

HEY, NEIGHBOR!



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Outdoor Neighborhood Event Ideas

June is here and it's time to get outdoors. Our neighborhoods are busy with activity. Are you looking for ideas for connecting with neighbors? Here is a great list to get you started. However, the ideas are endless. Be creative and use what you already have in your neighborhood or a surrounding one.

- **Block Party:** We have everything you need in the OHN [Block Party Trailer](#) for a great neighborhood event.
- **Progressive Dinner/Yard Crawl (Sip & Stroll):** Move from house to house for different courses/beverages/desserts, etc....
- **Driveway Happy Hours:** Bring your own chair and beverage and meet up in a designated driveway.
- **Ice Cream Social/Root Beer Floats:** Ice cream is always a summer favorite. Ask a local ice cream/root beer shop for a donation/discount for your neighborhood event.
- **Little Library/Pantry:** Restock your neighborhood library &/or pantry. Don't have one? Find information here: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>
- **Tie-Dye Party:** A great opportunity to decorate some neighborhood shirts.
- **Yoga & Wine Down:** Find a neighborhood yoga instructor and have them lead yoga in your park/green space. Add a little wine for after.
- **Cultural Potluck:** Share dishes that represent everyone's diverse heritage.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Set up griddles in a cul-de-sac or greenspace to kick-start the day.
- **Field Day:** Organize classic relay races and tug-of-war for all ages.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide clues throughout the neighborhood. End at a central location for a celebration.
- **Bike Parade:** Decorate bicycles and cruise the neighborhood together.
- **Chalk the Neighborhood:** Transform driveways with art or inspirational quotes.
- **Outdoor Movie Night:** Project a family-friendly film onto a garage door or OHN has a large screen in the [Block Party Trailer](#).

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Outdoor Neighborhood Event Ideas *continued from page 1:*

- **Porchfest:** Local musicians perform on different front porches.
- **Storytelling Circle:** Gather around a fire pit to share neighborhood history or family stories.
- **Popcorn in the Park:** Meet in the park and give attendees a small bag of popcorn.
- **Tailgate:** Watch a Brewers or Packers game together with snacks and games.
- **Planting/Weeding Parties:** Dress up your terrace, green space, or park with flowers or community garden space. Don't forget to also plan a time to weed.
- **Decluttering Events:** Hold a neighborhood garage sale and follow-up with a dumpster day.
- **Book or Toy Swap:** Set up outdoor tables to trade favorite reads or toys.

Oshkosh Specific:

- **Food Truck Night:** Meet up at [Food Truck Friday](#) on June 12, 5-9 pm at South Park.
- **Brews by the Waterside:** Meet in a park and listen to music. Bring your neighborhood sign and have folks sit together and enjoy the music. Tuesdays, this summer, 5-9 pm at Rainbow and Menominee Parks.
- **EAA Viewing Party:** Does your neighborhood have a great view of the airshow? Watch together in a central location.
- **National Neighborhood Night Out:** always the 1st Tuesday in August.
- **Children's Day Parade:** Have a neighborhood entry in the parade &/or to participate in the activities at South Park following the parade on Saturday, August 1, 10 am – 3 pm.
- **Good Neighbor Day** is September 28. Say thank you to a good neighbor.

Each Neighborhood has the opportunity to utilize up to \$1,000 for [Community Building & Engagement](#) to help support events and social connectedness in neighborhoods. After your event, record volunteer planning hours, number of participants, pictures, the sign-in sheet and receipts for reimbursement [HERE](#). This is also the location where quarterly volunteer hours are submitted.

It doesn't have to be fancy, time-intensive or expensive to connect neighbors. It just takes someone like you to take that first step, because **Great Neighborhoods Start With You!**



Neighborhood Alliance

The Neighborhood Alliance is made up of a leader or two from each neighborhood. The Alliance meets on the second Monday of the month to share resources and information and to allow for peer to peer exchange. Our next regular meeting is **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6 pm in the lower level of the Library.**

Presenter: Travis Derks from the Forestry Department. If you have topics you'd like Travis to discuss, please email julie@gohni.org



MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE MEETING



2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6 - 7 PM
OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY (LL)

Meet Your Neighbors

OHN supports 27 recognized neighborhood associations. This month we are highlighting Bent Woods Neighborhood Association. We are pleased to reveal their new Logo here, as well! They have a unique name because their neighborhood has Bent Avenue running east and west through the "tree" streets: Beech, Cedar, Elmwood, Spruce and Walnut – so Bent Woods. Bent Woods will also be the recipient of the Rock the Block program this fall.



