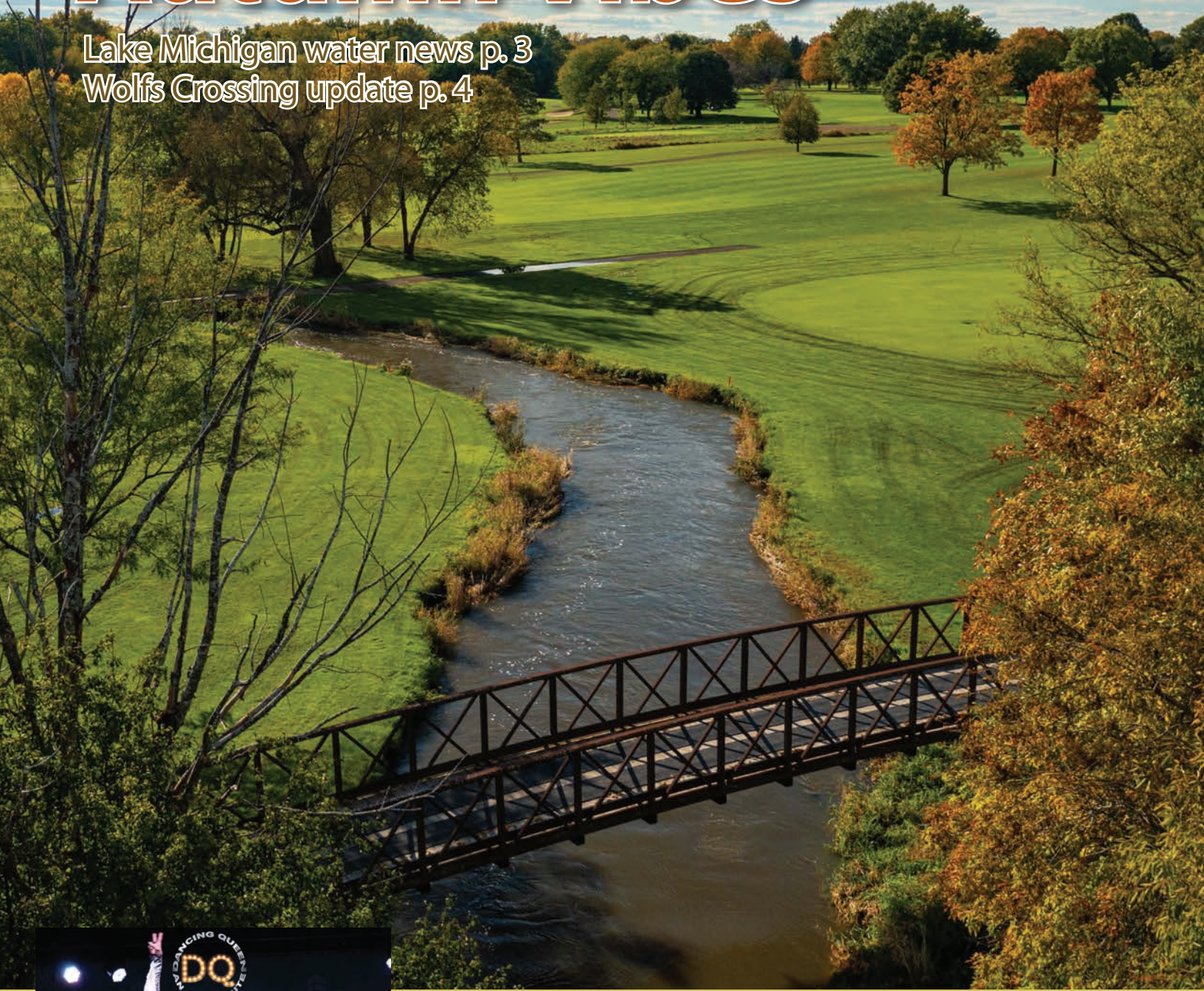
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**On the cover:** Trees with bright autumn colors ignite the serene grounds at Oswegoland Park District's Fox Bend Golf Course.

**FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT**



**FALL CONNECTION**

Fall has always been my favorite season of the year. Leaves changing colors, bonfires, sweatshirts and cool nights. As we shift into the beautiful autumn season, I have several exciting updates and events to share with you.

