

City of Osawatomie

Weekly Update

October 13, 2023



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Isn't he fantastic? This friendly giant is located downtown in our new communal gathering space at 530 Main Street. Designed and executed by KC-based artist Alex Eickhoff (Eye Cough Art), this enormous mural is the latest project from the Osawatomie Arts Commission. Funded by the Allen W. and Gladys Hawkins Foundation, the mural will be officially dedicated on October 21st!

The TALKING TOMBSTONES program is back in 2023! Perfect for students or adults, this program helps you research, write, and perform first-person narratives of some of our earliest residents inside historic Oakwood Cemetery on the northern edge of town during the spookiest season!

Interested? Contact Grady Atwater or Dr. Morgan Menefee: gatwater@osawatomieks.org or mmenefee@osawatomieks.org.



AN ELECTRIC CELEBRATION

On October 12th, 2023, the City of Osawatomie and Evergy Energy Partners officially broke ground on the city of Osawatomie's community solar array! This once-in-a-generation development is located in the Northland area of Osawatomie (NW 335th Street and Osawatomie Road). Osawatomie and Evergy officials delivered remarks ahead of the groundbreaking ceremony, with each thanking the numerous partners and collaborators involved in the project, including the Osawatomie State Hospital. OSH will become the first net-zero energy hospital in the state once the array electrifies in 2024.

Members of the public and other area partners joined in the celebration and made it one of the largest groundbreakings ever hosted by Evergy Energy Partners!

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NEWS AND REMINDERS

BROWN AVE CONTINUES

The City of Osawatomie's "Paving the Way" rehabilitation project on Brown Avenue is entering the next phase and a temporary (three day) closure of the 7th Street and Brown Avenue intersection was required beginning Wednesday, October 11th. The intersection is being prepared for replacement as part of the overall Brown Avenue rehabilitation project and crews have removed the old road surface and replaced the rock base.

In addition, removal of the old surface on Brown Ave in preparation for new subgrade will create dramatic changes to roadway height from one section to the next. Traffic is **HIGHLY** discouraged! Please continue to treat Brown Avenue as fully closed unless you have critical business. If driving on Brown is unavoidable, use extreme caution and very slow speeds.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October Calendar

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

OCTOBER 12TH, 2023
OCTOBER 26TH, 2023



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We use "TextMyGov" to send text message notifications to residents who have subscribed to any of our three alert categories. This week, a boil water advisory was issued by Kansas Dept of Health and Environment and subscribed residents received notice of the advisory *and* notice of the advisory being lifted via text message in real-time -- no internet and no social media required! [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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.](#)

2023 BORDER WAR BBQ CANCELLED

The committee behind the annual Border War BBQ competition, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, has announced the unfortunate cancellation of the 2023 event. The event requires a minimum of 25 teams in order to be sanctioned by KCBS and had only received 15 confirmed registrants by the deadline. Organizers hope to see a triumphant return in 2024.

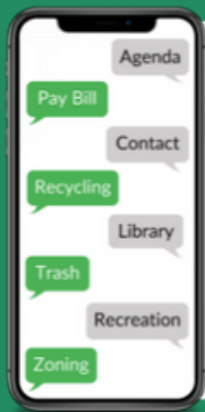


CITY WIDE CLEANUP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2023



The City of Osawatomie and solid-waste partner Waste Management are preparing for the fall community-wide cleanup event. This **curbside** collection event is scheduled for October 14 and will be **limited to five bulky or irregular items**. [A flyer featuring permissible item types and other information is available on our website](#) or on our social media. Brown Avenue and Main Street residents impacted by road construction may get special instructions if road work will impede collection crews.

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