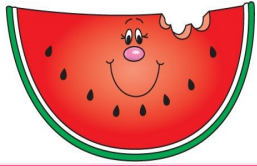


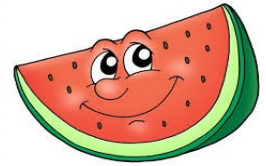
The Village Chatter



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

THE VILLAGES OF OSCODA

A Beautiful Place to Live and Visit



Board of Director's Corner

I am writing for the BOD Corner for the last time with this sincere thanks to all of the Homeowners and renters in the Villages of Oscoda for their support over the last two years as the Secretary on the Board of Directors. I have come to know many of you and have made many friends in our community. I would like to thank you all, as well as the Board members and staff, for making my job easier. After two years on the Board, I will be stepping down. Two years ago, Randy Moore, Board President, asked me to run, and I told him that if I was elected, I would be happy to commit my time to serving the community for the two-year term. I want to let you all know that your HOA is in good hands with this Board as they are doing everything they can to make this a pleasant place to live and be proud of. Your property managers, Tammy and Jennie, are two of the most capable staff members to manage this HOA. I have confidence in everyone involved in keeping this organization running smoothly. Again, thank you for your kind support and friendship, and please, if you see me at home working in the yard, feel free to stop and say hello.

David G. Sherman, Out-going Secretary

Newsletter Editors:

Tammy Velten
Jennifer Wilson

Board of Directors

Randy Moore - President
Mike Munson - Vice President
JoAn Nink - Treasurer
Ed Pisarski - Secretary
Sherry Proulx - Trustee
Dennis Dunn - Asst. Secretary

2018 Board of Directors Election

On July 21st, 10 volunteers gathered in the conference room to count the ballots that were received. There were 621 ballots mailed out with 281 ballots turned in by the 12:00 deadline on July 21st. 6 ballots were returned to sender as undeliverable and one ballot was received after the deadline. The results are as follows:

Mike Munson - 214 votes - Re-Elected
Sherry Proulx - 260 votes - Elected

JoAn Nink - 209 votes - Re-Elected
Beverly Knickerbocker - 161 votes

Our new Board of Directors are as follows:

Randy Moore, Mike Munson, JoAn Nink, Ed Pisarski, Sherry Proulx and Dennis Dunn

The new Board met on Thursday, July 26th for the Organizational Meeting to determine who would hold what Officer position as required in our Bylaws. They are listed to the right above.

The Board would also like to thank David Sherman for his service to the Board. We wish you and your family nothing but the best! Your willingness to serve your community is greatly appreciated!

Annual Home-Owners Meeting

The Annual Home Owners Meeting was held on Saturday, July 21st at 10am at the clubhouse. There were over 40 people in attendance representing 29 units. The Board gave reports and updates on all that was going on in the Villages of Oscoda. Co-owners in attendance were able to give their comments and/or ask questions. Thank you for showing interest in what is going on in your community!!! The next Annual Meeting of Co-owners will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. We hope that you plan to attend. The un-approved minutes will soon be available on the website and in the office if you would like a copy.



Rubbish Removal



During the Annual Co-owner's Meeting held on Saturday, July 21st, the Treasurer, JoAn Nink, informed members that the Association had negotiated a new 3-year Rubbish Removal contract with Waste Management for 2018, 2019 & 2020. In the new contract, we switched from Straight-Number billing (based on the total number of units in the Association) each month, to Seasonal-Occupancy billing, which adjusts the total number of units based on changes due to seasonal vacancies. This change in the new 3-year contract has resulted in a future-savings to the Association of approximately \$90,000 over the 3-year term of the contract.

