# City of Osawatomie Weekly Update

February 16, 2024

#### **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**



All non-emergency City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2024, in observance o President's Day! Regular operations will resume Tuesday.

This closure does not impact Waste Management routes or services.

The John Brown Museum State Historic Site invites you to its spring Chautaugua at the Old Stone Church on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00pm. This free event features Jeanne Dagenet, an active volunteer of the Miami County Kansas Historical Museum and a citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, who will be presenting on the local Native American experience before, during and after the government-forced removals.



#### <u>6TH STREET CONSTRUCTION</u> STARTED FEB. 12, 2024

ICYMI: We've published a series of construction updates related to the full-depth reconstruction of 6th Street, including the first full street closure. Both lanes of traffic were closed from Kelly Avenue to the levee beginning on February 12th in order for contractors to install stormwater on both sides and make significant changes to the street design and elevation. Conditions permitting, this closure will last approximately one month and marks the official start of the "street and storm" portion of the reconstruction project.

Residents are welcome to attend our official ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 at 5:30pm. Join us at the intersection of 6th and Kelly to celebrate this critical community improvement!

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### NEWS AND REMINDERS

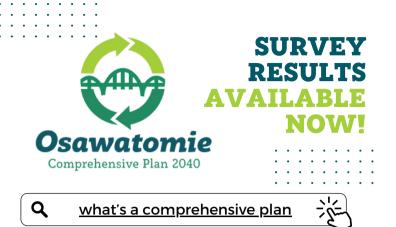
#### LIBRARY CELEBRATES NEW GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Osawatomie Public Library has been selected to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit from the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. This grant program is a collection of expertly vetted resources to help libraries teach financial education concepts for children ages 3 to 12, both in the library and in children's homes.

Kids will have the opportunity to learn about financial topics — like earning, saving, spending, sharing and budgeting — in a way that is both meaningful and fun! Starting this spring, visit the library for inperson kids' programs or take home a tablet loaded with fun and educational financial games.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**





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 --> <u>OsawatomieKS.org/2040</u>

### 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.

#### HELP AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES

"Looking for help starting up or growing your business? The Miami County E-Community program provides a wide range of opportunities such as business coaching, gap financing with flexible underwriting, technical assistance and training mini grants. E-Community programs are available to all of Miami County and the Johnson County portion of the City of Spring Hill."

(Courtesy Miami County Economic Development LEARN MORE HERE)

#### **2024 EVENT SEASON READY TO KICK OFF IN OSAWATOMIE**

As winter weather wanes, event season is ready to come full swing into focus for Osawatomie residents. Lights on the Lake is currently seeking a variety of activities and vendors for the annual fireworks festival at Osawatomie City Lake on Saturday, June 29th. Check out their Facebook page for the latest information on this great event! John Brown Jamboree is also preparing for another stellar year of community fun and is looking forward to ramping up the small-town-delights in June. And, of course, planning for the annual Freedom Festival is well underway and committee members are excited to debut a bigger, better, and more immersive historical festival this fall.



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