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Summer greetings, Oswego...

It seems like just yesterday I gave my first State of the Village address celebrating the great successes Oswego had this past year. We have many new residential and commercial construction projects underway with many more slated for this year. We ushered in 36 new businesses, cut the property tax levy by 1.5 percent, reduced water rates by 4 percent; revenues were up 6 percent and expenditures down 15 percent…and then we experienced this global pandemic.

Quickly we switched gears. Budget successes gave way to budget contingencies, executive orders were written to protect our residents and reduce burdens on our businesses. Isolation became the new norm. Not only in our homes but affecting our schools, worship, medical procedures – everything we were accustomed to changed.

Through all of this uncertainty Oswego continues to move forward to a better day. Our Economic Development Department created two loan programs and is administering a grant program for our local small businesses. Our Public Works crews have been busy patching roads and trimming trees. Our Community Relations team developed Stay at Home family challenges. The Police Department started daily wellness check-ins for seniors, and our essential workers have begun a weekly 'care'-avan to bring some joy to our Village's neighborhoods. I have witnessed acts of kindness and generosity from our residents and businesses on a scale never before seen. Surely, through this adversity we have seen the best of Oswego.

Once more I turn to the State of the Village address and borrow the closing paragraph: We have a great future in Oswego. There is a price to pay for this – we must all work together. Please keep reaching out to us, keep sharing your ideas, keep sharing your opinions, and yes, keep sharing any dissatisfaction you have. Each of those is an opportunity to make us better. Together, using our strength, we will reach the promise that Oswego holds. God bless you and God bless Oswego.

Sincerely,

Troy Parlier
Oswego Village President

FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK

GET MEETING AGENDAS, RIGHT TO YOUR INBOX

The Village of Oswego recently implemented a new, more efficient delivery method for receiving meeting agendas for Committee of the Whole, Village Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Visit the Village's website at **www.oswegoil.org** and click on *Meeting Agendas & Videos* on the home page. Scroll to the middle of the page and submit the email address where you would like to receive the agendas. You will be prompted to complete additional sections and choose the topics (agendas) you would like to receive.

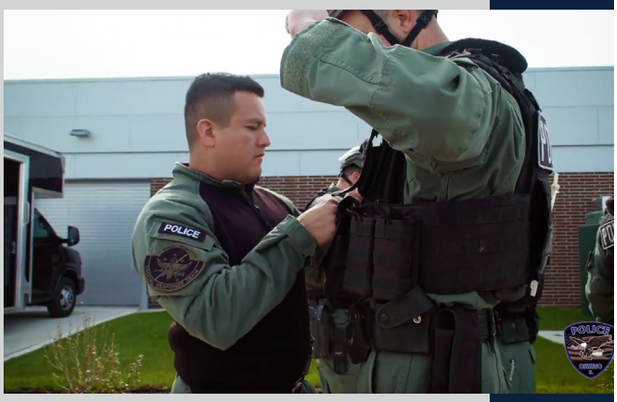
WATCH MEETINGS FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

Log on to our website at **www.oswegoil.org** and click on *Meeting Agendas & Videos* on the homepage. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., followed by the Regular Village Board meeting at 7 p.m.

On the cover: *Our 'care'-avan of essential workers drove through Oswego throughout April and May to support our community and thank our residents for everything they did to slow the spread of coronavirus, whether that was going to an essential job in healthcare, or staying home.*

The Oswego Police Department is now accepting applications

We're searching for innovative, forward-thinking new officers



Above: *A video at OPDrecruits.com features the stories of several officers who started in patrol and grew into diverse career paths at the Oswego Police Department.*

THE OSWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT is hiring, and the recruitment team is looking for a new kind of candidate.

"We want women and men who are looking for new challenges, who are solution-oriented problem solvers, and who are interested in growing a career with us," said Oswego Deputy Police Chief Brad Delphey. "In Oswego, we really pride ourselves on innovation and growth, and that means bringing lots of different ideas and lots of different people to the table."

