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Reminder: No Parking 2am-6am on Village Streets

From the Village President

Winter is coming!

While for some of you that conjures up visions of Daenarys, Jon, and Arya; OR sleigh rides, snow forts, and ice skating; OR candlelight, snuggling in, and a good book; OR beating feet to warmer climates...at Village Hall that means snow plows, road deicing, warming shelters, and keeping our community safe through the long nights ahead.



Keeping our community safe is a responsibility we all share: Village staff together with you, our residents. We cannot be everywhere, all the time. So we ask you to be our "eyes and ears on the street," as our Police Chief Burgner likes to say. If you see something—please report it. Whether it's suspicious activity or simply a streetlight that has burned out, let us know. Together we will keep our streets, homes, and businesses safe throughout the long winter ahead.

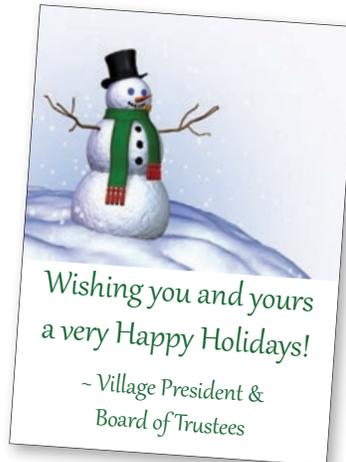
During winter months, staying safe sometimes means keeping close to home. What better way to do that than to shop locally?! Please join me in a pledge to spend your entertainment and gift dollars in Oswego—not just during the holidays, but all year long. Resist the urge to hit the "buy" button on cyber Monday and take a stroll down Main Street for extra special items for you, your friends and even your pet. Head out to the shopping strips for a great selection of goods from holiday "spirits" to re-purposed gifts. Whatever you seek, I'm guessing you'll find it right here, at home.

Lastly, I close this letter with a wish for you this winter. May you be surrounded by all you need: warmth, love, family and friends; and, if you are fortunate to have all these things may you share your abundance with others. Buy one, donate one (BODO). It's simple and it's what a community does.

With warmest wishes for a safe winter—

Gail Johnson

Village President



Back Row, Left to Right – Trustee Ryan Kauffman, Village President Gail Johnson, Trustee Judy Sollinger, Trustee Joe West

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From the Village Clerk

BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

- All persons conducting business within the Village shall register their business.
- All businesses must renew annually.
- Registration applies to both home and commercial businesses.

- Commercial businesses must:
 - Verify properly zoned;
 - Obtain a certificate of occupancy;
 - Schedule an on-site inspection;
 - Pay required fees;
 - Be issued a business registration certificate before opening or conducting business.

- Home businesses must:
 - Verify the home occupation is permitted;
 - Pay required fees;
 - Be issued a business registration certificate before opening or conducting business.

- Not-for-profit organizations will be required to register. Please contact the Village Clerk's Office for more information.

REGISTRATION FEES AND FINES

- Certificate of Occupancy Fee = \$90.00
- Commercial Registration Fee = \$50.00; Annual Fee = \$25.00
- Home Registration Fee = \$25.00; Annual Fee = \$10.00
- Not-for-profit Registration Fee = \$0.00
- Failure to obtain a business registration will result in a first offense fine of \$55.00.

Business registration applications can be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office or from the Village's website at www.oswegoil.org.

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- Ordinances Approved August 4, 2015- October 20, 2015

HOW TO VIEW

- Approved ordinances may be viewed on the Village's website at www.oswegoil.org

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO VILLAGE MEETINGS

The President and Board of Trustees are the governing Body of the Village of Oswego. Your comments and concerns are important to us. We invite everyone to participate in our Village meetings.

- Oswego Village Board of Trustees meet at 7:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month, providing it is not a holiday.
- Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., providing it is not a holiday.

Agendas and supporting documents for the meetings are posted on the Village's website at www.oswegoil.org and are usually available on the Friday before the meeting.

Citizens may address the Village Board of Trustees during the Public Forum, or Public Hearing, portion of the meeting. A Public Participation form shall be submitted to the Village Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Forms will be available outside the Board room on meeting nights. All comments shall be brief, avoid personal attacks, and free of abusive language



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Winter Safety Tips

Dan Kipper, Patrol Sergeant

The holidays and the cold weather are fast approaching. To help ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience this winter, the Oswego Police Department would like to remind you of various safety tips you can incorporate into your good driving habits.

