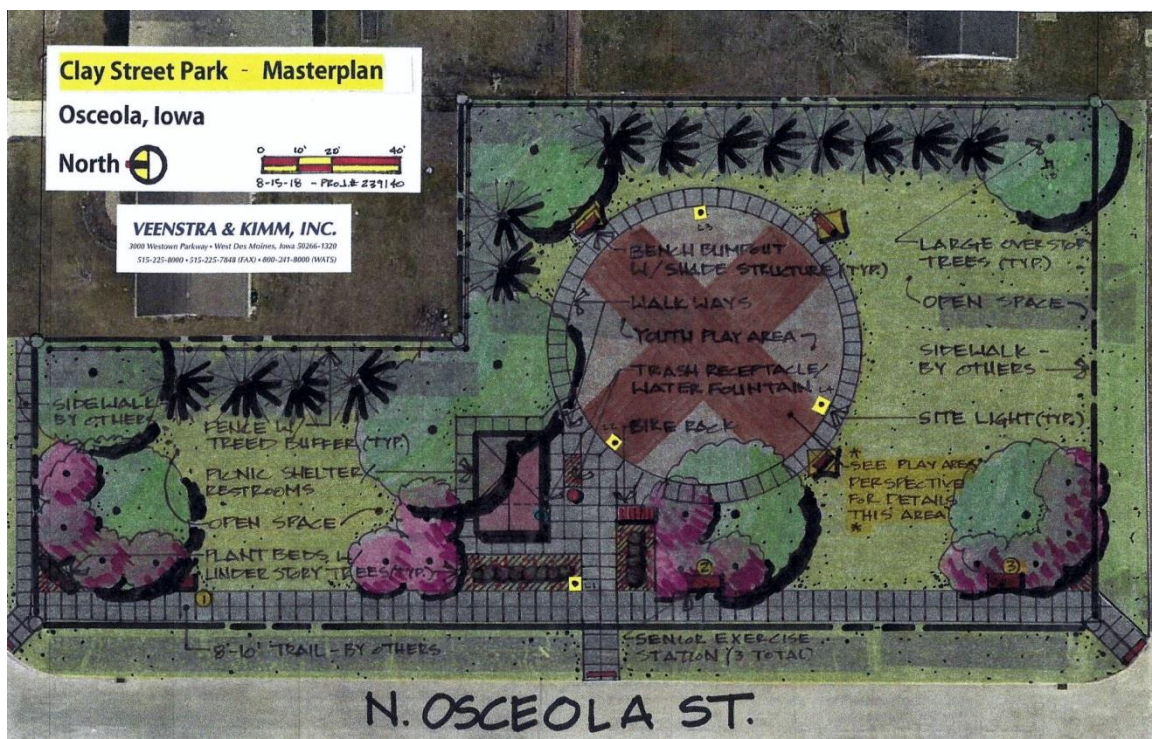




2019 CITY-ACTIVITY GUIDE



In this guide you will find information about City Departments, fun and exciting programs offered by the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department, Osceola Family Aquatic Center, Osceola Public Library, Sports Camps, and more within the community.

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The Parks & Recreation Department utilizes NIXLE for
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Get immediate notification to your phone or email by signing up.
NIXLE is completely confidential.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



Osceola City Hall
HOURS: 8am – 4:30pm
641-342-2377

Mayor:



Thomas J. Kedley



City Administrator/City Clerk:



Ty Wheeler

City Council:



Doug Gay
1st Ward



Dan Hooper
2nd Ward



David Walkup
3rd Ward



Dr. George Fotiadis
At-Large



Dennis Page
At-Large

City Attorney:

Marc Elcock

Accounting Manager/Asst. City Clerk:

Britanee Ward

Historic Preservation Commission:

Ann Diehl
Marie White
Tim Leonard
Rebecca Housberg
David Walkup

Airport Commission:

Denis Weiser, Chairman
Phil Higgins
Ty Wheeler
Les VanHeeswyk
Ryan Lundquist

Library Board:

Mike Boldon, President
Linda Emary, Vice-President
Debbi Adams, Secretary
Carrie Danley, Treasurer
Todd Thompson

Board of Adjustment:

Duane Matthess, Chairman
Adam Domina
Josh Manternach
Elisabeth Reynoldson
Amy Lundquist

Parks & Recreation Board:

Mel Miller, Chairman
Jorge Avalos, Vice-Chair
Thomas Bahls
Michael Miller
Lindsey Redman

Planning & Zoning Commission:

Michael Evink, Chairman
Dawn Fry
Sarah Truitt
Mike White
Kevin Emanuel



THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Osceola's 5,000+ citizens, I'd like to welcome you to Osceola. Sitting just 35 minutes south of Des Moines, at the crossroads of Interstate 35 and Highway 34, Osceola is the bustling hub of southern Iowa. It is also one of the great stops along the famous Jefferson Highway (Hwy 69), the first highway stretching from "pine to palm", better known as Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. It may also be possible that our newly renovated historic depot in Osceola is just one of your stops as you travel Amtrak. Whether you are coming for a visit or just passing through, our community has much to offer you.

Osceola has much more to offer than just its prime location. When approaching Osceola, your eyes may spot the bright, flashing lights on the sign for Lakeside Casino and Resort. The casino rests on West Lake which is just one of the recreational bodies of water offered in our community. In January, you'll find the lake full of people ice fishing at the annual ice fishing tournament. Q Pond is located on the north side of town and offers our newest recreation trail, outdoor exercise equipment and playground equipment. If you're looking for some fishing or kayaking, visit East Lake Park, home to our own trumpeter swans. Located near our newly renovated Clarke Middle School and High School is our recreational complex. This location is home to a beautiful 18-hole disc golf course, municipal pool, walking/biking trail, soccer fields, baseball/softball complex, Skate Park, and home of our future recreation center.

If your visit to Osceola has you desiring something less outdoorsy, I invite you to visit our historic downtown shopping district. Our square offers delicious cuisine and quaint shops. This is located in the center of town and becomes home to many exciting festivals and attractions throughout the year. If you are lucky to visit around the Fourth of July, you may run into our large Fourth of July celebration held on the square. It is the largest Independence Day festival in southern Iowa. The square is filled with local food vendors, rides for all ages, and endless entertainment. Toward the end of September we host the Latino Festival and at Halloween, you may notice the hundreds of families participating in Trunk or Treat. Looking for an evening out? Come in early November for our Wine Walk. This walk takes you around the square to visit the local small businesses, as well as sample an Iowa wine or beer at each stop. In late November and December the square is turned into a winter wonderland with light displays and Santa's Workshop.