It's now even more important to remember to call or stop by the office to let the staff know when you will be leaving for an extended period of time and when you will be returning. It will be helpful for them to have as accurate numbers possible for billing calculations which will in turn, help the Association to control cost and save money. Please remember to keep the following guidelines in mind:

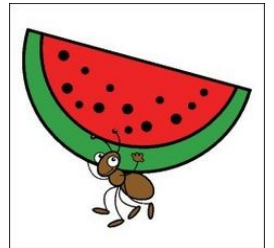
- * Place trash out by the curb as early as possible on the day of pick-up to make sure that it gets picked up.
There is a 6 bag and/or trash can limit per week as well as a maximum limit of 50 lb. per bag or can.
- * Black bags seem to attract less animals and birds than the white bags, but remember that if an animal gets into your garbage, YOU are responsible and required to clean up the garbage!
- * Please store your trash cans out of view inside your garage or shed after the garbage is picked up.
- * Trash pickup is for RESIDENTS ONLY!
- * If you need to call for a special pickup of larger items or furniture, call 800-796-9696.



Because Monday, September 3rd is Labor Day, trash pickup will be on Tuesday, September 4th.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Villages of Oscoda Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018 from Noon-3pm at the clubhouse. The Annual Picnic has been moved to a Saturday, so that more families will be able to attend. There will be fun, food, live entertainment, prizes and more! Come and join your neighbors and bring one of your **famous recipe dishes** to pass. There will be a 50/50 raffle and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of benches in Freedom Park (former 8000 area).



If anyone has some items that they would like to donate for the **giveaway prizes**, feel free to bring them to the office before August 15th so that we can get them ready for the party. If the item is home-crafted, please make sure they are labeled with your information on them so we know who to give the credit to. If you make craft items for a living or as a hobby, such as homemade jams, woodwork, dollies, blankets, etc., this could be a good way to get your name out there and show your product off too!

As always, we could use some help setting up and/or taking down of the tables and chairs. We will also need some helpers to man the grills (yes, we're talking about you "grill-chefs"). If you would like to help out in any of these areas, please contact the office and let us know! We sure would appreciate the help!

This year's theme is "Watermelon Picnic"See you at the picnic!!!



The Garden Club has been working hard again this year, as they do every year, on making our community a more beautiful place to live and visit...a place that all of us can be proud of.

The Garden Club is an important and vital part of the Association. The time and work the volunteers invest in our community helps to improve everyone's property value. After all, who wouldn't love to own a home and live in a community with tree-lined streets, groomed pathways to the parks and fresh flowers and shrubs in the many common area gardens?

The volunteers have been busy the past year with the many improvements they've been working on, such as:

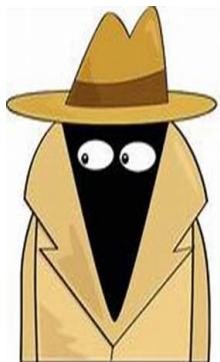
- * Planting new perennial flowers in the planter at Freedom Park (formerly the 8000 area) near Georgia & Bissonette.
- * Replace & refresh the flowers and mulch by our community sign at Georgia Rd. & Perimeter.
- * Replace & refresh the flowers and mulch by our community sign in front of the Clubhouse and the flower beds around the Clubhouse.
- * Replace & refresh the mulch-pathway and flower beds at Memory Lane between 8th St. & Perimeter and at Woodridge Park between 7th & 8th St.
- * Replace 1 dead tree along Mission Rd. at Tennessee St.
- * Planted the beautiful flower arrangements for the pots at the clubhouse front doors.
- * Watering all the flowerbeds at the community signs & parks during the recent hot, dry spell.
- * Monitor & replace as needed, the American flags that we have displayed on our community signs at the corner of Skeel Rd. & Perimeter and at the corner of Perimeter Rd. & Georgia Dr.

Many of our volunteers for the Garden Club have moved away over the years. We are down to only 6 volunteers that have done all the work over the past year. The Garden Club could use more volunteers to help our community look attractive and inviting. Just a couple of hours of your time will help make the work lighter for the team. If you are interested in volunteering your time, see the office staff to sign up.

Special thanks to Wayne & Henrietta Fortney for continuing to spear-head the Garden Club all these years and to the volunteers who continue to lend their time to this worth-while activity!!!!

I want to be like a caterpillar...Eat a lot...Sleep for a while...Wake up beautiful.