Following on the success of The Village Board on Your Block initiative that kicked off with the first meeting at the Southbury Clubhouse in July, our next event is this fall. This program brings

local government directly to your neighborhood, fostering open communication between residents and village officials. Join us between 5 and 7 p.m. on November 6 at the Hunt Club Elementary School for an opportunity to ask questions, discuss community issues and share your thoughts. All are welcome.

In July, the Village Board voted to pay off the \$3 million remaining balance on a bond issued in 2013. The decision to pay the \$3 million balance off early using our surplus funds is a testament to our commitment to financial responsibility, transparency and efficiency. We are always looking for ways to save taxpayer money; by eliminating future interest payments and reallocating \$1 million during this transition year, we can further enhance our community's services and infrastructure.

**Speed Watch Program:** We know that Oswego is one of the safest communities in the country. In fact, in 2023 Oswego was recognized as the 12th safest community in the country among communities with a population of 25,000 people or more, according to FBI statistics. But one persistent frustration I hear from residents is speeding in neighborhoods. So, we've come up with the Speed Watch Program. The Police Department will loan out a radar gun for short periods to interested residents concerned about speeding. The speed violators' information will be conveyed to the Police Department and a letter (not a speeding ticket, since only Police Officers can write tickets) encouraging them to slow down may be sent to the speeder. Look for more details to come soon.

Upcoming events at Venue 1012 include:  
Rumours, the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac tribute on September 7 at 6 p.m.  
Mr. Blotto, Chicago's Original Jam Band playing originals and music from Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers, Phish and more on September 26 at 6 p.m.  
Pouring for Pink: Breast Cancer Benefit Concert featuring Billy Elton, tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John & Dancing Queen: A Salute to ABBA on October 12 at 2 p.m. See page 7 for more details.

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Walk on Friday, December 6 from 4:30-8:30 p.m.! Join us for festive fun and community spirit as we celebrate the holiday season together.

November 11 is Veteran's Day. To all our Veterans, I extend my deepest gratitude and respect. Your bravery and patriotism continue to be a beacon of hope and pride for our community and our nation.

Take some time to soak in the beauty of autumn, connect with neighbors, have some hot cocoa and create cherished memories with loved ones. I'll see you around the bonfire.



Ryan Kauffman  
Oswego Village President

**LAKE MICHIGAN WATER SOURCE**

The Village of Oswego is partnering with the Village of Montgomery, the United City of Yorkville and the DuPage Water Commission to bring Lake Michigan water to our community. Studies have shown that without the connection, Oswego's wells could be inoperable within the next 10 years. All three communities have agreed on the pipeline route and the following cost allocation: 35.36% Oswego, 24.42% Montgomery and 40.22% Yorkville.

Engineering has begun and the next steps are to join the DuPage Water Commission and to bid the project for construction. The goal is to start taking Lake Michigan water in 2028. To help offset project costs, the Village has been working to leverage federal and state money, including applying for grants and loans. Learn more: [oswegoil.org/water](https://oswegoil.org/water).

**CORROSION CONTROL STUDY**

To ensure a smooth and safe connection to Lake Michigan water, corrosion testing is being performed on pipes from Oswego, Montgomery and Yorkville. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Illinois EPA require this study when a municipality changes its water source. By conducting this study, the Village will better understand how Lake Michigan water will interact with our existing pipes and identify steps we need to take to protect our residents.



The contractor, Cornwell Engineering Group, has developed a pipe rig with water from the three communities being run through the respective pipes. It will take approximately six months to acclimate the pipes to well water from each town and then Lake Michigan water will be introduced. Oswego has nine pipes on the rig. When the testing has concluded, Cornwell will analyze the results and recommend the best treatment options, as needed, to the municipalities.

**VILLAGE CLERK**

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

Several Village Hall employees are certified to register residents to vote. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For voter information, visit the Kendall County Election and Voter webpage on [kendallcountyil.gov](https://kendallcountyil.gov) or call 630-553-4104. If you miss the deadline to register, you may always register at your precinct on Election Day.

