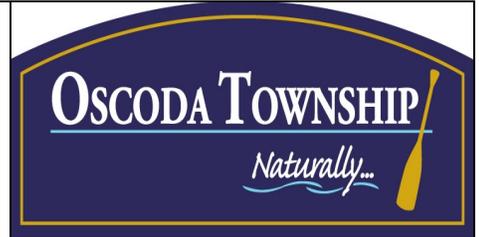


# Charter Township of Oscoda Community Newsletter

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Thank you to outgoing Board members Mike Ballor and Daryl Althaver for your outstanding community service.

The fall colors have faded and fallen and the air is definitely becoming crisp - a sure sign of the ever changing Michigan seasons. Oscoda's downtown has seen its own transformation this summer and it is with this in mind that we would like to highlight some exciting current and upcoming construction projects in our community.

**The US 23 MDOT Road Reconstruction/Streetscape project is complete!**

It was a long summer for all as we maneuvered our way through the orange barrels on a daily basis. The end result of this 6.5 million dollar State and Federally funded road project is public infrastructure improvements that our community will enjoy for decades to come. New water main and storm water drainage, ADA compliant side walks, LED energy efficient street lights in addition to the new asphalt roads gives Oscoda a fresh new look along the 2 mile project. The Oscoda & AuSable Township Boards and the Oscoda Downtown Development Authority partnered in additional/ enhanced streetscape improvements throughout the project that included decorative concrete applications, new street lights and landscaping. The contiguous, wider sidewalks along both the east and west side of US 23 will make a more walkable community for our residents and visitors alike.

**Lake Street** was recently milled and resurfaced by MDOT and all intersections from Mill Street north to Furtaw Field have been adjusted to meet ADA requirements. Due to the construction season limitations the Downtown Development Authority has had to postpone the sidewalk replacement component of the Lake Street project until the Spring of 2013. Specifically, there is not time to

complete the concrete work before the winter season. MDOT has temporarily placed crushed aggregate to join the new cross walks with the existing sidewalk until the project can be completed in the Spring. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

**The Observation & Fishing Pier** located at the Oscoda Beach Park is now complete and

open to the public. We hope you have had the opportunity to walk out the 150 foot boardwalk that was constructed by our Building and Grounds Department which connects the existing boardwalk to the pier that extends 300 feet from the waters edge over Lake Huron and offers barrier free access to the water for residents and visitors alike. The cost of this project was about \$1,028,500, **\$761,500** of which was provided by grant funding from the following three grant agencies: Michigan Trust Fund \$460,000, Michigan Coastal Management \$100,000 and the Great Lakes Fishery Trust \$201,500, leaving the estimated local match from the General Fund to be \$267,000.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact Ann Richards, Community Development Coordinator 739-6999 email: [ddadirtcor@oscodatwp.com](mailto:ddadirtcor@oscodatwp.com).



**Reminder - Watch Live Township Board Meetings on Cable Channel 3 & 98  
2nd & 4th Mondays—7 PM**

Please note the Township Hall will be Closed the following dates  
December 24th, 25th, 31st & January 1st

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**Old Orchard Park** - The 2012 summer season is over and what a season it was! The weather cooperated through the summer months as campers and guests were pleased with the activities and atmosphere provided by the friendly staff. Arts and crafts were scheduled every Saturday morning offering projects and activities for children of all ages! Weekend hayrides were a huge success as children lined up to take the cruise through the park greeting all their fellow campers with the traditional "HAAAYYYY"! The Camp Store was very successful in providing campers all the necessities and items needed, as well as offering all the ice cream flavors you can imagine! A community favorite was brought back this year -- the "Haunted Hayride" was held every weekend in October. Guests and campers enjoyed the fall hayride experience with all the scares and excitement we could muster! The staff and volunteers worked hard in building and working in the forest and it was truly a success thanks to all their commitment and dedication! New this year the Park held a costume parade and trick or treating for our younger campers with everyone getting into the "spirit" of the season. Old Orchard Park would like to thank all the campers who stayed with us in 2012. It is our goal to keep improving all aspects of the campground experience and our amenities while providing the best possible service to make your experience here an enjoyable one.



**Warrior Pavilion** - Located on Van Etnan Lake within the Ratliff Memorial Park this one of a kind pavilion is available to rent for any occasion. Whether it be a graduation, wedding or company function this facility is suitable for social events and meetings. This building has kitchen facilities, restrooms, tables, chairs and can accommodate up to 120 people inside with a large deck and an area for a rental tent. Outdoor amenities include volleyball court, horse-shoe pits and is adjacent to the playground and swim area in the park. For information please contact Merry Hart at 989-739-3211. The pavilion is closed January, February and March.

**Downtown Oscoda Sidewalks** - Help keep the downtown pedestrian friendly this winter by assisting the Building & Grounds Department with snow removal. Removing snow and Ice from store fronts early will aid the Township staff in clearing sidewalks in a timely fashion. Snow should be piled close to the edge of the street-side of the sidewalk, avoiding handicapped ramps and parking places where possible. When plowing please keep sidewalks clear. Thank you.

**Oscoda Community Center** - The Oscoda Township Community Center would like to remind you all that as of October 15, 2012 we have re-opened for the 2012/13 season. Our rates are extremely affordable from a single to family membership including 1 month, 3 month and 6 month time period. Rates are the same whether you are a resident of Oscoda Township or a surrounding community (please see chart below). We are open for 6 months of the year. Our facility has something for everyone in the family including:

- Full-service wood gymnasium
- Multi-use room with rubberized flooring (used for basketball, roller skating, tennis, volleyball and more!)
- Three racquetball courts
- Locker rooms
- Game room- includes pool table, ping pong, air hockey and foosball
- Instructional Fitness Classes available for an additional charge

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Membership Prices</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Healthy Hearts</b>
	1 month \$12.00		1 month \$25.00	10 visits for \$5
	3 month \$35.00		3 month \$70.00	
	6 month \$50.00		6 month \$100.00	

Need a place to hold that special birthday party? Call today to reserve our activity room for \$35/hour and let the kids run and play in our facility instead of your home! Remember there is something for everyone...need not be a member to rent this space.

Remember it's not a CommUnity center without "U", so if you haven't already, stop by and join today! Questions? give us a call at 739-2251.

**When temperatures plummet**, pets should not be left outside for any length of time. Bring small or short-haired pets in when temperatures reach 15-20 degrees Fahrenheit. Larger breeds and thick-coated dogs may remain outside, with adequate shelter, to a temperature of zero.

### **Credit/Debit Card Payments Now Accepted** -

Reminder - you can pay your taxes and water/sewer bills online through our website using electronic check, credit or debit cards and over the counter in our office or a toll free number (1-855-894-2402) exclusively for Oscoda Township. For information please call 989-739-7471.