Below are several tips for driving during the colder winter months:

- Bridges and overpasses freeze first, so always slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Know your current weather and road conditions. There are many weather related cell phone apps offered for free.
- Keep your vehicle's windows clean. Clear off the entire car, not just a peephole in the windshield.
- Allow yourself extra time to reach your destination when road conditions are poor. Consider delaying your trip.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react.
- Use your brakes cautiously. Abrupt braking can cause brake lock-up and cause you to lose steering control.
- To make Antilock Brakes work correctly, apply constant and firm pressure to the pedal.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping and brake early. It takes more time to stop when the roads are wet and icy.
- Slow Down! Drive according to road and weather conditions. Remember, the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours. Your vehicle is visible at least four times the distance when your headlights are on.
- Semi Trucks take longer to stop, so don't change lanes in front of them.
- If you get stuck in the snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Avoid spinning the tires.

During the holidays, many shoppers are in a rush trying to complete every task on their "to-do" list. As a result, people are under stress and often not as aware of their surroundings. This creates a perfect environment for criminals looking to take advantage of unsuspecting people during the busy holidays.

Below are tips on how to safely shop this holiday season:

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING

- Purchase an automatic timer for several lamps.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home and to periodically park a vehicle in your driveway.
- Request to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If this piles up, it is a sign to a criminal that you are gone.

IF YOU ARE OUT FOR THE EVENING

- Turn on lights, radio or television so it appears you are home.
- Be sure to lock doors even if you will only be gone for a few minutes.

- Do not display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

IF YOU ARE SHOPPING

- Shop with family or friends. There is safety in numbers.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Shop when the mall is less crowded. Avoid a weekend rush.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Make a list of your credit cards, their account numbers, and phone numbers to call if a card is lost or stolen. Keep this list at home in a secure place.
- Be extra careful with your purse or wallet. If you must carry your purse or wallet, keep it close to your body or tucked under your arm or carry a zipped pouch around your waist.
- Avoid carrying large, heavy packages that block your vision and make you a target.
- If necessary, make several trips to your car to drop off packages in your trunk
- Teach your child what to do in the event you get separated. Do not instruct them to walk to the parking lot in an effort to find you.

IF YOU PARK YOUR CAR

- Park in a well-lit area.
- Keep your vehicle locked and windows closed.
- Set your car alarm.
- If you feel unsafe walking to your vehicle, ask store personnel for a security escort.
- Keep your keys in hand and ready to open the door as you approach your car.
- Look into your backseat prior to entering your vehicle.
- Store shopping bags and gifts in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Utilize only one parking space. This will ensure ample parking for all store patrons and reduce the chance of your vehicle being damaged.
- Do not park in areas designated as "No Parking" including fire lanes and loading areas, etc. Doing so will lead to your vehicle being ticketed.

IF YOU USE AN ATM MACHINE

- Use an ATM in a populated area and be aware of your surroundings.
- Ideally, try to use an ATM during the daylight hours.
- When using an ATM at night, chose a machine in a well-lit area, which is visible to foot and vehicular traffic.
- If anyone appears to loitering near the ATM, find another machine.

We hope these reminders are beneficial and help keep you safe this winter and holiday season.



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Economic Development News

OSWEGO EDC EXPLORING WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT LOCAL TALENT

The Oswego Economic Development Commission (EDC) has been exploring if the existing workforce training opportunities match current and future demand. The EDC held a panel discussion on October 14th with Lesa Norris, Dean for Workforce Development at Waubensee Community College. Norris gave a description of workforce development services offered by Waubensee. Learn more at: www.waubensee.edu/workforcedev.

The EDC continued the discussion on November 4th with State Senator Sue Rezin and Lance Copes, director of Grundy County Area Vocational Center, as guest speakers. Here are the highlights of their presentations:

- In 2015, Senator Rezin teamed up with several local employers and Joliet Junior College and established the Operations Engineering and Technician technical program. It's part of Senator Rezin's goal to bridge the gap between high school and industry in the 38th Senate District. This program helped provide that pipeline for students. With anticipated industry growth and an increasing number of retirees in the coming years, many openings for well-paying, stable jobs are expected at energy and manufacturing companies, Senator Rezin noted.