Osceola has a storied history which led to it becoming the heart of southern Iowa. We are proud of our past, but are also ready for the future. We are continuing to work diligently to improve our community through the creation of more industrial and commercial jobs and improving the quality of life for all our citizens and visitors. Through these efforts, Osceola is growing and continuing to expand west.

On behalf of the City of Osceola and its citizens, we welcome you to our home. We hope you find the community inviting, enjoy the time you spend here, and come back soon!

A NOTE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Located just south of the Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical area, the City of Osceola continues to buck the trend of rural flight through its persistent efforts to maintain a robust local economy and quality of life. The City's strong industrial base and the estimated 4500 non-farm jobs make Osceola and Clarke County a regional employment hub for southcentral Iowa. Its location along major transportation corridors, rail, and a top-ten general aviation airport makes Osceola an ideal location for new commercial and industrial ventures.

Osceola continues to push an aggressive development and redevelopment agenda. The City is preparing for a major corridor improvement including new sidewalks and streetlights in the downtown district and Main Street district. The downtown was also recently designated as a Historic Commercial District and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Thanks to the partnership with Clarke County Conservation, a new hard surface trail was constructed connecting East Lake Park to the Clarke Elementary School. In 2019, the City will assume ownership and management of the golf course. What was once a private Country Club will now be available to all users. The City is also working on a major waste water treatment plant project and a new drinking water supply. It's an exciting time in Osceola.



OSCEOLA STREET DEPARTMENT

Mike Allen, *Superintendent*
(641) 342-3716
604 E. Washington Street

The Street Department provides many services to the community throughout the year. Services provided are street sweeping, cold patching, painting parking lines / cross walks / school crossings / handicap parking, signage, traffic signals and snow removal, to list a few. The Department is in charge of not only City Streets, but also the Storm Sewers throughout the City. Six full-time employees make up the Osceola Street Department

Mike Allen, Superintendent
Mike Fry, Assistant Superintendent
John Walsh
Eddie Benda
Shane Taylor
Robert Tidman

OSCEOLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



Donnie McCuddin, *Superintendent*
641-342-4363
1986 Country Club Road

The WWTP is a two stage trickling filter plant. We treat the wastewater to meet the IDNR and EPA regulations. Our complete layout for treatment includes: headworks with a comminutor, grit removal and flow measurement, 2 primary clarifiers, 2 first stage trickling filters and 2 second stage trickling filters, an intermediate clarifier, and 3 final clarifiers. We also utilize 2 anaerobic digesters to treat the solids removed in the primary clarifiers. Our job here is to remove the solids contained in the water, which is the pollution that we prevent from entering White Breast Creek.

We remove 85% of the solids which we are required to remove by the State of Iowa. We currently generate approximately 220 dry metric tons of bio-solids per year, in the digestive process. This requires us to land apply those solids, under very strict guidelines from the EPA. The bio-solids provide a nutrient rich material that aids in agriculture. It is high in organic material and nutrients that can help replenish the soil.

Another part of our responsibility is to take care of the collection system. This is a network of over 178,000 feet of sewer lines and 21,043 feet of force main buried under our streets that convey the wastewater and wastes from homes, businesses, and industries to the treatment facility. Much of the water flows by gravity to the plant, but at times we need to assist in getting the water moving. To do this we have to use the aid of lift stations. We have 8 lift stations that help us transport the waste water to the treatment facility. We replaced our “old plant” lift station in 2018 with a new facility. There are times when solids, roots, grease, and other debris that stop the flow of the water in the lines. To aid us when this happens we also have a jet truck that can unplug the line and get the water flowing again. Wastewater Treatment has become an integral part of the growth in population and industry for the city. Our job is to keep the City of Osceola in compliance with state and federal regulations and in a position to handle an increase in waste water for the expansion of new homes, businesses, and industries for the future.

To do this we have a staff of 5:

Superintendent – Donnie McCuddin

Lab analyst/operator – Tom Werner

Operators – Corey Clark, Jake Farlow, and Shane Selsor.

Wastewater Treatment is important, not just for the City of Osceola and its residents, but also for the protection of the environment of the White Breast Creek which flows into Red Rock Lake and the Des Moines River. In order to do this, it is also important to anticipate future needs in treatment. We are in the process of building a new plant, which will begin construction in 2019. It will have additional capacity and treatment capabilities to put the City in a position to meet our stricter guidelines required by the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Treatment requirements are always evolving, and changing. The City has taken a proactive approach in meeting those new regulations and those that may come in the future. We invite you to learn more about our role in the community. Just call (641) 342-4363.



OSCEOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marty Duffus
Chief of Police



Welcome to the Osceola City Guide. The police department is a proud partner with Osceola Parks and Recreation, all city departments and the entire community. We sincerely hope you find this guide informative and helpful. To that end we've included some information about us as well.

One of the many services we offer is our FREE Nixle Alert system. We use this system to inform the public of weather advisories, missing persons, street closures and other pertinent public interest information. All you need to access this FREE information is a cell phone or email. On your cell phone text our zip code, 50213, to 888777. It's that easy. You can also visit Nixle.com to set up an account including your email address. This is a secure site not accessible by the police department. We encourage you to like us on Facebook or visit our section of the City's website, osceolaia.net.

If the need arises to see us in person we are physically located in the Clarke County Law Enforcement building at 220 Townline Road here in Osceola. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 111, Osceola. For emergencies call 911 and for non-emergencies call 641-342-2121. The department consists of twelve very dedicated, knowledgeable and professional staff members who are eager to help you.

OSCEOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Matt Timmons
Chief

*Located at 135 W. Washington Street
Call 911 for emergencies
"Like" Osceola Fire Department on FaceBook*

Byron Jimmerson – 1st Assistant Chief
Earnest Pettit – 2nd Assistant Chief
Corey Clark - Captain
Mike Henry – Lieutenant
Bryce Thomas – Lieutenant



City of Osceola

Parks & Recreation Department Board

The Osceola Parks & Recreation Board oversees the Parks & Recreation Department. The Board makes decisions on the development of the leisure time opportunities and facilities in the community.

The Board meets at 5:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. Anyone who would like to address the Board may be put on the Agenda by calling the Parks & Recreation Office at (641) 342-2288. All meetings are open to the public.

Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement:

Parks and Recreation exists to preserve and enhance the quality of life and encourage healthy lifestyles of Osceola residents through education, recreation programming, quality parks, nature areas, and trails.

Parks & Recreation Board Members



Mel Miller
Chairman



Jorge Avalos
Vice-Chairman



Thomas Bahls



Michael Miller



Lindsey Redman

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

Director: Timothy J. Riddle

Recreation Supervisor: Daniel M. Cooper

Cemetery Superintendent: Mitch Harmsen



PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for Aquatic Center Passes and Swimming Lessons may be done by contacting the Parks & Recreation Office May 1st – May 17th, 2019 (M-F). After May 17th, Aquatic Center Passes and Swimming Lessons will only be accepted at the Fern Underwood Family Aquatic Center upon facility opening.

