



Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

April 13, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Oshkosh Public Library Lower Level

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Announcements: Please continue to share the minutes of these meetings with your Core Team and the [Hey, Neighbor](#) newsletter with your neighborhood email contacts & FB pages.

Arbor Day Celebration: Thursday, April 16 at William Waters Plaza, tree planting 3:30-4:30 followed by a presentation by Travis Derks, City Forestry at 5 pm in the Library. Children in attendance will receive a small tree.

Spring Rally - We have about 10 tickets left for the event (note on 4-17: we are sold out)

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Schedule: 9:00-10:00 Continental breakfast and local home improvement vendors

10:00-11:15 Melinda Meyers presentation with Q & A

11:15-12:00 Book Sales and Signing: *Melinda's Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition

Location: Lakeshore Pavilion, 1875 Punhoqua St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Ticket: \$25 available at: <https://gohni.org/events/springrally26/>

Dine-in Events (see flyers on page 2)

- Panera Dine-In Fundraising Event: Saturday, April 25th (4-8pm)
- Panda Express Dine-In Fundraising Event: Saturday, May 16th (10am-9:30pm)
- Chipotle Dine-In Fundraising Event: Wednesday, May 27th (4-8pm)

(SPAN) Transportation Grant Community Listening Sessions see [update on page 5 of Hey, Neighbor](#)

Good Neighbor Grant Cycle opens Monday, April 20 at 8 am until funds are gone or May 20.

<https://gohni.org/grants-loans/>

Neighborhood Night Out: Special Event Requests due by Friday, June 5. Application is attached.

Would you consider having a neighborhood social event for the July meeting? Monday, July 13 - the group was interested. More to come at the May meeting.

City Loans and Incentives: Opened April 1 with most closing April 30. (See attached information or the website:

<https://www.oshkoshwi.gov/PlanningServices/HousingLoansAndIncentives.aspx>

Brandon Nielsen, City of Oshkosh Planner, bnielsen@oshkoshwi.gov

How OHN supports Neighborhood Associations led by Liz Last

See attached presentation

Future Events:

Dine Out event with Proceeds to OHN: Panera Saturday, April 25, 4-8 pm

Monday, May 11: Speaker, Travis Derks, Parks Dept Landscape Operations Manager

Dine Out Event with Proceeds to OHN: Panda Express Saturday, May 16th (10am-9:30pm)

Dine Out Event with Proceeds to OHN: Chipotle Wednesday, May 27th (4-8pm)

Monday, June 8: Speaker, Kate Mann, OPD: NNO, Citizens Academy, and new program - Dog Walker Watch

Monday, July 13: To Be Announced 😊

Save the Date: Fall Heroes Thursday, November 5, 2026 at Venue 404

Great Neighborhoods and City Loans and Incentives Information Presented at the Alliance Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026

The Great Neighborhoods Program is designed to enhance the image, increase marketability, and improve physical conditions of Oshkosh neighborhoods. The program provides active recognized neighborhood associations the ability to collaborate with City staff to initiate, plan, and implement projects and activities that enhance the quality of life through strategic improvements to the public right-of-way or property. The Great Neighborhoods Program is funded by the City's Capital Improvement Program and is intended to strengthen neighborhoods in Oshkosh by unifying all those working toward improving and revitalizing Oshkosh neighborhoods. Examples of projects from 2025 applications include the following:

- Midtown Bus Shelter on E Custer Avenue
- Sawyer Street Median Improvements / Landscaping
- Quarry Park Improvements and year two of a Marigold Terrace along Knapp Street by Quarry Park

Neighborhood associations interested in applying for Great Neighborhoods Program funding shall hold a meeting that welcomes all neighbors to attend and discuss potential project ideas. Those who are present shall vote on project ideas for the Great Neighborhoods Program. After the group comes to a consensus, they work with City staff to submit a project application.