- Lance Copes gave an overview of their summer internship program. Entering its fourth year, this program is a cooperative initiative by Senator Rezin and the community leaders. This year they had 25 interns placed at nine Grundy County businesses. Area schools pre-screened the candidates and sent their best and the brightest students to local businesses. The goal was to not only provide students with a real world, hands on experience at great companies, but to entice students to stay in the area by working locally.

The Oswego EDC plans to explore similar programs to connect talented students with area businesses.

Link to US Route 71 construction update

The Village has installed "All Businesses OPEN During Construction" signs along Route 71, Wolf Road and Route 34. For Route 71 construction update, visit: www.oswegoil.org/IDOTUPDATE9.25.15.pdf

NEW BUSINESSES

Shop, Dine, & Experience! New and exciting retail stores and restaurants are underway in Oswego if you are looking for new holiday experiences this year. Check out the stores that are open recently and stores that are expected to open soon.

Now Open

Velvet Grace, a new home décor store, opened at 4025 Route 34 offering in-store design consultations, incredible home furnishings, holiday decor, stylish fashion accessories, and unique gifts.

Website: www.velvetgrace.net.

Tuscan Tavern is open at 4571 Route 71 at the Washington Square shopping center serving regional Italian cuisine. The business partners had run several restaurants in the Chicago area including Gratto Italian Tapas in Geneva. For more information visit their Facebook page.

Floral Expressions and **Lil Emm's** opened at their new location at 26 Main Street. Floral Expressions offers a large selection of sympathy designs, including full- and half-casket sprays, standing floral tributes, and lovely table-top floral arrangements in elegant containers. They can also create custom wedding floral arrangements on any budget. Website: www.floralexpressionsandgifts.net and the Facebook page for Lil Emm's Childrens Boutique.

Opening soon

Kimberly Ann Home Decorating & Consignment Boutique plans to open on November 23rd at the old Floral Expressions space at 77 S. Main Street. They will be offering customers decorating ideas for their homes. New merchandise has been added to the great estate and consignment items that Kimberly Ann already carries.

Website: www.floralexpressionsandgifts.net.

Salsa Verde, offering Mexican cuisine, will be opening soon at the former Panera Bread location at the Oswego Commons shopping center.

Website: www.salsaverderestaurant.com

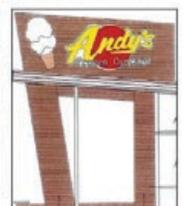
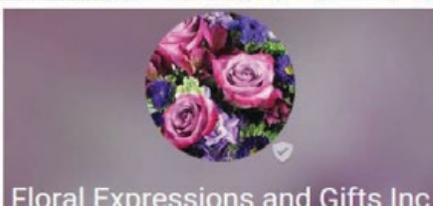
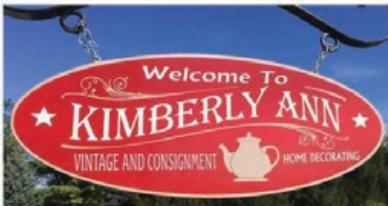
Coming soon

Andy's Frozen Custard is planning to locate on Lot 1 in front of LA Fitness at the corner of Ogden Falls Boulevard and Route 34. They are going through entitlement process currently.

Goodrich Quality Theaters, which owns Kendall 10 movie theater, plans to add additional theater screen with complete interior remodeling and exterior updates. They are going through entitlement process as well.

CONTACT US

Visit our website for vacancy reports on retail, office, and industrial properties and to sign up for monthly ED e-Newsletter: www.oswegoil.org/ED. 630-551-2334 * vgadde@oswegoil.org



2015 Winter Property of the Season

The Oswego Historic Preservation Commission is proud to announce 12 W. Washington Street as the Winter 2015 Property of the Season. This former residence-turned-business straddles the west 44 feet of lots 5 and 8 in Block 7 in the Original Town of Oswego, platted by Walter Loucks in 1842. The first owner was John Fletcher who purchased lots 4, 5, and 8 in 1842. The property changed hands numerous times between 1842 and 1862. At one point it was owned by attorney and future Civil War veteran Henry A. Clark. After the Civil War the lots were split into the western and eastern halves. Philip Boesenecker bought the west half, and John Knapp owned the east half. In 1872, Mr. Boesenecker sold his property to M.C. Richards who quickly went to work sprucing up the lot. The Kendall County Record newspaper reported on the renovations in September 1872 stating, "M.C. Richards has a force of workmen engaged in the rebuilding of the house he lately bought on Washington Street."

