



Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

August 10, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Oshkosh Public Library Under the Dome

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Attendance:

Bent Woods: Steve and Mary Jo Vanderloop

Historic 4th Ward: Tracy Luchetta

Historic 6th Ward: Paulette Feld

Historic Jackson: Shirley Brabender Mattox

Merrill: JD Williams

Menominee North: Dee Walter

Menominee South: Madeline Bereendsen

Millers Bay: Polly Kimball and Reni Lynch

Quarry Park: Connie Drexler

River East: Yvonne Schaele

Sacred Heart: Barb & Tim Macho

Sawyer Creek: Mary D'Angelo

South Park-Rugby: Micki Dewing

Stevens Park: Larry Lautenschlager

Sunset West: Cheryl Almberg

GOHNI: Julie Kiefer

Speakers: Rick and Susie Leib, Oshkosh North Communities Program

Gordon Hintz, Winnebago County Executive

New Neighborhoods Forming:

- Jefferson Area: 9th, Oregon, 15th or 16th, and Ohio - Meet Aug 12
- Franklin/Tippler Area: 9th, Koeller, Witzel, Sawyer - September 17
- Historic 6th Ward expanded to include 8th and 9th Streets - Met & Approved July 28
- Graceland: Washburn, 9th, Westhaven, and Witzel - possibly this fall

Safe Routes, Healthy Neighborhoods - 1st Phase: Listening Sessions, 2nd Phase: Community Survey, 3rd Phase: We are working with Discover Oshkosh to develop short videos that will encourage drivers to slow down, to become a crossing guard and to encourage students to use cross walks.

Non-partisan Voting Information at your Neighborhood Events: The [League of Women Voters](#) 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 Alan Lareau at alanlareau@att.net and invite him to be at your fall events.

Office Coverage: Liz is going to be on a planned medical leave starting August 17 and will be out of the office until the end of September. We love visitors, but please call or text before stopping by the office to make sure Julie is there. We will be covering as many hours as possible, but we will have some times when there is not coverage. The office will be closed on Fridays, but you may call on Fridays.

Duplex on Madison: We have a foundation!

Next meeting: Julie will review of the GOHNI website, requesting CB&E funds, requesting the Block Party Trailer, entering volunteer hours and requesting reimbursements - send your volunteers who do this 😊

Speaker: Rick and Susie Lieb from the Oshkosh North HS Communities Program gave some background about the Communities program and talked about the students hosting a food and hygiene drive on Friday, September 11. More details to follow.

Speaker: Winnebago County Executive, Gordon Hintz

1. Gordon talked about all of the ways you may be interacting with the county: Sheriff, ADRC, Human Services, Parkview, County Park, Boat Launches, Water Management, Public Health, and the Airport.
2. He shared that in his 15 months as County Executive we have had a 100-year flood, snowstorm that closed the county for two days, air quality problems, and a devastating tornado.
3. He talked about Winnebago County purchasing UWO-Fox Cities for \$1 from Outagamie County.
 - a. While the counties always owned the two-year campuses, UWO-FC was owned by Winnebago and Outagamie County. They owned the land and buildings but were not responsible for the day-to-day operations.
 - b. They are keeping the following open: Planetarium, Theater, Childcare Center. They are looking for additional new ways to use the remaining buildings and land.
4. The county has developed a revolving loan program to provide gap financing to help create housing opportunities.
5. The county is working on solutions for homelessness and feels the best way is to provide housing with wrap-around services.

NA Updates:

Bent Woods: Block Party in August; Chalk the Walk on Aug 30 (encouraging people to write positive back to school messages on their sidewalks prior to school starting).

Historic 4th Ward: Met in July; staff presented information about the duplex project.

Historic 6th Ward: Met in July to expand their boundaries to 9th Ave and the ThedaCare Administrator spoke about the new hospital; the Ambulance garage on 6th & Iowa is on hold due to a DNR review; with the expansion they can now use Peace Lutheran for a meeting space; held a NNO; Annual meeting in Fall; will participate in the South-side Halloween Bash

Historic Jackson: Picnic in the fall

Menominee South: NNO event great turnout

Merrill: NNO event had about 50 people and used a great BINGO activity to get to know neighbors

Millers Bay: NNO event 60-70 attended and Annual Meeting coming up

Quarry Park: Block Party in Aug; Annual Meeting in Oct; Marigolds look great along Knapp (Quarry Park Gold)

River East: Planting in the median across from the Truffle Pig

Sacred Heart: Held Trivia night in June, EAA watch party during EAA, We had someone from the County Fair come and talk to the Alliance in March about entering something in the open class. Tim entered an item and won a blue ribbon. He'd like to see more neighborhoods consider entering a project in the future.

Sawyer Creek: Had about 75 for NNO. Annual Meeting coming up. Currently voting on a log.

Sawyer-Paine: Progressive dinner in the fall

South Park-Rugby: NNO ice cream social had about 50 people

Stevens Park: Annual Rummage sale in July, had their July meeting in the park to dedicate a memorial to Ron Hansche and Steve Lenz.

Sunset West: Donations and Donuts event in July and collected supplies for the Teacher's Closet. Planning a Fall Gathering.

Future Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, September 14: Alliance Meeting - GOHNI Website

**Sunday, September 27, Good Neighbor Day Celebration at Sometimes at Pioneer Island
(10% of sales come back to OHN)**

Monday, September 28: National Good Neighbor Day

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

Hero Nominations are now being accepted. [Nominate someone HERE!](#)

[Purchase tickets to the event HERE](#)

Save the Date: Spring Rally Saturday, April 24, 2027