**You have three (3) options to register for
Osceola Parks & Recreation Department Programs.
Please use one of the following methods for Program Registration:**

IN PERSON

Osceola Parks & Recreation Office
115 N. Fillmore Street
(City Hall)



DROP BOX

Located in west entrance to City Hall
115 N. Fillmore Street



BY MAIL

Osceola Parks & Recreation Department
115 N. Fillmore Street
Osceola, IA 50213

****IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS****

Osceola Parks & Recreation Office: (641) 342-2288
Osceola Family Aquatic Center: (641) 342-6662
Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex: (641) 342-3616

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Programs are listed in chronological order beginning in March.

GENERAL REGISTRATION: Registration forms may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office or downloaded from the City Website. Registration forms are specific to each program. Please take care to utilize the correct form when registering and be aware of program registration dates. Register as early as possible. Complete all necessary information. Make checks payable to the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department for all programs. Return form and fee using one of the previously mentioned methods.

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER

Any boy or girl going in to Kindergarten through 6th Grade is invited to participate in this program. Volunteer coaches will lead participants through practices and games focusing on the fundamentals and techniques of this sport. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches with games played on Saturday mornings. Practices and games are held at the Osceola Recreation Complex Soccer Fields. Registration Fee is \$30 per child, \$15 per child if they have a previous reversible jersey. **Registration runs from February 4th-March 8th.** Games will tentatively start March 30th and finish April 27th.



YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Mini T-Ball: This division is for any 4-5 year old boy or girl. Volunteer coaches will be assigned to coach registered participants of Co-Ed teams. The objective of this division is to familiarize youth with the basic fundamentals of baseball/softball along with social interaction. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches with games played on Friday evenings at the Osceola Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Registration Fee is \$25 per child. **Registration, to avoid late fee, ends March 15th.**



T-Ball: This division is for any boy or girl currently in Kindergarten. Volunteer coaches will draft all registered participants to form Co-Ed teams. The objective of this division is to familiarize youth with the basic fundamentals of baseball/softball. Catching, throwing, fielding, hitting, base running, and fun are emphasized. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches with games played on Friday evenings. Practices and games are held at the Osceola Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Registration Fee is \$25 per child. **Registration, to avoid late fee, ends March 15th.**



Pee-Wee: This division is for any boy or girl currently in 1st – 2nd Grade. Volunteer coaches will draft all registered participants to form unintegrated teams, as well as guide players through practices and games. The objective of this division is to continue and reaffirm the basic fundamentals of baseball/softball, along with expanding player knowledge and skills of the game. Games are modified to accommodate these young players. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches. Practices and games are held at the Osceola Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Registration Fee is \$25 per child. **Registration, to avoid late fee, ends March 15th.**



Minor/Major: These divisions are for any boy or girl currently in 3rd & 4th Grade (Minor) or 5th & 6th Grade (Major). The divisions also break down in to boy (baseball) and girl (softball) teams. The Minor/Major divisions of this program are offered through the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department but run through the South Central Iowa Youth League. Volunteer coaches will draft all registered participants to form teams, as well as guide players through practices and games. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches. Game schedules are set by the Department, or team coaches through the South Central Iowa Youth League. All home games will be at the Osceola Adult/Youth Ball Complex. Registration Fee is \$35 per child. **Registration, to avoid late fee, ends March 15th.**



A WALK IN THE PARK

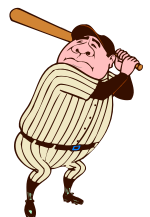
Patrons of our Park System are encouraged to get together for a walk in the park to enjoy the fresh air and natural beauty. Q-Pond Trail, located at Q-Pond Park, allows for hard surface walking/running. Parking for the trail is located at the upper Park (1111 W. Clay Street). One loop around the trail is approximately 2 miles. For additional distance, feel free to take one of the mowed grass pathways adjacent to the paved trail. Another area of interest for walking might be Hembry Pathway. This Pathway, located at the Osceola Recreation Complex, allows for hard surface walking/running starting at either the Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex or Clarke Community High School. The pathway, walked in both directions, is 1.2 miles in length. If you're looking for a little more, do a couple laps around the High School to reach the 2 mile mark. Mornings are a popular time especially during summer's hot temperatures. **Keep in mind that for every mile walked or ran by a sedentary person, gives him/her an extra 21 minutes of life.** Call a friend today and go enjoy our trail system.



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The Osceola Parks & Recreation Department will be providing Adult Softball Leagues. League Fee per team is \$350. ASA Officials are utilized for all league games and tournaments.

Men's Slo-Pitch: The Men's League will tentatively start the first full week of May. Team Registration will take place the month of April. Four (4) team minimum



to provide a League. Games are played on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:45pm at the Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Men's League Tournament will be determined based on schedule.

Women's Slo-Pitch: The Women's League will also tentatively start the first full week of May. Registration will take place the month of April. Four (4) team minimum to provide a League. Games are played on Monday evenings starting at 6:45pm at the Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Women's League Tournament will be determined based on schedule.



Co-Recreational Slo-Pitch: The Co-Recreational League will tentatively start the third week of July. Registration will take place from mid-June to mid-July. Four (4) team minimum to provide a League. Games are played on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:45pm at the Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex. Co-Recreational League Tournament will be determined based on schedule.

Rain Outs and Delays: If, due to weather or uncontrollable circumstances, the games for that evening are cancelled, they will be made up the following week. The designated make-up day for Men's League is Thursday; Women's League is Tuesday; and Co-Recreational will be either Tuesday or Thursday. If you are unsure of the status of the games, call the Rec-Plex Concession Stand at (641) 342-3616 for a recorded message. If games are cancelled, please do not go on the fields. It only makes it harder to prepare them later.

LIVE HEALTHY IOWA KIDS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

2015 was the inaugural year for the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships. These events are intended to carry on the tradition of the Hershey Track and Field Games in Iowa. Nearly 50 communities around Iowa with 5,000 7-14 year olds will compete state wide for the opportunity to participate at the State Championships. The Live Healthy Iowa Track Championships are sponsored by the Iowa Sports Foundation, in partnership with the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association and Marshalltown Parks and Recreation.

Events will include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4 x 100 meter relay, and softball throw.

The mission of the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships is to provide a quality recreation program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through track and field events without financial barriers.

Meets are sponsored by local Parks and Recreation Departments throughout the state during the months of April and May, with local qualifiers continuing on to the championships in Marshalltown, IA held on Saturday, June 22, 2019.



