

#### October 2025 Community Connection

# CITY OF OSAGE BEACH

# NEWSLETTER

#### OCTOBER CITY CALENDAR

- 2 Board of Aldermen Meeting
- 6 Municipal Court
- 13 Columbus Day City Offices Closed
- 14 Planning Commission Meeting
- 16 Board of Aldermen Meeting
- 20 Municipal Court
- 21 Joint Sewer Board Meeting

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

# THE HEART OF CITY HALL

Before most people arrive for the day, Mike Macaitis is already busy making sure City Hall is spotless and ready to welcome everyone in. He starts his mornings on the police department side, moving through bathrooms, lobbies, and offices with a steady rhythm, making sure everything is clean and in order before the first shift begins. His early efforts often go unnoticed, but they make a big difference in how smoothly each day starts.

Mike's role goes far beyond daily cleaning. He restocks supplies, rearranges rooms for meetings, sets up desks for new employees, and keeps things running behind the scenes. He's also quick to jump in when unexpected issues arise—like a recent HVAC leak, where his fast thinking helped shut the system down and prevent further damage. Whether it's a small task or a big problem, Mike tackles it with calm and efficiency.

Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Mike is a proud Cornhuskers fan, a dog owner who loves the city's dog park, and a talented home cook who often brings in treats to share with coworkers. In just a few months, he's made a lasting impression on everyone at City Hall with his reliability, sense of humor, and hard work.

Fead Mike's full story here:

https://osagebeachmo.gov/DocumentCenter/Vie
w/6751/The-Heart-of-CityHall-Feature-Story

# FALL FESTIVAL: OCT 11

#### **\*\*** Fall Festival Returns!

Join us for a full day of family fun at the Osage Beach Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Osage Beach City Park.

This annual event has something for everyone, including:

- A pie-eating contest
- Local vendors and food trucks
- 🕨 🦙 A petting zoo
- Music by 93.5



We have OVER 50 vendors and non-profit organizations attending this year's Fall Festival! To include:

- -Jewelry
- -Crafts
- -Build your own stuffed animal
- -Baked Goods
- -Home Decor
- -Pet Nail Trimming

Osage Beach received a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and their staff will be attending Fall Festival to speak to residents.

For full details and updates, visit the City's website or follow Osage Beach Parks and Recreation on Facebook.





K-9 Officer



### **CHIEF'S CORNER**

Halloween is just around the corner, and we want everyone in Osage Beach to have a safe and fun night. As families head out trick-ortreating, remember to stay on sidewalks and well-lit streets, wear costumes that don't block your vision, and add something reflective so drivers can see you.

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Walk in groups when possible, and drivers please slow down and watch carefully for excited kids crossing the road. If you see anything unusual, don't hesitate to reach out to us. I would encourage you to take part in the many Trick or Trunk Events throughout the area. These are safe events that are put on by our local businesses and organizations. Let's all do our part to make Halloween a great night for our community.

Chief Todd Davis



## **PUBLIC WORKS PROGRESS**

#### **Water Department Leak Study:**

McKim & Creed crews have completed the leak study on the east side of the City's water system. This initiative was launched to identify and repair areas where water may be lost underground before issues become larger or more costly.

The final results show 30 verified leaks on the City's distribution system and 19 leaks on the customer side. Crews have already completed five repairs this week, and over the next few weeks, they plan to continue working through the list of leaks to make the necessary repairs and replacements.

Halloween is just around the corner!

Remember to keep your pets safe during spooky season—chocolate and candy can be dangerous for dogs, and costumes should never restrict their movement or breathing.

Freya says, "Keep the treats for the kiddos, not the K9s!"

#### **Transportation Department Road Resurfacing:**

The Transportation Department's Road resurfacing project with Vance Brothers LLC is expected to take several weeks. Crews began work near Harley Davidson and continued along Jeffries Road before last week's weather slowed progress. This week, Oct. 13-17, work is expected to continue through Osage Beach, with the project scheduled to finish at Mace Road by Friday, October 17.

#### New in the Sewer Department:

The Osage Beach Sewer Department is finding creative ways to connect with the community. Crews have started filming behind the scenes footage of their daily work using a GoPro camera. These videos will be shared on the City's social media channels soon, highlighting the department's commitment to transparency and giving the public a closer look at the important work they do every day.

## RAPTOR AWARENESS PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who joined us on September 28th for the World Bird Sanctuary's Raptor Awareness Program! We loved seeing the community come together to learn more about these incredible birds of prey.





A special thank you to local photographer John Brand for capturing such amazing moments from the event.



## **NEW TO**

**OSAGE BEACH** 



During the month of September, Osage Beach welcomed several new businesses, including:

- Sunset Tire and Service 955 42 Hwy
- Your Lake Angel LLC 3570 Osage Beach Pkwy
- Homeworx Building Solutions LLC 3570
   Osage Beach Pkwy

# NEW WATER METER READING TECHNOLOGY

The City has recently upgraded its water meter reading technology to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)system. This upgrade improves accuracy, efficiency, and customer service while giving staff and customers better insight into water use.

Each water meter now transmits readings over a secure cellular signal to receivers on the City's water towers. This allows staff to see usage in near real time, down to the hour, without manually reading most meters.

For customers, this means quicker answers and improved service. Daily and hourly data helps staff provide clear information and spot issues faster. The system is also helpful for second homeowners after severe weather, because sudden spikes in usage may signal a broken or frozen service line.

Another key benefit is leak detection. The system flags accounts with continuous usage, and staff review reports monthly to notify customers of possible leaks before they become costly problems.

The City is excited to implement this technology and continue improving water service for the community.



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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...

#### **Gale Bullock, Transportation Department**

Gale has been part of the Transportation Department for over two years. Outside of work, he enjoys working on and showing classic cars and riding his motorcycle with his wife. He's also a skilled scuba diver!



Known around the team as "Daddy Gale," he enjoys getting to work in the town he calls home and being part of a great crew.

#### Karissa Shelton, Police Officer

Karissa joined the Police Department in March 2024. Outside of work, life revolves around being a proud mom—she loves spending time with her kiddo most of all. She also enjoys music, caring for her plants, playing softball and baseball, and making memories with her family.

Karissa has a knack for planning parties and gettogethers, and she's always up for any excuse to spend time outdoors.

Officer Phillips (left) and Officer Shelton(right) Easter 2025.

#### **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









SATURDAY, OCT. 11

- **VENDOR MARKET**
- **FOOD TRUCKS**
- **PIE EATING CONTEST**
- **PETTING ZOO**
- **BOUNCE HOUSES** & MORE!

10:00AM -4:00PM

**OSAGE BEACH CITY PARK** 



**FREE ENTRY** 

