



# Oswego Police Department

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### Community Reminders

#### **PrairieFest 2016** June 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

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 at 91 Plank Road. On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. is the PrairieFest parade. The parade route runs on Main and other streets near the downtown area. Please watch for local media coverage on these events. For more information you can also visit the PrairieFest website: [www.prairiefest.com](http://www.prairiefest.com)

#### **\*\*PRAIRIEFEST WEEKEND IS AN AUTOMATIC OVERNIGHT PARKING EXEMPT WEEKEND.\*\***

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 06/17/16 through 6:00 am 06/19/16. We will begin our regular enforcement of the overnight parking ordinance at 2:00 am on 06/20/16.

Please be patient with traffic congestion in the area of the events associated with PrairieFest. Traffic delays along Rt. 71 may be worse again 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 Brad Delphey.

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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.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks** – The Oswego Police Department will again limit parking and travel routes prior to and immediately following the annual Independence Day fireworks event. The fireworks display will be set up at the Prairie Point Community Park, which is located on the Prairie Point Elementary School grounds between Plainfield and Grove Roads. The display will begin at 9:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. All fireworks viewers are encouraged to use the Traugher Junior High School, Eastview Elementary, Prairie Point Elementary and the parking lots of Oswego High School. Handicap parking will be made available in the school district's Bus Transportation lot on Plank Road.

#### **Other Special Events –**

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

Each Wednesday – Polo matches @ Arranmore Farm

June 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - PrairieFest, activities at the park and other locations

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Movies in the Park "Teen Beach Movie" @ Village Hall beginning at dusk

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Concert in the Park @ Hudson Crossing Park starting at 7:00 pm

**Thank you** – to now retired Deputy Chief Nick Sikora. The Oswego Police Department is indebted to you for over 26 years of selfless service & leadership. The genuine caring for your coworkers and the citizens of this community was always apparent. Best wishes to you and your family.