



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



The John Brown Museum State Historic Site debuted its annual visitor report this week and the numbers keep climbing! The Museum, which is co-managed by the State of Kansas Historical Society and the City of Osawatomie, boasted over 3,100 visitors in 2023 including 16 international visitors from 10 different countries. This was an increase of 960 visitors from 2022.

Public Works crews continue to monitor winter weather trends and are prepared to deploy a variety of street treatments. Crews have a variety of options depending on the temperature forecast and precipitation.

Some chemical treatments (such as salts) aren't effective at temperatures below a certain threshold and wetter weather (such as freezing rain) will wash away treatments if applied too early.



CHANGES TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION!

As the City of Osawatomie launches its first Comprehensive Plan in its history, the Planning and Zoning Commission is going to look different than in years previous. Beginning this month, the commission will expand to nine total members, with two member seats reserved for extraterritorial commissioners.

In other words, up to two (2) members may come from the unincorporated area around the city and within three miles of any of the city's established boundaries.

During the Comprehensive Plan process, the commission will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm inside Memorial Hall.

People interested in serving on the commission are encouraged to submit a completed Public Service Application to City Hall by January 26, 2024.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

6TH BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

At the January 11th, 2024, meeting of Osawatomie City Council, the governing body considered a proposed draft of a special business assistance program designed to support 6th Street businesses in Osawatomie during the upcoming total reconstruction of the corridor.

Suggested assistance included partial utility payment reimbursement for qualifying business, wayfinding signage to promote traffic flow during construction, and door prize or raffle incentives for customers. The program's administrators will include Osawatomie City staff, the Executive Director of the Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce, and Miami County's Director of Economic Development.

More information on the proposed program will be made available once the program has been finalized and approved through the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January Calendar

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

JANUARY 11TH, 2024
JANUARY 25TH, 2024



[what's a comprehensive plan](#)



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](#)



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.

ARTS COMMISSION FINISHES PLANNING

Members of the Osawatomie Arts Commission spent part of 2023 undergoing their first strategic planning exercises following the completion of their first year of projects. The Commission, made up of seven residents from across the community, formalized a five-year strategic plan at the group's January meeting. [The flexible document can be found on the City's website.](#)



CONTINUING WINTER WEATHER IMPACTS WATER SERVICE

City of Osawatomie Utilities crews have taken the bulk water machine, located by the Public Works facility at 8th and Lincoln, offline due to ongoing complications from winter weather. The prolonged sub-zero temperatures have wreaked havoc on a number of residences and facilities throughout the community, including frozen water lines and split pipes.

Utilities technicians are working to bring the water machine back online as quickly as possible. A notice will be issued once it is operational.





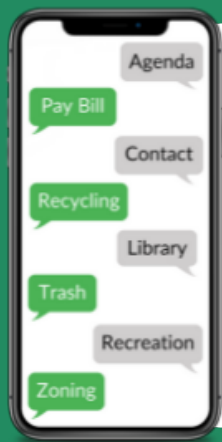
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