HEY, NEIGHBOR!

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OSHKOSH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

Welcome October!

A new month brings a fresh chapter and a beautiful reminder: we are stronger together. As the seasons change, let's make a conscious effort to lean into our community.

Building community isn't about the size of the crowd; it's about:

- the depth of the connections,
- the simple check-ins,
- the shared smiles,
- the helping hands, and
- the spaces where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.



Let's commit to showing up for one another this month.

Below find a way to nominate a neighbor who needs assistance with lawn clean-up:



We are pleased to partner with the organizations planning: **Leaf No One Behind**.

If you or someone you know needs help with yard clean-up, visit https://forms.gle/8iLevaNKrga7TLX19 to register for assistance! You may also use this link to volunteer to help.

*Priority is given to older adults and adults with disabilities

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Please join us at the 4th Annual Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes

Thursday, November 5 at Venue 404 404 Main Street, Oshkosh

tickets may be purchased here: gohni.org/events/2026-neighborhood-heroes/

The **Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes** event is OHN's signature, annual event. This is our opportunity to honor those who go above and beyond to make our neighborhoods wonderful. There are four categories of "Heroes:"

Good Neighbor Hero
Neighborhood Volunteer Hero
Neighborhood Support Hero
Neighborhood Youth Hero

Beyond recognizing outstanding volunteers, this event is important because the money raised goes directly back to our neighborhoods in the form of Community Building & Engagement funds to support social events, communication, and reinvestment projects and Good Neighbor (curb appeal) Grants.

What to expect:
5:00-6:15 pm Social Hour, Music, Games, and Raffles
6:15-6:45 pm Buffet Dinner of Roasted Chicken, Beef Tips, your favorite sides, and dessert
6:45-7:15 pm Awards Presentation of our 2026 Neighborhood Heroes
7:15-7:30 pm Raffle Announcement & Closing Remarks

It's a fun night to connect with other neighborhood community partners, enjoy fun games, eat a delicious dinner and celebrate those who make our community special all while raising funds for neighborhoods. Please purchase your ticket **HERE** today.

What is happening in October & Beyond:

Alliance Meeting
Monday, October 12, 6 - 7 pm
Oshkosh Public Library Lower Level

OHN Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 7:30-9 am
OACF Board Room

Bonus Alliance Meeting with Parks Manager
Tuesday, October 20, 3-4 pm
Oshkosh Parks Building
805 Witzel Ave.

Southside Halloween Bash
Friday, October 23, 5-7 pm
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church
Leannah Hall
519 Knapp St

Neighborhood Organizing Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 6:15-7:45 pm
Proposed Boundaries:
South Park, Oregon, 16th, Ohio
Emmanual United Church of Christ

Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes
Thursday, November 5
Venue 404
Hero Nominations due by September 13

Alliance Holiday Party
Monday, December 14
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church
Leannah Hall - 519 Knapp St

Spring Rally
"Every Garden Tells a Story"
Saturday, April 24, 2027, 9 am - 12 noon
Menominee Elementary Atrium
overlooking Millers Bay

Community Building and Engagement

Each Neighborhood has the opportunity to utilize up to $1,000 for Community Building & Engagement to help support events and social connectedness in neighborhoods.

1. To apply for funding, fill out the form **HERE**.
2. After your event, record volunteer planning hours, number of participants, pictures, the sign-in sheet and receipts for reimbursement **HERE**.

Also in this form is the the location where quarterly volunteer hours are submitted.

This information can be found on our website here: **https://gohni.org/community-building-engagement/**



October is your last chance to use the Block Party Trailer before it retires for the winter. The link to reserve the trailer is **HERE**.

It doesn't have to be fancy, time-intensive or expensive to connect with 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 meeting is Monday, October 12, 6-7 pm. Our speaker will be Sandy Tolland from the library. She will give updates about what is new at the library and talk about ways neighborhoods can use resoures at the library.

