



"Nice shot!"

Over the last several weeks, we received a number of photo submissions from residents and visitors featuring their favorite snapshots around the community. Special THANK YOU to Lori Stottlemire for the incredible gallery she submitted and for allowing us to use her images as part of our website, newsletter, and more. You're amazing, Lori!



Freedom Festival 2022

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, including crafts for kids! Visit us online to learn more.



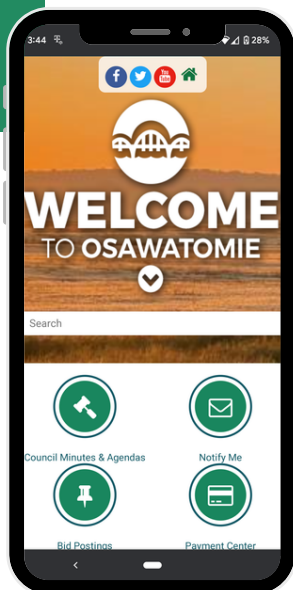
WWTF Upgrades

Members of the governing body and city staff gathered on Thursday, August 25, to break ground on a \$2.5 million project at the city's wastewater treatment facility, located just outside of town. Improvements being made help to protect the Marais des Cygnes River from harmful wastewater outputs.

In Case You Missed It...

Website Re-Do

The City of Osawatomie is excited to announce the debut of our new official city website! Still housed at the same tried and true domain, osawatomieks.org, the new website features easier navigation, digital archives, and a selection of downloadable forms and permits. Check it out today and let us know what you think! Don't forget to subscribe to this newsletter while you're there!



Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks was awarded \$24.8+ million dollars as part of the federal RAISE grant program. Funds will be used for improvements along the 118-mile Flint Hills Trail State Park, which begins at Mile Zero in Osawatomie. Funds will be specifically invested in drainage improvements, pipes, culverts, bridges, base improvements, limestone surfacing, fences and gates, bollards, safety improvements and signage.

Street Repair



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Most communities do one or two projects of this size every four years. We're doing five or six in half the time.

Bret Glendening, Deputy City Manager, at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Groundbreaking

On Thursday, August 25 2022, the City Council approved a resolution awarding the contract for the asphalt reconstruction of 18th Street, Main Street Terrace, and Walnut from 4th to 6th to Killough Construction (along with the realignment of the intersection at 4th and Walnut) in the amount of: \$1,734,521.07. As part of that same resolution, the Council also approved awarding the

contract for the resurfacing of 12th Street from Pacific to South Street, 7th Street from the Overpass to Main Street, Slayman Heights, and 11th Street from Main to (approximately) the Ozone to McAnany Construction in the amount of \$217,988.75. Work on 18th Street is to begin immediately following the conclusion of the Brown Avenue project, pending weather delays.

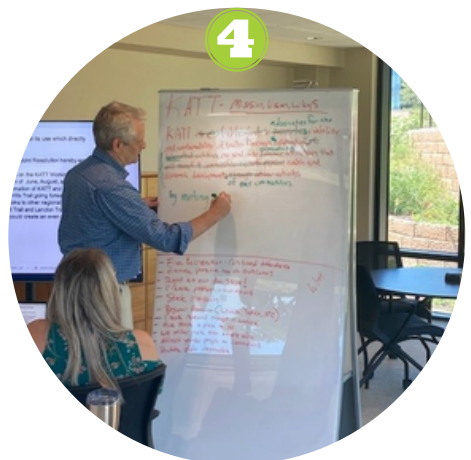
Residents will have noticed a seeming abundance of locate flags planted along sidewalks, in side yards, and down the middle of easements across the city. These locates are being performed by our consultant teams as part of continuing design and mapping work in our water plant redesign and water distribution line system replacement project. Flags and colored paint lines mark the location of existing utility lines, like sewer and gas, so appropriate decisions can be made regarding the location of new water lines in those neighborhoods.

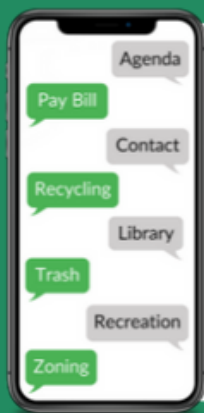




🔍 what's happening in osawatomie? ✕

The answer? In short, A LOT! Over the summer, we've celebrated a number of projects or improvements, including the announcement from Metropolitan Energy Center of a shared \$5.2 million electric vehicle and charging station grant that we and seven other partners were awarded from the Department of Energy (1). We broke ground on the Brown Avenue street repair project, which is the first phase of our Paving the Way street repair plan (2) and announced the contract awards for the next streets for 2022 and 2023. This week we celebrated the groundbreaking of \$2.5 million in improvements to the city's wastewater treatment facility (3). The City was also recently awarded a \$53,400 grant from the Sunflower Foundation to study the economic impact of "destination" trails across the state as part of our founding role in the Kansas Association of Trail Towns (4).





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