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6TH ST - GETTING READY

Thanks to warmer and drier weather so far this winter, City crews and contractors are working on water line replacements and relocations on the south end of 6th Street in preparation for the upcoming total reconstruction of the corridor slated to begin Spring 2024.

This reconstruction also comes with a significant redesign of pedestrian amenities (think better sidewalks and safer crossings) and accessibility upgrades including sidewalk ramps. Additional redesign features include the relocation of many overhead utility lines and installing decorative streetlights that match the black posts along Main Street.

More information on this upcoming project can be found on our website: osawatomieks.org/6th-street -- find additional details on funding, design, and construction! We'll be updating the project page with construction news and plans throughout 2024. Check back early and often for the latest on road closures, progress, and completion estimates.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Santa Claus' special North Pole Express Mail box will be available in front of City Hall until Friday, December 15th. All letters need to include a return address or the elves won't be able to get Santa's reply delivered! Santa and his elves will work to get all replies mailed out before Christmas.

Letters without a return address will not receive a reply.

Osawatomie Public Library is still selling tickets for the annual Holiday Homes Tour this Saturday, Dec. 9th, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. For just \$5, you'll get to experience the magic of Christmas at three beautifully decorated homes - and attendees will also be able to enter into a special raffle for a chance to **win this cozy Christmas crate.** Tickets are available at the Library or from any Library Board of Trustees member.



NEWS AND REMINDERS

ICYMI - CITY SELLS SHELTER

City of Osawatometie officials finalized the sale of the former municipal pound to local rescue group Always & Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary on November 28th, 2023. The sale, which totaled \$52,500, transferred the complete ownership and operation of the facility to Always & Furever and discontinued any affiliation with the City of Osawatometie. Certain clauses in the sale agreement dictate that the property may only be used as an animal shelter, and that the City retains first right of refusal to buy the property back should A&F wish to part with it in the future.

Always & Furever will continue to operate the facility, now known as "Always & Furever Osawatometie Shelter," to service animals in need in Miami County. People looking to adopt or foster, or who are looking for lost pets, should contact Always & Furever directly for more information.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

December Calendar

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

DECEMBER 14TH, 2023
DECEMBER 28TH, 2023





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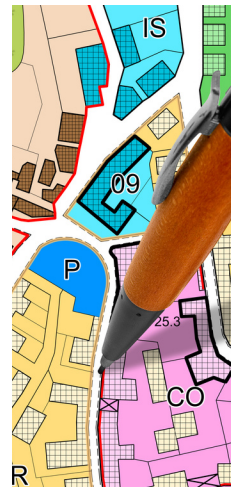
We use "TextMyGov" to send notifications to residents who have subscribed to any of our three alert categories. Categories include Emergency Alerts (like boil water advisories), General Alerts (like event notifications), and Road Alerts (for real-time updates on road construction and detours). All alerts are sent via text message -- no internet and no social media required! [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING 12/12

The City of Osawatometie's Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, beginning at 5:00pm. Part of this meeting includes a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of 1009 Pacific Avenue (the property commonly known as Old Swenson School). The meeting and hearing will take place at Memorial Hall (411 11th Street) and residents are encouraged to attend if they're interested in the future of the property or other planning and zoning activities in the City of Osawatometie.



"OZCOMMONS" FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - DECEMBER 14TH!

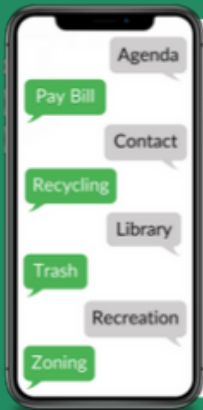


OZ COMMONS PHASE II FINAL REPORT

Attend next week's City Council meeting for the final report presentation on the Phase II project, including:

- ✓ Overview of the Plan
- ✓ Community Input
- ✓ Recommendations

Oz Commons Phase II is coming to a close! Thank you all for your continued involvement in the Oz Commons project. An overview of the project, community input, and recommendations will be presented by the project team to City Council at the next council meeting on December 14th at 6:30 pm in Memorial Hall (411 11th St). This project represents an exciting next step in our planning process for downtown Osawatometie creating a community Hub to celebrate, communicate, and get active.



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