**ELECTIONS**

**Presidential Election**  
9/26 to 11/4- Early voting\*  
11/5- Election Day

**Local Elections**  
**Primary:**  
1/16 to 2/24- Early voting\*  
2/25- Consolidated primary election

**Consolidated Election:**  
3/7 to 3/31- Early voting\*  
4/1- Election Day

**Village open positions:**

- One (1) Trustee for a two (2) year term
- Three (3) Trustees, each for a four (4) year term

Candidates must indicate whether they are seeking to fill one of the three four (4) year terms or one two (2) year term.

**For information and questions on running for office:**

Visit [elections.il.gov](https://elections.il.gov). Click on "Running for Office" tab to view or download the 2025 Candidate's Guide. For assistance call:  
Springfield office- 217-782-4141  
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*\*Early voting locations and times will be shared at a later date by Kendall County.*

**Campaign Disclosure**

The Illinois State Board of Elections has a Campaign Disclosure webpage: [elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure.aspx](https://elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure.aspx). Search by candidate: [elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/CandidateSearch.aspx](https://elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/CandidateSearch.aspx), or by committee: [elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/CandidateSearch.aspx](https://elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/CandidateSearch.aspx).

**VIDEO GAMING**

The Village receives 5% of the State of Illinois' revenue from video gaming. From January through June, the Village collected \$300,996. Gaming revenue is deposited in the Village's general fund.

Learn more about video gaming in Oswego and view a map of gaming locations: [oswegoil.org/gaming](https://oswegoil.org/gaming).

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Jan-June)
Annual Revenue (Village Share)	\$322,042	\$432,601	\$560,628	\$300,996
Gaming Cafes	5	8	12	11
Total Number of Gaming Licenses	17	23	29	29

# WOLFS CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS



A new Wolfs Crossing segment map has been created with a revised order for the multi-year project. See the map key below.

Work continues on the Village's Wolfs Crossing improvement project to create a modern, five-lane road to help ease traffic congestion, improve safety and accommodate current and future growth. The first segment, a roundabout at Wolfs Crossing and Harvey Road, is substantially complete.

Engineering plans are underway for the second segment, including a roundabout, at Wolfs Crossing and Douglas Road. The project will go to bid this winter and construction is expected to begin in spring 2025.

The third segment is located at Wolfs Crossing and the Roth Road/Oswego East High School entrance. The Sonoma Trails developer DR Horton will fund a majority of the construction costs for this segment. The Village has started engineering and property acquisition and anticipates construction starting as early as 2026.

The Village is lobbying elected leaders in Springfield for the state to fund the fourth segment which includes intersection improvements at Wolfs Crossing and US Route 30.

The Village continues to seek federal and state funding to supplement developer contributions and local funding to finish all the remaining segments.

- MAP KEY**
1. Harvey east to Devoe and west to approx. south entrance of Oswego East High School (OEHS) and Wolfs Crossing: Roundabout.
  2. Douglas east to old Douglas, west to Piper Glen and Wolfs Crossing: Roundabout. Estimated November 2024 bid letting.
  3. Roth Road and Wolfs Crossing: Traffic signals at Wolfs Crossing intersections with Roth Road and OEHS.
  4. Devoe east to Rt. 30 on Wolfs Crossing: Widening and turn lanes on Wolfs Crossing and Rt. 30, plus traffic signal upgrade.
  5. Rt. 30 east to Eola Road on Wolfs Crossing: Widening and turn lanes.
  6. Fifth Street east to Riesling and west to approximately Plank Jr. High and Wolfs Crossing: Roundabout.
  7. Connect east of Douglas roundabout to approximately Plank Jr. High: No major intersection.
  8. Southbury and Wolfs Crossing: Roundabout.
  9. Rt. 34 east to past Stonehill on Wolfs Crossing: 3-lane intersection, improvement with center lane.
  10. Stonehill east to Della Lane on Wolfs Crossing: Widen to 3 lanes.

For more information on the Wolfs Crossing improvement plan, visit [oswegoil.org/wolfscrossing](http://oswegoil.org/wolfscrossing).

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# More music, more fun at Venue 1012

Live entertainment continues through October 12 at the Village's outdoor amphitheater, Venue 1012.