Program Timeline

April 13, 2026 - City Staff Presentation at Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting

April 13, 2026 - GNP application is open

April - July 2026 - Neighborhood Associations meet with City staff to go over their project ideas

July 17, 2026 - GNP applications are due

July 20 - September 2026 - City Staff review GNP applications to ensure all necessary information is submitted

September - October 2026 - GNP Review Team scores the applications
(two or three neighborhood representatives needed)

Fall 2026 - GNP projects on Common Council agenda for consideration of approval

For more information contact: Brandon Nielsen - bnielsen@oshkoshwi.gov - (920)236-5061

City of Oshkosh current Loans and Incentives

<https://www.oshkoshwi.gov/PlanningServices/HousingLoansAndIncentives.aspx>

*** “Built before 1970” requirement no longer exists ***

HNI Sold on Oshkosh - Forgivable Loan / Down Payment Assistance

- The program will close when all funding has been spent.
- \$7,500 forgivable loan if located within a Neighborhood Association
- \$5,000 forgivable loan if not located within a Neighborhood Association

HNI Rehab Program - 0% Loan over 15 years

- **First application period:** April 1–April 30, 2026
- **Maximum loan amount:** \$30,000 (reduced from \$50,000)
- **Applicant notifications:** Applicants will be notified in **May 2026** regarding approval or denial
- **HNI Income Limits (120% of Area Median Income)**
 - **1 person:** \$87,075
 - **2 person:** \$99,525
 - **3 person:** \$111,975
 - **4 person:** \$124,350

HNI Historic Preservation Program - Reimbursement

- Properties must be contributing properties in historic districts, individually- listed State or National Register properties, or landmarked under the City’ s Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Available funding will allow for rehabilitation of **one (1) residence**.
- **Maximum loan amount:** \$25,000
- Owner must invest \$1 for every City dollar invested (1:1 match)

CDBG Rehab Program - Deferred Payment Loan

- **First application period:** April 1–April 30, 2026
- **Maximum loan amount:** \$30,000
- **Applicant notifications:** Applicants will be notified in **May 2026** regarding approval or denial.
- **CDBG Income Limits (80% of Area Median Income)**
 - **1 person:** \$58,050
 - **2 person:** \$66,350
 - **3 person:** \$74,650
 - **4 person:** \$82,900

For more information contact:

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GO-HNI AGENCY OVERVIEW

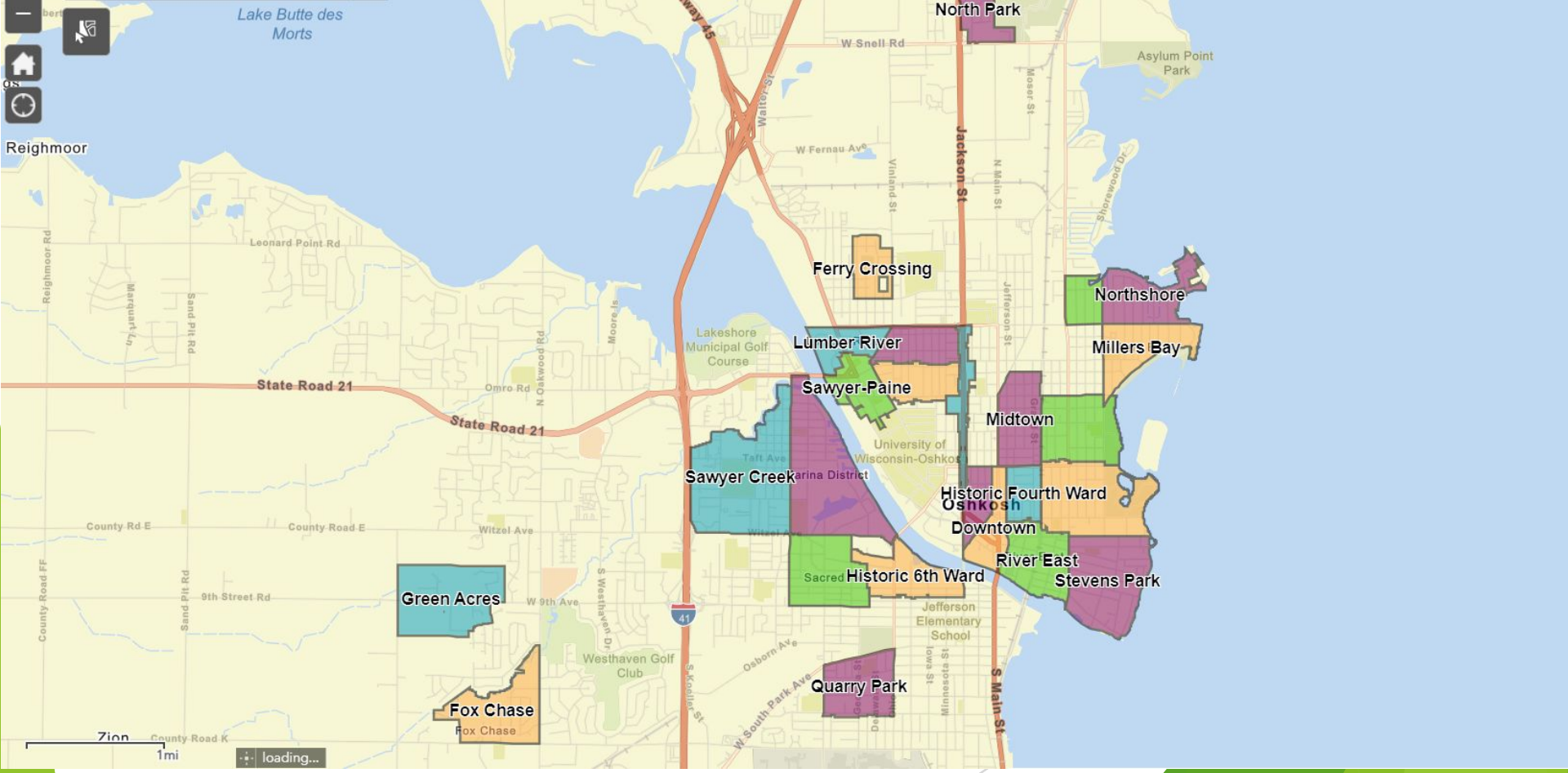
2025 Recap & 2026 Plans
Presented by Liz Last, Executive Director