Neighborhood Spotlight



- Established:** 2021
- Households:** 458 parcels
- Boundaries:** Murdock Ave, Congress Ave, Historic Jackson NA, and Lumber River NA
- Amenities:** Congress Field & Tot Lot, American Legion, Green Space Picnic Table, and partner businesses on Murdock Ave.
- Favorite Event:** Neighborhood meetings with food, especially when grilling out in the Green Space.
- Contact:** bentwoodsna@gmail.com
facebook.com/BentWoodsNeighborhood

Upcoming Events

Alliance Meeting

Monday, June 8, 6 - 7 pm
Oshkosh Public Library

OHN Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 - 9 am
OACF Board Room

National Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 5-7 pm

National Good Neighbor Day

Monday, September 28

Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes

Thursday, November 5
Venue 404



River East's birdhouse painting event on May 2.

New Neighborhood Alerts

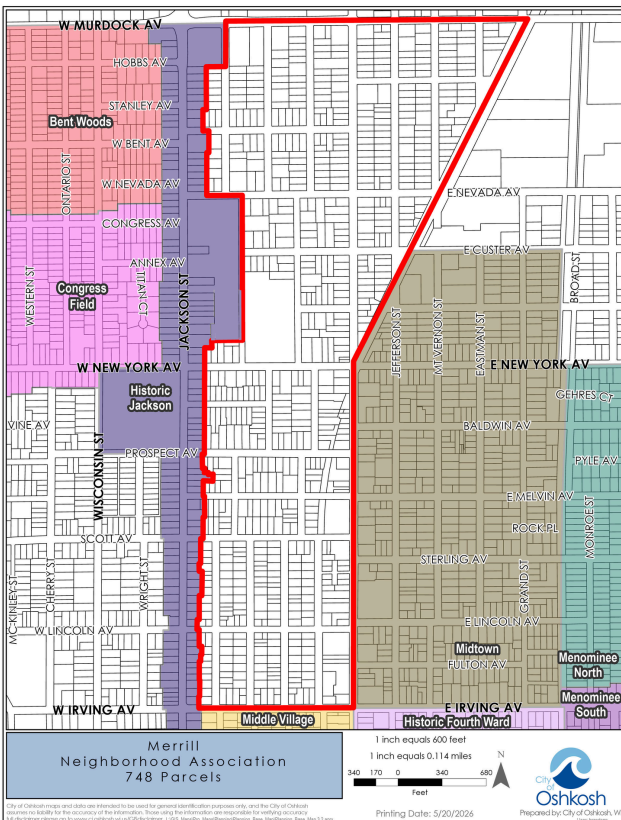
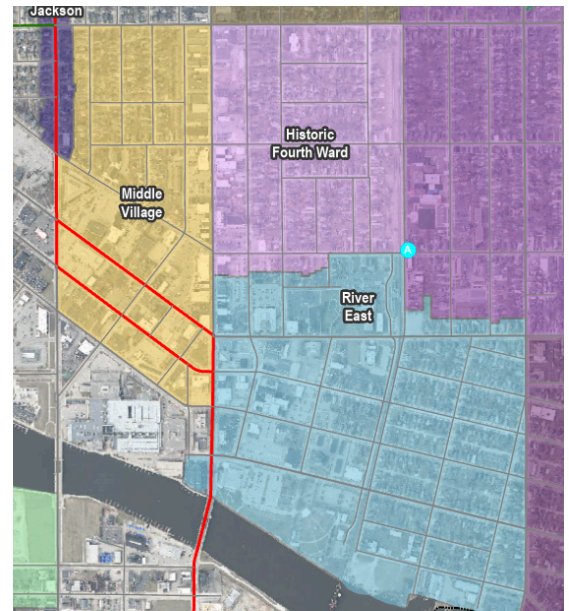
These neighborhood leaders received approval of their new neighborhood associations on Tuesday, May 26, at the City of Oshkosh Common Council Meeting.

South Park-Rugby Neighborhood Association formed in April with the boundaries of South Park, Knapp, 9th, and Ohio -- and --

Merrill Neighborhood Association formed in May with the boundaries of Murdock, Harrison/Main, Irving, and the East side of Historic Jackson. They can be contacted at Merrill.na.osh@gmail.com and on Facebook as **Merrill Neighborhood Association**.