The department will be testing in June to add new candidates to its eligibility list. In addition to typical law enforcement job boards, the recruitment team launched a campaign to reach people who may not have previously considered a career in policing, including the new **OPDrecruits.com**, where candidates can learn more about the application process and opportunities in the department.

A recruitment plan that actively attracts a diverse candidate pool supports the Oswego Police Department's CALEA accreditation, which recognizes compliance with best practice standards in public safety. The U.S. Justice Department also encourages increasing diversity in local police departments to better reflect and build trust in the communities they serve, including diversity in race and gender, but also religion, language ability, and other backgrounds and experiences that bring many different perspectives to an organization.

"Nationwide, we're really seeing a push to ensure that our police departments are representative of the communities they serve, and that's really important to us here in Oswego," said Police Chief Jeff Burgner. "Oswego is growing and changing. Bringing those diverse voices to the department strengthens our community-oriented approach to policing. We're an organization that appreciates fresh ideas on how to continually do things better for our residents."

The Oswego Police Department offers a competitive starting salary and excellent benefits package, and Oswego's fast-paced growth means officers have plenty of opportunities to grow into specialized areas of policing. **OPDrecruits.com** highlights the stories of several different officers who started out on patrol and have grown into specialties like school resource officers, detectives, and SWAT team members.

"We're really proud of what we've built here in Oswego in a number of ways," Burgner said. "We've got a great professional team, a top-notch facility, and a community that really supports our officers and the work they do. We're really looking forward to what the next group of recruits will bring to serve our residents."

Interested in applying?
Generally, candidates must be at least 21 years old but not yet 35, with an associate or bachelor's degree, 60 credit hours at a college or university, or relevant military experience, and must have U.S. citizenship, a driver's license and FOID card.

For more information about the recruitment process, visit **www.OPDrecruits.com**, where you can view qualifications, complete the application, and pay the $25 application fee. Applications are also available for download from the website, and hard copies may be picked up and returned to the Oswego Police Headquarters, 3355 Woolley Road. The deadline to apply is noon on Wednesday, June 3. The exam and orientation will be held on Saturday, June 13.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 3, 2020

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ON THE COVER

OSWEGO TOGETHER, SIX FEET APART

Schools closed, businesses shuttered, toilet paper flew from shelves. It seemed everything changed overnight. But Oswegoans came together, even as we kept our social distance. Here's a look at just a few of the early ways Oswego reponded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY, declared by the Village Board on March 16, allows the Village President to temporarily suspend some ordinances to help residents and businesses during the pandemic. Through the duration of the Stay at Home order, you can park on the streets overnight, get libations delivered to your house, and place extra signs in front of your business, to name a few.

WE'RE STILL HARD AT WORK for our residents. Facilities are closed to the public but most Village services, from building permits to bill pay, are still fully operational by phone or email. Visit **oswegoil.org** or call 630-554-3618 and we'll connect you to someone who can help.

THE CARE-AVAN ROLLS OUT every Friday afternoon to a different Oswego neighborhood as long as the Stay at Home Order stays in place. Wave to squad cars, fire trucks, public works trucks and more as our essential workers show the support for the community, and follow us on Facebook for announcements of the weekly route, plus other communitywide activities to keep the kids busy and spread cheer throughout Oswego.

POLICE ARE OFFERING WELLNESS CHECKS for seniors and other at-risk residents. One of our police department staff will call you daily to check in, and an officer will stop by your home if there's no answer. Call 630-551-7300 to sign up.

A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM is helping Oswego's small businesses pay rent and resume operations, and our economic development team continues to work with small businesses to match them with available state and federal assistance programs.You can help support our small business community and our Oswego economy by continuing to shop local -- many local retailers are offering online shopping with pick-up and contactless delivery options.

