

OSAKIS INSIDER



Osakis City Office

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for updates on city announcements, notices and information

City Council Meetings /2nd Monday of the Month / 7:00 pm

Economic Development Authority Meetings /4th Monday of the Month / 4:00 pm

Planning & Zoning Meetings /3rd Thursday of the Month / 7:00 pm



LAWN MAINTENANCE

It is the primary responsibility of any owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land to maintain any grass growing thereon at a height of not more than 6 inches. If any owner or occupant fails to assume this responsibility and after notice given by the city has not, within 7 days of the notice complied, the city may cause the work to be done and the expense thus incurred shall be a lien upon the real estate.
(Ord #90.39)

DO NOT BLOW GRASS CLIPPINGS ON TO THE STREET!!



This will cause damage to the storm sewer system and is dangerous for motorcycles



LOOKING FOR A REWARDING SUMMER JOB?

The City of Osakis is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2024 summer swimming season at the public beach. Flexible hours & a friendly working environment.

Wages are from \$14.00-\$16.00/hr depending on experience. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or found on the City website at www.cityofosakis.com under resources/forms & applications

APPLY SOON!

The city will pay for training. For a full job description, stop by City Hall, 14 Nokomis St E, Osakis.

NEED HELP WITH SPRING YARD CLEAN UP??



If you are elderly or physically handicapped and need help with your spring yard clean up and live within the city limits of Osakis, Please contact Amber Kral at (320-808-9107)

The Beautification Team is doing this as a fund raiser.

2024 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY & HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK-UP

SATURDAY MAY 11TH, 9-11:00 AM - Osakis Liquor Store Parking Lot

Accepted items by West Central Sanitation

- Appliances \$20.00 Electronics (TV - \$25.00/ over 27" - \$35.00)
- Computer/DVD/VCR \$15.00
- Microwave \$15.00 Mattress/box spring \$15.00
- Couches/Recliners \$20.00
- Tires (Car \$15.00 Truck \$20.00 Rims \$15.00)

Accepted items by Pope Douglas Solid Waste

FREE OF CHARGE

- Paints, auto chemicals, adhesives, cleaners, sealers, aerosols, poisons, garden chemicals, mothballs, fuels, mercury items, fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries & more!!

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP THE CITY OF OSAKIS

PROCEEDS GO TO THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY!!!!

If you are physically challenged AND are a resident of the City of Osakis and are unable to deliver items, please call the City Office at 895-2150 a week before the event to make arrangements.



2024 Minnesota Housing City Participation Program

The City of Osakis is excited to partner with Minnesota Housing to make homeownership affordable to more people in Osakis!

Check out the City of Osakis website at www.cityofosakis.com to check out all the different housing programs available. Affordable Homebuyer Loan programs, Downpayment & Closing Cost loans, Make Energy Efficiency Upgrades Affordable with Fix up program, Improve Your Home with Fix Up program. Also, check out the Start Smart with Homebuyer Education. Or visit: www.mnhousing.gov



Find your home.

LEARN MORE:
800.657.3769
mnhousing.gov

Minnesota Housing is not a creditor and does not originate loans.



Housing Grant Funds

This is available to qualified citizens of Osakis who live in the portion of town in Douglas County to rehabilitate existing homes that need exterior remodel/improvements, demolition or acquisition or even to help build a **BRAND-NEW** Home.

GRANT MATCHING PROJECT MAXIMUMS
\$5,000 TOWARDS TEAR DOWN ON A LOT
\$10,000 TOWARDS REMODELING COSTS
\$25,000 TO BUILD A NEW HOME IN OSAKIS
INCOME LIMITS FOR 2024 (Effective April 1, 2024)

Family Size **1 & 2**

Household income to qualify: **\$111,800**

Family size **3 or more**

Household income to qualify: **\$128,570**

For more information or an application stop at City Hall at 14 Nokomis St. East, Osakis. Or fill out an application on-line at www.cityofosakis.com.