Live Healthy **IOWA**
TRACK Kids
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Osceola Parks & Recreation, in partnership with Clarke Elementary, will offer the local meet through the Elementary Track & Field Days in May.

There is no registration fee. Registration forms will be available On-line and through Elementary PE and must be filled out to advance to the Championships. Only the winner of an event in each age category is eligible to advance.

YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS



Tennis Lessons will be offered for students completing 1st Grade through High School. Players from beginning to advanced level are all welcome. Lessons will be given at the High School Tennis Courts.

Instruction is by Head Varsity Tennis Coach Jeff Ehrhardt. Registration runs from April 29th – June 3rd. Registration Fee is \$40 per participant. Registration fee includes a T-Shirt. Program runs from June 10th – June 26th.

Beginners will learn the forehand, backhand, volley, and serve. The more advanced classes will practice drills on the aforementioned plus learn the overhead smash, the lob, topspin, drop shot, and ball placement.

Participants will learn to play both singles and doubles, and the strategies used for each. Scorekeeping and tennis etiquette will also be learned.

Instruction times:

8:00am – 5th through 12th Grade (M-Th)

9:00am – 1st through 4th Grade (M-Th)

CLARKE JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Boys and girls in 5th – 8th Grade are encouraged to participate. Lessons will be in the mornings June 17th – June 21st. Lessons will be held at the Osceola Municipal Golf Course. Golf clubs, balls, T-shirt, instruction, etc. are provided. This is a great opportunity to learn and improve skills for this competitive and lifetime sport. Clarke Community School's Golf Coach, Walker Adams will be providing the instruction. Registration Deadline is June 14th. Registration forms, once available, will be on the City Website and at the Parks & Recreation Office. Registration Fee is \$35 per participant. Make checks payable to Osceola Parks & Recreation. Contact Walker Adams with questions and for further information (641) 342-6505.

Instruction times:

10:00am - 11:00am



LITTLE LEGENDS GOLF LESSONS



Boys and girls in Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to participate. Morning lessons will be June 24th – June 28th. Lessons are held on the west soccer field at the Osceola Recreation Complex on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday followed by Thursday and Friday lessons at the Osceola Municipal Golf Course. Golf clubs, balls, instruction and other equipment is provided. This is a great opportunity to learn and improve skills of this lifetime sport. Brett West and Barry Vogt will be providing the instruction. Register by June 21st. Registration forms, once available, will be on the City Website and at the Parks & Recreation Office. Registration Fee is \$49 per

participant. Make checks payable to Little Legends Golf. Contact Brett West with questions and for further information at (515) 577-7910.

Instruction times:

9:00am – Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

10:00am – 3rd through 6th Grade

YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

This clinic is available to any boy or girl going in to 1st – 6th Grade. Lead Instructor Adam Domina will take participants through the basic fundamentals and proper techniques required for football. Focus will be on proficiency of skills and fun. Registration fee for this clinic is \$10. Registration will run the month of August. Dates and times for this Program have not been determined by time of print.



YOUTH FALL SOCCER



Any boy or girl going in to Kindergarten through 8th Grade is invited to participate in this program. Volunteer coaches will lead participants through practices and games focusing on the fundamentals and techniques of this sport. Practice nights and times are set by the volunteer coaches with games played on Saturday mornings. Practices and games are held at the Osceola Recreation Complex Soccer Fields. Registration Fee is \$30 per child, \$15 per child if they have a previous reversible jersey. ***Registration runs from July 29th – August 23rd.*** Games will tentatively start September 14th and finish October 19th.

ADULT CO-RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Games are played on Wednesday evenings at the Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasiums. Three men and three women make up a team. If there are enough teams for each, the league will be split in to two divisions; Competitive and Recreational. Registration Fee is \$100 per team with registration taking place the month of October. Please have an idea in which league your team will play when registering. Program will start in November and finish with respective League Tournaments the end of February.



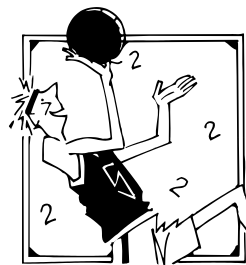
YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS



Clarke Community School's Head Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Coaches work with the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department to offer these clinics to any boys and girls in the 2nd – 6th Grades. Participants will learn the beginning fundamentals and skills required to play basketball. Dribbling, passing, and shooting will be the main focus. Coach Dingeman (boys) and Coach Subbert (girls) will offer their clinics at different times. Please watch for details regarding registration and dates/times for each in the local newspaper or on the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook Page starting in September. Registration Fee TBD.

ADULT OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

This program is offered on Sundays, starting the first Sunday in November. Starting at 3:00pm, anyone eighteen (18) years of age and older may participate in “pick-up” games at the High School Gymnasium. This program ends the last Sunday in March (approximately 22 weeks). For liability reasons, please note the minimum age requirement. A one-time participation fee of \$20 or \$1 per night of play is required.



ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE



The Department will once again offer this program on Thursday evenings, starting the first Thursday in November. Anyone eighteen (18) years of age or older may participate. Games are played at the Elementary Gymnasium starting at 6:30pm. A scorekeeper is present at all games but this is a “call your own foul” league. Stop by the Parks & Recreation Office during the month of October to register your team and pick up a rules sheet. Registration Fee is \$100 per team. For liability reasons, please note the minimum age requirement.

Various trial programs and special events are offered throughout the year, that are not listed in this guide. In these situations the Department advertises in the local newspaper and posts information to its Facebook Page. Please check periodically to help us keep you informed.

COOPERATION

The Osceola Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the Clarke Community School system for the use of their facilities. Without their excellent cooperation, the quality and scope of our activities would greatly diminish. Also greatly appreciated is the cooperation from the City Street, Water, Waste Water, and Police Departments, along with Clarke County Development Corporation and Osceola Chamber/Main Street. A special thanks to all the area businesses that help us out through donations, team sponsorships, etc. on all our programs.

NEW PROGRAM IDEAS

Persons interested in programs not offered by the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department or those who feel qualified in a specific area of teaching and would like to share their skills, please contact the Department.