In 1880, the Richards moved to Ottawa and later Aurora. They rented out the property for several years until M.C. Richards sold the property in 1889 to his tenant, Ms. Maggie Shepard, a very popular Milliner. Ms. Shepard was well known in town having been born to David and Susannah on a farm in Kendall Township in 1846. She lived on the farm with her father and siblings, a sister Mary and two brothers, until moving to Oswego in 1875. Maggie had been a hat maker for several years in other buildings around downtown Oswego before buying the Washington street property.

These were good years for Maggie. In 1885, she adopted her daughter Stella from an orphanage in Chicago and in 1890 married Thomas Edwards, another popular downtown businessman. As a wedding gift Thomas renovated the home at 12 W. Washington. The Kendall County record reported, "One of the handsomest houses on Washington Street will be that of the Thomas Edwards family. The old part has been entirely reconstructed and a large bay window added to the front. The very handsome job of painting was performed by Bradford."

The additions and renovations continued over the two decades the Edwards family owned the home. In 1892, a kitchen addition was built, and in 1898 they were connected to the Oswego's water works. Acetylene lights were added in May of 1901, just weeks before their daughter Stella married Albert Woolley in a lovely summer wedding at the home in June 1901. Thomas passed away of Pneumonia in 1912, and Maggie remained in the home until December 1928 when she moved in with her daughter Stella and family. Less than 2 months later, in February 1929, Maggie passed away. She was buried beside Thomas in Oswego Township Cemetery.

Stella then retained ownership of the property for many years, renting it out as a residence. She passed the property down to her sons Leslie, Newton, and George Woolley. The home was sold shortly after World War II to Tillie and Charles Bartholomew. The Bartholomews were well known in town as well. Tillie and Charles sold the home to their son G.C. Bartholomew, the local post master, real estate developer, and Oswego Bank organizer. Over the years, the building has housed many businesses including the Harold Zilmann Law Offices in the 1970s and Toscano properties in the 2000s. The building is currently occupied by Studio 60, a popular art studio aligned with the Fox River Academy of Music and Art.

The oldest portion of this simple L-Form structure dates back to about 1870. The structure has had multiple additions and renovations over the years, including the addition of the large bay window in 1890 and a front porch addition sometime after 1920. This building has been considered for demolition on more than one occasion since the 1990s. In 2000 the building was spared the wrecking ball when Robert Rygiewicz renovated the property. At that time the original bay window was rediscovered under siding. By 2010 this structure was in disrepair. Current owner Lowell Massie bought the building in March of 2011 and took the time to meet with the Historic Preservation Commission in selecting period appropriate materials. He took necessary care to revive this historic structure and create a model for reuse and restoration within downtown Oswego.

The Property of the Season Program was created by the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission to honor properties and their owners that are deemed contributing to the historical and cultural character of the Village of Oswego. For the purposes of this program, a property can be defined as a structure, site, or permanent object such as a sign, clock, or other community icon. More details about the program are available on the Village's website.



Photos courtesy of the Little White School Museum



Winter Driving & Reminders

Are you prepared for winter driving? Here are a few helpful tips from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get you ready:

- Check or have a mechanic check your car to make sure all components are operational, your fluid levels are adequate, and your winter tires are ready to go.
- Update the emergency kits in your vehicles with:
 - a shovel
 - windshield scraper and small broom
 - flashlight
 - battery powered radio
 - extra batteries
 - water
 - snack food
 - matches
 - extra hats, socks and mittens
 - first aid kit with pocket knife
 - necessary medications
 - blanket(s)
 - tow chain or rope
 - road salt and sand
 - booster cables
 - emergency flares
 - fluorescent distress flag

Please keep in mind the on street parking Ordinance No.02-72. It shall be unlawful to leave unattended or park any motor vehicle upon any Village Street when there has accumulated upon any streets two inches (2") or more of snow. This prohibition shall remain in effect until such time as the street has been plowed, the snow has been removed, or the snowfall has stopped. Your vehicle is in danger of being struck by other vehicles. It also hampers snow removal. Unfortunately, our plows cannot stop to remove snow around your car. You will have to dig it out, so move it before the plow gets there. Once the snow stops and the streets have been plowed, you may again park in the street.

