



City News

"The 'Little Town' With a Big Heart"

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NEW CITY WEBSITE @ WWW.OSWEGOKANSAS.COM

If you have been to the City's website recently you will have noticed that some significant changes have been made. Although the new website is still a work in progress the new updated format brings new features that will greatly enhance the City's ability to provide important information to City customers.

City Staff have been working with website designer Bill Cochran to add many

new menu items and pages.

Some of the new menu items are the "Home" page which provides a slide show, a description and history of the City along with links to news articles and a calendar. There is a "Payments" page and "Departments".

On the Departments menu you will find links to information about the different city departments which includes topics related to "Public Works, Sanitation, Parks,

Code Enforcement, etc.

The "City Government" page has information about Council meetings, copies of the minutes and who are the appointed officials.

To find forms look under "Oswego FYI" and for the newsletter and other news articles check out "Latest News." There is also an interactive "Map" and a place to contact the City with your concerns or questions on the "Contact Us" page.

NOTICE OF INTEREST

- **City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 7th**
 - **Spring Clean-up Week begins Monday, May 9th**
- For more details check out next month's newsletter or our new website at www.oswegokansas.com

There are plans to add more features as time permits as well as news articles and updates to keep you informed so be sure to check out the website often!

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Small changes can really make a difference when it comes to conserving water. Consider this: each of us uses an average of 100 gallons of water per day – enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses! Just think how much water you can conserve if your whole family becomes more water wary. Here are some easy ways:

- **Cook Smart.** Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water.
- **Slow the Flow.** Install a slow-flow faucet to reduce water consumption up to 50 percent.
- **Shorten Showers.** Take short showers instead of baths, and consider using a shower timer. By turning off the water while you shampoo and condition your hair you can save more than 50 gallons a week!

- **Test Your Tank.** Add 12 drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and wait an hour. Look to see if any color seeped through the tank, a fitting or into the toilet bowl. If so, you may have a leak.
- **Let It Grow.** Raise your lawn-mower blade to at least three inches; taller grass holds soil moisture better.
- **Sweep Up.** Clean the driveway and sidewalk with a broom instead of a hose to save hundreds of gallons of water.
- **Speak Up.** When you see an open hydrant, errant sprinkler or broken pipe, tell the property owner, local authorities or call the City Office, 795-4433.
- **Look for Leaks.** Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is used. If it doesn't read ex-

actly the same, you have a leak.

- **Tap In.** Place a bucket in your shower to capture the water that runs while you're waiting for it to get hot. Use the water to water plants.
- **Watch for WaterSense.** When you shop for plumbing fixtures, look for the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label, which means they meet strict criteria for efficiency and performance.
- **Fill'er Up.** Run your clothes and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- **Avoid letting the water faucet run.** Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth, wash your face or shave and you can save up to 4 gallons of water a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.



WATER REPORT

The Water Quality or "Consumer Confidence" Report for the City of Oswego's water supply is enclosed with this newsletter. For anyone who may not have received this report a copy is also posted on the website at www.oswegokansas.com

Plant "Swap Meet"
Saturday, April 9th
 Call Patty Blair @795-2351 or
 go to website for details.

STORM SHELTERS/EARLY WARNING SIRENS

Labette Co Courthouse No Longer Available as Public Shelter

The Oswego Disaster Planning Committee determines public shelters for residents in an emergency situation. Recently it was determined that the Labette County Courthouse **would no longer** be used as a public shelter.

The following two buildings are still currently available for use as a public shelter and are marked for you on the map below.

- **Oswego Middle School**

Use South Door
See square school symbol circled at **410 Kansas**

- **Presbyterian Church**

Use the South Door
See check mark symbol circled at **425 Michigan**.

In the past these shelters were divided into "wards" and you were to use the shelter designated for your ward. This is no longer the case. Residents can use either shelter.

Please note that animals will not be permitted inside any City arranged shelter. Citizens should make prior arrangements for their animals. Small animals could be placed in cages and placed in small rooms at their residence.

The warning system is designed to alert persons outside, not persons driving a motor vehicle or who are inside their homes.

The sirens will be sounded at the earliest time possible at the event of a Tornado

Warning. Siren tones for tornado incidents and type of siren used are:

- **Tornado Watch – Hi Lo**
- **Tornado Warning – Alert**

A three (3) minute solid siren sound is an alert.

If you have any questions contact the City of Oswego at 795-4433 or the Oswego Police or Fire Department at 795-2131.

If any group or organization is interested in having someone speak to your group about the Early Warning System, contact the Oswego Chief of Police, George Elliott or the Fire Chief, Donnie Allison.



Now that Spring is here you can avoid the cost the City charges for mowing properties by keeping your grass below 10 inches. Properties that violate the City's Nuisance Code will receive a courtesy letter notifying them they are in violation. Those that fail to comply can be charged \$200 per lot plus a \$30 admin fee. Call the City Office if you would like to be on a list of those who would like summer mowing jobs.

