

City of Osawatomie

Weekly Update

January 26, 2024



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



The City of Osawatomie's official Planning and Zoning Commission has vacancies! The appointed commission is expanding to nine total members, with two member seats being eligible for extraterritorial commissioners. People interested in serving on the commission are encouraged to [submit a completed Public Service Application to City Hall](#) by January 28, 2024 (SUNDAY!).

The final recommendations from Phase II of our multi-year downtown planning project (known as Oz Commons) are now [available for download on our website!](#) These proposals include analyzed results from the 2023 resident engagement opportunities and build off the recommendations compiled in 2021 during Phase I planning. Data in the recommendations help City staff apply for grants and other funding for years to come!



OSAWATOMIE PUBLIC LIBRARY GEARS UP FOR '24

Staff at the Osawatomie Public Library is gearing up for another great year of activities for patrons of all ages. Here's a sample of what's on the calendar for this season!

Assistant Director Amanda Murphy hosts a fun and educational Story Time every Friday at 9:30am and 1:30pm, perfect for preschool-age kids and their caregivers.

Beginning February 1st, our librarians will be debuting a sweet(heart) of a fundraiser: Blind Date with a Book! Pick up a wrapped book for just \$5 and help support the expansion of the Library's large-print collection, which is one of the fastest growing collections and trends in libraries today.

Looking to bulk up your home bookshelves? Librarians frequently put weeded materials (such as slow-moving or duplicate copies) onto a free bookshelf in the Library lobby. If something catches your eye, you are welcome to take it home!

NEWS AND REMINDERS

6TH BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPROVED

At the January 15th, 2024, meeting of Osawatomie City Council, the governing body approved a special business assistance program designed to support 6th Street businesses in Osawatomie during the upcoming total reconstruction of the corridor. Available assistance includes 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 next week, and a letter will be mailed to eligible businesses.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February Calendar

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

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2024
FEBRUARY 22ND, 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 --> \[OsawatomieKS.org/2040\]\(https://osawatomieks.org/2040\)](#)



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.](#)

CHAMBER PLANS LEGISLATIVE EVENT

The Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Legislative Breakfast at 7:00am on Saturday, February 11th, 2024. This year's event features Senators Molly Baumgardner, and Caryn Tyson and Representatives Samantha Poetter and Carrie Barth. A free buffet style hot breakfast is included for all members of the public. There is no cost to attend this event.

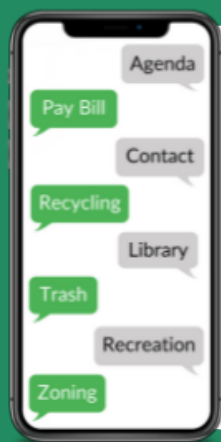


MIAMI COUNTY "BUSINESS BASICS" CLASSES COMING SPRING

Miami County's E-Community group has partnered with America's Small Business Development Center, Johnson County Community College, and the K-State Research and Extension Office to provide two opportunities for local businesses to enroll in "Business Basics in a Day" workshops. Each session will focus on feasibility, building basic business plans, evaluating legal structures, forming financial projections, and reviewing other essential functions like marketing and bookkeeping. Two dates are available: [Saturday, March 23rd](#) and [Friday May 3rd](#). Registration is \$75 and runs from 8:00am to 4:00pm with lunch provided.

The flyer for the "Business Basics in a Day" workshop features logos for America's SBDC, Johnson County Community College, and K-State Research and Extension. It lists the workshop title, a brief description, a list of topics to be covered (determining feasibility, creating a business plan, evaluating legal structures, forming financial projections, and reviewing marketing/bookkeeping), the date and time (Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), the cost (\$75*), and a registration link (<https://bit.ly/BBM23>). It also includes a "Register Now" button and a note about a registration rebate for residents and businesses located within Miami County.

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