



Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

June 8, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Oshkosh Public Library Lower Level

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Attendance:

Bent Woods: Mary Jo & Steve VanderLoop
Fox Chase: Susan Matz and Kevin Stein
Historic 6th Ward: Tim Ernst and Paulette Feld
Historic Jackson: Shirley Brabender-Mattox
Menominee South: Cynthia Thorpe
Merrill: JD Williams, Lynn Gilles, Nikki Selenka
Middle Village: Lori Palmeri
Midtown: Sam Stephenson
Millers Bay: Reni Lynch and Polly Kimball
Quarry Park: Pam Ruder
River East: Yvonne Schaele and Kathy Webb
Sawyer Creek: Mary D'Angelo
Sawyer-Paine: Jeanne Tondryk
Stevens Park: Larry & Renee Lautenschlager and Chris Toppel
Sunset West: Cheryl Almberg and Cheryl Schiavone
Speakers: Alan Lareau and Travis Derks
Staff: Liz Last and Julie Kiefer

Good Neighbor Grant Cycle is now closed. We received 74 applications. (See stats on page 4)

New Neighborhoods Forming: see maps on page 5.

Safe Routes to School Survey: see page 5 and please share with your neighborhoods.

Alliance Summer Social at the Oshkosh Seniors Center for the July Alliance Meeting. Please bring a dish to share and if the weather is good, bring a lawn chair. Water and a main dish will be provided. [RSVP HERE](#)

OHN Neighborhood Alliance

Summer Social

Monday, July 13, 5-7:30 pm



Church Ave Ramp Update: We had volunteers from the United Way Day of Caring help us with some ramp repairs. If you ever come to the office and want/need to use the stairs, please pull into the back and park in the spot closest to the house. Then you may take the ramp to the office entrance. Thanks to Lowes for donating some of the materials and the United Way Volunteers for their help!

North and East side NAs:

Vel Philips Middle School is offering you an opportunity to connect with families at their school's back to school open house on Monday, August 24, 3-6:15 pm. Contact amanda.patza@oshkosh.k12.wi.us, middle school principal if you'd like to participate.

Upcoming Events at the Oshkosh Public Museum. If any NAs would like to participate, please let Julie know: julie@gohni.org:

Volksfest – The Library and Museum are teaming up for a new community event celebrating Oshkosh's German heritage! Volksfest, is the German word for a large community gathering often associated with Oktoberfest! The date is Thursday, September 24. Polka, authentic German food, Bavarian Folk dancers, and more.

Día de los Muertos – 5th Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration at the Oshkosh Public Museum Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The Oshkosh Public Museum is proud to host its 4th annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. This free community event aims to enhance cultural awareness by showcasing traditional celebrations from one of the fastest-growing cultural groups in our region. We invite diverse audiences to participate with us at the Museum, aligning with our mission to preserve, promote, and share history, art, and culture with Oshkosh residents and visitors alike.

Speaker: Alan Lareau from the [League of Women Voters](#) gave a short presentation about LWV. The LWV is a non-partisan group that has the goal of having voters be informed and engaged. They are available to have a table at neighborhood events to help inform attendees about changes to polling places, help people register and update their addresses, and give information about the three referendums on the November ballot. For more information contact Patti at pnmckeown@gmail.com or Alan at alanlareau@att.net.

Duplex Project at 302 Merritt. OHN recently broke ground and will be building a two-bedroom, one bath duplex on this vacant lot at 302 Merritt. The house is designed to fit the neighborhood with a detached garage.

1. The lot had been empty and for sale for 10 years without a buyer. The City of Oshkosh sold it to OHN for \$1 and OHN paid the closing costs.
2. OHN received a WHEDA Foundation grant for the initial funds. We have written several other grants to foundations for additional funds. So we are not using tax dollars for this project.
3. We need grant dollars because the cost to build the house is more than what can be supported by the rent we are able to charge.
4. Tenants will be referred to us from other agencies who serve people experiencing domestic violence, homelessness and/or are refugees. Referrals will be for people who successfully completed their initial programs and are now ready for long-term rental housing (moving out of transitional housing). They will be Oshkosh residents and not sex offenders/people from the prison.
5. We are using the Fair Market Rent standards for Winnebago County set by HUD to determine the rent amount. The WHEDA foundation grant requires us to rent one unit to a household at or below 50% of County Median Income and one unit to a household at or below 80% of CMI. The residents may only pay 30% of their income toward all housing expenses.
6. Any proceeds at the end will be paid forward into the next project &/or go back to the neighborhoods to support our programming like: CB&E, Good Neighbor Grants, etc....

