## City of Osawatomie

# Weekly Update



September 22, 2023



#### **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**



City of Osawatomie Public Works staff members worked with the Osawatomie State Hospital's "Little Farm on the Hill" to select and plant over two dozen fall mums across the community, including in the Main Street planters and at John Brown Museum State Historic Site. Little Farm on the Hill also provided the spring/summer plants for the City. We love supporting local!

Public Works Director Michele Silsbee gave an extended update on the Brown Avenue reconstruction project during the September 14th meeting of City Council. During her presentation, Silsbee spoke at length on storm sewer improvements in the area and the impact of the Brown Ave project on Main Street.

# VISIT US ONLINE TO SEE THE UPDATE IN FULL!



### COMMEMORATING THE POTAWATOMI TRAIL OF DEATH

The City of Osawatomie and the Office of Congresswoman Sharice Davids are honored to be hosting a commemorative caravan of members from the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association and Citizen Potawatomie Nation on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023.

The caravan gathers every five years to retrace the Potawatomi Trail of Death, which marks the path the Potawatomi people were forced to march in the fall of 1838. Hundreds of Potawatomi people traveled on foot from Twin Lakes, Indiana, to current-day Osawatomie and Mound City.

After a private lunch, the caravan will travel to Sugar Creek Mission near Mound City for a final commemorative mass.

# NEWS AND REMINDERS

### **EV STATIONS ARE ONLINE**

In 2021, the City of Osawatomie was part of an eight-city group to be awarded a large Department of Energy grant through Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC). Working with MEC, City officials have been preparing for the development and installation of 12 EV charging stations throughout the community. After months of preparation, the charging stations are installed and fully operational! These stations, each equipped with two EV charging ports for a total of 24 chargers available, are located in hightraffic areas of the community including downtown, near the John Brown Museum State Historic Site, at Osawatomie High School, the Mile Zero Trailhead, and more! The stations are operated by ChargePoint, the largest EV charging network in the world.

TO SEE A MAP OF THE LOCATIONS, VISIT CHARGEPOINT'S WEBSITE.

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**



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### what's "the hub"



The second phase of the City of Osawatomie's downtown planning project is winding down, and the survey will be closing soon! If you haven't given your feedback on design preferences for our downtown plaza (known as "The Hub"), you have until September 29th! <u>Visit our website to get more information on the project or to take the survey.</u>

### **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 COMING SOON!**

The annual <u>Border War BBQ</u> contest is already heating up for 2023 -- teams are getting registered and the prize pot is full to the brim with over \$10,000 available! Registration is limited and the event will be here before we know it.

Ready to compete? Register your team today: <a href="https://www.borderwarbbq.co">https://www.borderwarbbq.co</a> m/2023-registration-form/



### **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. More details will be released as the event gets closer, including flyers featuring permissible item types and other information. 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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