Engaging the community, one neighborhood at a time.

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods exists to further the City's overall goal of ONE Oshkosh (Our Neighborhoods Engage); to promote:

- neighborhood/community development services
- enhanced communication between residents and City planning
- social connection through neighborhood events
- property development/enhancement

Our website features an **interactive Oshkosh map** to search for neighborhood associations by street address.



Neighborhood Development & Support

- Organizing Meetings for Associations
- City Council Recognition
- Logo Development
- Street Sign Toppers
- Neighborhood Alliance *Monthly Meetings
- Rock the Block Oshkosh
- Community Building & Engagement (CB&E) \$1000 per neighborhood
- Great Neighborhoods Funding (City of Oshkosh)
- Good Neighbor Grants \$750 reimbursement for Curb Appeal Projects



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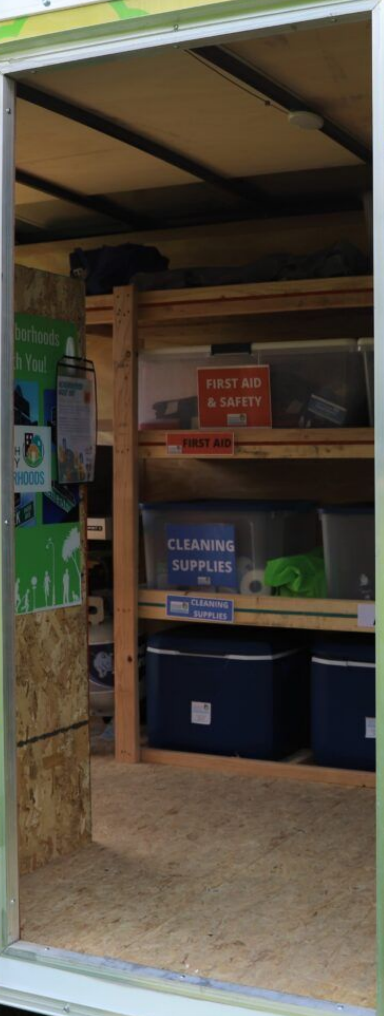
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GO-HNI's Good Neighbor Grant Program details:

