

# **June 2025 Community Connection**

# CITY OF OSAGE BEACH

# NEWSLETTER

# JUNE CITY CALENDAR

2 - Municipal Court

5 - Board of Aldermen Meeting

10 - Planning Commission Meeting

17 - Board of Aldermen Meeting 18 - Board of Adjustment Meeting

19 - Juneteenth; City Hall closed

20 - Juneteenth Observed; City Hall closed

30 - Municipal Court

All public meetings at City Hall are streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

# **GOVERNOR KEHOE RECOGNIZES OSAGE** BEACH AS A MISSOURI BLUE SHIELD CITY

The City of Osage Beach is proud to announce it has officially received the Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

This honor, launched by Governor Mike Kehoe in January 2025 as a part of his Safer Missouri initiative, recognizes communities that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to reducing crime, investing in public safety, and fostering strong partnerships between law enforcement and the public.

Osage Beach joins a select group of cities and counties across Missouri recognized for going

above and beyond to keep their communities safe, while building meaningful, lasting relationships with those who serve and protect.

This designation reflects our ongoing efforts to prioritize safety and strengthen trust throughout the community. By working collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies, stakeholders, and residents, the city has implemented impactful initiatives aimed at both preventing crime and enhancing public engagement.

As a designated Blue Shield community, Osage Beach will receive access to state grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment.

Read the full press release on our website, OsageBeach.org.





I'm excited to share that our department has been awarded the Blue **Shield Community** designation by the State of Missouri. It shows how seriously we take public safety and how hard we've worked alongside the community to make our city a safer place for everyone.

**Chief Todd Davis** Osage Beach PD

# WINGS OVER THE WATER: HOW OSAGE BEACH'S AIRPORTS KEEP THE CITY SOARING



Fueling up at Grand Glaize Airport

When travelers think of Osage Beach, their minds often turn to winding waters, weekend traffic, and sun-drenched memories on the Strip. What might they not think of? The runway.

But ask Ty Dinsdale, City of Osage Beach Airports Manager, and he'll tell you: The skies over the lake are just as important as what happens on the water. "People that drive into your city spend money," he says. "But people that fly into your city? They invest money."



Ty Dinsdale, Airports Manager

It's a line he heard from a pilot years ago, and it's stuck with him. Maybe because, for Dinsdale, these City-run airports -Lee C. Fine Memorial Airport and Grand Glaize Airport—aren't just about transportation.

They're twin arteries that feed the heart of Lake of the Ozarks.

Read the full story on our website, OsageBeach.org.





# POLICE

# **CHIEF'S CORNER**

A few weeks ago, I traveled to National Police Week in Washington, D.C. with a group of Osage Beach officers, dispatchers and family members. Representing our department and community on a national stage was a powerful experience—especially as we paid tribute to those who died in the line of duty,

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including our own Officer Phylicia Carson.

During the week, we visited the Law Enforcement Museum and the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall, attended a candlelight vigil, and took part in the C.O.P.S. Blue Honor Gala. We also stood alongside officers from across the country at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service—an emotional and humbling ceremony.

To the families, colleagues and communities forever impacted by these losses: we stood with you then, and we continue to stand with you now.

**Chief Todd Davis** 

Visit Facebook to see photos from our trip.



# SOMO LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



The torch was lit outside Osage Beach City Hall

The Osage Beach Police Department laced up their running shoes for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, showing their continued support for Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO).

They were joined by the Camden County Can-Doers, our local Special Olympics team, guided in part by coaches Sgt. Travis Morley, Lexie Morley, and Ofc. Johnathon Rosenburg.

Special Olympics has been a cornerstone of OBPD's community involvement for over two decades, thanks to steady support from Chief Todd Davis, Lt. Michael O'Day, and many others throughout the department. Cpl. Pete Leyva and Ofc. Stephen Wright also participated in the run.

See more photos of the run on Facebook.

Need help? Police & EMS available 24/7.

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: (573) 302-2010

# OZARK LAW SEASON 2 NOW FILMING

Did you hear the news? We're finally able to confirm that Osage Beach police officers are in production for Ozark Law Season 2!

If you see cameras riding along with us, know that's what's going on. The season premiere will be announced later this year. You can stream the first season on A&E.

