

# Weekly Update

August 25, 2023



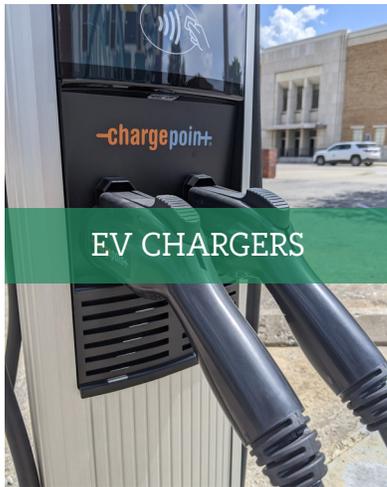
## ART IN THE PARK '23

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](mailto:psharp@osawatomieks.org) for more information.

[Download a registration form on our website!](#)

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



EV CHARGERS

Dual-side EV charging stations are popping up across the community as crews begin to break ground on Osawatomie: Charging Forward, our Dept. of Energy grant project. The City was part of an eight entity consortium that was awarded \$5.2 million toward EV initiatives and developments in rural communities. Stations are operated by ChargePoint, the world's largest EV charger operating platform.

Main Street between 7th and 12th Streets remains closed as crews continue work on storm sewer projects. The massive improvements to Brown Ave have required upgrades to Main Street's storm water facilities in order to handle increased water volume. Main Street from 12th to the east side of the 9th Street intersection will be reopened on Monday August 28th following the completed upgrade across 10th Street



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# NEWS AND REMINDERS

## 2024 BUDGET APPROVED

At its regular Thursday meeting, the City of Osawatomi City Council reviewed and voted to approve the proposed 2024 budget after a comprehensive presentation by City Manager Bret Glendening. In front of a crowd of almost a dozen interested residents, Glendening explained the ways Osawatomi has worked to reduce strain on the overall budget (such as contracting services like mowing or eliminating positions where possible) and where money is being more efficiently directed (such as reducing transfers from utility funds). Though the City approved a budget that exceeds the Revenue Neutral Rate, the overall City mill rate is decreased for 2024.

[For more information on the 2024 Budget, please visit us online](#) or stop into City Hall to speak with Mr. Glendening anytime.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



**September Calendar**

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

SEPT. 14TH, 2023  
SEPT. 28TH, 2023



## FREEDOM FESTIVAL COMING SOON

The annual Freedom Festival, part of the City of Osawatomi's Signature Event Series, heads back to John Brown Memorial Park on September 16th - 17th, 2023. This year's event includes fun for all ages and incredible, immersive experiences of frontier life. Admittance is FREE all weekend!

Interested in volunteering? Contact Grady Atwater at [gatwater@osawatomiaks.org](mailto:gatwater@osawatomiaks.org) or 913-755-4384!

# Get Involved!

## OZ COMMONS COMMUNITY HUB



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 Osawatomi Police Department issues Calls for Service reports that track the type and number of services performed by officers. CLICK HERE to view the archive.](#)

## SOLAR ARRAY - SAVE THE DATE!

We're breaking ground on the City of Osawatomi / Evergy solar array in the Northland on October 12th, 2023 at 5:00pm. City officials, Evergy representatives, and other special guests will give remarks before the golden shovel groundbreaking ceremony. More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

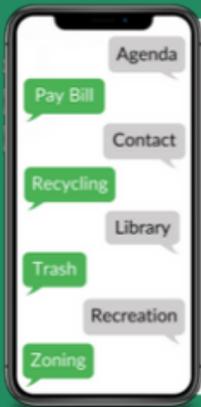
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