- ▶ Up to \$750 reimbursement after grantee pays initial \$250
- ▶ To be used for projects clearly visible from the street - “curb appeal”
- ▶ All residents of city-recognized NAs are eligible to apply
- ▶ Projects can be completed by contractor or homeowner
- ▶ Relevant city permits must be secured, if required
- ▶ “Before” and “after” photos, plus receipts, required for reimbursement





Good Neighbor Grant

"Curb Appeal" Grant

Final Report

December 1, 2025

Grants Awarded:

42 Properties

Projects Completed:

38 properties

Amount Granted:

\$ 27,936.35 Resulted in:

Total Investment:

\$171,537.75! ←

Largest Project:

\$ 31,900.00 Siding & Windows

Smallest Project:

\$ 540.22 Painted porch railings

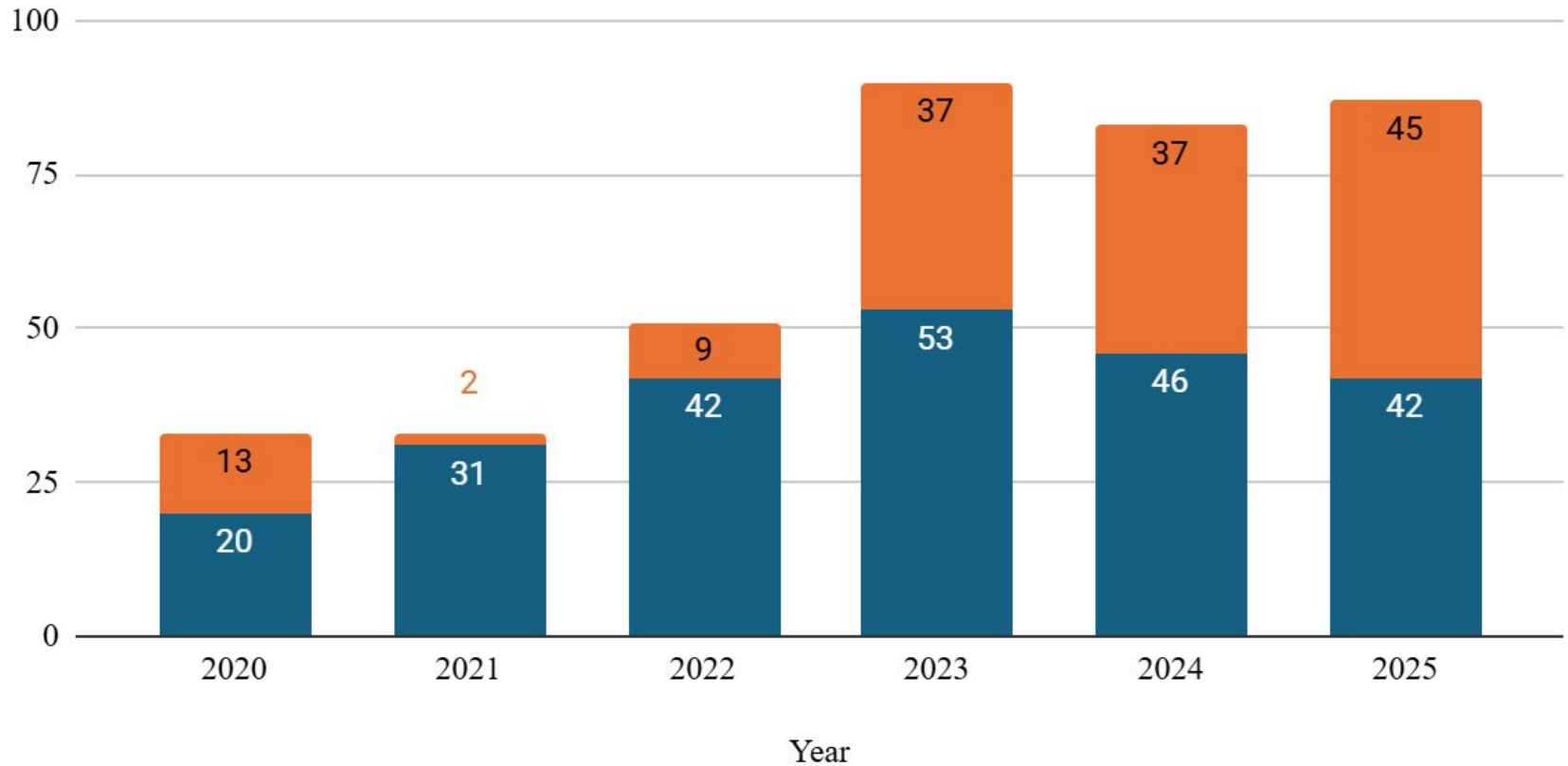
GO-HNI's (2020-2025) Good Neighbor Grant program has:

