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**Oswego Township
Road District
Spring 2024**

Newsletter



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Road District News

Notes from the Highway Commissioner Almost three years and counting. I don't know if it's me, or the job, or the employees of the Road District or if it's the public/people I work for...but I really enjoy this job. I suspect it's a little bit of all of the above.

The past construction season we made some strides in upgrading the Township. We were able to pave the following: half of Reservation and Simons Road, Shell, Shore, and Dolphin courts and Laurie Lane. Also, we were able to replace sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb from Woodridge to Douglas on Fernwood Road. Altogether, the total mileage was a little less than 4.4 miles of improvements. Along with this is the miscellaneous curb and gutter with sidewalk replacement and surface patching throughout the Township. So, I ask, "How do you eat an elephant?" Answer: One bite at a time. My point is, we are doing a lot of good work in the Township, but we have a lot more to do.

Safety Reminders We are continually working on safety, improving sidewalks, streets, curbs and drainage issues to name a few. Please help us in keeping sewer grates clear, especially in the rainy season, and do not dump anything into street grates.

On another note, there is some talk about people who exceed the speed limit in the Township. Neither the Township Board, nor the Highway Department, have the authority to enforce speed limit laws. The enforcing body of the laws in the Township is the Kendall County Sheriff's department. However, with that said, we are trying to assist where we can. The Road District has purchased a Speed Radar Trailer that will display to speeders that they are exceeding the speed limit. This mobile unit will be placed in different locations throughout the Township as a speed deterrent in an effort to try to slow speeders down. We also purchased three post mounted radar signs that will be installed at strategic locations around Boulder Hill. We will evaluate the placement of more radar signs as this year progresses.

Brush Program

Brush Pick Up Brush pick up is a monthly program that will run April through October. The brush program is for trimming and pruning of trees, **not the removal of whole trees**. Please make sure to comply with the regulations or your pile may not get picked up. Dates for pick up are listed below.

When: Please have brush placed at the curb by **7 a.m. Monday morning** to ensure pick up. Please make sure that vehicles are not parked within 20 feet of the pile in either direction or your pile will be left behind.

How: Lay branches as neatly as possible with the **cut ends toward the street and parallel to each other**. Please keep piles out of the street and gutter to prevent drainage problems.

Acceptable: Limbs over 2 feet long and **no larger than 5 inches in diameter**. For tied bundles, please use twine only.

Not Acceptable: Short clippings, root balls, bushes or bags of branches. **Please do not place thorny tree branches inside piles**. Place these branches next to the larger pile and our crews will take special care with them.

Brush Pick Up Dates Pick up will begin on the following Mondays.

April 22, 2024
May 20, 2024

June 24, 2024
July 22, 2024

August 26, 2024
September 23, 2024

October 21, 2024

Country Residents If you reside in a country area, those outside of Boulder Hill, Shore Heights and Marina Terrace, please contact our office for brush pick up at 630-264-4587 or mailbox@oswegotownship.org.

Leaf Pick Up Oswego Township will do a one-time spring leaf pick up on **Monday, April 29, 2024**. The fall pick up will begin on **October 28, 2024** and continue through November, or as the weather permits. Homes in Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, Marina Terrace are on the pick-up routes. If you live in a residential country area, please call our office at (630) 264-4587 to report that you have leaves in need of vacuuming. **Please keep your leaf piles out of the street and gutter and OFF of sidewalks. Piles must be placed in the grass next to the sidewalk or next to the curb, not in bags or cans please.** For more information, please visit www.oswegotownship.org.

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Spring/Summer Focus As a result of the Villages continued efforts to replace outdated water mains, we have adjusted our paving schedule to better accommodate their efforts. This year, we will be working on some of Sonora and some of Saugatuck. Work will include paving, curbs, sidewalks, etc. We are working with Montgomery to make improvements and keep Township construction work compatible with Village projects.

Other News We are going to be looking for fences and other permanent structures on the Township easement as these pose safety issues. If you have a fence on the easement, you are in violation of (605 ILCS 5/9-117) (from Ch. 121, par. 9-117) of the Illinois State statute. There isn't a grandfather clause that allows the obstruction to stay. Please remove any obstructions before you are sited for the violation and are charged for the removal.

We are going to continue the "Snow Bird Program," this year. Please watch for sign up information in the fall and don't miss the enrollment period as we will not be able to add to the program after the sign up deadline.

Our automated caller system Blackboard, has recently changed its name to Finals site. If you were previously signed up, your information has been transferred. If you haven't signed up, please join us: <https://oswegotwp.portal.finalsiteconnect.com/>. Be sure to check www.oswegotownship.org to get Township updates.

Kendall County News

Please remember that while Oswego Township has ordinances pertaining to the Right of Way areas, Kendall County has ordinances that pertain to personal property. Ordinances and permit information for items such as fencing, building/concrete work, and chickens/livestock, along with many other items can be found at www.kendallcountyil.gov. Kendall County has also established an informational hotline for human services offered in the county. Call 211 for information regarding rent/utility assistance, counseling, substance abuse, senior services, legal assistance and much more. More information can be found at www.findhelp211.org.

Important Dates

4/9/24 – Township Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass; Annual Town Meeting Immediately Following
4/22/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
4/29/24 – Spring Leaf Pick Up
5/14/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
5/20/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
6/11/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
6/24/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
7/9/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
7/22/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
8/13/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
8/26/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up

9/10/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
9/23/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
10/8/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
10/21/24 – Monthly Brush Pick Up
10/28/24 – Fall Leaf Pick Up Begins
11/12/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass
12/10/24 – Township Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. at 99 Boulder Hill Pass

Please remember to check www.oswegotownship.org for current information and news.

Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY – 911
Village of Montgomery Public Works – 630-896-9241
Village of Oswego Public Works – 630-554-3242
Oswego Township Road District – 630-264-4587
Oswego Township Supervisor – 630-554-3211

Suicide Hotline – 800-273-8255
Child Abuse Hotline – 800-252-2873
Kendall County Sheriff Non-Emergency – 630-553-5856
Kendall County Veterans Assistance – 630-553-8355
Kendall County Building & Zoning – 630-553-4141

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