



A VISIT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN SHARICE DAVIDS

City officials and representatives from the Kansas Historical Society were thrilled to host Congresswoman Sharice Davids on Friday afternoon for a tour of the John Brown Museum State Historic Site (*which is co-administered by the City and the Historical Society*) and the surrounding John Brown Park and Battlefield. Representative Davids is a great supporter of the community's efforts to revitalize and preserve both the park and museum, including proposed improvements to original park infrastructure like the brick streets, curbs and sidewalks.

Rep. Davids hosted Osawatomie officials during a brief trip to Washington DC in early March to learn more about improvement plans and enjoyed the opportunity to see the sites in person and learn about the history of the community first-hand.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Another round of necessary utility line work closed the 6th and Main Street intersection beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, as part of the 6th Street Total Reconstruction project. Utility lines along the corridor, including the waterlines in this intersection, are being updated and relocated to mitigate damage to the new road during any future maintenance. Thank you for your continued patience!

The City of Osawatomie Arts Commission is hosting a family craft fundraiser on May 10th at 6pm inside City Auditorium: fingerprint flower pots! Registration is \$10 and includes the first pot, a "Watch Me Grow" plant pick, and all paint, brushes, and paint pens for detailing. Additional pots are \$5 each. Families are welcome to decorate as many pots as they wish! [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

FINGERPRINT FLOWER POT

Family Craft Fundraiser

\$10*
(* \$5 per additional pot)

MAY 10, 2024
6:00PM
CITY AUDITORIUM



NEWS AND REMINDERS

SEEKING PUBLIC APPLICANTS

The Osawatomie Public Library is seeking applicants for the Board of Trustees due to a term expiration coming up in April. If you're passionate about community, literacy, and public services or programming, we're looking for YOU! Board members work with the Library Director to help set Library policy, review financials, engage in strategic planning for the Library's short- and long-term goals, and much more. Members also provide critical support for fundraisers (like the annual Pancake Feed and Holiday Homes Tour) and other large programming events throughout the year.

- You must reside within Osawatomie city limits in order to be eligible for appointment to this board.
- The Osawatomie Public Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:00pm.

Download a public service application and return it to info@osawatomieks.org or drop it by City Hall. [CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April Calendar

6:30PM | MEMORIAL HALL
411 11TH ST, OSAWATOMIE

APRIL 11, 2024

APRIL 25, 2024

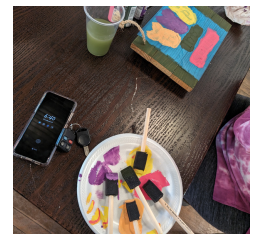
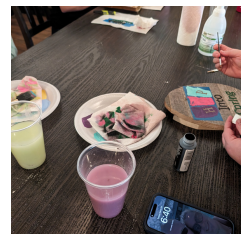


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City staff and members of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission have announced the beginning of Osawatomie 2040 -- our community's next comprehensive plan! Visit our website to learn about how comprehensive plans work and how you can get involved with your friends and neighbors. [CLICK HERE --> OsawatomieKS.org/2040](https://www.osawatomieks.org/2040)

ARTS COMMISSION HOPS INTO SPRING



DIRECTOR MICHELE SILSBEE WINS BIG AT KRWA

City of Osawatomie Public Works Director Michele Silsbee took home top hardware at the 2024 Kansas Rural Water Association Conference. She received the Public Works Director of the Year award for her ongoing work to improve Osawatomie's streets, stormwater, and related infrastructure. Silsbee is the force behind many of the large improvements within the community, including the redesign and reconstruction of 6th Street and the vastly improved Brown Avenue. Silsbee joined the City in 2022 after beginning her career in Hutchinson and then Olathe. She has a bachelor's degree from McPherson College and a Master's of Public Administration from Wichita State University. Congratulations, Michele!



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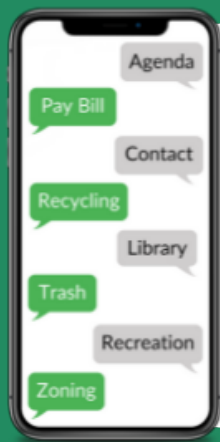
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