Meet your family and friends to unwind with a variety of music concerts featuring hits from Fleetwood Mac, ABBA, Elton John, Billy Joel, and country music icons like Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash.

Bring lawn chairs and relax on the lawn with your own dinner and snacks or grab a bite from local food trucks. Ice cold drinks including vodka lemonade, wine, beer and hard seltzer, along with non-alcoholic options, will be available for purchase at all concerts.

Thursday night concerts are free for all ages. Saturday night concerts require a ticket purchase for ages 13 & up. Make plans with friends to save money by purchasing a two-person package.

### Thursday Free Concerts:

September 12: Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert from 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Don't Rock the Jukebox** presented by Hillbilly Rockstarz-country

September 26: Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert from 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Mr. Blotto**, Chicago's original jam band

### Saturday Ticketed Concerts:

September 7: Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert from 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute**

October 12: Doors open at 2 p.m. Concerts from 2:45 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Pouring for Pink: Breast Cancer Benefit Concert** featuring Billy Elton, Billy Joel/Elton John tribute, and Dancing Queen: An ABBA Tribute

### Ticket Prices

*General Admission (only ticketed concerts)*

Ages 12 & under: Free  
 Active Military/Veterans: \$10  
 Ages 13 & up: \$15; \$20 at door

*Ticket for 2: Choice of one concert for 2 people*

Ages 12 & under: Free  
 Active Military/Veterans: \$15  
 Ages 13 & up: \$25; \$35 at door

Outside food is now allowed at all concerts, however, outside beverages are not permitted. Note: Only credit cards are accepted for tickets, beverages and food at Venue 1012. Applicable fees apply to all ticket purchases.

Venue 1012 is located at 1012 Station Dr. near the intersection of Mill and Orchard Roads.

Plan your evening and buy tickets: [Venue1012.com](http://Venue1012.com).



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# Pouring for Pink: Breast Cancer Benefit Concert on October 12



Support a great cause and enjoy music from Billy Elton, a Billy Joel and Elton John tribute, and Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute on Saturday, October 12 at Venue 1012. The Pouring for Pink: Breast Cancer Benefit Concert is presented by TR Miller Heating, Cooling and Plumbing.

Meet your friends for live music, food trucks, a silent auction and a wide selection of beverages, including 10 wine varieties. Ten percent of ticket prices and wine sales benefit organizations that support breast cancer support service: American Cancer Society, Edward Foundation and Waterford Place.

Note: Pouring for Pink is new this year and distinct from Wine on the Fox and Wine Off the Fox. Glasses of wine will be available for individual purchase only. This year's event does not include wine tasting packages or 1 oz. servings.

Get more information and buy event tickets at [Venue1012.com](http://Venue1012.com).

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# PUBLIC WORKS

## FREE CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION



Each fall, the curbside leaf vacuum program provides Oswego residents with a cost-effective way to dispose of leaves.

To prepare for collection, rake leaves into piles and place them on the parkway grass between the sidewalk and curb by 6 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Village crews will collect leaves three times this season.

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

**Note: Burning leaves is prohibited.**

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will flush water mains between Tuesday, September 3 and Monday, September 30 (weather permitting). Public Works staff will begin flushing at 7:30 a.m. Signs will be placed to alert residents of upcoming hydrant flushing in their area. During flushing it's best to complete laundry before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to avoid potential rust discoloration of laundry.

The Village flushes fire hydrants in the spring and fall per the Illinois EPA's recommendation. Flushing cleans water mains by running high flows of water through fire hydrants to remove mineral deposits that could produce discolored water and, in some instances, damage water meters. Flushing also helps deliver fresh water to dead end water mains.



### LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

**Zone A** Weeks of October 14 and October 28

**Zone B** Weeks of October 14 and November 4

**Zone C** Weeks of October 21 and November 11

**All Zones** Week of November 18.

Leaf collection dates are subject to change based on weather, leaf volume and collection rates.

To identify your zone, visit [oswegoil.org/leaves](http://oswegoil.org/leaves).

## FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

Final brush collection dates:  
**Zone A:** Week of September 30  
**Zone B:** Week of October 7

For brush guidelines and zone maps visit [oswegoil.org/brush](http://oswegoil.org/brush).