VOLUNTEER TEAM

The Osceola Parks & Recreation Department is seeking volunteers to assist with a variety of projects as well as coaches for youth sports. If you are interested in donating time for a specific cause, let us know. Call (641) 342-2288

Volunteer – Because Change Is Possible

FERN UNDERWOOD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Fern Underwood Family Aquatic Center will open on Saturday, June 1st

The Facility will be closed on July 4th

Since school will continue significantly past Memorial Day, the Facility will not open until **the weekend before the last day of school. The Facility will close for the season the Monday before school starts.*

REMINDER:

Swimmers under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at open swimming

FEES (includes sales tax)

General Admission:

\$4 (Age 2 and under free with paid adult admission)

Pool Party Rentals:

\$125/hr. 1-50 people

\$175/hr. 51-100 people

\$225/hr. 101+ people

(2 hour maximum rental)

Punch Cards:

10 Swims - \$36

20 Swims - \$72

Season Passes:

Individual - \$75 (ages 3 and up)

*Multi-Person - \$150 (up to six - \$10 each additional member, Max. 10)

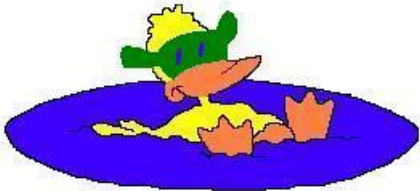
**Definition of a Multi-Person Season Pass: A Multi-Person Season Pass is intended to be similar to a Family Season Pass without all of the restrictions. Babysitters, etc. can now be included with this particular Pass. The purchaser is able to choose six individuals to be on their pass. Maximum of 10 individuals per Pass.*



Fern Underwood Family Aquatic Center

225 W. Shaw Street ~ (641) 342-6662

OPEN SWIMMING HOURS

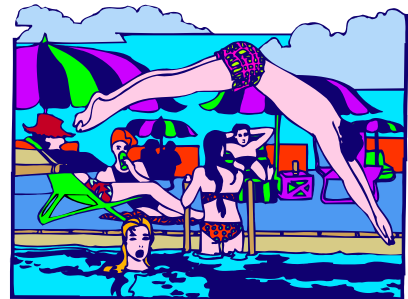


Monday – Saturday

1:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday

1:00pm – 6:00pm



GENERAL AQUATIC CENTER POLICIES

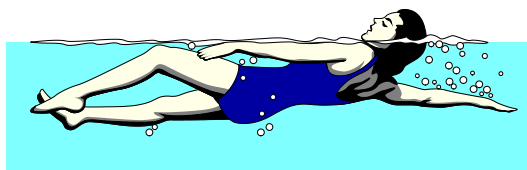
Swimmers must wear an approved swimsuit. T-shirts, cut-offs or gym shorts are not allowed in the water. Patrons not wearing approved swimwear will be asked to leave the water.

The facility is not responsible for lost or stolen articles left on the deck area. Secure all valuables in lockers provided upon request at the Admissions Desk.

No flotation devices of any kind are allowed in the pool without permission from Management.

Only concessions sold at the pool are allowed. Do not bring food or beverage with you.

LAP SWIM / TODDLER TIME



Individuals can swim laps Monday-Friday, from **11:00am – 12:00pm**. Purchase a Season Pass, Punch Card, or pay \$2 per day.

Senior Citizen (60+) lap swim is free.

This time period is also Toddler Time. This special time is for a parent and their toddler to experience time in the shallow area at the facility. This program is for toddlers age 5 and under. Purchase a Season Pass, Punch Card, or pay \$2 per day. These two programs will run from June 10th – August 9th.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Lifeguard training will be offered to a limited number of students. This 28 hour course provides the necessary minimum skills for a person to qualify to serve as a non-surf lifeguard. Students must be at least 15 years of age and passed Level VI swimming lessons. Instruction includes CPR and First Aid Certification. The Fee for this course is \$100 (includes all books and materials used during training). Dates and times TBD.



WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR



This 36 hour course enables a person to be a Red Cross Swimming Instructor. Student must be 16 years old and have a current Lifeguard Training Certificate. American Red Cross Instructors make a difference in their community by teaching people a lifesaving skill. Those interested in becoming a Water Safety Instructor please contact the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department or the American Red Cross for classes that are available in your area.

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Private swim lessons will be offered for young children, adults, and children who need additional instruction. Private lessons are scheduled by contacting the Aquatic Center lifeguards. A list of lifeguards offering private lessons will be available at the Facility.

PRIVATE SWIM PARTIES

Private pool parties may be scheduled after regular pool hours. Lifeguards must be pool employees. Hourly rental rates are located under FEES listed earlier. Season passes do not apply for private swim parties. Scheduling is done through the Osceola Family Aquatic Center during normal operating hours.



FATHER'S DAY



Sunday, June 16th is Father's Day at the Osceola Family Aquatic Center. Dads receive free admission if attending with children. So dads, come on out with the kids for a fun filled Father's Day!

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Bring your own cardboard boat and test your skills as a boat captain! Design and build your own boat made out of cardboard and duct tape only. For the safety of the pool and participants, no other items will be allowed in the construction of the boat. We will have singles and team races in the following age groups: 12 years and younger, and 13 years and up. Complete set of rules can be picked up at the Aquatic Center or Parks & Recreation Office after Memorial Weekend. NO FEE!



Date for this year's event will be: Saturday, August 3rd

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Various aquatic programs, based on availability of instructors, will be offered throughout the aquatic season. Please look for posting, dates, times, etc. at the Family Aquatic Center as well as the Osceola Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook Page.

PUBLIC SWIM LESSONS

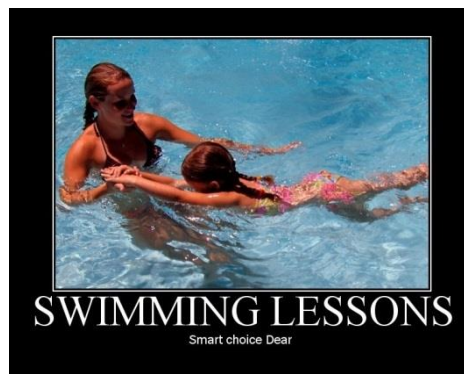
SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

Session I: June 17 – June 28 (M-F)

Session II: July 8 – July 19 (M-F)

Session III: July 22 – August 2 (M-F)

9:15 – 9:45	or	10:15 – 10:45	Levels 3,4
9:00 – 9:45	or	10:00 – 10:45	Level 5
9:00 – 10:00	or	10:00 – 11:00	Level 6
9:30 – 10:00	or	10:30 – 11:00	Levels 1,2



Three (3) sessions of public swimming lessons are offered. Swim lessons are designed to provide personalized instruction. Sessions will ideally schedule eight (8) students per instructor. Students may register for more than one session but it is not recommended. Rapid progression through swimming lessons is not necessary as students must be 15 years old to take Lifeguard Certification. Lessons are held during the morning hours Monday through Friday. To begin public swimming lessons, students enrolling in Level I must be 5 years of age or older. The registration fee for public swimming lessons is \$30 (Level I – VI). Swim Lesson registration forms will be posted on the City Website. Forms may also be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office.