(Then click Economic Development then Incentive programs and Grants then scroll down to Community Housing Program)



The City of Osakis encourages residents of Osakis in Douglas County to participate.

COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSISTANCE






Habitat homes are a hand-up not a hand out. Habitat homebuyers help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. People partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their family. To apply or see the criteria visit their website at: www.hfhdouglascounty.org


The City of Osakis and the Osakis Economic Development Authority will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Osakis. Please contact Denise, Douglas County Homeowner Services Coordinator with Habitat for Humanity with any questions at 320-762-4255.

Water Saving Tips at Home


Kitchen

- Soak pots and pans before cleaning instead of letting water run over them. 
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water instead of running water. The water collected can be used to water house plants. 
- Thaw food in the refrigerator instead of running water for food safety and water efficiency. 




Laundry

- The water level should match the size of the load. 
- Have full loads when doing laundry.

Bathroom

- Having showers that are shortened by 1 or 2 minutes will save up to 150 gallons per month. 
- A leaky faucet can waste up to 5 gallons of water per day. Be sure to fix those leaks! 
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth to save up to 4 gallons a minute. That is up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four. 
- A dual-flush toilet can help conserve water. It has two flush options: a half-flush for liquid waste and a full-flush for solid waste. 
- Install water-saving aerators on all faucets. 

General and Outdoor

- Leave low branches on trees and shrubs to allow leaf litter to accumulate on the soil. The soil will be cooler and there will be less evaporation. 
- Use nutrient rich waters collected from your fish tanks to water non-edible plants. 
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways and save water. 

WHERE SHOULD YOUR SUMP PUMP OR ROOF DRAIN WATER GO????

Can water from a sump pump or roof drains go into the sanitary sewer?
The simple answer is NO!!!!!! In the City of Osakis, it is illegal to connect your sump pump or roof drains to the sanitary sewer system (*Ordinance #52.02*)



During a big storm event, if homes and businesses are sending stormwater into the sanitary sewer system, the piping and treatment facility can be overloaded possibly causing sewer backups into people's homes and causing thousands of dollars to be spent on sewer system repairs.

HOW TO PROPERLY DISCHARGE A SUMP PUMP: There are two acceptable methods for discharging a sump pump.

- 1). You can have the discharge pipe empty onto your property at least 10 feet from the home. With this approach, make sure the ground slopes away from the foundation and the pipe stays clear of debris or animals. The longer the pipe the less likely the water will infiltrate through the soil and end up back into the sump pit again.
- 2). The second option is connecting the sump pump to the storm drain, which is separate from the sanitary sewer system. This approach usually requires professional installation and may require approval from the city, but completely removes the water from your property. Contact the city if you are unsure if you have a sump pump connection at your curb.

EPA
 CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water

- Copper Pipes with Lead Solder:** Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.
- Galvanized Pipes:** Lead particles can attach to the surface of galvanized pipes. Over time, the particles can enter your drinking water, causing elevated lead levels.
- Lead Service Lines:** The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.
- Lead Cross-Links:** Cross-links and joints in water pipes that connect the lead service line to the main.
- Faucets/Fixtures:** Inside your home may contain lead.

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets and fixtures. In homes with lead pipes, that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead service lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water.

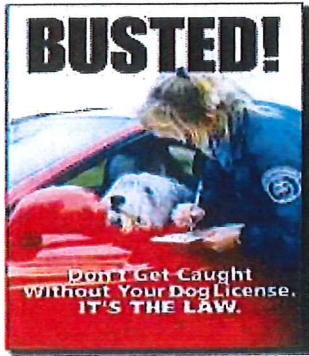
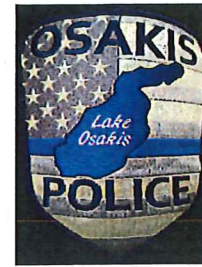
Lead pipes are most likely to be found in older cities and Homes built before 1986.