With COVID-19, information changes rapidly. Get the latest by signing up for email from the Village of Oswego. Visit **www.oswegoil.org** and click on ***Email Alerts.***

*Find up-to-date information about COVID-19 related changes to Village operations and ordinances at **www.oswegoil.org/covid-19.aspx**.*

*Chalk drawings, coloring and more! Join us for a community at-home challenge! Spread Oswego cheer and keep the kids busy by liking @**GoOswego** on Facebook!*

Left to right: *The Village Hall clocktower is lit blue in support of essential healthcare workers, Chicago Water & Fire Restoration donated time to disinfecting squad cars and the police headquarters, Mayor Parlier announces one of our at-home communitywide challenges, and our crews work with face masks thanks to a donation from Bike Bald.*

FREE SPRING CLEANUP MOVED TO JUNE 8-12

THE COVID-19 CRISIS delayed free spring cleanup week, but it's back June 8-12! Groot will collect additional household waste and bulk items, no sticker needed. Place all items with your regular garbage and recycling at the curb by 6 a.m. on your normal garbage day. This collection does not include free yard waste, which was conducted in May. No appliances, televisions, or electronics during this collection. See **www.oswegoil.org/government/departments/public-works/garbage-recycling.aspx** for information on disposing of these items. Questions? Call Public Works at 630-554-3242.

BAGGED YARD WASTE COLLECTION CONTINUES

GROOT'S YARD WASTE PICK-UP for grass, cuttings, leaves and small limbs continues through Friday, Nov. 27. Place yard waste in a 30-gal. Kraft paper bag with a yard waste sticker on the front of the bag. Stickers are $2.25, do not expire, and are available at local retail grocery and hardware stores. Set your yard waste at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

NEXT BRUSH COLLECTION STARTS JULY 6 & 13

THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO COLLECTS brush on alternate weeks by zone. There are two separate residential 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. A map and list of the neighborhoods located in each zone can be found on the Brush, Leaves and Yard Waste page at **www.oswegoil.org**.

Place tree and shrub branches less than 5 inches in diameter at the curb (not in a container or in the street) by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your collection week, but no earlier than noon the Friday before. No logs, wood, root balls, or grass clippings are accepted. Contracted tree trimmers and landscapers are required to remove any brush waste they generate.

To ensure that your brush is collected, place it neatly at the curb with cut ends facing the same direction.

ZONE COLLECTION DATES

Zone A	**Zone B**
July 6	July 13
Oct. 5 *final for 2020*	Oct. 12 *final for 2020*

SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

EVEN ADDRESSES may sprinkle on even calendar dates 4-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.

ODD ADDRESSES may sprinkle on odd calendar dates 4-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.

NON-ADDRESSED properties properties including but may sprinkle on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.

There are no restrictions when using a hand-held watering can or hose.

Planting sod or grass seed is prohibited during July and August. Continuously watering a newly seeded, slit-seeded, or sodded area of more than 10 square yards requires a permit water permit. This permit is free; however, violators will be fined.

To fill a swimming pool have water brought in by tank through a contractor or use a garden hose. Residents using a hose must follow the water conservation rules above.

If the filling will take longer than the conservation limitations, get a permit to allow the hose to run for a period of 48 hours. Questions? Call Public Works at (630) 554-3242.

FROM THE VILLAGE ARBORIST

TREATING TAR SPOT AND JAPANESE BEETLES

SPENDING MORE TIME in your own backyard these days? If so, you may notice a couple fairly common tree issues: tar spot and Japanese beetles.

Tar spot is a fungal disease that affects maple trees and gets its name from characteristic fungal spots that resemble tar. This disease is a cosmetic problem rather than a real health issue for maples. Early symptoms of tar spot develop on leaves in early summer, but the light or yellow-green spots often go unnoticed until later in the season. It's not until mid- to late summer that the spots darken and become noticeable. In fall, tar spot may cause leaves to drop early. The number of dropped leaves is generally insignificant so little or no harm is done to the host tree.

The spots contain fungal spores that survive winter, and in the spring the spores are carried on the wind to new foliage. Raking and destroying infected leaves will reduce the number of spores that will survive, but to be effective, everyone with an infected maple in the neighborhood must rake and destroy their infected leaves. Fungicides can treat tar spot but are seldom recommended since tar spot does very little damage to the tree. The risks of fungicide use will often outweigh the potential benefits.