LEARN – TO – SWIM

The American Red Cross offers six comprehensive course levels that teach you, your child or other family members how to swim skillfully and safely. The prerequisite for each level is the successful demonstration of the skills from the preceding level, except for Level I, which has no prerequisite. Children wishing to start public swimming lessons must be age 5 or older at the start of their registered session. Each level of Learn – To – Swim includes training in basic water safety and helping a swimmer in distress, in addition to the following skills.

LEVEL I – INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS

Purpose: To begin developing positive attitudes, good swimming habits and safe practices in and around the water.

Enter and exit using a ladder, steps or side, blow bubbles through mouth and nose, bobbing, open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects, front and back glides and floats, recover to vertical position, roll from front to back / back to front, tread water using arms, alternating and simultaneous leg and arm actions on front and back, combined arm and leg actions on front and back, learn to stay safe, recognizing an emergency and knowing how to call for help, use life jacket, recognizing lifeguards and sun safety.

LEVEL II – FUNDAMENTAL AQUATIC SKILLS

Purpose: To give participants success with fundamental skills, including learning how to float without support and to recover to a vertical position.

Enter or exit water by stepping or jumping from the side, fully submerge and hold breath, bobbing, open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects, front, jellyfish, and tuck floats, recover to vertical position, roll from front to back / back to front, change direction of travel while swimming, tread water using arms and legs, combined arm and leg on front and back, finning arm action, perform simple non-swimming assists, learn what to think about and do when exhausted or caught in a dangerous situation.

LEVEL III – STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Purpose: Builds on the skills in Level II by providing additional guided practice in deeper water.

Enter water by jumping, headfirst entries from the side in sitting and kneeling positions, bobbing while moving toward safety, rotary breathing, survival float, back float, change from vertical to horizontal position on front/back, tread water, flutter, scissor, dolphin, and backstroke kicks on front, front crawl and elementary backstroke, learn to look carefully before entering the water, learn to perform simple non-swimming assists, learn to recognize, prevent, and respond to cold water emergencies.

LEVEL IV – STROKE IMPROVEMENT

Purpose: Develops confidence in the strokes learned in Level III and to improve other aquatic skills.

Headfirst entries from the side in compact and stride positions, swim under water, feet first surface dive, survival swimming, front crawl and backstroke open turns, tread water using two different kicks, front / back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly, flutter and dolphin kicks on back, learn to look carefully before entering the water, learn what to think about and do when exhausted or caught in a dangerous situation, perform simple non-swimming assist, learn about recreational water illnesses and how to prevent them.

LEVEL V – STROKE REFINEMENT

Purpose: To further learn how to coordinate and refine strokes

Shallow-angle dive from side then glide and begin front stroke, tuck and pike surface dives, submerge completely, front flip turn and backstroke flip turn while swimming, front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly, sculling, learn how to call for help and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR, learn basic safety guidelines for participating in aquatic activities at waterparks, learn to look carefully before entering the water, perform simple non-swimming assists, learn about recreational water illnesses and how to prevent them, what to think about and do when exhausted or caught in a dangerous situation.

LEVEL VI – SWIMMING AND SKILL PROFICIENCY

Purpose: To refine strokes so participants swim them with more ease, efficiency, power, smoothness, and over greater distances. To introduce and practice fundamental springboard diving. Level VI is designed with “menu” options. Each of these options focus on preparing students to participate in more advanced courses, such as Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training. The options include:

Personal Water Safety, Fundamentals of Diving, and Fitness Swimmer.

EXIT SKILLS FOR SWIM LESSONS

Levels I – V have associated exit skills that will help us determine proper placement and level continuation of a student. These skills are administered the first day of class (proper placement) and the last day of class (continuation).

Water Accidents

Nearly 10,000 people die every year across the United States in water related tragedies. The Osceola Parks & Recreation Department strongly encourages parents to register their children for swimming lessons.



PARKS & FACILITIES

CLARKE COUNTY RECREATION COMPLEX



This 52 acre facility is located on the north side of the City. There are two access points to the Rec-Plex. The south entrance, which will gain patrons access to the Fern Underwood Family Aquatic Center, Soccer Fields, Becky Persels Skate Park, and Hembry Pathway, is at the intersection of W. Shaw and N. Fillmore Streets.

The north entrance, which will gain patrons access to the Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex as well as the Osceola Disc Golf Course, is located directly south of the County Yard off of Highway 69 N.

Fern Underwood Family Aquatic Center began the development of this area in 2000. This is a 196,000 gallon facility with zero-depth entry, 4-lane (25m) lap swim area, deep well with a 3m diving board, plunge area for the 142 linear foot water slide, and several amenities such as geysers, arc jet, mushroom, (ten) 20 foot umbrellas, and 100 lounge chairs.



Osceola Adult/Youth Ball Field Complex was the next to be developed in 2003. This area features four youth fields (200' fence) clover leafed around a centralized concession/maintenance building, along with two adult fields (280' fence). All areas between the youth and adult fields, including the path leading to the concession/maintenance building from the gravel parking lot, the path leading up to the adult fields, and the extension of Hembry Pathway to the gravel parking lot, are now all hard surfaced.



Osceola Soccer Fields: two regulation sized fields were development in the spring of 2005. This area created a home for the Department's Youth Soccer program. The fields themselves have been utilized by a variety of patrons for various activities such as adult soccer, our Little Legends Golf Camp, Challenger British Soccer Camp, High School Rugby practices and games, and most recently the High School Soccer Club.

Hembry Pathway immediately followed this development in the summer of 2005. This pathway (.6 miles in length) connects the southern facilities (Aquatic Center/Skate Park/Soccer Fields) to the northern facilities (Ball Field Complex/Disc Golf Course). Not only is it a great place to walk and enjoy the out of doors, but it also allows safe passage for children to the ball fields.

Becky Persels Skate Park was another addition to the complex in the fall of 2005. In conjunction with area youth and American Ramp Company, a design was developed for this 7,000 sq. ft. addition. The park includes Half Pipe, Quarter Pipe, Cow Catcher, various Grind Rails, etc., and was made possible with the assistance of the Clarke County Development Corporation and a very generous donation from Mrs. Becky Persels.



Osceola Disc Golf Course is our latest addition to the Recreation Complex. The project was completed the fall of 2014. Almost all of the holes are sponsored allowing for a great, long, course. Innova Disc Catchers were installed along with paved Tee Pads. This course starts and ends at the ball fields as it weaves its way through the complex to the soccer fields and back.



Other amenities will be added over time and discussion over such continues. As always, input is welcome as we progress towards completing what we hope to be the premiere location for recreation.