The City of Osakis will be doing a lead pipe inventory the summer of 2024

OSAKIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

If you have any information that can help solve crimes, please contact the Osakis Police Dept at 320-859-1204 or discreetly on the Osakis Police Department Facebook page via Messenger or via email at:

osakispd@midwestinfo.net



DOG LICENSE & ORDINANCE

All dogs are required to be licensed annually by **May 1ST** (*Ordinance 93.21*) and must have current rabies vaccination on file with the city. License fees are: Male \$15.00 Female Spayed \$15.00 Non-Spayed \$20.00 Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs from running at large & barking habitually day or night. (*Ordinance #93.20 & 93.22*) If violated, there is **\$100.00** fine for no dog tag or if the dog is running at large.

NO VACCINATION CLINIC

There will **NOT** be a vaccination clinic this year. Come to City Hall to purchase your dog license prior to May 1st.

Please bring with you, a current rabies vaccination notice from a veterinarian.



CITY OF OSAKIS ORDINANCES & RULES

BUILDING MAINTENANCE & APPEARANCE: It is the intention of the Osakis Police Dept to maintain the appearance of the City of Osakis for all the residents to enjoy. After the City-Wide Cleanup Day, the properties that remain in violation of *Ordinance #90.21* will be reviewed and subject to a citation. (see enclosed **Community Housing Assistance Grant Program for information**)

INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES: Motor vehicles that are not in running order or are not legally licensed are considered an inoperable motor vehicle according to the city ordinance. Violators will be prosecuted (*Ordinance #90.20*)

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PERMITS: Permits are issued by the Osakis Police Department.

- One time permit fee of \$20.00
- A copy of your insurance policy will be required.

Recreational vehicles can be driven on designated streets by permit only (*Ordinance #73.12*)

NUISANCE PARKING & STORAGE: The outside parking & storage on residentially-zoned property of a large number of vehicles, materials, supplies or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes is in violation. (*Ordinance #90.19*).

- Obstructs views on streets & private property
- Decreases adjoining landowners' and occupant's enjoyment of their property
- Creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas
- Prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking

OSAKIS ZONING ORDINANCE: All Zoning Ordinances must be followed. Once a zoning violation has been reported, it will be investigated and if found to be a valid violation, a letter will be sent out. If the violation has not be rectified a citation may be issued. (*Chapter 153 of the Osakis Ordinances*)

CAMPFIRES: Over 3 ft x 3 ft needs to have a fire permit issued by the local Fire Warden.



UPCOMING **Mark Your Calendars** **EVENTS**



- April 26th - Free Magician Show at the school - (Contact the School 859-2191)
- May 5TH - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at Community Center (For information call 320-859-2150)
- May 11th - City Wide Clean-up Day
(For information check out our website at www.cityofosakis.com or Facebook)
- May 14th - Community Day at school (Contact Amber Kral for information 320-808-9107)
- May 19TH - Bike Rodeo (Contact the Osakis Police Dept for information 320-859-2550)
- June 19-23 Osakis Festival (Contact Tonya Danielson for information 320-247-2339)
- July 4th - Fireworks Display (at dusk)
- July 13th - Car Show (Contact Wes Smith for information 320-859-6060)
- July 13th - City Wide Garage Sale
- August 9th - Community Night Out (Contact the Osakis Police Dept for information 320-859-2550)
- October 9th - Fire Prevention Open House (Contact City Hall for information 320-859-2150)



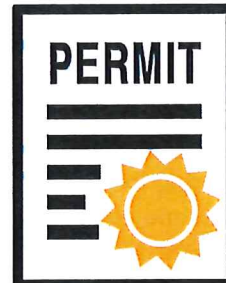
OSAKIS FIRST RESPONDERS

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!!!