## FREE FALL CLEANUP

The week of November 11, items such as household waste, yard waste and bulk items will be collected for free by Groot. Place all items, along with your regular garbage and recycling, at the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled garbage day. Yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon Kraft yard waste bags. Stickers will not be required this week only. To dispose of appliances, televisions or other electronics, schedule a special pickup from Groot at 630-892-9294.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The last regular yard waste collection will take place the week of November 11. However, there will be a free yard waste collection the week of December 2. For this pickup only, stickers will not be required.

## NO WASTE COLLECTION

Residential waste and recycling will not be picked up on Labor Day, September 2, and Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during these weeks. For information, visit [oswegoil.org/waste](http://oswegoil.org/waste) or call Public Works at (630) 554-3242.

More information on collections: [bit.ly/CurbsideCollections](http://bit.ly/CurbsideCollections).



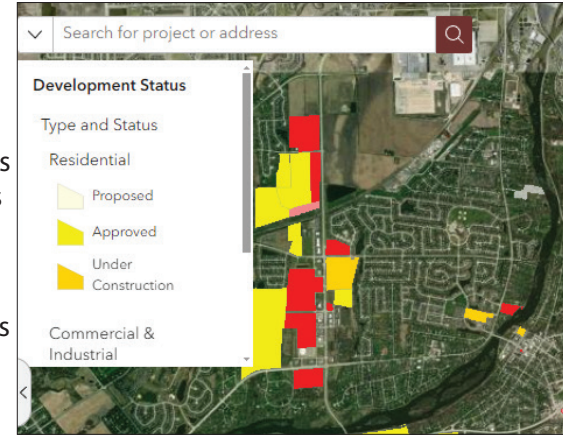
## DEVELOPMENT MAP

To inform the public about developments in the Village, the Village's Information Technology and Development Services Departments have collaborated to create a new Development Status Map for the Village's website using the Village's Geographic Information System (GIS).

This interactive map shows developments that are proposed, approved, and under construction, as well as any proposed projects with upcoming public hearings.

Users can see locations where projects are proposed, as well as images of the projects (where available). Click on a residential project to pull up information about the types of housing included in the project. Projects can be filtered by type: Commercial/Industrial and Residential, as well as status.

View the map: [devstatus.oswegoil.org](http://devstatus.oswegoil.org).



**VILLAGE BOARD ON YOUR BLOCK**  
**November 6**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**  
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# BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW BUSINESSES

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 Cloud9 – 2420 Route 30  
 Nash Vegas Saloon – 61 Main St.  
 Paws on Main- 100 Main St.

### Coming soon

The Brant – 101 Chapman Dr.  
 Daiso Dunkin Donuts – 4490 Route 71  
 Gas N Wash – Northeast corner of Mill and Orchard  
 Starbucks – 3439 Orchard Rd.  
 Valvoline – 3439 Orchard Rd.

## BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Schoppe Design Associates, Hennessy's River View Ford and Tripp Insurance for being recognized by the Village's Economic Development Commission as Businesses of the Month.

June 2024  
**Schoppe Design Associates**  
 126 S. Main St.

July 2024  
**Hennessy's River View Ford**  
 2200 Route 30

August 2024  
**Tripp Insurance**  
 5 N. Main St.



Hennessy's River View Ford, July Business of the Month

Economic Development Commission meetings usually take place on the first Monday of every other month. The public is welcome to attend and provide comments towards the end of each meeting. Meetings are livestreamed and can be viewed afterward at [oswegoil.org/watch](https://oswegoil.org/watch).

If you have a business lead, contact the Village's Economic Development Director Kevin Leighty at [kleighty@oswegoil.org](mailto:kleighty@oswegoil.org) or 630-551-2334.

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## SCHOOL BUSES

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•Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction on a two-lane highway if it is stopped to load or unload children. On a four-lane roadway, if there are at least two lanes of traffic in each direction, only drivers traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop. The same rule applies for spots with

a divided highway and a median.

•If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

•The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow space to safely enter and exit the bus.

•Be alert: Children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY

The Oswego Police Department and the Traffic Safety Unit are committed to keeping all children and pedestrians safe.