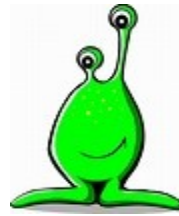
RV LOT



The Association office filed a police report regarding an incident of a person(s) breaking into the RV lot that occurred in the early morning hours of July 25th. We have provided pictures from our surveillance system to the Oscoda Police Department to help with their investigation which also includes a picture of the alleged vehicle driven. We are asking anyone that has any information regarding the break-in to contact the office as well as the Oscoda Police.

Everyone can help their community by reporting any suspicious activity to the Oscoda Police Department and let the office know as well.





News You Can Use

- ⇒ Code Enforcement Reminder (in the Oscoda Twp. Community Newsletter Summer 2017) - Per Township ordinance no inoperable, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles shall be present on public or private property. This also includes vehicles that do not have a valid and current license plate and/or registration within the last calendar year. Blight Reminder- grass/weeds can be no higher than 6”.
- ⇒ If you need a dumpster parked at your unit, don't forget to stop in for a temporary pass. They should only be placed on the driveway or other hard surface and not on the grass.
- ⇒ There have been several break-ins recently into local vehicles. Remember to lock your vehicles and remove any valuables to make your vehicle less appealing to thieves. Also remember to report what you see.
- ⇒ Walk on sidewalks to avoid trespassing by walking through neighboring yards.
- ⇒ Leash your dogs when outside, that is the rule. Even though your dog may be the best behaved dog on the planet, other dogs you encounter during your walk may not have the same lofty title.

Just once, I'd like to read a medication label that says:
Warning, may cause permanent weight loss, increased energy and wrinkle removal.

Anonymous

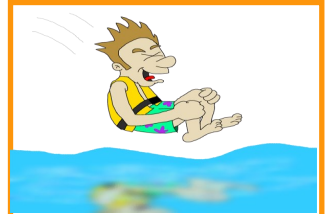


ITEMS LEFT AT CURB

We have been noticing a lot of items being left at the road-side, such as furniture and tv's. Please remember that items such as these need to be removed by calling for a special pick up or taking them to the local dump. They should not be left at the curb until the day of pick up.

Travis Sanitation has previously stated they will take tv's for a charge of \$5.

If you have an item that someone is going to pick up, please notify the office so that we are aware that the item is there and when it will be picked up. Waste Management Special Pickup 800-796-9696



I don't jump to conclusions,
I cannonball into them like a boss.

Anonymous

Fitness Step Class

Starting August 14th thru September

Every Tuesdays at 5:30pm

Bring weights, water, yoga mat and a towel.



Chair Yoga

Starting August 15th thru September

Every Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Enjoy the same benefits as Yoga, but with less injuries using a chair for balance.

Call Jodi at 989-739-2016 for any questions or to find out if there is class that day.



OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on
Monday, September 3rd
In observance of Labor Day.

Normal office hours
will resume on
Tuesday, September 4th.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



August & September 2018 EVENTS

- * Aug 3rd—ACC Requests Due-date
- * Aug 9th—ACC Meeting - 10:00am
- * Aug 14th—Monthly Board Meeting—1:00pm
- * Aug 17th—ACC Requests Due-date
- * Aug 18th—**Annual Picnic—12-3pm**
- * Aug 23rd—ACC Meeting-10:00am
- * Sept 3rd—**Labor Day (Office Closed)**
- * Sept. 4th—**Trash Pick up Today**
- * Sept 7th—ACC Requests Due-date
- * Sept 13th—ACC Meeting—10:00am
- * Sept 18th—Monthly Board Meeting—1:00pm
- * Sept 21st—ACC Requests Due-date
- * Sept 27th—ACC Meeting—10:00am

**NOW
(NEED OUR WATER)**

We are a community action group organized to give Oscoda-AuSable and surrounding communities a voice. Our mission is to be a reliable resource and catalyst for education and communication while advocating for long-term health and environmental welfare plans on behalf of those affected by the water contamination from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

More Information: The group meets every 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm at the Robert J. Parks Library (6010 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI).

