

OSAKIS INSIDER



Osakis City Office

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Website – www.cityofosakis.com

great resource for activities, events, council minutes and forms

 (Like us on Facebook – **City of Osakis MN**)

for updates on city announcements, notices and information

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

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

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

Park Committee Meetings / meeting as needed



REMINDER TO DOCK OWNERS

When removing your docks & boat lifts this fall, make sure to push them out of the road right-of-way and far enough back to allow the snow plows and graders to get the snow pushed back off the roads adequately.

If someone is doing this for you, please pass on this message.



FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

A separate collection of leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste will be collected on Friday

NOVEMBER 1st, 2024

The yard waste must be bagged separately from other household refuse material and put in **COMPOSTABLE BAGS** – **Paper Bags** and placed by the curbside for pick up by 7:00 am

ONLY COMPOSTABLE BAGS WILL BE SERVICED

SKATING RINK

The city skating rink is located at Central Park on the corner lot of Central Avenue & Main Street West.

The rink is available to the public during the winter months.



KEEP THEM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:

CLEAR-AWAY ZONE

- Remove any snow and ice
- Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet)
- Clear a path from hydrant to street

Working SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

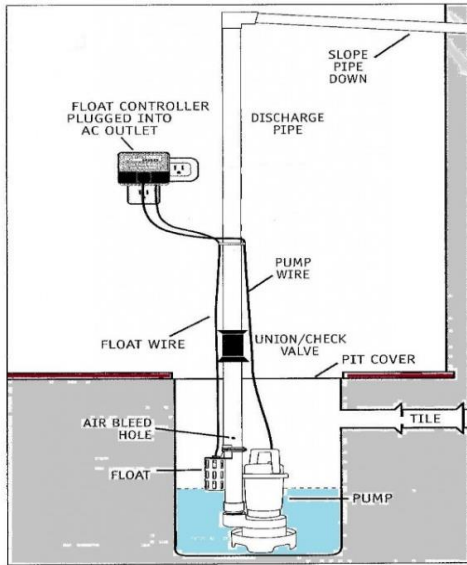
"Dedicated To Life Safety"

Daylight Savings Time is November 3rd
This is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors



SUMP PUMPS

HOW TO PROPERLY DISCHARGE 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.

In the City of Osakis, it is illegal to connect your sump pump or roof drains to the sanitary sewer system (Ordinance #52 02) see more information below on Inflow and Infiltration

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT INFLOW AND INFILTRATION INTO SANITARY SEWER

Inflow and infiltration are defined as groundwater and stormwater that enter a sewer system. Collection systems can be damaged when they are forced to transport more flow than they are designed to handle. Increased effluent also raises costs for wastewater treatment facilities, because harmless stormwater and groundwater mix with sewage.

In many cases, inflow and infiltration (I&I) accounts for up to 45% of the annual flow to treatment plants.

Removing improper connections:

- Make sure that gutters, yard drains, and sump pumps aren't connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- Repairing or replacing leaking pipes
- Cracks and leaks in sewer pipes can be caused by age, loose joints, damage, or root infiltration. Pipe replacement is expensive and disruptive, so trenchless technologies are often preferred
- Avoiding planting trees and shrubs over sewers, tree roots can damage sewer pipes and cause leaks
- Keeping cleanout caps on
- Lawn mowers can break the plastic caps on cleanouts, but replacement lids are available at hardware stores.

COMPOST SITE

The Compost Site is now locked at all times. A key can be obtained at City Hall during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

There is also organic compost for sale at \$5.00 a yard.

Contact City Hall to arrange a time for the City Crew to come and assist in loading.



OSAKIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

If you have any information that can help solve crimes, please contact the Osakis Police Department at 320.859.1204 or discreetly on the Osakis Police Department Facebook page via Messenger or via email at: osakispd@midwestinfo.net



SNOW BIRDS



If you are leaving to go to a warmer climate for the winter and would like the Osakis Police Department to check on your home while you are gone, please fill out the Home Check Request Form at www.cityofosakis.com (click Resources, Forms & Applications, Services and then Police Home Check Request Form).

REMINDER: Contact City Hall to be changed to the seasonal rate for your utility bill.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS



Ordinance #71.01 (H)

No parking on public streets **November 1st to April 1st**, between the hours of **12:00 am to 6:00 am**, unless so otherwise marked.

Ordinance #71.03 A (1)

Whenever existing or forecasted weather conditions require that snow plowing be carried out, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or permit it to stand upon any street or street right of way during periods of snow removal.

Ordinance #71.03 A (2) ALL VEHICLES WILL BE TICKETED & TOWED FROM THE STREETS

ED POLLARD COMMUNITY CENTER RENT THE NEWLY REMODELED COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

Looking for a large space for that special event, meeting, birthday party, wedding or family reunion?

Rent the Community Center for your Event!

Kitchen facilities, handicap accessible, tables & chairs and much more available.



Contact the Osakis City Office 320.859.2150 for available dates and pricing.





- October 26th – Vendor Show at Osakis High School 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- October 31st – Trunk or Treat – Central Ave and Main St – 3:00-6:00 pm
- December 6th – Visit Santa – Community Center 3:00-6:00 pm
- December 6th – Light Parade – 6:00 pm
- Shop Downtown – Date to come later
- January 4, 2025 – Small Business Saturday
- February 14, 2025 – Valentine Celebration

February 2025 – Hootenanny – Date to come later – at Crooked Willow
 Upcoming events are also listed on the City Website under About/Events Calendar

BUILDING PERMITS

If you are building or replacing any structure, fence, shed, patio, deck etc. or doing any type of remodeling such as new windows, siding, and roofing, remember: ** YOU NEED A PERMIT **. This includes interior remodeling of any building/structure.



