

Community Newsletter

Winter 2018

Supervisor's Corner

by Aaron Weed

Thanks to hard work from the USDA and Michigan Federal Legislators, Oscoda was awarded a \$1 million grant to help extend a portion of our municipal water main lines. While this is not enough to expand the system throughout the entire contamination area, every bit helps our community. While on the subject of drinking water, the Township is soon going to start the process of evaluating our older sections of water infrastructure for future upgrades including compliance with the new lead and copper standards. This will be a major undertaking but is a top priority on our list of many priorities. We want to ensure the system is in full compliance and that residents are impacted as little as possible, if at all, while in an effort to minimize infrastructure failures.

One of our township goals is improved economic development. At the end of October, our new Township Superintendent, Mr. Schaeffer, set up two meeting days for community members to speak about their concerns of development. Over 50 people attended and voiced their feedback. We are now analyzing the information along with specific measurable data of our area. Then action plans will be developed to evaluate improvements and help to certify Oscoda as a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). In addition, our Planning Commission adopted the concept of Form Based Code. There is much work to be done to implement Form Based Code, but getting Oscoda set up with RRC and Form Based Code are both significant steps forward in making Oscoda attractive to developers and businesses in future years.

Code Enforcement Reminder - Per Township Ordinance No.2006-234, 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". Thank you for your cooperation!

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WATER & SEWER

The Water Department would like to remind all homeowners, landlords and businesses to maintain a path to your water meter touch pad for monthly readings. If your meter pad becomes buried with snow or ice an estimated reading will be used for your bill. Remember to maintain your meters during the winter months to prevent freezing and breaking. This can result in a significant expense! AT-

TENTION: It is in violation of the Township water ordinance to turn your own water curbstop valves on and off, and you could be held liable for any damage or repairs in addition to potential prosecution. The cost to have your water turned off is \$25.00 which is much cheaper than having your curbstop dug up and repaired at your expense. Please call the Water Department at (989)739-7532 to set up an appointment for this process.

Last but not least, please remember that using unmetered water is theft and a criminally punishable offense.



Oscoda Township's 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available at <http://www.hsrua.org/oscoda.html>

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The Township would like to introduce our newest Police Officer, Christopher Hayes. He is a lifelong resident of the community. Christopher comes to this department as a certified officer, with experience working as corrections officer for the Iosco County Sheriff Department and the last 2 years with the Tawas Police Authority as a certified police officer. Christopher is also a current member of the Oscoda Township Fire Department. This addition comes with the passing of the Police Millage in August of 2018



2018 Fall News from Old Orchard Park

The Oscoda Township Community Center located at 4071 Arrow Drive is just the place. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy when you become a member. Our facility offers:

- *Cardio & weight machines
- *Game room area
- *Media room with Wii system
- *4 TV's with Charter Service
- *3 Racquet ball Courts
- * Wally ball



*2 large gyms for all types of use including: pickle ball,

basketball, roller-skating and roller blading, volleyball

*Instructor led fitness classes such as Aerobics, Chair Yoga and spinning classes are an additional charge.

The Community Center has expanded its operating season by opening on October 1st and extending until May 2019 with free admission on Saturdays and money saving membership deals in the month of October!

Old Orchard Park Campground would like to thank all the campers who stayed with us for the 2018 season please visit our website to view park updates and improvements to our camping procedures in the spring of 2019. As always, it is our goal to keep improving all aspects of the campground and our amenities while providing the best possible service to make your experience here an enjoyable one. For more information on our campground, please call the park office at 989-739-7814.

Snow Removal & Winter Preparedness

The Department of Public Works is requesting your assistance in keeping sidewalks and parking lots clear this winter. When plowing parking lots please do not leave snow in the sidewalk and do not place sandwich boards and other obstacles in the sidewalk until the snow has been cleared. As a reminder there is no parking in Township parking lots between the hours of 3 AM and 6 AM.

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