

April 2025 Community Connection

CITY OF OSAGE BEACH NEWSLETTER

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All public meetings at City Hall are streamed live on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.



The Osage Beach Ambulance Service, part of the Osage Beach Police Department, plays a vital role in local emergency response. Taxpayer dollars help save the lives of not only people, but sometimes pets, too.

Although the Ambulance Service belongs to the City of Osage Beach, it works closely with the independent Osage Beach Fire Protection District. The two groups train together and even share employees. Familiarity leads to strong teamwork that benefits everyone—especially during a high-pressure emergency.

"Collaboration is crucial to our success," said Ambulance Supervisor Tommi Rudat. "The better we work together, the better the outcome for the patient." Rudat, a 30-year emergency services veteran, has commuted from the St. Louis area to serve Osage Beach for the past seven years. She praised her team of 15 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics for their skill and dedication.

"Every day, I watch my team perform miracles," said Rudat. "They anticipate each other's moves and support one another without hesitation."

In 2024, firefighters with the Osage Beach Fire Protection District, along with officers, dispatchers, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel with the Osage Beach Police Department were recognized by the Osage Beach Board of Aldermen for their extraordinary teamwork in saving the life of a man who had stopped breathing.

Their combined efforts, including defibrillation and CPR, led to his full recovery – a rare outcome for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims.

The Ambulance Service responds to more than 1,400 calls annually. While most off-season calls are medical-related, summer brings a surge in trauma cases as tourists flood Lake of the Ozarks. A second ambulance is deployed to handle the seasonal spike.

To stay current with evolving medical technology, the Ambulance Service secured a \$50,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the Department of Health and Human Services in 2024.

These funds enabled critical upgrades, including an ultrasound machine, laryngoscopes for airway examinations, a patient simulator for training, enhanced equipment bags, and instructor education classes.

A trio of EMS instructors ensure staff members are proficient in CPR, new equipment, and medical advancements, while ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) instructors reinforce cardiac and pediatric care.

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Ambulance Service team members L-R: Floyd Handy, Dan Penrod, Kevin Box, Tommi Rudat, Aaron Weaver, Danielle Clark, Allie Johnson





K-9 Officer

Freya



CHIEF'S CORNER

Almost everyone gets pulled over by the police at least once in their lives—including me! I was 16, driving my Volkswagen Beetle, when I first saw those flashing red and blue lights in my rearview mirror. Ah, memories! That moment didn't inspire my law enforcement career, but the hefty ticket did inspire me to slow down.

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If you ever get pulled over, the most important thing is safety—for both you and the officer. Here are some simple guidelines to follow to keep everyone safe:

- Whenever possible, flip on the turn signal and pull into the nearest driveway or parking lot.
- If that's not an option, always pull over to the right side of the road, never to the left.
- If you must stop on the roadside, make sure your vehicle is parallel to traffic—not parked at an angle.

passengers safe on our roads.

Chief Todd Davis

WANT TO WORK

The Osage Beach Police

Department is looking

paramedics, and EMTs.

All positions play a vital

for police officers, 911

role in keeping our

and benefits, plus opportunities for growth.

Apply today!

community safe. We

offer competitive pay

WITH US?

dispatchers,



FREYA'S K-9 CONNECTION

- Mayor Michael Harmison is expected to sign a proclamation declaring the week of April 13 - 19 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in honor of our hard-working 911 dispatchers.
- As the weather warms, remember the City of Osage Beach has ordinances regarding golf cart and utility vehicle usage.
- **Weekly Police Statistics**

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Beyond emergency response, the Ambulance Service actively engages with the community. It maintains strong partnerships with local facilities like Lake Regional and provides standby support at special events and educational visits to local schools.*

Their life-saving efforts even extend to pets. Specialized oxygen masks for dogs and cats have been used several times to resuscitate pets in emergencies, such as house fires.



Two cats receive oxygen after being rescued from a house fire in 2023.

One memorable rescue occurred in 2023 when two cats, caught in a house fire, needed oxygen to survive. Thanks to the quick actions of paramedics and the specialized masks, both cats recovered.

With a commitment to excellence, innovation, and community service, the Osage Beach Ambulance Service continues to be a lifeline for residents and visitors alike.