Although plow drivers take care to selectively place snow, we unfortunately need to place more snow at intersections. We appreciate your help in clearing snow from curb ramps and around fire hydrants. Do not blow or plow snow into the streets when clearing your driveways and sidewalks. This creates issues for drivers and neighbors and is against the law.

Visibility from within snowplows is limited. We ask you to talk to your children about keeping a safe distance from the snowplow. Keep snow forts away from the street and islands. You should keep your garbage cans and recycling totes out of the street so the plows do not hit them.

Last winter's harshly cold temperatures caused some water service lines to freeze. You can minimize the potential for frozen lines by running a small stream of water through your faucet on cold days. For more information, visit <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm/preventing-thawing-frozen-pipes>.

The Public Works Department is prepared to take on the challenges of winter as well. The department continues the anti-icing program that will supplement our fleet of snowplows. The anti-icing program consists of two applications of liquids. We apply a mixture of salt brine (water and Sodium Chloride), an agricultural-based liquid product (typically beet juice), and liquid Calcium Chloride prior to the start of the event. We custom make the mixture based upon projected pavement temperatures, air temperatures, and wind speed. You will know that we have put this mixture in place when you see telltale longitudinal stripes on the pavement. We can place this mixture on the pavement up to 48 hours prior to the start of the snow. We make a second application of liquid to the rock salt just prior to

distributing the salt onto the road. The liquid helps activate the salt, allows it to work in colder temperatures, and reduces bounce when the salt hits the pavement.

The anti-icing system has several benefits. The most important benefit is that it will help us remove snow and ice from the pavement faster and in lower temperatures. A second benefit is that it will help us reduce the average amount of salt applied during each storm by 15-20%. This reduction saves us money and helps the environment.

When conducting snow plowing, we prioritize collector roads such as Douglas Road and Boulder Hill Pass as these roads provide access for large areas. We then address neighborhood streets followed by cul-de-sacs and alleys. The Village contracts with a private service to plow cul-de-sacs.

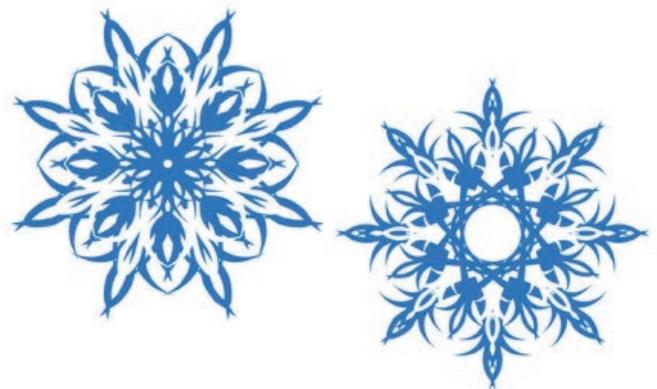
If you discover that your mailbox is damaged, please report it within three (3) business days of the snow event to the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242 or report it through Oswego Click-'n-Fix. A Public Works representative will assess the damage to determine if plow blade or vehicle caused the damage. If this is the determination, the Village will reimburse the homeowner in an amount not to exceed \$75.00 for repairs or a new mailbox. If the Village determines that thrown snow or other undetermined issue caused the damage, the Village will not provide reimbursement.

You must submit receipts for reimbursement by April 30, 2016, to the Public Works Department. We cannot issue payments after that date. All repairs and replacement of all mailboxes will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Please keep in mind that you are not allowed to deposit snow on streets per Ordinance No.04-02. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow onto the streets while removing snow from resident driveways and sidewalks.

Refuse reminder: Please do not place your garbage cans/bags and recycling totes in the street. If they are in the street, village plows cannot plow close to the curb during the clean up process.

The Public Works Department thanks everyone for their help and cooperation during the winter season.





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Safety Tips For Outdoor Holiday Lighting

It's that time of year again that many haul out the ladder and participate in the yearly ritual of hanging the holiday lights. If that does not impose enough hazards on its own, there are several precautions you should take to insure a safe and accident free holiday season.

