

HEY, NEIGHBOR!

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Good Neighbor Day

Observed annually on September 28, [National Good Neighbor Day](#) helps break down modern isolation and builds stronger, safer communities. Taking time to greet the people living nearby and share simple acts of kindness reduces loneliness, fosters a true sense of belonging, and creates a reliable support system right outside your front door.

You can easily celebrate Good Neighbor Day with small, thoughtful actions like sharing a treat or offering a helping hand.

- **Say Hello:** Start with a simple smile and a friendly wave when you see someone outside.
- **Share Sweet Treats:** Bake cookies, brownies, or a cake and drop them off at a neighbor's door.
- **Help with Yard Work:** Offer to mow a lawn, rake leaves, or clear away fallen debris.
- **Take in the Trash Cans:** Bring your neighbor's bins back up from the curb after trash collection.
- **Leave a Kind Note:** Write a short handwritten card with your phone number and drop it in their mailbox.
- **Share Garden Produce:** Drop off extra tomatoes, zucchini, or flowers grown in your yard.



Join us for:

- Live Music, Food Truck, Outdoor yard games
- Large tent available for those who want covered seating
- Open to the community - grab a neighbor and join us!
- 10% of sales goes to Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods to support neighborhood activities (funds for CB&E & Good Neighbor Grants).



Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes

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

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:** an individual who reaches out to support a neighbor(s) in need or someone who shows great pride in their property and therefore contributes to the beauty of your neighborhood and our city.
- **Neighborhood Volunteer Hero:** an individual whose passion, skills, and gifts are shared willingly in a volunteer or leadership role and has made a positive difference in the health and vitality of their neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood Support Hero:** an organization, business, or partner who has provided a neighborhood association with resources and/or support by bringing people together to create a safe, active, and connected community.
- **Neighborhood Youth Hero:** an individual who is improving their community through service to others and making a positive difference with acts of kindness and transformative neighborhood development.

Nominate a hero from your neighborhood today: [NEIGHBORHOOD HERO NOMINATION FORM](#). Nominations close on **September 13, 2026**. Include information of their effort and impact on your neighborhood. You may also include photos, testimonials, and/or stories.

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

We need your help!

- Nominate a hero in your neighborhood here: [Neighborhood Heroes Nomination Form](#);
- Plan to attend! [Buy a ticket](#) and get a group of neighbors together to fill a table;
- Be or help us connect to a business who can be a [sponsor](#); and/or
- Donate an item for the silent auction/raffle baskets.



What is happening in September & Beyond:

OHN Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 7:30-9 am
OACF Board Room

Alliance Meeting

Monday, September 14, 6 - 7 pm
Oshkosh Public Library Lower Level

Neighborhood Organizing Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 6:15-7:45 pm
Proposed Boundaries:
9th Ave, Koeller, Witzel, Sawyer
Perry Tippler Middle School

Congress Field Reorganizing Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 5:30-6:30 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1206 Ontario Street

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

9-11 Day of Service Food Drive

with the Oshkosh North Community Program
Friday, September 11
students will be collecting in the morning

National Good Neighbor Day

Monday, September 28

Celebration on Sunday, September 27, 12 - 5 pm

Music, Food, Yard Games
at Sometimes at Pioneer Island

Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes

Thursday, November 5
Venue 404

Hero Nominations due by September 13

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/>



Information about the Block Party Trailer can be found on this page:

<https://gohni.org/block-party-trailer/>
and the link to reserve the trailer is [HERE](#).

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



MONTHLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
ALLIANCE
MEETING



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

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, September 14, 6-7 pm. Julie will be going over the OHN website, how to find links to favorite things like CB&E requests and recording volunteer hours. Send the people from your team who report and record events and volunteer hours.

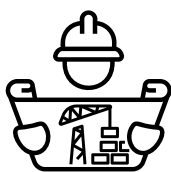
Duplex Project Update

Progress continues at the build-site for the duplex at 502 & 502A Madison Street. We have a new webpage that gives more information about that project.

<https://gohni.org/asset-management/>



Grading and the start of a driveway!



1st floor framed!



We have a 2nd floor & roof deck!!!



A front porch and windows!



Meet the OHN Board

As a non-profit organization Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is led by a volunteer board of directors. This month meet our board member, Reni Lynch. Reni is one of our original board members, she helped form and is still involved in the Millers Bay neighborhood, and she acts as the liaison from the Board to the Alliance. If you ever have questions or concerns, Reni is a great resource for everything neighborhoods.



OSHKOSH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

Meet Our Board Member

Reni is a retired Nurse/Nurse Educator/Owner Quality Right Quality Management Consultants, she joined the board 10+ years ago and lives in Millers Bay Neighborhood Association.

Why did you get involved?
To initiate what we have today.

Favorite Event/Activity
...I love them all! (And she helps plan all of them, too!)

What excites you about OHN:
Our growth and influence



RENI LYNCH

Good Neighbor Grant

Good Neighbor Grants reimburse owners in neighborhood associations for exterior curb appeal projects. Grants are awarded once per year in April. Here is the impact (so far) for the 2026 season.