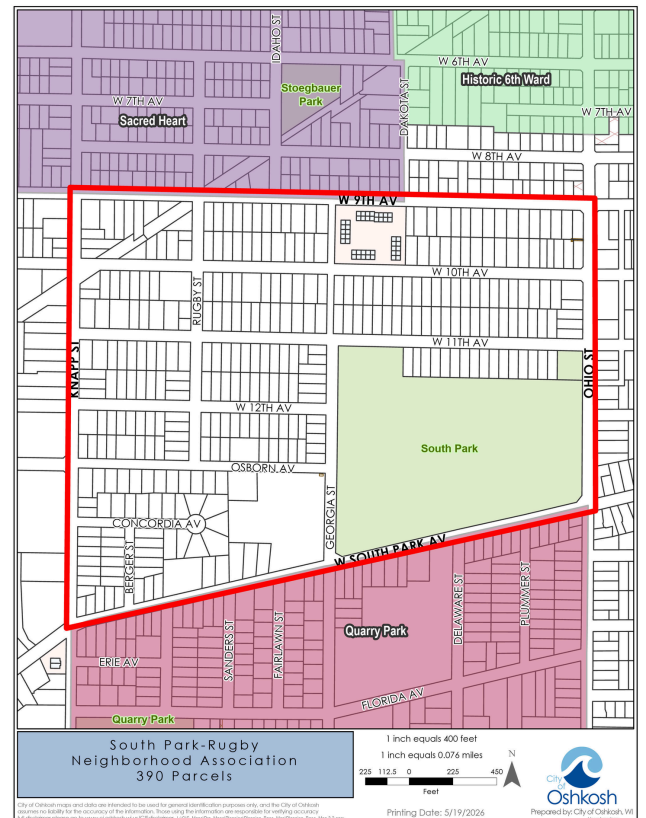
These are neighborhoods #26 & #27. We are so proud of their efforts to build community in their neighborhoods. Both are planning Neighborhood Night Out events on Tuesday, August 4.

Lastly, after thoughtful consideration, the Downtown Neighborhood decided to be absorbed by the surrounding neighborhoods rather than being it's own neighborhood. The updated map of Middle Village, Historic 4th Ward and River East is on the right.



Merrill Neighborhood

South Park-Rugby Neighborhood





Exciting “Breaking” News!

We are pleased to report that we broke ground on a new affordable housing development at 302 Merritt Avenue, in the Historic Fourth Ward Neighborhood. The home will be a two-bedroom duplex with a two-car detached garage. The units will be offered at affordable rates aligned with HUD income guidelines, prioritizing households earning below 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

Residents will be referred through local transitional housing partners, including programs that support individuals and families transitioning from homelessness, refugee resettlement, or domestic violence. By providing stable, long-term housing, this project aims to strengthen connections between residents and the surrounding neighborhood.



GO-HNI is partnering with Signature Homes by Adashun Jones to construct the duplex. The project is funded in part through grants and contributions from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority Foundation, J. J. Keller Foundation, Signature Homes by Adashun Jones, and the Theda Tamblin Clark Smith Foundation.

We expect construction to be complete sometime this fall.



Meet the OHN Board

As a non-profit organization Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is lead by a volunteer board of directors. This month meet our board member, Mike Selner.

Mike has served as the long-time chair of the Marketing Committee.



OSHKOSH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

Meet Our Board Member

Mike works at American National Bank Fox Cities, has been on the board since 2018, and lives in Stevens Park Neighborhood Association.

How did you get involved?
Through Leadership Oshkosh

Favorite Event/Activity
The Annual Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes Event.

What excites you about OHN:
The continued focus on creating and supporting neighborhood associations in the city which provide and establish a sense of community in our city.



MIKE SELNER

Before



& After!



Good Neighbor Grant update:

We received 75 requests in the one month period that we had applications open. We awarded 30 initially and will be able to award 30 more due to additional support from the City of Oshkosh.

One project in the Quarry Park Neighborhood is already complete! Follow our [Facebook](#) page for more "before and afters."



Community Resource

SWAP, DON'T SHOP

Give Items a Second Life!

Declutter sustainably!

Bring what the kids outgrew & take home something new-to-them!



Saturday, June 6, 2026

10 am - Noon

Opera House Square

315 N. Main Street

Oshkosh

a mutual aid activity within
GRASSROOTS UPRISING
Mutual Aid Market

How It Works:

Anyone is welcome to participate! Bring or take as much as you'd like. Any type of toy or game, any age range. No money involved!

www.commonrootsrising.org



We were asked to share the following resource.
It looks like a great opportunity to declutter without overburdening the landfill.

For more information visit their website at:

<https://commonrootsrising.org/event/grassroots-uprising-mutual-aid-market-2/>

