



Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

March 9, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Oshkosh Public Library Lower Level

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Bent Woods: Steve & Mary Jo VanderLoop
Fox Chase: Susan Matz, Kevin Stein
Historic Jackson: Shirley Brabender-Mattox
Historic 6th Ward: Tim Ernst, Paulette Feld
Lumber River: Bob Gluth
Menominee South: Cynthia Thorpe
Midtown: Sam Stephenson
Millers Bay: Polly Kimball, Reni Lynch
Quarry Park: Lori Buskirk, Kirsten Langkau
River East: Gary & Carmen Scott
Sacred Heart: Barb & Tim Macho
Sawyer Creek: Mary D'Angelo
Sawyer-Paine: Logan Jungbacker
Stevens Park: Mike Gephart, Anchor Kossik, Larry & Renne Lautenschlager
Sunset West: Cheryl Almberg

New Neighborhoods:

Jefferson: Julie & Rob Robinson
Vel Philips: JD Williams, Edgar Gomez
S Park-Rugby: Micki Dewing, Emily

Announcements: Please continue to share the minutes of Alliance meetings with your Core Team and the Hey, Neighbor newsletter with your neighborhood email contacts & FB pages.

Spring Rally **We truly hope you will attend and/or invite others. All funds raised will go back to help fund Community Building and Engagement and Curb Appeal grants in neighborhoods.**

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 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/>

Create A Stunning Front Yard & Entryway for All to Enjoy: Whether you live in the city, the suburbs or beyond, everyone can benefit from some added curb appeal. Melinda will share tips on everything from quick, simple and affordable to more elaborate makeovers to create a beautiful and welcoming front yard and entrance for you, visitors and passersby. Learn ways to dress up your front door and walkway, add some creative container gardens or create a stunning garden bed, border or entryway garden.

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

Community Listening Sessions: This is a grant-funded project that OHN is taking the lead on after hearing concerns from Neighborhoods regarding how the school consolidation has changed traffic patterns in neighborhoods. Many of you had great ideas about where crossing guards, bus pick-up/drop-offs, etc. should be located. We invite all interested parties to attend either an in-person or virtual listening session. Please share with your neighborhoods and this is open to the community at large - not just those with school age children.

GO-HNI LISTENING SESSIONS:

HELP SHAPE TRANSPORTATION IN OSHKOSH

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is hosting Listening Sessions to learn how transportation can better serve students, families, and residents.

Join us to share your ideas and help build a safer, more connected Oshkosh.



SESSION INFORMATION

IN PERSON SESSIONS:

March 12th 6pm
at Vel Phillips Middle School

March 17th 6pm
at Oaklawn Elementary

VIRTUAL SESSIONS:

March 10th 10am
March 19th 12pm
March 24th 6pm
March 26th 10am

FOR EVENT DETAILS



gohni.org/upcoming-events/

gohni.org | 135 Church Ave, Oshkosh, WI, 9202302717

Good Neighbor Grant Cycle opens April 20 until funds are gone or May 20 - share with your neighborhoods <https://gohni.org/grants-loans/>

Winnebago County Fair Open Class

Kim Brzozowski, Winnebago County Fair and Tim Macho, Winnebago County Board of Supervisors discussed the possibility of individuals or a group submission from Neighborhood Associations in the open class at the Winnebago County Fair in August. See page 4 for more or contact Kim at kbrzozowski334@gmail.com; 920-915-2078 &/or Tim at battj1@msn.com; 303-668-4127

City of Oshkosh Rebranding Exercise led by Drew Bailey, City of Oshkosh Communications and Engagement dbailey@oshkoshwi.gov

Neighborhood Sharing - What is new in your Neighborhood/Events

- Stevens Park - Are working on rebuilding their steering committee after the loss of their long-time leader.
- Bent Woods - hosting their monthly meeting featuring information about Rock the Block on Tuesday, March 10 at Zaronis. They will have pizza and pie (for Pi Day).
- Historic 6th Ward - is in the process of adding two additional streets to the neighborhood 8th and 9th. They are planning a rummage sale.
- Quarry Park - Pie and Ice cream on Pi Day and encouraging people to bring items for the Hygiene Drive
- Menominee South - Annual meeting in spring, and working with Urban Ecology and Menominee North on pollinator patches.
- Sunset West found a girl scout troop who may be interested in fixing up the butterfly garden along the trail in Rusch Park.
- Midtown - Monthly meetings starting again in spring.