Informational Resources: Iosco County Health Dept. #2 at 989-362-6183
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality at 800-662-9278

Follow and “Like” us on Facebook at NOW (Need Our Water)
nowactiongroup@gmail.com

Thank You Corner

We would like to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to Dave Sherman. We appreciate his spirit of volunteerism to the community. From serving as the Secretary on the Board of Directors for the past two years, to cutting up fallen trees, to repairing electrical issues at the Clubhouse parking lot, he has helped the Association to save money where ever he could. We are grateful for all the things he has done for the Association, for his time and for all the help he freely gives the HOA.

*If you would like to thank a special someone for helping you out,
please send us an email so that we can put it in the next newsletter. A thank you can go a long way!*

**THE VILLAGES OF
OSCODA, HOA**

5631 Georgia Dr.
Oscoda, MI 48750
Phone: 989-739-4915
Fax: 989-739-4720
Email: office@voohoa.net
Website: voohoa.net

The HOA office hours are:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 8am - 5pm & Tues. 10am - 5pm.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Please remember there is always a drop box for your convenience!

The office will be closed on Labor Day

Clubhouse Activities

- ◆ Euchre - Mondays at 12:30pm
- ◆ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S)- Wed. at 9am
- ◆ Pinochle - Fridays at 12:30pm
- ◆ BUNCO - 3rd Friday of every month - 1:00pm
- ◆ Fitness Step Class - Every Tuesday at 5:30
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Every Wednesday at 5:30



Give yourself permission to fail. You won't fail any less, but it will feel less pinchy.
Anonymous



A cop pulled me over and told me "Papers", so I said "Scissors, I win!" and drove off.
Anonymous



Classifieds

For Sale: 2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude. A/C, heated seats, keyless entry, auto-start, 18,000 miles...Like New!!! Asking \$15,500. Call: (989) 739-3393.

Power Washing: Clean & Clear Window & Pressure Washing, Inc. Joe Opperman, Owner. Residential & Commercial. 989-569-3638 Free Estimates, 24 hour service. Insured.

Caretaking Service/Winterwatch: "Peace of mind while you are away." Home monitoring service and caretaking service by Villages of Oscoda resident since 2003. Snow plowing, light sidewalk clearance available. Call 989-305-2243 for more information.

Pet Care: Riverside Pet Lodge is a new state of the art boarding kennel nestled in the woods beside the Pine River just north of Oscoda. We offer boarding, daycare and grooming services in a loving atmosphere. Our building has heated floors, indoor/outdoor runs and two play yards. Daily woodland walks also available. Send your pets to "camp" while you are out of town! Stop in and see us or give us a call. Riverside Pet Lodge, 2910 Kings Corner Rd., Oscoda, MI 48750; 989-739-5039; www.riversidepetlodge.com; "Like" us on Facebook!

Real Estate Services:

Sunrise Realty - Sharon Wasielewski, Agent & Resident. Cell# 704-408-0192 - 12 year Village resident and is in Oscoda year around and is ready to help you buy or sell!

Real Estate One - Roxanne Costea, Associate & Resident...23 Years experience. 406 S State St. Oscoda, MI 989-739-9129.

Sunrise Realty, Inc. - 989-739-1458

If you would like a list of contractors in this area, stop by the office and grab your copy! Are you a resident in the Villages that would like to place your ad in The Village Chatter? Contact the office for more info.

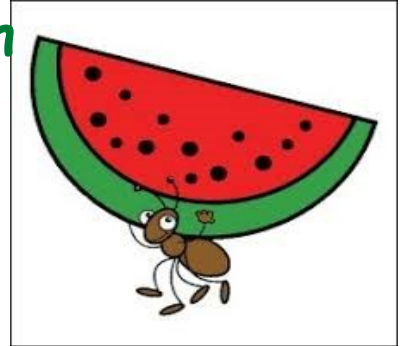


VILLAGES OF OSCODA ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, August 18th

12:00 - 3:00 PM

*At the Clubhouse
(5631 Georgia Dr.)*



Lots of fun & Games

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs provided

50/50 Raffle

Live Music

Tons of Great prizes!!!

*Bring the whole family for a day of
fun!!!*



Bring a dish to share