Prior to and while hanging lights

- Check lights for damage and discard if damage is evident.
- Use only lights recognized by an OSHA certified laboratory, such as UL or ETL. This should be noted on the packaging.
- Avoid overhead power lines and use caution whenever a ladder is required.
- Lights used outdoors should be labeled for outdoor use.
- Use lights with plugs containing fuses.
- Use outlets with ground fault protection (GFCI).
- Hang or mount lights carefully to avoid damaging the cords insulation.
- Always follow manufacturer's recommendations for their products.

During the holiday season

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month and practice your family's fire escape plan.
- Check cords periodically; they should not be warm to the touch. This may indicate an overloaded circuit.
- Turn off holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the home.

Following the holiday season

- Remove your holiday decorations as soon as possible to reduce the risk of damage from exposure to adverse weather conditions.
- Always use the gripping area of the plug when separating strands of lights.
- Check for any damage to light strands and discard if damage is evident.
- Pack lights appropriately to lessen the chance of damage when unpacking the following season.

During this time of year hazards are not limited to the exterior of your home. There are many resources for information and safety tips related to the holiday season such as the internet, local government agencies, and the American Red Cross. Making your home safer will ensure happy holidays for all.

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Public Works

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees after the holidays through the second full week of January (through January 15th). Residents are asked to place their bare tree (no lights, ornaments, tinsel, or any decorations) by the curb on their normally scheduled garbage day WITHOUT a yard waste sticker and NOT IN A BAG. After the second full week in January, residents will be required to wait until April when the yard waste program starts up again. A sticker will be needed at that time.

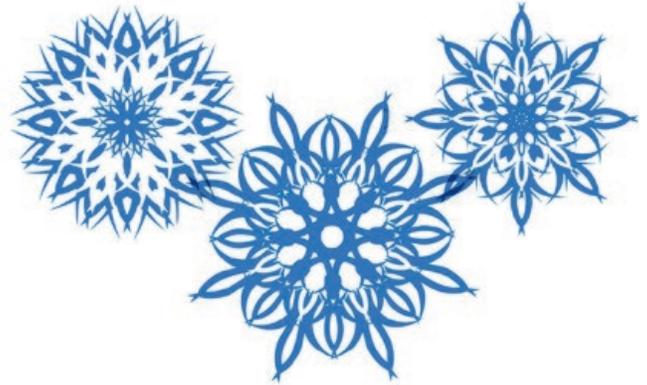
NO TRASH PICKUP ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Groot Industries will not pick up residential trash on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Groot Industries will observe the holidays on Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st. For both weeks Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, garbage collection will remain on schedule, and Friday's pick up will be on Saturday.

The next holiday that Groot Industries will be taking off is Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Details will be in the next newsletter.

SECURE YOUR MAILBOX

With winter just around the corner and snow plowing season not far behind, now is the time to secure your mailbox. **The Village of Oswego is no longer responsible for mailbox repairs** unless damage is physically done by a village vehicle. Statistics show that 99% of the damage done is from the snow off the plow hitting an unsecured box, not by the vehicle.





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Oswego Christmas Walk December 4-5, 2015

Friday, December 4th, 5 - 9 p.m.

- ♦ Illuminated Silent Fire Truck Parade at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Ice Sculpting, Ice Skating Rink, Music & Strolling Carolers on Main St.
- ♦ Free Train Rides & Giant Slide on Main St.
- ♦ Free Hay Rides in Hudson Crossing Park
- ♦ Visit with Santa at Garden Faire (5:30-8p.m.), please bring your cameras!
- ♦ Food Vendors and Open Houses along Main Street
- ♦ Stop at the Oswego Chamber office (73 W. Van Buren) for movies for the kids, warming station, wreath raffle and Kendall County Food Pantry drop off.
- ♦ Inaugural Junior High Dance at the Oswego Family YMCA (160 E. Washington St.) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th

- ♦ Breakfast with Santa at the Oswego Family YMCA from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ Cookie Walk downtown Oswego (10:00 -2:00 p.m.) - **get your tins early, limited supply!**
- ♦ Church of the Good Shepherd (5 W. Washington St.) Vendor Show & Entertainment from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ Fox Valley Festival Chorus Holiday Concert at Oswego Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ Holiday Recital Showcase hosted by Fox River Academy and Dance with Flair at 4:00 p.m. at Thompson Junior High



