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Community Reminders

PrairieFest 2015 June 18th - 21st

Once again it is that time of year for the annual PrairieFest celebration. This large multi-day community event will take place at PrairieFest Park located to the south of Oswego High School. There are events at other locations around town and downtown Oswego also take place as part of the overall weekend's activities. Please watch for local media coverage on these events. For more information you can also use the following link to the Oswegoland Park District's webpage <http://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/Events/PrairieFest-about.htm>

****PRAIRIEFEST WEEKEND IS NOW AN AUTOMATIC OVERNIGHT PARKING EXEMPT WEEKEND.****

This year the Village of Oswego has added PrairieFest weekend to the list of dates that we will allow vehicles to be parked on the streets between 2am – 6am. There will be no need to call for any on street parking exemptions from 2:00am on 06/19/15 through 6:00am 06/21/15. We will begin our regular enforcement of the overnight parking ordinance at 2:00am on 06/22/15.

Please be patient with traffic congestion in the area of the events associated with PrairieFest. Traffic delays along Rt. 71 may be worse this year due to the ongoing construction project to widen the roadway in this area. Watch for local media announcements regarding special traffic notices.

Comments or questions about this publication can be directed to Deputy Chief Nick Sikora.

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Fireworks – The Oswego Police Department would like to remind everyone of the local ordinance regarding fireworks. This ordinance is a local enforcement of the State Fire Marshal regulations pursuant to the fireworks use act. The Village of Oswego prohibits all the same fireworks as does the State of Illinois.

Although we are not yet at the 4th of July time when we normally see the greatest use of illegal fireworks by residents we have continued to get some calls for the use of these items. Both state law and our local ordinance prohibit most types of fireworks generally including any that explode, have flame effects, and including the recently added "Sky Lanterns" as well. These fireworks are prohibited year round.

The Oswego Police Department actively enforces this ordinance as we know far too many people are injured each year due to fireworks so please do your part and refrain from the use of these devices. We will issue citations to anyone caught using or possessing illegal fireworks at any time during the year. The fines for violations are as follows: First offense is a \$250.00 fine if between 7am – 10pm. First offense is a \$500.00 fine if between 10pm – 7am. Any second or subsequent offense is a \$750.00 fine regardless of the time of day.

Shred Day Results –

On Saturday May 9th we held our last community shred date in conjunction with Castle Bank. We had over 250 vehicles show up with items to be shredded. This was one of our most successful shred events we have ever held and in fact we completely filled the shred truck! Shredding of documents that contain personal identifiers is an important step in preventing Identity Theft. Please watch for an announcement in a future HOA Newsletter and in local media for the date of our next shred event. The next event is anticipated to be held in the fall of this year.

Special Events –

Each Sunday – Oswego Country Market on Main Street 9:00am – 1:00pm

Each Monday – Monday Miles Community Challenge at Prairie Point Park 6:30 – 8:00am

June 7th - Go Dog Go Block Party on Main Street 9:00am – 3:00pm

June 14th - Movie Night at Home Depot 8:00 – 10:30pm

June 18th - 21st - PrairieFest, activities at the park and various locations including downtown

June 20th – Cabernet Cabaret at Arronmore Farm

June 27th - Oswego Inn Cruise Night, Downtown 4:00 – 9:00 pm

July 3rd - Annual Fireworks display held at Prairiefest Park on Rt. 71, watch for more details in the media on this event for specific traffic patterns and parking areas. The rain date for this event would be July 4th.