The First Responders are looking for volunteers. If you are wanting to help people and be an important part of our community, we would like for you to join our team. Training will be provided. Please contact Osakis City Hall for more information at 859-2150

BUILDING PERMIT

Building & Zoning permits are **REQUIRED** in the City of Osakis. Please contact city hall for information regarding our zoning ordinances, site plans, forms and permits. This information may also be found on our city website at www.cityofosakis.com.



No construction may begin without first securing a building permit from the city. If a permit is not received prior to starting the project, the permit fee will double and \$1,000.00 fine may be charged. It is always a good idea to check with City Hall prior to any work to make sure a permit is not required.

This includes approval of the building permit and payment to the city.



COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stephanie Finnegan, Tim Thornbloom, Laura Backes, Mayor Dan Wessel, Alan Larson



Mayor Dan Wessel: We have many new and exciting things coming our way for the summer. With the water tower being painted, plans for upgrade and our public park system, new housing construction, and road repairs. The community center is getting a face lift. Plans are under way for the city-wide clean-up day, May 11th from 9-11 at the municipal liquor store parking lot. This will be the time for all residents, within the city limits ONLY, to get rid of all the unwanted debris that's cluttering their property. Along with the hazardous waste. It is an exciting time in the city of Osakis, the council and city staff are working hard to make the summer of 2024 outstanding. Osakis is on the move and we will do all we can from the city side of things "To Make a Positive Impact in our Community Where We Live and Work".

Councilmember Laura Backes: I am lucky enough to work with many great organizations thru my city council position. We have an amazing fire department, make sure to mark your calendars for May 5th, they have their Pancake Breakfast - be sure to attend. Our 1st Responders are looking for some new recruits - reach out to city hall or myself and we will get you connected to the right person. The Osakis Chamber is busy all year long working on many community events - Taste of Osakis committee are currently being formed and you don't have to be a business owner to be involved. As you can see volunteers are a huge part of our community, if you have some time and talents to offer, please find an organization. *Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart!*

Councilmember Stephanie Finnegan: Happy Spring from the Planning & Zoning Committee! We have been enjoying this beautiful weather and itching to get outside. As you start your "Hunny Do List" make sure to check out the city's website for any permits you may need or programs that could assist you with your renovations. Solar has been a topic that has come across our table lately and we are still looking into options that will best suit the needs of our community. Please reach out to the city if you have any questions at 859-2150 or join us at one of our meetings which are held every month on the 3rd Thursday. Thank you for making our community the best it can be.

Councilmember Tim Thornbloom: A very mild winter with little to no snow meant the city boys had more time to work on other things rather than spending their days plowing snow!! Lots of things to look forward to this spring. The new fishing pier will be going in down at the beach, the water tower project is set to start sometime in April (weather permitting). Also, the water treatment plant project will be underway. Don't forget about the daily 2-4-1's down at the Osakis Municipal Liquor Store. Along with that they have a great selection of off sale, with newly set liquor shelves for your convenience. Patio season is right around the corner, so stock up!!

Councilmember Alan Larson: The Community Center kitchen is currently going through a renovation and hopefully it will be completed by the 2nd week of April. The Senior Club has been moved to the former Catholic School kitchen until renovation is done. I would like to thank the Catholic Church for allowing the Osakis Senior Club to utilize the kitchen. I would also like to inform the residents of Osakis that a Master Park Plan has been adopted by the City Council and a new Park and Recreation Commission has been established. The Park and Recreation Commission members are: Justin Dahlheimer, Al Neumann, Sharon Fredrickson, Amber Kral, Ryan Peterson and myself Alan Larson. The commission is eager to start work on Park Osagi. Currently a grant is being sought after to start moving the park plans forward.

"TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK"

Check out the city website at www.cityofosakis.com for information on everything from the City Council, EDA Minutes, construction, demolition permits, housing grants, upcoming events and much more.