GRADE LAKE PARK

This park, located along Lakeshore Drive, has excellent fishing along with bird watching and hiking. Thomas Trail, a natural walking path on the west side of the lake, connects Lakeshore Drive to Grade Lake Drive. Total walking distance around the lake is approximately 1 ¹/₃ miles. Benches, donated by the Osceola Lions Club, are placed along Thomas Trail for rest or just to take in nature's beauty.

LITTLE INDIAN PARK

This park is located at the corner of Temple and Jackson Streets. It is a small neighborhood park with a sidewalk, playground equipment, shelter, and a ½ court basketball court.

Q-POND PARK & BOAT ACCESS

This is a 125 acre park located on the northwest side of town off W. Clay Street. The upper portion currently features two shelters, a few pieces of play equipment, Restrooms, and the Q-Pond Trail System. The Pheasants Forever Shelter is a smaller shelter that can accommodate approximately 15 people. The Methodist shelter is significantly larger with an approximate capacity of 50 people. Large open areas surround these shelters allowing individuals or groups to enjoy nature or games.

Improvements to the park continue. Reconstruction of the Department's Maintenance Building, and signage were completed last year. Work continued on creating a hard surfaced trail loop around the entire park. All that remains is a few hundred feet of connectors and a couple of internal loops for completion. Ideally, the Department would like this Trail Loop to connect to the current Hembry Pathway at the Clarke County Recreation Complex.



The Boat Access area is perfect for individuals or families to go fishing or just enjoy nature. Access to this area is at the corner of Delaware and W. Clay Streets. Repair to the principle spillway of Q-Pond was completed last fall and the water level should be close to normal by spring. The Department intends to finish the trail loop this fall with the final pours being across the dam and a road crossing.



SEMINOLE PARK

This small neighborhood park is located along Country Club Drive. A small basketball court is provided at the park along with a gazebo and playground equipment with poured-in-place rubberized surfacing.

WARREN FAMILY PARK

This 2 acre park is located at the corner of Warren Avenue and Truman Road. It features a sidewalk system, playground equipment with crushed rubber surfacing and a full length basketball court. Also included on site is a shelter for family and group use.

WEST LAKE MARINA



Enjoy the fishing at West Lake. Launch your boat from one of the two paved boat ramps to start the fun. Plenty of room for parking and nice restroom facilities are provided. The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded the DNR's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant to replace the East Boat Dock this year. Upon completion both docks, will be "Connect-a-dock" docks, sit lower in the water, be handicap accessible, and improve ease in which patrons can get in and out of their boats. We hope you enjoy the finished product.

VANDALISM / LITTER

Many times throughout the year, vandals strike our parks. If you see abusive activities in the parks, please contact the Police Department at (641) 342-2121 or the Parks & Recreation Department at (641) 342-2288. Remember, these parks are yours, please help us keep them clean.



COMMUNITY

ISU EXTENSION – CLARKE COUNTY

Clarke County Extension will be offering the Summer Day Camp Program for K – 6th grade student. These camps will provide youth an opportunity to learn and grow in a fun, comfortable, and safe environment. Registration forms will be sent home with students later in May. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. You can also check www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke and www.facebook.com/ClarkeCountyISUExtension for all updates.

Cast a line at our Mike VanAhn Memorial Fishing Derby. Youth will have the opportunity to compete for largest, smallest, longest, shortest, and most fish caught during the derby. This event will take place at East Lake Park later this summer.

The Clarke County Fair is scheduled for July 14th – 22nd. The Fair Board has planned entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Come for one day or come for them all as there will be something different each day to enjoy.

For questions regarding any of these events, please contact the Clarke County Extension and Outreach Office at (641) 342-3316 or stop by 154 W. Jefferson Street (southwest corner of the square) Office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday.

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Extension and Outreach
Clarke County

OSCEOLA CHAMBER/MAIN STREET

Bunny Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 2019 8am-11:00am

Enjoy your morning with the Easter Bunny with all you can eat sausage and pancake breakfast at the Osceola Senior Center. The cost is \$2 per adult; \$1 per child. Following the brunch will be the Easter egg hunt.

Junkin' on Jefferson

Friday, June 1st – Sunday, June 3rd

This is a 3-Day event honoring the repurposing trade. Travel up and down the Jefferson Highway from Osceola to Bethany, Missouri and see all of the great shops along the way. A great chance to travel with others and enjoy repurposing!

OCMS Golf Tournament

Friday, June 14th, 2019 10am

Get a 4-person team together and join us for a best ball tournament at the Osceola Municipal Golf Course.

Meet Your Merchants

Thursday, June 20th, 2019 5:30pm-8pm

A chance for the community to meet some of the great businesses in the community and enjoy a great summer evening of fun. Get to know your local businesses while enjoying a free meal from OCMS and listening to live music on the bandstand.

4th of July Celebration

July 4th-6th, 2019

Three days of family fun events starting with the parade and fireworks on the 4th, continuing with the carnival on the 5th and kid day activities on the 6th. Each night to have bandstand entertainment that you won't want to miss!

Osceola Latino Festival

Sunday, August 25th, 2019 1pm-7pm

Join us for a family friendly fun filled day at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. There will be children activities and entertainment to enjoy the whole day.

Summer Soiree Car Show

Saturday September 14th, 2019 8am-4pm

Enjoy a great car show at Lakeside Casino, with professional judging, specialty awards, vendors, and more.

Trunk Or Treat

Thursday, October 31st, 2019 5:30pm-7:00pm

Bring out your children to the Osceola Square and enjoy trunk or treating with local businesses.

Let's Wine About Winter Wine Walk

Friday, November 1st, 2019 5:30pm-8:30pm

Enjoy a variety of wines as you shop local stores in anticipation of the holiday season.

Holiday Brilliance & Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 30th, 2019 9am-7pm

Join us for a day of shopping downtown and some Holiday cheer. Shop Small Saturday will be happening all day with Santa Claus on the square in the afternoon and the lighted parade to end the night.

For more detailed information about each event as it draws closer please contact:

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OSCEOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Osceola, Iowa 50213
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Basic Computer Classes

Please contact Aric Bishop, Library Director, at abishop@osceola.lib.ia.us to schedule a time.

Book Discussion

Third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 pm.

Clarke County Genealogical Society

Meets the first Monday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. No meeting in July.

Community Coffees

Every Wednesday starting in March of 2019 from 9:30am – 10:30am. Community members are welcome to come chat, socialize and catch-up on current events in Osceola/Clarke County.

Genealogical Lunch & Learns

Third Wednesday of every month starting in March of 2019 from 12:00 – 1:00pm. Bring your sack lunch and a laptop, if you have one, and learn basic genealogical techniques.

National Library Week: April 8th – 14th, 2019

There will be intergenerational activities throughout the week. Check the Library's Facebook page for a list of events.