- Sawyer Creek - planning a cocktail party
- Fox Chase - Annual Meeting with ice cream social on April 12
- Sawyer-Paine - also likes the idea of a cocktail hour and hoping to have one soon
- Millers Bay - hosting their 2nd Annual Trivia with Pie on Pi Day
- River East - last Movie with Friends on Sunday, March 15 at the Library, Pups on the Runway on April 23, and serving a meal at Day by Day
- Sacred Heart is hosting trivia at 1890 on March 29 and is planning a dumpster day in May
- We also met the new leaders from three forming neighborhoods - around Vel Phillips, in the area around rugby to south park, and around Jefferson school. Seasoned veterans recommended - personal asks, highlighting to potential volunteers what is in it for them, and asking them to give you one year.

Please note: Julie will be out of the office Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27. Get requests to her early next week.

Future Meeting Schedule


Monday, April 13: Speaker, Liz Last, How OHN supports Neighborhood Associations

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

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

Monday, July 13: To Be Announced 😊

91.9 FM Oshkosh together with FOX 11 present



Help for the Homeless

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Feb. 22 - Mar. 15

Help ease financial strain on 8 local Oshkosh area homeless and crisis programs and those they serve!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Bathroom Tissue	Diapers/Baby Care	Paper Towels
Cleaning Supplies	Face/Bath Soap	Razors
Dental Care	Feminine Care	Hair Care
Deodorant	Laundry Detergent	Trash Bags

Donations remain in the community where collected!

Learn more



Thanks to our sponsors and event partners! Details at www.TheFamily.net or 800-236-9364.



Let's Talk about Housing

Housing: Affordability - Availability - Accessibility

Candidate Forum

Followed by Dessert and Discussion

Featuring:
Oshkosh City Council Candidates

Hosted by: ESTHER Housing Advocates

Forum at 6:00pm then Q&A

Free & Open to the Public

Thursday
March 26
6:00 pm
Becket's
2 Jackson Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901



Join in Person
OR
Scan the QR Code to Join via Zoom

www.esther-foxvalley.org/forum2026

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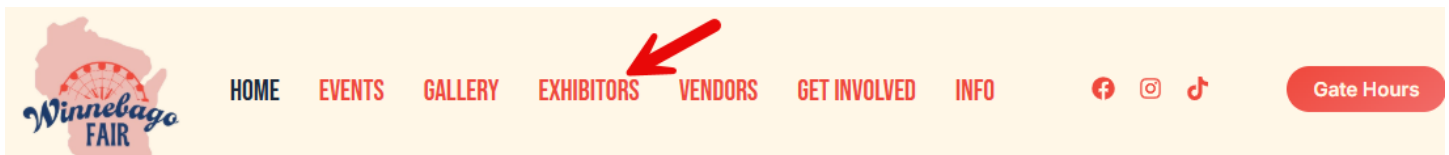
What to know for the 2026 Winnebago County Fair Oshkosh

Timeline:

- Fair Premium books for Junior and Open should post sometime in late April / May to the website.
- Fair Entry will be open from sometime in May until about the 3rd week in June (website).
- Location of the Fair: Sunnyview Expo Center 500 County Rd. Y, Oshkosh WI 54901
- Exhibit tags can be picked up from about Friday July 24 – July 29. ** Please note, if you pick up your tags on Tues. you MUST give yourself time to attach the tags and have the exhibits on the check-in table by 10:30 am! (Sunnyview ExpoCenter)
- Exhibits are due that Sunday or Monday 9am to 3pm (July 26-27) or by 10:30am Tues. (July 29) the week of Fair. There is a designated area for Open Class. (Sunnyview ExpoCenter)
- Judging days for expo exhibits (Sunnyview ExpoCenter):
 - Juniors (Youth) Monday and Tues. July 27 & 28
 - Open Class (Adults) Tues. July 28
- Pick-up of exhibits is from 4:30 pm – 6 pm on Sunday Aug. 2. Exhibits will NOT be released before 4:30 due to DATCP regulation. (Sunnyview ExpoCenter)

Sites to know:

The Premiums books, instructions for entering exhibits into Fair Entry and instructions for creating an account for the first time in Fair Entry can all be found at the below link and then under www.winnebagocountyfairOshkosh.com



Winnebago County Fair also has a Facebook page. Just search Winnebago County Fair Oshkosh – You MUST enter Oshkosh or you will get Winnebago County, IL.

Questions can be emailed to: winnebagocountyfairquestion@gmail.com

Watch these sites for announcements for when the Premium books post and Fair Entry open and close dates.