- ▶ Distributed **228 Grants**
- ▶ Provided **\$146,756**
in funds to property owners
- ▶ Supported **\$709,103**
in overall curb appeal
improvements!



Good Neighbor Grant Applications

Denied Completed





Before



& After!



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Before



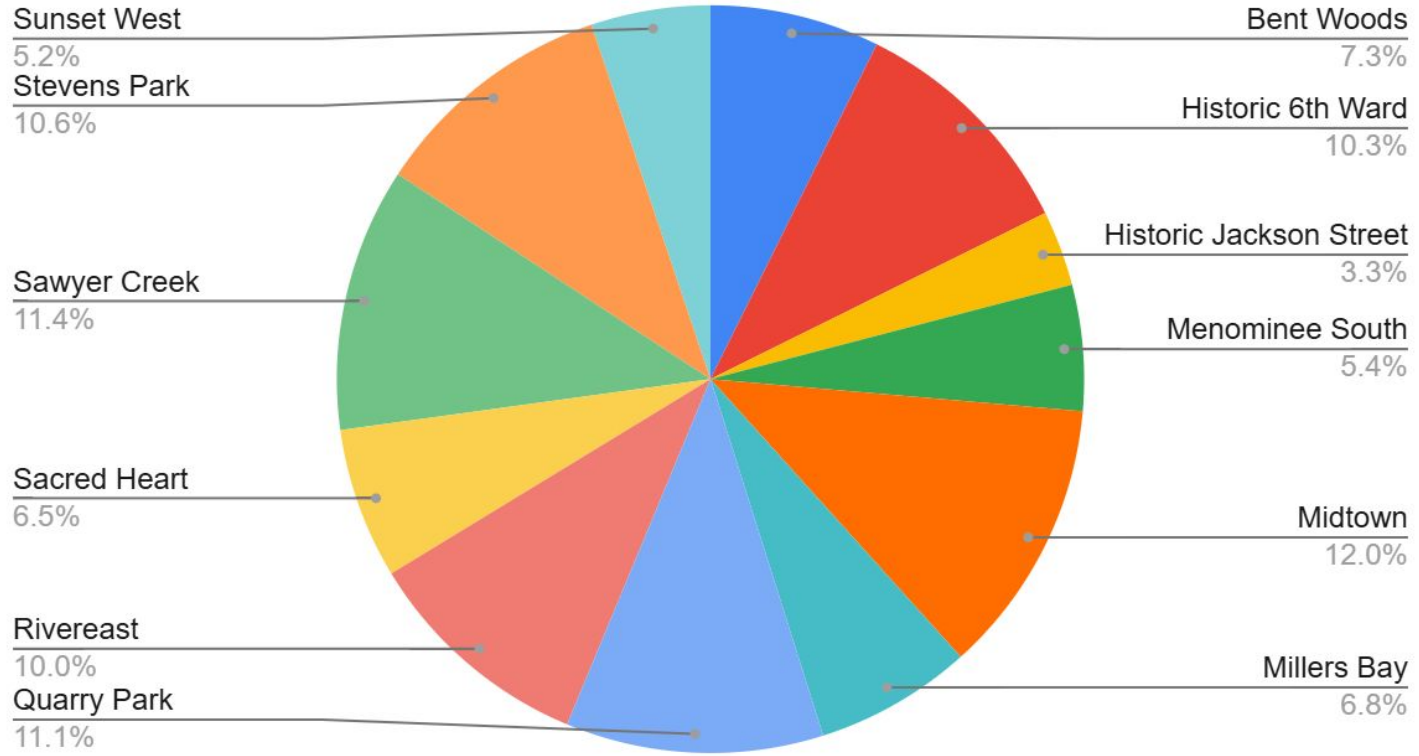
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2025 Neighborhood CB&E Funds \$9195