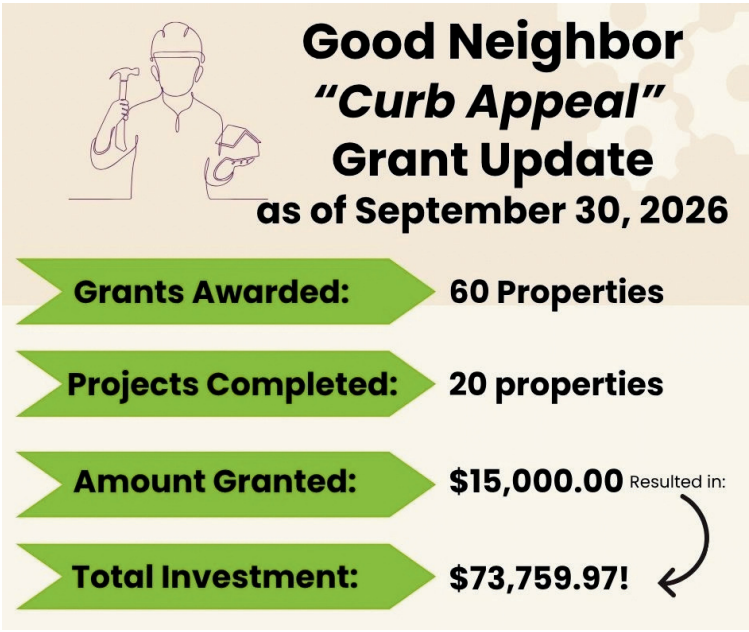
Looking ahead:
Tuesday, October 20, 3-4 pm
Bonus Alliance Meeting with Chad Dallman, Parks Manager at the Oshkosh Parks Building: 805 Witzel Ave. Chad has the Parks board on the same Monday as our Alliance meeting, so he is offering a different time to meet with him.

November 9 will be Kathy Griese from the City Economic Development to discuss the housing loans and incentive programs that are opening again in January. https://www.oshkoshwi.gov/PlanningServices/HousingLoansAndIncentives.aspx

December 9 will be our Alliance Holiday Party. Details to follow.

Good Neighbor Grant Update

We are pleased with the results of the Good Neighbor Grant so far this year. Homeowners have invested more than four times the amount given by the grant which is a wonderful return on investment. We appreciate the homeowners who have made a commitment to improving their property and neighborhood. Thank you!



This homeowner below replaced the soffit, fascia, and gutters and refreshed the landscaping! What a beautiful transformation thanks to a Good Neighbor Grant!



Neighborhood Updates



To date, OHN staff have worked with four new neighborhoods that have formed in 2026:

- South-Park Rugby
- Merrill
- Jefferson
- Old West Side

This takes us to 29 neighborhoods. The latest was September 17, when the Old West Side Neighborhood Association held their organizing meeting. Their boundaries are 9th, Koeller, Witzel, and Sawyer Streets.

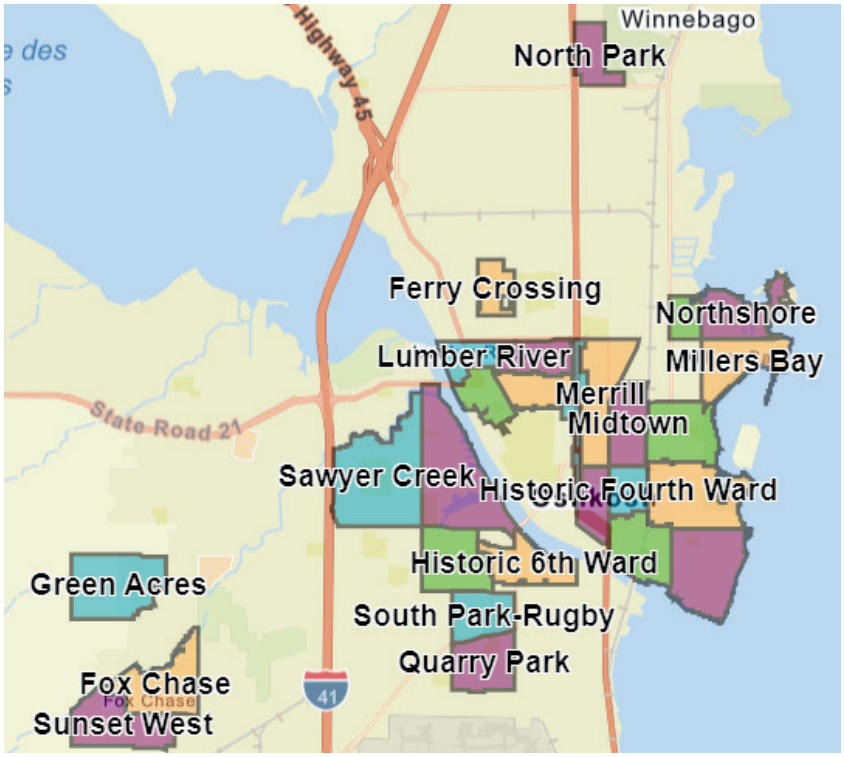
Other new neighorhoods:

South Park, Oregon, 16th, and Ohio
Organizing meeting is
Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 pm
Emmanual United Church of Christ
1306 Michigan Street

Abbey/Graceland
9th, Westhaven, Witzel, and Washburn
possibly forming in 2027

Area around North High School
boundaries not determined
possibly forming in 2027

If you know anyone in these areas, please contact us.



*Jefferson & the Old West Side are not officially recognized yet through City Council and will join the map as soon as they are!



Southside Halloween Bash

Friday, October 23, 5-7 pm
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church
Leannah Hall
519 Knapp St



Duplex Project Update



Progress continues at the build-site for the duplex at 502 & 502A Madison Street. We have a webpage that gives more information about that project. https://gohni.org/asset-management/ We had our first walk-through with the builder and can show you inside. We will begin resident recruitment in October/Early November for a spring move-in.

Outside from Madison Street. The upper has access to the basement from the side door.



From Front Door stairs going to upper and to the right the lower Kitchen & Living Room



Facing the Living Room/Kitchen



Bathroom, Laundry in the middle, and on the other side of the wall will be the Kitchen/Living



Two Bedrooms

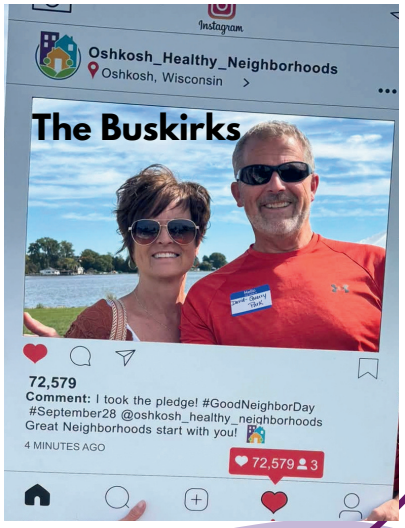


Looking at Kitchen from Lower Entry



Good Neighbor Day Celebration

We were pleased to partner with **Sometimes at Pioneer Island** for a Good Neighbor Day Celebration. Thank you to all who attended. Attendees took the Good Neighbor Pledge, and we had Good Neighbor Coupons and Gift Tags that people could give to their neighbors along with a small token of appreciation. Plus, we raised funds for Community Building and Engagement activities and Good Neighbor grants. Thank you for all of our supporters!



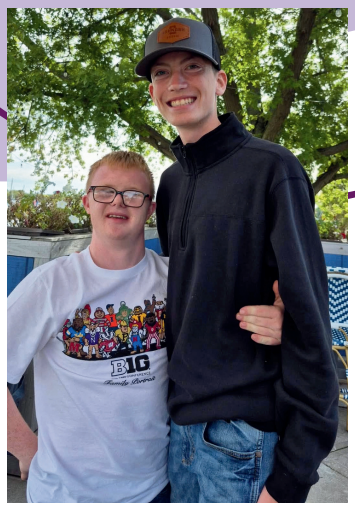












Levi & Kypton enjoyed a game of cornhole



Community Resources

From our friends at the **Winnebago Area Literacy Council**:

WALC is partnering with League of Women Voters Winnebago County to offer two Voter Education Workshops in the coming weeks. The first workshop is taking place this Saturday 10/3 at The Taqueria. The second workshop will be next Friday 10/9 at the Oshkosh Public Library. Participants only need to choose one workshop to attend.

These events are open and free to any adult and community members--both new and seasoned voters. We will have materials translated into multiple languages. We will also help folks register to vote if they need help with that. We are hoping to reach high school students, college students, and also newcomer voters. Please share with your neighborhoods!