Japanese beetles are an invasive species and cause signficant damage. Adults are 15 mm long and have an iridescent copper-colored forewing and a green thorax and head. They damage 300 species of plants including linden trees, birch trees and rose bushes. Adult beetles skeletonize the foliage, consuming only the leaf material between the veins and may also feed on fruit on the plants. The beetles and their damage are usually seen around the beginning of July.

Although Japanese beetles will seldom kill trees, they can slowly weaken them, making the infested tree subject to secondary pests and diseases. Japanese beetle traps baited with floral scent or pheromone are available, but research shows that many of the attracted beetles do not end up in the traps but are drawn in to nearby plants causing even more problems. Commercially sold products like Sevin Insect Killer are more effective. This product is made to attach to a garden hose and can spray up into small to medium trees.

As always, if you have a tree question, our Village arborists can help. Call our Public Works Department at 630-554-3242 with your questions.

2019 Annual Water Quality Report

About Oswego's Drinking Water

THE OSWEGO WATER DIVISION IS PLEASED to report that your drinking water meets or exceeds all water quality standards and there were no violations issued in 2019. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Regional office out of Elgin conducted our three-year engineering evaluation in 2018, and our water system received an exceptional rating. The Oswego community water supply was also commended on its exemplary facility maintenance and updating and the professionalism and courtesy of its employees.

Your tap water was tested according to U.S. EPA and state drinking water health standards. Our system vigilantly safeguards its groundwater supply, and we are working hard to continue providing the best water possible. This report summarizes the quality of water that we provided last year and informs you of initiatives currently underway to address issues. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Timothy Zasada, Assistant Public Works Director - Utilities at 630-554-3242. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Oswego Village Hall, 100 Parkers Mill.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA and CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

Oswego's current drinking water source is groundwater, delivered by eight wells. All wells are considered deep wells and draw water from a sandstone aquifer. While these aquifers provide a high quality water,they often contain elevated concentrations of naturally occurring Radium-226 and Radium-228. The Village of Oswego uses a filtration process for radium removal. The radium level at each well is below the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum allowable level of 5 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Fluoride levels from the deep sandstone aquifer meet EPA and Illinois Department of Public Health standards for drinking water, and no additional fluoride is added at any of the well sites.

Oswego's Well No. 3 is located on Madison Street by the village center's 500,000-gallon water tower. This well produces 550 gallons per minute. Well No. 4 is located on Chicago Road and produces 550 gallons per minute. Well No. 6 is located in the Fox Chase subdivision next to the 300,000-gallon water tower. This well produces 1,000 gallons per minute. Well No. 7 is in the Ogden Falls subdivision next to the 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1,100 gallons per minute. Well No. 8 is located on Grove Road, a quarter mile south of Plainfield Road. This well produces 1,000 gallons per minute. Well No. 9 is located at 700 Yoakum Boulevard and produces 1,000 gallons per minute. Well No. 10 is located at 700 Cole Avenue and on site is a 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1,100 gallons per minute. Well No. 11 is located at 6701 Tuscany Trail off of Orchard Road, and on site is a 1.5 million gallon water tower. This well produces 1,200 gallons per minute. All well water is treated to remove high levels of radium, chlorinated to kill any microbial contaminants that may be present, and treated with polyphosphate for corrosion control and mineral sequestration prior to being delivered into the distribution system.

Due to favorable monitoring history, aquifer characteristics, and inventory of potential sources of contamination, IEPA reissued a vulnerability waiver renewal for the sampling period of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019. The special exception permit extends sampling requirements to once every nine years for SOC's and cyanide and once every six years for VOC's for Wells No. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Well No. 11 has not received waivers from IEPA at this time.

In addition to the informational section of the Water Quality Report, we have included for your review a table. This table will give you a better picture of the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water operator at 630-554-3242. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at **http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/swap/factsheet.aspx.**

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, six potential sources or possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of Oswego's wells. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Section of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediations which may be of concern. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Oswego Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule , the Illinois EPA has determined that the Oswego Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydrogeologic barrier exists which prevents pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply. A new source water assessment must be complete by July 2023.

