

City of Osawatomie

Weekly Update

September 2, 2022



Freedom Fest

Osawatomie's annual fall celebration of our historic beginnings is coming soon to John Brown Memorial Park! Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, history comes alive once again. Civil War era reenactors and battle scenes, frontier artisans, artillery and weapons displays, and more. The park will be filled with activities for the whole family!



Featured Guest

Jim Peters, University of Kansas Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Director Emeritus, will be presenting a discussion on the Underground Railroad as part of a special appearance at the 2022 Freedom Festival. Peters will be speaking live on Saturday, September 17th, at 1:00pm inside John Brown Memorial Park.



UltraPalooza 2022

Midwest Endurance Race Co. is back in Osawatomie this weekend with another BIG TIME event at our Mile Zero trailhead of the Flint Hills Trail State Park. Over 100 ultramarathon runners from across the country will be heading out on long-distance runs beginning early Saturday morning and throughout the remainder of the weekend. Sponsors, racers, support teams, and event staff will be on-site starting Friday. Welcome to Osawatomie, UltraPalooza!

News and Reminders

Holiday Reminders

City of Osawatomie offices will be closed Monday, September 5th, 2022, in observance of Labor Day. Regular operations resume Tuesday the 6th. Utility bills can still be paid through the self-service kiosk outside the Utility Office at 509 5th Street or through the online portal.



city of osawatomie youtube

Mike Scanlon is back with another edition of his regular City Manager Report series. Take a few minutes and learn about some of the latest happenings in Osawatomie, and don't forget to check out the archive of past videos on our official channel.

Freedom Festival Preview Special Guest



” African American Musicians in Kansas 1860-1920

a presentation and discussion by
Lem Sheppard

Osawatomie Public Library will host Lem Sheppard on Thursday, September 15th at 6pm at John Brown Museum State Historic Site. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program made possible by Humanities Kansas.

African American musicians from 1860-1920 are often part of an under-told story in Kansas history from 1860-1920.

They were an important feature of the musical landscape of Kansas, and their history mirrors the history of Kansas itself: the struggle of abolition, the Civil War, and Western migration. This talk explores the dynamic musical history of African Americans, and the social and cultural impacts in Kansas. Sheppard is an internationally known blues guitarist, vocalist, and historian based in Pittsburgh.

Humanities Kansas and the Osawatomie Public Library

"Flanked by the Pottawatomie Creek and the Marais des Cygnes River, Osawatomie has experienced repeated flooding in its 170-year history. The Osawatomie Public Library's history lab is collecting residents' stories of past floods, the aftermath, and community perseverance for future generations with the support of an HK Culture Preservation grant. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3AEaxZ7> #MovementOfIdeas"

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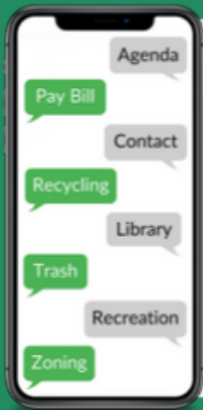
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