*An ambulance can be requested for standby at an event or to appear at an educational function. For more information, please contact Ambulance Supervisor Tommi Rudat at (573) 302 - 2010 x1300.

WELCOME, OFFICER JORDAN MURRAY!

Watch him take the oath of office.





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HONOR ALL THAT HAVE SERVED: NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT CITY HALL



Construction is underway for the new Veterans Memorial, located in the roundabout space in front of Osage Beach City Hall. The memorial, themed "Honor All Who Have Served," will feature a brick-paved area dedicated to individual veterans, along with six flags representing each branch of the U.S. military. You can honor a loved one's service by purchasing a personalized commemorative brick for the memorial.

- Each 4" x 8" brick includes space for a military branch logo and up to three lines of text.
- Bricks are available for \$50 each.
- To place an order, submit a <u>completed form</u> along with payment by mail or in person at Elks Lodge #2517, 5161 Osage Beach Parkway.
- Order forms are available at OsageBeach.org.

The Elks Lodge plans to use the proceeds to help offset the cost of the memorial. Currently, the area has been prepped, marked, and holes dug for the flag poles. The project is expected to be completed in late spring, weather permitting.



GET IN TOUCH

City Hall: (573) 302-2000

Police non-emergency: (573) 302-2010

Public Works: (573) 302-2020 Parks & Recreation: (573) 302-7460





NEW DISC GOLF COURSE COMING TO CITY PARK



A brand-new disc golf course is coming to Osage Beach City Park! Work is nearly complete, thanks to Dan and Joey (pictured above), who have poured five concrete tee pads for the course. Next up, basket nets will be installed, and if all goes as planned, the course should be ready for play by early May.

Experienced disc golfers know the drill, but if you're new to the sport, remember to bring your own discs—Parks & Rec does not provide them. If the course is a hit, we're open to adding more pads in the future.

Also, we're still looking for a Parks Technician! Apply here.

CITY HALL BULLETINS

- The Missouri Veterans
 Commission is now located on the first floor of City Hall, accessible via the elevator in the front lobby. Veterans Service Supervisor Chris Butler is a valuable resource for veterans seeking information about benefits and rights. If you need help finding his office, just stop by the City Hall window, and we'll be happy to help.
- The Osage Beach Road project, which involves new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pavement along a half-mile stretch, is now actively under construction. Use caution when traveling in the area.

UPCOMING DATES

April 8 - <u>Board of</u> Aldermen Election

April 19 - <u>10th Annual</u> <u>Easter Egg Hunt at City</u> <u>Park</u>

April 30 - <u>Multiple licenses</u> due, including business renewals and NEW liquor license applications

May 16 - Movies at the Park (Homeward Bound)

May 26 - Memorial Day, City Hall offices closed

June 11 - Fishing Derby at City Park Pond

June 13 - Movies at the Park (*The Goonies*)

The <u>sewer/water payments</u> dropbox has moved to the Police Department side of the parking lot due to Veterans Memorial construction. Need help finding it? <u>Check out our walkthrough on Facebook!</u>

10th Annual City of Osage Beach Easter Egg Hunt



WIN A FREE BIKE!*





*One **golden egg** per age group; each winner will receive a gift certificate to redeem for one bicycle.

Egg hunt times

AGES 2 & UNDER......12 PM AGES 3-5......12:15 PM AGES 6-8......12:30 PM AGES 9-12......12:45 PM

Family-friendly activities

- Bounce houses
- Easter bunny photos
- Balloon animals
- Face painting
- Free hot dogs

Saturday, April 19 | 11 AM - 1 PM OSAGE BEACH CITY PARK, 950 HATCHERY RD.



Friday, 7:30 p.m.

MOVIES AT THE PARK

Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (G) 🗡

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FISHING DERBY

15 & under at City Park Pond; equipment provided.

Friday, 8:30 p.m.

MOVIES AT THE PARK

The Goonies (PG)

Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

BARK PARK AFTER DARK

Bring the pups and beat the heat after sunset.

Friday, 8:30 p.m.

MOVIES AT THE PARK

Moana 2 (PG)

Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

BARK PARK AFTER DARK

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