Building & Zoning permits are **REQUIRED** in the City of Osakis. Contact city hall for information regarding zoning ordinances, site plans, forms and permits.

It is always best to check before you start any work to see if a permit is required.

Information can be found on our city website at www.cityofosakis.com
 No construction may begin without first securing a building permit from the city. This includes a submitted building permit application, project approval and payment to the city. If a permit is not received prior to starting the project, the permit fee will double and \$1,000.00 fine can be charged.



FIRST RESPONDERS

**OSAKIS FIRST RESPONDERS
 ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS!**



- If you like to help people, can work under pressure, and want to be an important part of our community that gives you a rewarding sense of importance – **YOU** are who we are looking for.
- No experience necessary – training will be provided.
- First Responders receive a stipend for calls that are responded to.
- If you have questions about the First Responders, please call City Hall at 320-859-2150. An application can be picked up at the Osakis City office or found on the city website at www.cityofosakis.com (click Resources/Forms & Applications/Applications).



COUNCIL COMMENTS



Mayor Dan Wessel: As our beautiful summer is turning to fall, and we all know what comes next. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and now can relax a bit and enjoy the many things that Osakis has to offer. Taste of Osakis was enjoyed by many people. The painting of our city water tower has been completed and looks amazing. Many projects that were started a year or so ago are nearly completed or are completed. The flashing lights at the 4-way stop are keeping people alert as they enter and exit the city. Our new police officer Brandon is adjusting well to the tasks set before him each day. The City of Osakis is working hard on projects for the future and also how we can keep our city safe and moving forward. Please enjoy the fall colors and the upcoming holiday season. Remember, keeping your business local helps keep Osakis growing.

Councilmember Laura Backes: Where would we be without our volunteers? I am happy to report that our community doesn't have to worry about that! The Osakis Fire Department, First Responders and the Osakis Chamber of Commerce are 3 of the groups that I help provide communication to and from their meetings to the council and boy oh boy are they busy working to help make our community the best it can be. If you have had the desire to get on the "volunteer train" contact myself or city hall and they can get you connected with the group you would like to join. If you attended Taste of Osakis, that was just a glimpse of how these great organizations work together for the good of our community- they showed up and did a great job- hats off to all the volunteers- "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart" - Elizabeth Andrew

Councilmember Stephanie Finnegan: The compost site area was cleaned this summer and looks GREAT. It is ready for your fall clippings/branches and shoreline weeds. As you dispose of your items, please be mindful of others using the area. Do your best to get it on the piles so there is plenty of room for vehicles and trailers to move around. Planning and Zoning has had many building permit requests this past few months. If you plan to renovate or remodel your home, check out the City of Osakis website to see if any permits are required before you start your project. Also, check out the Community Housing Assistance Program which will help with demolition, new construction and renovations. Many members of our community have utilized this program and have made wonderful improvements to their homes.

Councilmember Tim Thornbloom: Hope everyone had a great summer! Lots of great things happened this summer in town, the fishing pier is in the water and I personally have seen a lot of people down there using it and YES, catching fish. Fishing should be good down there yet this fall. The water tower project is 100% complete and it looks great! The water tower was first put up in 1997 and this was the first it had been redone. Still some upgrades going on at the actual water plant but they are making good progress. Also, two new hires for the city maintenance crew, Damion and Berkley. If you see them out and about, please welcome them and thank them for their hard work. Also, please support your city owned liquor store. Daily happy hour and a great atmosphere.

Councilmember Alan Larson: I hope all had fun at the Taste of Osakis. The Community Center's kitchen has been through a complete remodel and Mary George had a successful rib dinner at the end of August with many people who attended and enjoyed the meal. The Park Osagi restrooms have gone through an update and hopefully you get out and enjoy the upcoming fall colors within the park. The pier by the city beach was fixed and put into the water and yes there are fish. Have a great autumn everyone.



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! If you want to buy your first home, Minnesota Housing Start Up loan program can help offering affordable, fixed rates and down payment loans up to \$18,000.00.

Check out the City of Osakis website at www.cityofosakis.com to check out all the different housing programs available:

- Affordable homebuyer loan programs.
 - Down payment & closing cost loans.
 - Make energy efficiency upgrades affordable and improve your home with fix up programs.
 - Also, check out the Start Smart with Homebuyer Education.
- Or visit: www.mnhousing.gov to find a participating lender.



Make your dream of homeownership a reality with help from MN Housing and the City of Osakis. Whether you are a first-time buyer, repeat buyer, or want to refinance, there's an affordable MN Housing program that's right for you.

Housing Grant Fund

Housing grant funding is available to qualified residents of Osakis who live in the portion of town in Douglas County, to rehabilitate existing homes that need exterior remodeling, improvements, demolition or acquisition, energy upgrades, 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 (Subject to change in April 2025)

Family Size 1 & 2:

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

Family Size 3 or more:

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



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

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 (click Economic Development, then Incentive Programs and Grants, then scroll down to Community Housing Program)

QUESTIONS: Contact City Hall 320.859.2150



Proposed Park Osagi and Central Park Improvements



Improvements to Park Osagi would possibly include: updated shelter with facilities for large groups, scenic overlook, splash pad, sensory play equipment. Will make a great venue for weddings, birthday parties, family reunions etc.



Improvements to Central Park would possibly include: performance stage, picnic area, EV charging stalls, artificial turf and skating rink, pergolas with benches.

If you are interested in making a donation towards these projects, please scan the QR code below which will direct you to Osakis Community Fund with West Central Initiative or make a credit card payment online at wcif.org/fund/ocf.

