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Downtown Improvements

This summer the Township and the Downtown Development Authority completed the Lake Street improvement project that began in 2012. The approximately \$190,000 project included the following improvements: new sidewalks on both sides of Lake Street in the Downtown District from Division Street North to Water Street, new concrete driveway approaches and curbing along Lake

Street, installation of 11 street lights along the West side of Lake Street, upgrades to the public parking lot between Division and Park Street, and a decorative retaining wall at the north-west corner of

Lake Street and

River Road. With the completion of these upgrades and the improvements that were made during the 2012 MDOT road reconstruction project, our downtown is certainly a more inviting and walkable place to do business.

This year decorations have been purchased to bring a fresh new look to the downtown during the Holiday Season. The downtown is scheduled to come “alive” at night for Thanksgiving weekend thanks to the addition of 50 illuminated LED snowflake shaped fixtures that will adorn the light poles along US 23. In addition, the 18 trees planted in the sidewalk area will be illuminated with white lights. Whether you have been naughty or nice there is no way Santa is going to miss our community this year with this light show! Need an excuse to come check out the new lights? Look no further! Bundle up the family and join us for the biggest winter event in the downtown this Holiday season... The Northern Lights Christmas Parade is on Saturday December 7th. The activities begin at 4:30 pm with children’s crafts in the State Street Square building, live reindeer on Dwight Street and music and tasty treats for purchase in front of the Township Hall/Fire Barn. The annual parade begins at 6 pm...the route is along US 23 from Cedar Lake Road to Mill Street. Following the parade the Disney movie “Frozen” will be offered to the public free of charge at the Lake Theater. So mark your calendars and plan on kicking off the holiday season with friends and family in Downtown Oscoda AuSable on Saturday December 7th!



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Parks & Recreation Update

The Old Orchard Park 2013 season is over and what a season it was! The weather did not always cooperate but campers and guests were pleased with the cleanliness of the park and activities and atmosphere provided by the friendly staff throughout the season. The children’s crafts, fourth of July bike parade and the weekend

hayrides were met with great enthusiasm as children of all ages lined up to take the cruise through the park. The new open air pavilion near the playground and beach picnic area is now complete. Other improvements to

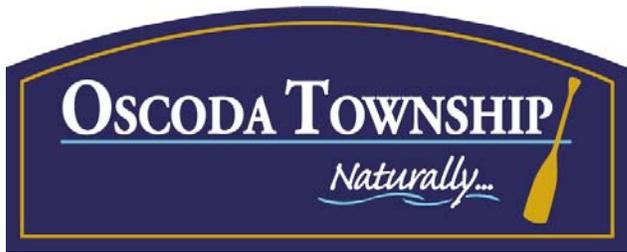


the park include interior updates to bath house #2 and new steel roofing on the park office and both bath houses. Back again this year was the “Haunted Hayride” every Saturday in October. Guests and campers enjoyed the fall hayride experience with all the scares and excitement we could stand! The staff and volunteers spent many hours building and working in the forest. It was truly a success thanks to all the hard work and dedication! It will continue next season and we guarantee to provide even more fright and excitement for all!

This year the Township began operating the Van Etten State Forest Campground which has 53 rustic sites and is located northwest of town on F-41, on Van Etten Lake. Campsites will accommodate tents and small or large trailers. Some universally accessible sites are also available. The amenities at this campground include vault toilets, potable water from the municipal water system and a paved boat launch with nearby parking. Campers can enjoy fishing, canoeing or boating on Van Etten Lake, hiking, bird watching and much more.

The Riverbank Park, on the AuSable River, has been selected by the Alcona Conservation District, in cooperation with Oscoda Township, for a restoration project. The proposed project would largely involve felling dead ash trees, treating invasive grasses and shrubs with herbicide and restoring native vegetation. The idea for the project is rooted largely in the massive ash tree die off which has occurred in the area over the past few years. When completed, the project site could serve as a management model for other property owners that are confronted with similar circumstances. Assuming a successful outcome, the park property would be acknowledged and promoted as a positive restoration example by the sponsoring agencies. Appropriate signage would be placed to document the restoration efforts and educate the public. The Township will contribute funds for the project which will be offset by provision of paid and volunteer labor by the Alcona and Iosco Conservation Districts and Huron Pines. The project will be implemented on a multiyear basis.

Township Hall will be closed December 24th, 25th & 31st and January 1st.



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Robert Parks Library News

Two new LED lights were installed in the library parking lot by Oscoda Township Building & Grounds Department this fall and were paid for by a grant from the Iosco-Arenac District Library. Last spring new carpeting was installed in the library office, children's room and conference room. Those areas received a fresh coat of paint - - all in time for the summer reading programs that were great fun and well attended. The library welcomes program suggestions. Call the library at 989-739-9581. Most programs are funded through a grant of the Iosco-Arenac District Library. Library hours are Friday, Saturday and Monday 9 to 5 and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 to 8. Computers shut down 15 minutes prior to closing. Wi-Fi is available along with twelve public computers that are offered on a first come, first served basis with a one hour visit a day limit.

A Request from your Clerk

PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS

Election inspectors are needed for upcoming elections. You must be a registered Michigan voter and be willing to declare a recognized political party preference. This is a paid (per election) position. Mandatory training is provided. Applications are available at the Clerk's Office at 989-739-4971.

Equipment Acquisitions

The Building & Grounds Department purchased a used aerial lift as pictured. This piece of equipment will be used for a variety of purposes, not the least of which is to service new streetscape components (lights/banners etc.) which are higher than the fixtures which have been removed.



The Township Fire Department has acquired a new 2013 Pierce PUC (pump under chassis) truck which has a 1,000 gallon water tank, foam capabilities, emergency scene lighting, 1,500gpm pump and wireless headset communications for operator and occupants. This truck will be housed in the fire station with the 1985 GMC being relegated to a backup role in place of the 1973 vehicle which failed in the Winter of 2007. The purchase price of the truck was \$394,285, the majority of which will be financed over 10 years.



Oscoda Community Center

Looking for a fun, family friendly place to hang out this winter? Well look no further! 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!

Cardio & weight machines - Game room area - Media room with Wii system - 4 TV's with Charter Service - 3 Racquetball courts - 2 large gyms for all types of use - Free enrichment programs and kids crafts - Instructor led fitness classes are available with an additional charge.

Membership rates are noted in the chart below, and are the same whether or not you're a resident of Oscoda Township. Can't commit to a full month? Stop by when it's convenient for you...just \$5.00 for a day pass.

Monthly Memberships -	Single	Family
1 Month	\$25	\$50
3 Month	\$70	\$140
6 Month	\$100	\$200

Questions? Please call the Community Center at 739-2251 for further information!

A Message from your Fire Chief

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires. Some simple steps can prevent most heating - related fires from happening. These are:

- Keep flammable objects at least 3' from heating equipment.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment & chimneys cleaned & inspected.
- Install smoke detectors in every room & **Test smoke detectors monthly.**

Snow Removal

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 or do not place sandwich boards and other obstacles in sidewalk until snow has been cleared. As a reminder there is no parking in Township parking lots between the hours of 3 AM and 6 AM. Thank you for your cooperation. Let it SNOW! Let it SNOW!

24th Annual Snow Box Derby - Old Orchard Park

Sunday, February 9th - This years' theme "UP NORTH"

Snow boxes will compete for awards in three categories: Best of Theme, Most Creative, and of course, Speed. Gates open at 10 AM, Races at 1 PM, enjoy FREE kid's games, raffles, prizes, toboggan races, snow ball golf, frosty bowling. Refreshments and fun for the whole family all day!