

City of Osawatomie

Weekly Update

March 29, 2024



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



The Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce is hosting the community's annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 1:00pm at the Karl E Cole Sports Complex.

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun!

Osawatomie City Council has been addressing maintenance and replacement items at recent City Council meetings. Some considerations include finding a replacement fire truck for OzFD, repairing a bucket truck for our Electric Dept., sourcing new servers for City Hall and the Police Dept., and more. Regular maintenance and replacement of City infrastructure includes facility upkeep and tools or vehicles to keep workers safe.



CHARGING FORWARD

As part of the 2023 Electric Report, compiled by and provided to Osawatomie City Council by Utilities Director Terry Upshaw, Osawatomie's 12 Level-2 EV charging stations have been utilized over 60 times since the first station came online in August 2023. Data collected by the stations, which are operated by ChargePoint, show frequent visitors from Paola and Johnson County, and many more from across the country. Osawatomie has the only publicly accessible charging stations in Miami County and our 12 stations account for over 2% of the available chargers in the State of Kansas.

EV users are charged per kilowatt hour they are plugged in, and an additional cost is incurred for "idle charging," or remaining plugged in once charging is completed.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

SEEKING PUBLIC APPLICANTS

The Osawatomie Public Library is seeking applicants for the Board of Trustees due to a term expiration coming up in April. If you're passionate about community, literacy, and public services or programming, we're looking for YOU! Board members work with the Library Director to help set Library policy, review financials, engage in strategic planning for the Library's short- and long-term goals, and much more. Members also provide critical support for fundraisers (like the annual Pancake Feed and Holiday Homes Tour) and other large programming events throughout the year.

- You must reside within Osawatomie city limits in order to be eligible for appointment to this board.
- The Osawatomie Public Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:00pm.

Download a public service application and return it to info@osawatomieks.org or drop it by City Hall. [CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April Calendar

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

APRIL 11, 2024

APRIL 25, 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](#)

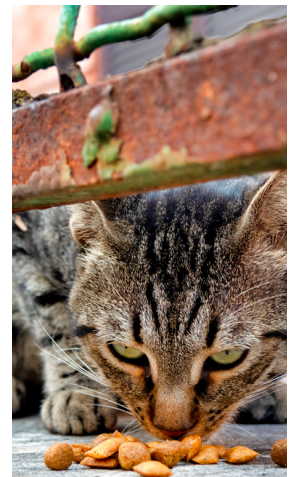


DID YOU KNOW?

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.

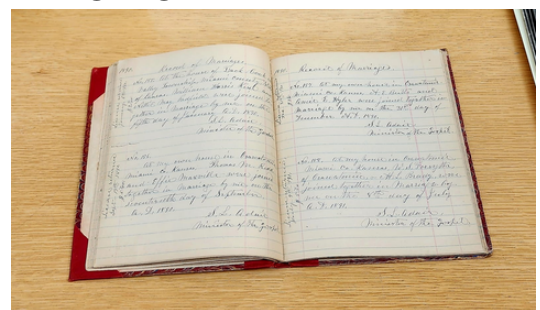
TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE PROGRAM

Osawatomie City Council is working to develop a service agreement with local animal rescue For Kids For Kritters that would allow FKFK to conduct a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program inside city neighborhoods. This proposed program would be of no cost to the City or its residents and would instead rely on donations and volunteers. TNR programs aim to reduce the exponential population growth of stray or feral cat colonies in residential areas.



JOHN BROWN MUSEUM STAFFERS HEAD TO TOPEKA

Staff members from the John Brown Museum State Historic Site were invited to spend time in Topeka this week as part of recurring "Site Administrator" training days with the Kansas Historical Society. Grady Atwater and Phyllis Sharp enjoyed visiting the Kansas History Museum and Kansas State Archives, where they were pleased to see artifacts from Osawatomie, including Reverend Samuel Adair's "wedding book" wherein he recorded details about each wedding he officiated between 1855-1861 in the Osawatomie area.





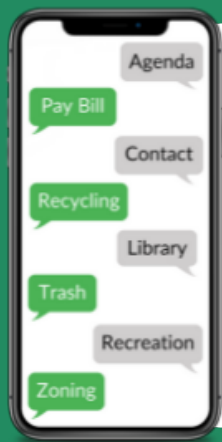
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Ready for a Career?

Check back often for new listings across our many departments. We frequently are seeking full-time, part-time, seasonal and temporary staff to help Osawatomie grow.

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