



Lem Sheppard

Thanks to a partnership with Humanities Kansas, Osawatomie Public Library will host Lem Sheppard on Thursday, September 15th at 6pm at John Brown Museum State Historic Site. Sheppard, who is an internationally known blues musician, vocalist and historian, will be presenting his discussion on "African American Musicians in Kansas 1860-1920." This FREE event explores the dynamic musical history of African Americans, and the social and cultural impacts in Kansas.

Freedom Festival

Osawatomie's annual fall celebration of our historic beginnings is coming soon to John Brown Memorial Park! Next Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, 2022, history comes alive once again. Civil War era reenactors and battle scenes, frontier artisans, artillery and weapons displays, and more. The park will be filled with fun and FREE activities for the whole family!



Featured Guest

Jim Peters, University of Kansas Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Director Emeritus, will be presenting a discussion on the Underground Railroad as part of a special appearance at the 2022 Freedom Festival. Peters will be speaking live on Saturday, September 17th, at 1:00pm inside John Brown Memorial Park.



Memorial Hall Facelift

Beginning on September 12th, 2022, Memorial Hall (411 11th Street) will be under construction and a new roof will be installed. New reservations in the facility will be paused until the roof replacement is complete and the site reopened to the general public. People with existing reservations through the month of September have already been contacted and shouldn't be impacted by the work being performed. Funding for this critical project was provided by the Hawkins Foundation.

We're looking forward to more repairs and renovations in and around the historic structure in Spring 2023.

Coming Soon: Mill and Overlay Street Repair



Humanities Kansas and the Osawatومية Public Library

"Flanked by the Pottawatomie Creek and the Marais des Cygnes River, Osawatومية has experienced repeated flooding in its 170-year history. The Osawatومية Public Library's history lab is collecting residents' stories of past floods, the aftermath, and community perseverance for future generations with the support of an HK Culture Preservation grant. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3AEaxZ7> #MovementOfIdeas"

from Humanities Kansas



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Mike Scanlon is back with another edition of his regular City Manager Report series. Take a few minutes and learn about some of the latest happenings in Osawatومية, and don't forget to check out the archive of past videos on our official channel.

Did You Know?

Henry Ossawa Tanner, internationally acclaimed painter, was the first African-American artist to be featured in the White House and was named after Osawatومية.

Beginning Wednesday September 14th, 2022, a series of resurfacing (mill and overlay) projects will begin across the community including:

- 12th Street from Pacific to South Street
- 7th Street from the Overpass to Main Street
- Slayman Heights
- 11th Street from Main Street to (approximately) the Ozone/Aquatics Center

The contract for this mill and overlay phase of the 2022 Paving the Way plan was awarded to McAnany Construction in the amount of \$217,988.75.

Work is expected to begin Wednesday and last for a maximum of 20 working days depending on weather or other unforeseen delays. For updates, please visit our website or call our Public Works Department.





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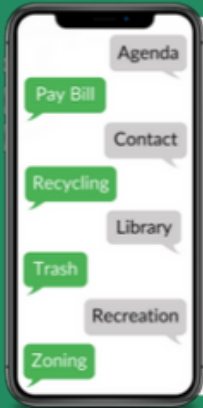
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