April 2024 - March 2025

Every-Other-Week

Commingled Recycling

Guidelines

Your recycling is single sort; you can place all items together in your container. They do not need to be sorted. Recycling cart may include the items listed below. Please set your cart out by 6:30 a.m. on collection day following these placement guidelines:

**** Wheels should point toward your house, away from the street. Cart should be 1 foot from curb, not the street. Cart should be 3 feet from any other obstructions such as mailboxes, trees, poles, etc. No bungee cords on the lid. IF IN DOUBT, NOTICE THE CART'S POSITION AFTER SERVICE AND PLACE IT THE SAME WAY EACH WEEK.**

ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS – Includes small scrap pieces of clean aluminum. Labels may remain on cans.

GLASS – Please rinse. All colors of glass are accepted. Labels may remain on glass. **NO BROKEN GLASS!**

PLASTIC– Please rinse. Labels may remain on containers. Items with #1, #2 and #5 in the recycling triangles are acceptable.

PAPER PRODUCTS/PAPERBOARD –

This includes newspaper, ad inserts, magazines, catalogs, mixed residential mail and paperboard. (Paperboard includes items such as cereal, snack and tissue boxes as well as paper grocery bags.)

CARDBOARD– Can accept small amounts of cardboard. No pizza boxes. Please break down cardboard to prevent it from getting stuck in your container.

Please discard items not recyclable as trash.

**** These items are not recyclable! ****

Styrofoam containers, waxed or food contaminated paper, drinking glasses, windowpanes, light bulbs, broken glass, paper towels and aerosol cans.

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**WEST CENTRAL
SANITATION
1-800-246-7630**



OPTIONS ARE GOOD!!!!

YOU HAVE OPTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL WITH THE CITY OF OSAKIS

- 1ST OPTION** – Pay with check or cash. Either mail, drop off during business hours or put in the after-hours drop box
- 2ND OPTION** – Pay on line at www.cityofosakis.com (no extra fee to pay this way)
- 3RD OPTION** – Fill out the form below and turn into City Hall to have the payment taken directly out of your account.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the City of Osakis (the City) to make recurring charges for the amount due on the utility billing account(s) referenced below on the billing due date each month. Authorization is given for recurring charges to the checking or savings account listed below, and, if necessary, the City may initiate adjustments for any transactions credited/debited in error. Applications must be received by the 15th of the month, for the automatic payment draft to process as a prenote the next billing cycle and the following month automatic payments will be begin.

I agree not to dispute the City's recurring billing with my financial institution as long as the amount in question was for services rendered prior to cancellation of this agreement. I understand that if I have any problems or questions regarding my utility billing account(s), I should contact city hall for assistance. I agree to not dispute any charges form the City unless I have already made an effort, in good faith, to rectify the situation directly with the City and those efforts have failed.

I authorize this agreement to remain in effect until I provide written notice to the City of my intent to terminate this agreement. To ensure timely cancellation, I recognize that such notification shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the next scheduled transaction(s). Upon termination of this agreement, I will make alternative payment agreements.

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of the U.S. law. I ask that the data provided in this agreement be handled by the City in accordance with Minnesota Data Practices Act.

I, hereby, guarantee and warrant that I am legal owner of this checking or savings account, and that I am legally authorized to enter into this recurring billing agreement with the City of Osakis.

I AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF OSAKIS TO INITIATE ELECTRONIC DEBIT ENTRIES TO	
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For the payment of my utility bill(s)	
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FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND PHONE NUMBER	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CITY AND STATE

I understand I will receive a monthly statement indicating the payment amount that will be *drafted* from my account on the *10th of the month.*

PLEASE check here if you would like a copy of this document for your records.

Tennessean Warning: Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn.Stat. 13.548), your name, address, telephone number and e-mail are private data. You may choose not to provide some or all of this private data, but it may limit your ability to participate in this program. By signing, you are consenting to allow registration information to be shared with the City Clerk/Treasurer and other registered program participants in order to administer this activity. This consent expires upon completion of this activity.

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