

**NEWS & EVENTS**

**Residential impact fees streamlined & reduced**

To facilitate new growth, the Oswego Village Board lowered the impact fees for new residential developments and also established a single impact fee. The impact fee to be distributed to the various taxing bodies is set at \$15,500. This fee does not include the building permit fee. All fees will be collected by the Village to streamline the submittal process. For further information, please contact Rod Zenner at [rozenner@oswegoil.org](mailto:rozenner@oswegoil.org).

**Oswego EDC exploring workforce training programs to benefit local talent**

The Oswego Economic Development Commission (EDC) continued the discussion on workforce training on November 4<sup>th</sup> with State Senator Sue Rezin and Lance Copes, director of Grundy County Area Vocational Center, as guest speakers.

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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 the Grundy County summer internship program. The Oswego EDC plans to explore similar programs to connect talented local students with area businesses.

**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](http://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](http://www.floralexpressionsandgifts.net) and the Facebook page for Lil Emm's Childrens Boutique.

**Kimberly Ann Home Decorating & Consignment Boutique** opened at the old Floral Expressions space at 67 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.kimberlyanndesigns1.com](http://www.kimberlyanndesigns1.com).



**Opening soon**

**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](http://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.

## ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

# November 28<sup>th</sup>



## Small Business Saturday Downtown Oswego

*Join your favorite businesses for:*

*Exclusive Discounts & Offers, Live Entertainment,  
Food & Drinks, and Much More!*

Celebrate *Small Business Saturday* in Downtown Oswego on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>! Join your favorite downtown businesses for exclusive discounts and offers, live entertainment, and more. Enter for your chance to win downtown dollars. It pays to Shop Local! For more information please call Deena at American Male at 630-554-8661 or email at [editions@american-male.com](mailto:editions@american-male.com)

**December 2:** *Oswego Economic Development Commission* (EDC) meeting has been cancelled.

**December 2, 4:30 PM:** *Kendall County Industrial Market Study* meeting at the historic county courthouse. Contact [abeltran@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:abeltran@co.kendall.il.us).

**December 15, 11:30 AM:** *Northern Illinois Commercial Association of Realtors* (NICAR) luncheon at Oak Brook Maggiano's. Guest speaker Representative Mark Batinick. Register at [www.nicar.com](http://www.nicar.com)

**December 18, 8:30 AM:** *Kendall County Economic Development Committee* meeting, 111 West Fox Street, Yorkville. Contact [abeltran@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:abeltran@co.kendall.il.us).

# Seasons Greetings

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