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Real Estate Development & Future Programming

- 135 Church Ave Rental Units!
- Winnebago Public Health & Safe Routes, Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative
- New Construction of Multifamily Units on Vacant Lots - 302 Merritt Avenue
- “The Connection” NEW Mental Health Partnership
- Development/Rehab and/or Renovation of Homes in Neighborhoods
- HomeBuyer Education *HUD Certified Counseling

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- 1 Bedroom Units (3)
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- On-Site Laundry
- On-Site Storage
- On-Site Management

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- TBD

Annual Events

- **Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods' Spring Rally**
- **Neighborhood Night Out** *First Tuesday in August
- **Rock the Block Oshkosh**
- **National Good Neighbor Day** *Last Sunday in September
- **Celebrating Oshkosh Neighborhood Heroes**

Questions?

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2026 National Night Out Request Form

The completed application can be mailed to: Parks Services & Events, Special Events Coordinator, 805 Witzel Ave., Oshkosh, WI, 54902; or emailed to: ksnell@oshkoshwi.gov . For more information contact the Special Events Coordinator at (920) 232-5304.

CONTACT INFORMATION (This is the primary organizer of the NNO event)	
Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	Email:
EVENT / ACTIVITY INFORMATION	
Event Date:	Location of Event/Activity: <i>Name specific public park, street, alley, etc. or provide specific street address if event / activity will be held on private property.</i>
Start Time:	End Time:
If a Street Closure is Requested: Street to be Closed: _____ From _____ (Street) to _____ (Street) <i>(Example: N. Campbell Rd. from Witzel Avenue to Dempsey Trail)</i>	
Estimated Attendance:	Have all residents been notified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please list any objections:	
Is the event/activity affiliated with a Neighborhood Association: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, list Association:
Event will have: <input type="checkbox"/> Amplified Sound <input type="checkbox"/> Bounce House <input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Non Food Items for Sale / Display <input type="checkbox"/> Tents / Canopies	Note: If the event/activity will include any of the items listed, a special event permit may be required. The Special Events Coordinator will contact you.
Requesting City of Oshkosh Community Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Please list Special Teams Requested (i.e. K9, Swat, etc.):	

The information contained in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. If there are any changes to the proposed event/activity, I agree that I will promptly notify the city of Oshkosh of these changes and request approval of them.

Application Signature

Date

2026 National Night Out

This year's annual National Night Out will be recognized on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in the City of Oshkosh. National Night Out events shall follow the City's policy for Neighborhood Block Parties.

Defining a Neighborhood Block Party

- Located on a residential city street and minimally impacts normal traffic patterns
- Attendance of 100 residents, their friends and family or less
- No sales of food, beverages or merchandise
- No consumption of alcohol on public rights-of-way (streets, sidewalks, terrace areas, etc.)
- No temporary structures (tents, port-a-lets, bounce houses, etc.) placed within the rights-of-way (streets, sidewalks, terrace areas, etc.)

If an individual or Neighborhood Association will be hosting a National Night Out activity or event, the following form shall be completed and submitted to the Special Events Coordinator no later than Friday, June 5, 2026.

If the event/activity will include any of the following, a Special Event Permit application may be required.

- Exclusive use and/or closure of all or part of a City or County owned facility, such as buildings, parks, open spaces, streets, parking lots, etc. (excluding normal rental of a park shelter)
- Temporary installation or construction of structures, including but not limited to tents, bounce houses, stages, etc.
- Selling of food, beverages, an/or merchandise
- Will require Extraordinary Services, use of City water, electrical, etc.

If you are unsure of whether a Special Event Permit application will be required, contact the Special Events Coordinator at (920) 232-5304.

The request will be reviewed by the Special Events Review Committee and any concerns or issues will be brought to your attention. You will be notified of the approval or denial of your request following the review.