This is a pilot project. If you have other questions, please contact Julie or Liz.

Speaker: Travis Derks, Parks Dept Landscape Operations Manager for the City of Oshkosh was our speaker. He would like to set up a recognition program for Neighborhoods who do projects inline with the City of Oshkosh's Tree City designation. It would ask that NAs do an educational program and some planting work – and it does not have to be on public property. NAs could work together to do this. There were questions about planting in terraces and he said that you should call him first and make sure you call Diggers Hotline. Native plants are not allowed on terraces. If you want to do plantings on public land then start with a conversation with the Planning Department. Here is his email if you want to follow up: tderks@oshkoshwi.gov

NA Updates:

Stevens Park: Rummage Sale July 9-11.

Menominee North & South working together on Pollinator patches and meet up during a concert in the park.

6th Ward: Is expanding their boundaries to include the homes to 9th Ave.

Merrill: Officially a NA as of May 27. Hosting a NNO event.

Sawyer-Paine: Two historic homes for sale in the NA.

Bent Woods: Continue to work on Rock the Block in September.

Middle Village: holding a 4th of July ice cream social and hot dogs after the parade.

Sawyer Creek: Working with Planning on Boulevard Project.

Midtown: Holding a kick-off to summer on 6-13.

Quarry Park: Marigold planting on Knapp was 6-5, Rummage sale in July, and Block Party on 8-11.

Sunset West: Donuts & Donations event in July to collect items for the Teachers Closet.

Fox Chase: Driveway Happy Hour in May and June, Block Party in September.

River East: Planted flowers at William Waters Plaza.

Millers Bay: Placing flags around the triangle & a bunting on George Washington on 7/4. NNO event.

Historic Jackson: Wrap on utility box complete and plan a picnic.

Future Events:

Monday, July 13: Neighborhood Alliance Social at the Oshkosh Seniors Center

Tuesday, August 4: National Neighborhood Night Out

Monday, August 10: Gordon Hintz, Winnebago County Executive (Under the Dome)

Monday, September 14: Alliance Meeting TBD

Monday, September 28: National Good Neighbor Day

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

GNG 2026 Stats

Received: 74 Applications in 30 days

Approved: 59

Denied: 15

Applicants submitted applications from 19 neighborhoods:

3	Bent Woods
4	Congress Field
2	Ferry Crossing
3	Fox Chase
1	Historic 4th Ward
2	Historic 6th Ward
5	Historic Jackson
1	Lumber River
3	Menomonee North
6	Menominee South
3	Midtown
3	Miller's Bay
1	Northshore
8	Quarry Park
1	River East
2	Sacred Heart
2	Sawyer Creek
2	South Park-Rugby
7	Stevens Park
59	Approved