Good Neighbor "Curb Appeal" Grant Update as of August 31, 2026

Grants Awarded:	60 Properties
Projects Completed:	14 properties
Amount Granted:	\$10,500.00 Resulted in:
Total Investment:	\$48,310.86!

Here is a great example of a front yard refresh project. It's amazing the impact a new front porch makes! Nice work by the homeowners on this project!

Before





& After!





New Logo Alert

Congratulations to Sawyer Creek for adopting a new logo. The neighborhood wanted to incorporate a red roof for Red Arrow park, a hill ("garbage hill") and Sawyer Creek. It turned out great!



Safe Routes, Healthy Neighborhoods

As we continue our SPAN grant (State Physical Activity and Nutrition program), focused on safely getting students to and from school. We are currently in our third phase. As a reminder, our first step was information gathering, through in-person and virtual listing sessions. Then we administered a survey in conjunction with the Winnebago County Health Department and the Oshkosh Area School District. [Survey results may be found here.](#)

The following areas were identified as top concerns:

Top Schools mentioned:

- Vel Phillips
- North HS
- West HS

Top Streets mentioned:

- Jackson
- Oakwood
- South Park
- Murdock



When asked what could be done to address these concerns, responders identified these items as having the greatest impact:

- Caution lights, flashing signs
- Yield signs, pedestrian signs, school zone signs
- Road infrastructure changes
- Painted crosswalks, update paint on roads



From these findings we purchased, with grant funds, re-bounceable (bounce back if hit) signs for each of the schools' crosswalks. We ordered additional signs for the three schools with the highest concerns. The signs will also include flashing lights on top, as well.

This purchase addresses the first two points. We will be applying for another year of funding. If awarded, we will continue to address further concerns as identified by the survey.



We are also pleased to share that we have been working with the team at [Discover Oshkosh](#) on creating a public service announcement that features a special message from our favorite city spokesperson, Pat!

To see the video, [visit our Facebook page HERE.](#)

The video highlights three things to remember:

1. Watch for the sign. New lighted crosswalk signs alert drivers to stop and yield.
2. Slow down. Check your speed and help protect kids, families and crossing guards.
3. Take another route. When possible, avoid school zones during drop-off and pick-up to help reduce traffic.

Please help us share this important message!



Food and Hygiene Collection



Join the [Oshkosh North Communities Program](#) 9/11 Day of Service Community Collection as they team up with the United Way to turn a day of tragedy into a day of service! Between September 5 and September 10, students from the Communities program will be distributing informational flyers to homes along their collection routes. If your house doesn't receive a flyer, you can still participate by dropping off donations directly at Oshkosh United Way. Please check the United Way flyer for the list of items most in need. Thank you for your generosity and for helping students make a meaningful difference in Oshkosh!

SUPPORT YOUR OAUW COMMUNITY VAULT TODAY



Help Stock the Community Vault

Your donations support local nonprofits and help meet **urgent, year-round needs** for individuals and families across Oshkosh and the surrounding area. Every item you give helps maximize limited budgets and builds a stronger, more resilient community.

We kindly ask that all items be new to protect dignity and safety for those receiving them. *The only exception is books, which may be gently used.*

Below is a list of our most-needed items—thank you for helping make a difference! **United is the Way** to stretch support in our area.

Baby and Children's Items

- Baby Wipes
- Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers (Sizes 5-6)
- Pull-Ups
- Shampoo & Body Wash
- Books (New or gently used)

School Supplies

- Backpacks
- Wired Headphones
- Combination Cable
- Bike Locks
- Folders
- Scissors (Fiskar)
- Glue Sticks
- Post-it Notes
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Expo Brand Dry Erase Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons (24-Pack)
- Pencil Bags/Cases
- Pink Pearl Soft Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Graph Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks

Health and Outdoors

- Sunscreen**
- Bug Spray
- Chapstick/Lip Balm
- First Aid Kits

Pantry Basics

- Toilet Paper
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags
- Ziploc Storage Bags
- Plastic Silverware
- Paper Plates & Bowls
- Facial Tissue/Kleenex
- Food Service Gloves

Personal Hygiene (including travel sizes)

- Deodorant*
- Body Wash*
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Period Products
- Body Lotion**
- Nail Manicure Tools
- Shaving Supplies*
- Shampoo & Conditioner* including Textured Hair Product: Shea Moisture
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**
- Dental Floss & Picks

Household Cleaning Supplies

- Dish Soap
- Dishwasher Pods
- Windex
- Floor Cleaners
- All-purpose Cleaner
- Laundry Detergent
- Stain Remover
- Sanitizer Wipes
- Toilet Brushes & Cleaner

Seasonal & Other Necessities

- Handwarmers
- Blankets**
- Hats**
- Scarves**
- Waterproof Gloves**
- Socks**
- Underwear**

*Men & Women

**Children and Adults



Donations can be dropped off at Oshkosh Area United Way, 16 Washington Avenue.

We recommend calling ahead at (920) 235-8560 or emailing oaouw@oshkoshunitedway.org so a staff member can be available to assist you.