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2019 Regulated Contaminants Detected

The next several tables summarize contaminants detected in your drinking water supply. Here are a few definitions and scientific terms which will help you understand the information in the contaminant detection tables.

AL	**Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Avg	**Average:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.
MCL	**Maximum Contaminant Level:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MRDL	**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level:** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
MRDLG	**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal:** The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.
N/A	**Not Applicable**
NTU	**Nephelometric Turbidity Units**
pCi/L	**picocuries per liter:** A measure of radioactivity
ppb	**Parts per billion** or micrograms per liter (ug/L) - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm	**Parts per million** or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
TT	**Treatment Technique:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Coliform Bacteria

MCLG	Total Coliform MCL	Highest Number of Positive Samples	Fecal Coliform or E. coli MCL	Total Number of Positive E. coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	MCL: presence of coliform bacteria in >5% of monthly samples (for systems that collect 40 or more samples/month). A total of 2.3 positive samples allowed per month.	0	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	0	No	Naturally present in the environment. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.

Lead and Copper

	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	Number of sites over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2017	1.3	1.3	.722	0	ppm	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor. Samples are taken every 3 years.
Lead	2017	0	15	0	0	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Samples are taken every 3 years.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Oswego is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at **http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead**.

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	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts								
Chloramines/ Chlorine	2019	2.0	1.7-2.0	4	4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes. Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia. Testing for Chloramines is done daily.
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	2019	0.315	0.315-0.315	N/A	60	ppb	No	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	8/6/2018	.0544	0.0386-0.0544	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Fluoride	8/6/2018	1.08	0.82-1.08	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive that promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Iron	8/6/2018	0.22	0.0513-0.22		1	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the U.S. EPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. Excessive iron in water may cause staining of laundry & plumbing fixtures & may accumulate as deposits in the distribution system. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Nitrite (measured as nitrogen)	2018	0.067	0-0.067	1	1	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. This contaminant is tested yearly.
Sodium	8/6/2018	42.9	18.8-42.9		N/A	ppm	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician. This contaminant is tested every 3 years.
Volatile Organic Contaminants								
Xylenes	4/1/2015	0.00202	0-0.00202	10	10	ppm	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories. The state requires us to monitor fo certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old. Some people sho drink xylenes in ecess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system. This contaminant is tested every six years.
Radiological Contaminants								
Combined Radium 226/228	2019	5	0.825-5.43	0	5	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2019	7	3.27-7.15	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits. This contaminant is tested yearly.

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Unregulated Contaminants

The U.S. EPA required water systems to monitor for new unregulated contaminants in 2018 and a second set of samples were analyzed in 2019. Water systems are required to publish the analytical results of all detections of contaminants. The Village only had three contaminants detected and are in the following table. If you would like to view the entire report for the 2018/2019 data, please contact Public Works at 630-544-3242.

Unregulated Contaminants UCMR4	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Bromide	5/14/2019	0.120	0.020-0.120	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Bromide is commonly found in nature. Mandatory health effects language has not been established.*
Germanium	5/14/2019	0.00040	0.000323-0.00040	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; a byproduct of zinc ore processing; used in infrared optics, fiber-optic systems, electronics and solar applications. Mandatory health effects language has not been established, Possible health concerns; Kidney or liver function, anemia, muscle weakness, harm to the peripheral nervous system.*
Manganese	5/14/2019	0.0140	0.0030-0.0140	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the U.S. EPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. Excessive manganese in the water may cause staining of plumbing fixtures and laundry. It make also produce an unpleasant taste in beverages, including coffee and tea.

**Unregulated Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these contaminants has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose for monitoring these contaminants is to assist USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.*

Violation Summary Table

No violations were issued in 2019.