With the new school year:

- Do not park in posted "no parking" areas.
- Do not double park.
- Do not stop or otherwise block the streets around your child's school.
- Do not block the driveways of area homes.

Motorists are reminded that the **speed limit in all school zones is 20 MPH** when children are present. Penalties are enhanced for speeding violations in school zones.

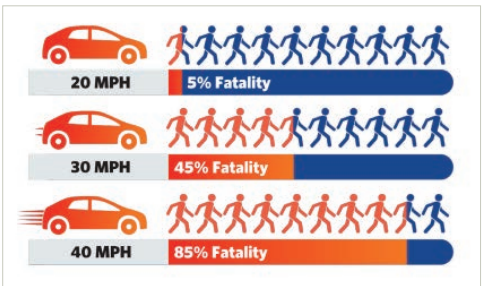
Police will conduct extra enforcement details in all area school zones, especially for the first several weeks at the start of the school year.

## DANGERS OF SPEEDING

Traffic fatalities in northeastern Illinois have been increasing since 2014, with a significant spike during the COVID-19 pandemic with higher levels of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. Speeding has been identified as a contributing factor in approximately 35-40% of fatal crashes in Illinois.

When we think of the dangers of speeding, a large highway with many fast-moving vehicles may come to mind. However, studies show that fatal and serious injury crashes are most prevalent on lower-speed urban roads.

These roads may have frequent intersections, often with neighborhood, business and school access points. You can find people walking, biking and accessing transit. These vulnerable travelers are at higher risk of severe injury and death if struck by a vehicle.



Speeding can also limit one's perception of their surroundings, which can lessen one's reaction time and result in a crash, often with severe injuries.

What can you do? Slow down to keep all road users safe. The Oswego Police Department is committed to reinforcing safe driving behavior with education and equitable enforcement.

Safer streets also start with you. We encourage you to understand the risks of speeding, slow down, share the road, and pass these messages along to your friends, family and loved ones.

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**SEPTEMBER**

**02** Village offices closed for Labor Day. Trash collection delayed by one day.

**03** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. & Village Board meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public and include a public forum. Agendas and live streaming: [oswegoil.org/watch](http://oswegoil.org/watch).

**06** Police Public Safety Cadets Car & Truck Show on Main St. Info: [oswegoil.org/carshow](http://oswegoil.org/carshow).

**07** Rumours - The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show at Venue 1012. Info: [Venue1012.com](http://Venue1012.com).

**12** Rescheduled- Don't Rock the Jukebox ft. Hillbilly Rockstarz, country music. Info: [Venue1012.com](http://Venue1012.com).

**17** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. followed by Village Board meeting at 7 p.m.

**21** Fox River Day Cleanup: [oswegoil.org/foxriver](http://oswegoil.org/foxriver).

**26** Free Mr. Blotto concert at Venue 1012. [Venue1012.com](http://Venue1012.com).

**30** Final brush collection for the year begins. See page 8.



**OCTOBER**

**01** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. followed by Village Board meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**05** Community Kauffee with Village President Ryan Kauffman at Village Hall. Refreshments at 8:30 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 3 to [pknox@oswegoil.org](mailto:pknox@oswegoil.org).

**06** Fox Fall Fest hosted by the Oswego Downtown Business Association.

**12** Pouring for Pink: Breast Cancer Benefit presented by TR Miller Heating, Cooling and Plumbing at Venue 1012. See page 7.

**14** Leaf collection begins and runs through November, weather permitting. See page 8.

**15** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. followed by Village Board meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**31** Halloween: Recommended trick-or-treating hours are 3:30-8 p.m.



**NOVEMBER**

**02** Special Committee of the Whole budget workshop meets at 9 a.m. at Village Hall.

**04** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. followed by Village Board meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**06** Village Board on Your Block at Hunt Club Elementary School from 5 to 7 p.m. See p. 9.

**11** Oswego Village Hall closed in honor of Veterans Day. Garbage service is unaffected.

**11** Landscape waste, extra trash and bulk items accepted during the Free Fall Cleanup. Details on page 8.

**19** Committee of the Whole meets at 6 p.m. followed by Village Board meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

**28-29** Village offices are closed both Nov. 28 and Nov. 29, in observance of Thanksgiving. Trash collection will be delayed one day.