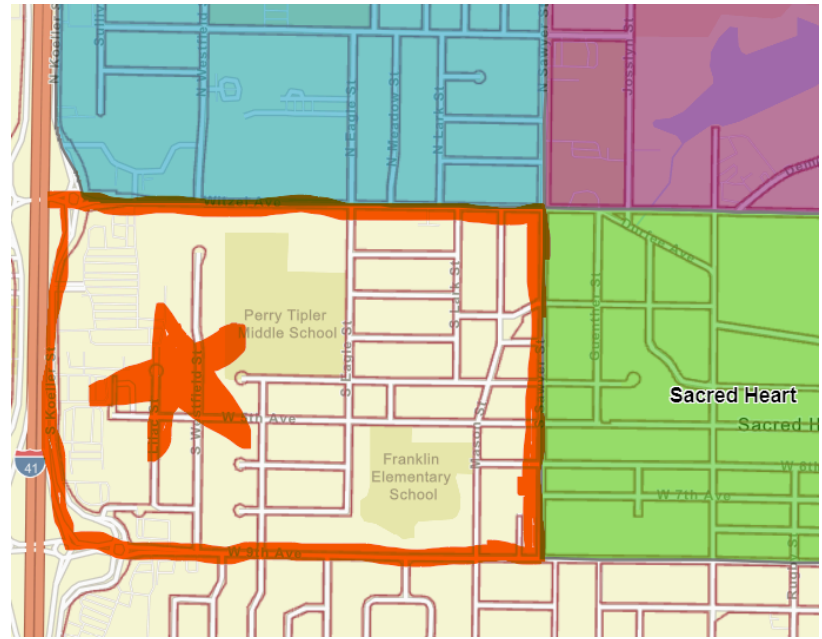
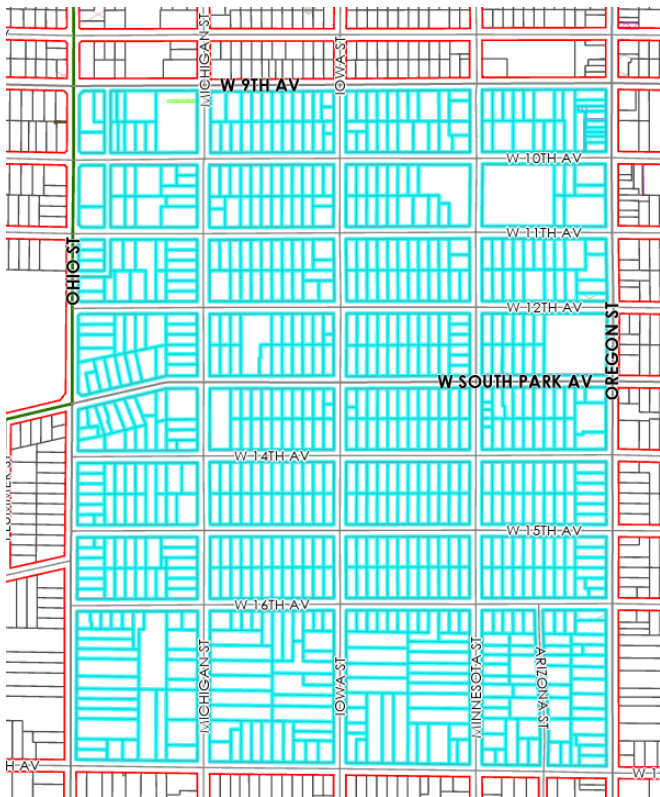
Applicants applied on the following dates:

29	4/20/2026
18	4/21-25/26
6	4/26-5/2/26
8	5/3-9/26
5	5/10-16/26
8	5/17-20/26
74	

Applicants were denied because:

3	lack of impact
5	not in an NA, including one in Neenah
7	Previously received a grant in 24, 25, or 26
15	denied

Next Neighborhoods in the formation process:



If you know anyone in these areas, please contact julie@gohni.org. Thank you!!!

GO-HNI COMMUNITY SURVEY:

HELP IMPACT STUDENT SAFETY IN OSKOSH

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is conducting a survey to learn how students can walk and bike safely to and from school. Please share your ideas and help build a safer, more connected community.

OSHKOSH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

SCAN HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Please use the QR Code to access the survey or visit gohni.org/about-oskosh-healthy-neighborhoods/ to access the survey, which will be available through June 30, 2026.



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Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods (GO-HNI) is conducting this survey to better understand concerns, barriers, and opportunities related to students walking and biking to/from school.

The survey will be available through June 30, 2026, and will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Please reach out to Liz Last or Julie Kiefer via messenger or info@gohni.org or 920-230-2717 with any questions.

Through funding provided by the State of Wisconsin CDC State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) cooperative agreement, GO-HNI has been awarded a Community Design for Physical Activity Grant to support neighborhood-based efforts focused on improving safe, active, and equitable

transportation access for students, families, and residents. This project will help identify transportation and mobility challenges related to school travel, bus stop access, traffic safety, sidewalks, crossings, and biking conditions — particularly in neighborhoods impacted by school consolidation and changing travel patterns.

Feedback gathered through this survey will help guide collaboration between residents, neighborhood associations, schools, and municipal partners to support visible, community-driven improvements that make it safer and easier for students and families to walk and bike throughout our community.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/.../Safe-Routes-Healthy...>