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Left to right: *A rendering of the proposed Dairy Barn, the Dairy Hut in the process of being razed, and a photo of the Dari Boat during the 1960s provided by the Oswegoland Heritage Association.*

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Barn, hut, or... boat?

No matter its current iteration, this Oswego institution has been bringing the community together to enjoy frosty dairy treats for generations.

WHAT IS CLASSFIED 'HISTORIC' has always been open to interpretation. When establishing the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, however, a timeframe needed to be selected "in order to assure historical perspective and avoid judgements based on current or recent popular trends." A 50-year period was established as a guide for "evaluating the historic resources worthy of preservation."

With the turn of the last decade, this 50-year time period now includes the 1960s. While the midcentury modern style we saw rise in the 1950s remained throughout the beginning of the next decade, American ideals began to shift and influence design again in the 60s. Size became the growing trend and ranch levels were expanded to split levels, single car garages became double, and family rooms were added to floor plans.

The Oswego community also participated in the expansion trend as local industry saw our population increase substantially. Construction was prevalent in the 1960s and included the completion of the Civic Center and downtown library building to entertain the number of growing families. The Dairy Hut was also constructed in 1961 as an answer to families needing a place to enjoy a cold treat and mingle among the locals.

Originally called the Dari-Boat, the building stood on Block 11, Lot 5 of the Original Town plat and featured items like the Dari-cone and the Burger Boat. The building was recently razed to allow for its redevelopment as the new Dairy Barn. Moving forward, the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission would like to encourage the preservation of 1960s properties as they are now historic and add to our community's heritage and character.

Though a twist on the original, Oswegoans are sure to enjoy an ice cream and quality time just as families have been doing at this location since the 60s! ■

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BELOW, OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR lists anticipated meetings, services, and events for this summer. But our newsletters are only mailed quarterly, and with the rapidly evolving nature of COVID-19, events may be rescheduled or canceled, or we may ask residents to observe additional rules to keep everyone safe and healthy.

To stay up to date, get the latest on our services and events by signing up for email and text notifications from the Village of Oswego. We'll email you, on average, about once a week, with important updates and reminders. And our new text notification system, rolling out this summer, will send you a text about the most urgent and time-sensitive news. To get started with notifications , visit **www.oswegoil.org** and click on ***Email Alerts***.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All dates and details are subject to change based on recommendations from state and local health officials. For the latest information, check www.oswegoil.org before making plans.

JUNE

08-12 Got extra trash? Set it out on your regular garbage day this rescheduled **Spring Cleanup Week**. See page 5.

09 The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Oswego Village Hall to vote on Village business. Meetings are open to the public and include a public forum for those wishing to speak. A Committee of the Whole meeting precedes at 6 p.m. to allow more in-depth discussion on issues. Agendas and live meetings are available at **www.oswegoil.org.**

23 The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole starts at 6 p.m.

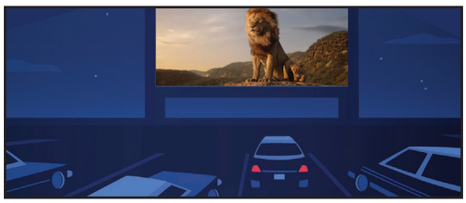
28 Find fresh produce at a safe social distance from local farmers in the heart of downtown Oswego at the **Oswego Country Market**. Stop by Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through September. Visit **oswegolandparkdistrict.org** for current information on this event.

JULY

04 Celebrate the **Fourth of July Fireworks** at dusk at Prairie Point Park. Check **www.GoOswego.org** for updates and information on enjoying this event safely. Village offices will be closed.

14 The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole starts at 6 p.m.

16 It's **Movies in the Park**, social distancing style! Join us for *Toy Story 4*. Movie begins at dusk. Check **www.GoOswego.org** for updates and information on enjoying this event safely. Free.



AUGUST

04 The **Oswego Village Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Committee of the Whole starts at 6 p.m.

06 Join us for a retro **Drive-in Movie Night** showing of The Lion King. Location and details on social distancing procedures are at www.GoOswego.org. Movie begins at dusk. Free.

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