# City of Osawatomie

# Weekly Update



August 18, 2023



#### **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**



This weekend is forecasted to produce excessive heat. Check on vulnerable friends neighbors, such as the elderly, those with chronic illnesses, or families with very young children. Limit your time outdoors and drink plenty of water. The Miami County Sheriff's Office is opening a Cooling Center in their administrative building for anyone who needs a break from the heat.

Storm sewer work continues for the Brown Avenue reconstruction project and Main Street remains closed. Thank you for your continued patience as crews perform this critical work. Detour routes include 7th Street (which allows access to the Derek Jensen Overpass), Pacific Avenue, and 12th Street.

Side streets, intersections will open up as work concludes.



The Osawatomie Tourism Committee is looking forward to continuing the latest community block party tradition TOMOROW (August 19th. 2023). Saturdays events run from 5pm to 9pm in the 500 block of Main Street. Officers with Osawatomie Police Department will begin closing the road and assisting with vehicle removal beginning between 3pm and 4pm -- please make sure your car is moved ahead of the event!

Each Third Saturday event has plenty of games and activities for the whole family, including Nine-Square, Pickleball, bike obstacle courses, cornhole and more! Local emcees keep the party going with fun music and announcing raffle prizes.

FREE Admission - Family Friendly - Games - Food - Community

# NEWS AND REMINDERS

#### **EV STATIONS ON THE WAY**

In 2021, the City of Osawatomie was part of an eight-city group to be awarded a large Department of Energy grant through Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC). Working with MEC, City officials have been preparing for the development and installation of 12 EV charging stations throughout the community.

After months of preparation, the first dual-side charging stations are ready to make their debut! These stations, each equipped with two EV charging ports, are being installed in high-traffic areas of the community including in front of the developing Hub plaza, John Brown Museum State Historic Site, and in the public parking lot across from City Hall. Once fully online, the stations will be operated by ChargePoint, the largest EV charging network in the world.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**



# Get Involved! OZ COMMONS COMMUNITY HUB





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what's "the hub"



The second Listening Session for Oz Commons Phase II will be next week on Thursday August 31st from 5-8 PM at Memorial Hall. Join City staff to learn more about The Hub! This is a casual, one-on-one style forum for anyone with questions on our projects or who couldn't make our consultant sessions last month. Take the survey and provide your preference on the design of The Hub!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Osawatomie Police Department issues Calls for Service reports that track the type and number of services performed by officers. CLICK HERE to view the archive.

#### **COUNTYWIDE CLEANUP AVAIL NOW!**

Did you know that May 1st through October 31st is a countywide cleanup opportunity thanks to Miami County and Waste Management? During this time, Miami County residents are eligible to offload up to 4,000lbs for free at the Miami County Transfer Station. Certain limitations apply. See Miami County's website for more information!





### **FOLK-ART AND CHALK GALLERY JOINS FREEDOM FESTIVAL '23**

The Osawatomie Arts Commission is working with the Freedom Festival on a fun new activity this year -- a Folk-Art Painting and Sidewalk Chalk Gallery! Kids of all ages are welcome to claim a piece of sidewalk surrounding the John Brown Museum State Historic Site on Saturday, September 16th, from 10:30am to 12:30pm to create their own personal masterpieces. Chalk is provided and the activity is FREE! For \$5.00, adults and kids aged 10+ can paint a scene on wooden canvases (donated by Dale Bratton!). Paint and boards are provided! Finished folk-art pieces donated back to the Arts Commission will be displayed at a future event. For an extra \$5.00, painters can take their masterpieces home! Registration is required for space and supplies! Contact Phyllis at 913-755-4384 or psharp@osawatomieks.org for more information.

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