For a complete list of details, please visit the Village of Oswego website at www.oswegoil.org

OSWEGO MAKES REPORTING AN ISSUE EASY ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Since July 1, 2014, residents and Village personnel have generated more than 1,500 work requests to fill potholes, repair streetlights, and replace dead trees, among many other types of requests. You, too, can easily report issues – simply visit the Village of Oswego website at www.oswegoil.org or download the mobile app. It makes reporting a problem to the Village easier than ever. We encourage you to attach a photo or video, as a visual reference will help the Village quickly identify the problem. Residents can track the status of reports and follow your issue from the time it is reported until it is resolved. Village staff responds to requests Monday through Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. If this report comes in on a holiday, weekend or after-hours, Village staff will read it on the next business day. If you would like to report an issue with your smart phone, please download our Oswego Click n' Fix mobile app. NOTE: for emergencies or other urgent matters that require immediate attention or a police response, dial 9-1-1.



If you have a smartphone, and would like to report an issue, please download our app.

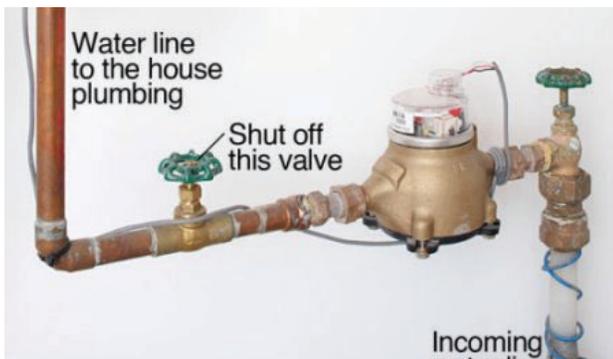
Oswego Click 'n Fix is available for download as an app on the following platforms:



WATER SHUTOFF VALVE

Do you know where your indoor water shutoff valve is? There are times when a leak can occur in the water service line inside the home and a public works employee is not immediately available to turn the water off at the street. Most homeowners can turn off their water at their indoor valve by their water meter until help can arrive.

If you do not know where your indoor shutoff valve is please call the Public Works Department at 630-554-3242 to schedule an appointment for someone to come show you where it is and how to turn it off. This service is FREE and can save you from having a water mess in your home.



VILLAGE HIRES NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Village President Gail Johnson and the Oswego Village Board are pleased to announce that Mr. Daniel W. Di Santo has been selected as the new Village Administrator. With more than 11 years of municipal experience with the Village of Bensenville and the City of Naperville, Mr. Di Santo's background is an excellent asset to the Village of Oswego.

Most recently as the Assistant Village Manager of the Village of Bensenville, Mr. Di Santo was responsible for a multitude of responsibilities including overseeing an \$800,000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy process, assisting in the construction of a new police facility, managing and implementing a Village Strategic Plan, and supervising the budget and Capital Investment Plan process. Mr. Di Santo worked legislative and development issues for the City of Naperville.

Mr. Di Santo has a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, Champaign and a Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois University.

Mr. Di Santo was appointed to his post at the October 6th Village Board meeting, and his first day with the Village was October 13th.



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Top 5 free attractions in Oswego.

Tourism Bureau
Village of Oswego

1. Fox Valley Winery

Spend some time in front of the cozy fireplace or wander through the gift shop to see the work of local artists. The first 5 tastings are free then it's up to you to decide which bottle you will be taking home!



2. Hudson Crossing Park

Overlooking the scenic Fox River, you can let the kids loose on the playground, bring a picnic lunch or launch your canoe or kayak and Paddle the Fox River.



3. Veterans Memorial Plaza

The memorial is dedicated to members in our community who have been involved in wars throughout our country's history. The memorial includes the Veterans Walk and leads directly to Hudson Crossing Park.



4. Little White School Museum

Step back in time at this historic museum. The building is home to a community history museum and genealogy archive.



5. Lincoln Highway Mural

This must see mural is hand painted and tells the story of the famed highway and commemorates the Boy Scouts placing highway markers across the nation in 1928.