City of Osawatomie

Weekly Update



November 17, 2023



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Osawatomie Public Library's Children's Department will be temporarily closed beginning Monday, November 20th while much needed flooring renovations are completed. Some children and youth materials will be available in the Adult Department while renovations take place please see a library clerk for any additional assistance! Thank you for your patience. We can't wait to reopen soon!

Sixth Street is scheduled for full reconstruction in the next cycle of Paving the Way. After nearly two years of survey and City design, officials excited to break ground on the single largest improvement project in the community's history. A special 6th Street project portal debuted on our website this week and contains details on design, funding sources, and construction moving forward.



The 2023 Miracle on Main Street holiday event is coming to downtown Osawatomie on Saturday, November 25th! This all-day holly jolly holiday festival is the perfect opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit, pick up some locally made gifts for friends and family, and enjoy the season. Highlights of the day include:

- Vendor Fair
- Pictures with Santa
- Christmas Recital w/ Paola School of Dance
- Holiday Music with the Band of Oz
- Kids' Crafts with Osawatomie Public Library and Faith Community Church
- Lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree
- ... and more!

A complete list of activities can be found on our website, including instructions for entering the annual raffle.

Miracle on Main Street is co-hosted by the Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

CITY ADDS EV NEW TRUCK TO UTILITIES FLEET

City officials are excited to announce the arrival of the first of two electric trucks to the city fleet. These trucks, 2023 Ford F-150 Lightnings, were acquired as part of the City's federal grant award from 2021. That grant, (a \$5.2 million award through Midwest Energy Center and the federal Department of Energy's Low Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Vehicle Technologies Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment program) was shared among an eight-member consortium interested in electric vehicle (EV) and charging station projects.

In addition to installing public-access EV charging stations in their communities, the eight awardees are replacing select small and/or heavy trucks in their fleets with electric models.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS





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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.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY REMINDERS

All non-emergency City of Osawatomie offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2023, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours and operation resume Monday, November 27th, 2023. Have a great holiday weekend!

<u>Trash service will be delayed</u> <u>by one day. Collection will be</u> <u>Friday, November 25th.</u>



"OZCOMMONS" FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS RESCHEDULED



✓ Overview of the Plan

✓ Community Input
✓ Recommendations

The final presentation for Phase II of Oz Commons has been rescheduled. Recommendations will be presented at the December 14th, 2023, meeting of City Council! The team will share an overview of the report and recommendations formed from community input, research, and their expertise. This project is a critical step in turning our vision from Phase I into a reality, continuing to enhance the bicycle and pedestrian network, and building off the unique community character in Osawatomie!





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