# FREYA'S K-9 CONNECTION

- As summer brings increased traffic, tourism and road activity, overtime patrols focused on DWI enforcement and moving violations are in effect now through October.
- Don't Hang Up: If you accidentally dial 911, please stay on the line and let the dispatcher know it was a mistake. Dispatchers are required to confirm your safety before closing the call. Hanging up can lead to a callback or even emergency responders being sent to check on you.
- Weekly Police Statistics

# NOW OPEN: DRAGON HATCHERY DISC GOLF COURSF + SAND VOLLFYBALL COURTS

The Dragon Hatchery Disc Golf Course at City Park (950 Hatchery Road) is now open!

The new course currently features 5 hillside holes, with plans to eventually expand to 9 holes. Tee I is located near City Park Pond. It's free to play, but you must bring your own discs.

The twin sand volleyball courts by the pond are newly reopened for play, thanks to Lake of the Ozarks Volleyball volunteers. They cleaned up the area, donated materials, and installed new nets. We appreciate their passion!

In addition, Parks & Recreation and Public Works crews spread 80 tons of sand and added rocks to improve drainage and added a water line to wet the sand.

And lastly, we're grateful that <u>Hatchery Road is</u> newly paved down to the Bark Park!









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# **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR APPOINTED**



Jeff Fisher is sworn in by City Clerk Tara Berreth

A new Public Works
Director has joined the
City of Osage Beach.
Mayor Michael Harmison
formally appointed Jeffrey
Fisher to the position
during the May 16, 2025,
Regular Board of
Aldermen Meeting at
Osage Beach City Hall.

All present Aldermen approved Fisher's appointment (Alderman Phyllis Marose was absent and did not vote). Fisher's career in local government spans more than two decades.

He was most recently employed with the Kansas City, Missouri, Public Works Department.

Fisher's previous experience includes Public Works Director for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the municipalities of Belton, Missouri and Grain Valley, Missouri. Fisher was sworn in immediately following the meeting by City Clerk Tara Berreth.

# PUBLIC WORKS BULLETINS

- In early May, Public Works began pumping a specially formulated blend of beneficial bacteria into the sewage system as part of an eco-friendly effort to address sewage odors. We're monitoring the results to see if the treatment is effective. Read more about the project on our website.
- When water outages occur, an automated phone call alert is sent out to the primary phone number listed on your account. If you need to update your account information, call the Billing Clerk at (573) 302-2000 x1034. Changes cannot be made online.

# **UPCOMING DATES: EVENTS & CLOSURES**

**June 11**: <u>Fishing Derby at</u> <u>City Park Pond</u>

**June 19 - 20**: Juneteenth Holiday; City Hall offices closed

June 27: Movies at the Park Dark at City Park (The Goonies)

**July 4**: Independence Day; City Hall offices closed July 11 - <u>Bark Park After</u> <u>Dark</u> at City Park

July 13: Movies at the Park (Moana 2)

**July 25 -** <u>Bark Park After</u> <u>Dark</u> at City Park

September 1 - Labor Day; City Hall offices closed

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# HEARTBEAT OF THE CITY



The "Heartbeat of the City" feature shines a spotlight on the passions and personalities of City employees outside of work.

# INTRODUCING...

# Caitlin Shoults, Parks & Recreation Specialist

Caitlin is brand new to the City of Osage Beach, but she's already handling Little League and park management like a pro. A Camdenton native with a serious crochet habit (24 years strong!), she also hikes, paints and drives for a rideshare. Random fact: In college, she went on a study break and came home with a cat. Caitlin's favorite part of the job is bringing the community together through events.

## Stevie Hines, Public Works Secretary

Armed with a degree in Criminal Justice but trained in opera, Stevie has sung at 52 weddings and a funeral. Known as the "Den Mother," she's been the heart of the Public Works department for 18 years. On weekends, she's off the grid (don't call before 10 a.m.) diving into Scottish history or local auctions. How does she want to be remembered? Simple: "She made them smile."

# Tommie Stoufer, Water Department Tech

A City veteran of nearly 8 years, Tommie finds purpose in providing safe drinking water and helping customers solve leak mysteries. His coworkers have nicknamed him "T-Stouf" and "Bear Paw" for his infamously large hands. Off the clock, he enjoys fishing and hunting. Before joining us, Tommie was a custodian and even spent two semesters in college—proof that everyone's path looks a little different.

# PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

Both Tommie and Stevie are featured in the printable <u>Public Works calendar</u> we made to celebrate <u>National Public Works Week</u>. You must watch these guys (and one gal) <u>work the camera like supermodels!</u>





### **GET IN TOUCH**

City Hall: (573) 302-2000

Police non-emergency: (573) 302-2010

Parks & Recreation: (573) 302-2000 x3000

Public Works: (573) 302-2020





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.

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