Young Adult (YA) Book Club

Every third Thursday of each month starting in March of 2019 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) defines a "young adult" as someone who is 12-18 years of age, but the books selected will span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. We encourage adults to take an active role in helping teens choose books that are best for them and their families.

Family Story Time

One Monday evening each month, October – April. 6:00pm – 6:45pm.

Home School Activity

One Friday afternoon each month, October – April. 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

Preschool Story Hour

Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am downstairs, through April 30th. All preschool-aged kids are invited to join us for stories, activities, crafts and more. No Story Hour if school is cancelled or delayed due to weather. Also, no Story Hour during the week of Spring Break.

Summer Reading Program:

- **Craft Times** – Every Wednesday starting June 3, 2019 to July 24, 2019 from 2:30-4:30pm.
- **Bubble performance** – Absolute Science on June 3, 2019 at 9:30am.
- **Galaxy T-Shirts** – Please bring a plain black t-shirt. June 13, 2019 from 3:00-4:00pm.
- **Hillbilly Silly Science** – Thursday June 20, 2019 at 9:30am.
- **Movie** – Friday June 21, 2019 at 2:00pm.
- **Osceola Street T-Shirts** – Saturday June 22, 2019 from 11:00am-12:00pm.
- **Women and Drones** – Wednesday June 26, 2019 from 10:00am-11:00am.
- **Blank Park Zoo Visit** – June 27, 2019 at 9:30am.
- **Movie** – Friday July 12, 2019 at 2:00pm.
- **Harry Potter Birthday Party** – Wednesday July 31, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

The Osceola Public Library offers several other programs and workshops throughout the year. However, dates have not been determined for all of our events, and some may require pre-registration. Please contact the Osceola Public Library as summer gets closer or refer to the Osceola Public Library Facebook page.

CLARKE COUNTY CONSERVATION



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Osceola, IA

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Osceola, IA 50213

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➤ PARKS

Hopeville Square County Park



One of Clarke County's earliest settlements, Hopeville was once a bustling town and the hub of community activity. Today the town square is the site of a serene, 4 acre park, shaded by large, old silver maple trees. The park offers picnic shelters, a playground, a sports court, rest rooms and camping (by reservation). The park is also the site of the **Hopeville Rural Music Reunion**, an annual festival featuring some of the finest musicians in southern Iowa and northern Missouri playing old time country, blue grass, gospel, rock and roll, and contemporary country music. It is held each September on the Sunday following Labor Day.

Murray Roadside Park

Located ten miles west of Osceola on U.S. Hwy-34, the Murray Roadside Park offers travelers and local residents 12 acres for peaceful, rural outdoor relaxation. The park has a picnic shelter, a playground, rest rooms, and a variety of trees and shrubs that attract birds and wildlife. The town of Murray is just one half mile north of the park.

East Lake County Park



Located just one mile east of the intersection of U.S. Highways 34 & 69, on the outskirts of the City of Osceola is a 160 acre park, with a 15 acre lake as its focal point. First established as a park in the 1920's, East Lake Park has continued to grow and develop over the years. The park features seven picnic shelters, two gazebos, rest rooms, playgrounds, a basketball court, two volleyball courts, a horseshoe court, an overlook tower, over one mile of hiking trails, archery range, fishing docks, a variety of flora and fauna, and is an ideal location for bird watching. A semi-modern group camping area is available by reservation. In 2019, a new .9 mile concrete walking trail was constructed to connect East Lake Park to the East Elementary School.

Liberty Park



First established in 1855 as the town square for the village of Liberty, the Liberty Park was revitalized and rededicated as a county park by community residents in 2002. A new picnic shelter, playground, horseshoe court, and volleyball court were added. Located just off of U.S. Hwy 69, it is an ideal site for community gatherings, family reunions, or for travelers to take a relaxing break.

➤ RECREATION AREAS

Coyote Canyon Wildlife Area

Nine miles northwest of Osceola, directional signs from County Road R35 and Pacific Street to 180th Avenue, will lead you to Coyote Canyon Wildlife Area, a 287 acre public use area comprised of restored prairie and heavy oak and hickory timber. This area is open to hunting, fishing, hiking, berry picking, and mushrooming.

Green Pine Wildlife Area

Located 8 ½ miles northeast of Osceola on County Road R50 is 40 acres of beautiful evergreen timber. Purchased with the help from the local Pheasants Forever Chapter, an ideal habitat for wildlife, this area is open to public hunting. There is also a 3 acre pond stocked with bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie for the fishing enthusiast. There is an area for picnicking at the main entrance, and trails through the timber are ideal for hiking, birding, mushrooming, berry picking, or cross country skiing.

Oakwood Wildlife Area

Six miles north of Osceola along Highway 69, Oakwood Wildlife Area, features great upland game and large game hunting. This 188 acre wildlife area has a 20 acre natural prairie full of wildflowers and prairie remnants.

Turkey Ridge Wildlife Area

Five miles south of Osceola on U.S. Highway 69, then two miles east on County Road H45, and $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south on 250th Avenue, is Turkey Ridge Wildlife Area. This 68 acre tract of oak, hickory, and eastern red cedar provides habitat for an abundance of wildlife, particularly deer and turkey. The area is open to hunting, hiking, mushrooming, and berry picking.

Vawn Wildlife Area



Six miles north of Osceola, then one mile east on Oakwood Street, the Vawn Wildlife Area features oak, walnut, and hickory timber, upland fields with prairie remnants, and two ponds. This 200 acre area is open to hunting, fishing, hiking, mushrooming, and berry picking.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- *Hours: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm*
- *No drugs or alcohol allowed*
- *Speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Vehicles shall be confined to roadways and designated hunting areas*
- *Fires allowed only in provided spaces or equipment.*
- *Pets must be on leash, not to exceed 6 feet in length.*
- *It is unlawful to deface or in any manner destroy public building, signs or structures; to remove, injure or destroy plants, trees, shrubs, or rocks and minerals; and to kill, trap, or disturb wildlife, except with authorization and in designated areas.*
- *Litter and refuse shall be carried out of the area or deposited in trash receptacles.*

Detailed copies of the Rules and Regulations are posted at the entrance of each of the Clarke County Parks and Recreation Areas

NOTES:

Your Garbage Day – Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday (Change for Holidays in **RED**)

South of HWY 34 – TUESDAY, North of HWY 34 & West of HWY 69 – THURSDAY, North of HWY 34 & East of HWY 69 & Harkin Hills – FRIDAY

Recycling pickup is highlighted in **YELLOW**, and is every other week. Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday

Regular garbage is highlighted in **GREEN**, and is every week. Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday

Delayed service is highlighted in **RED**, due to Holiday. Please check City Website or Facebook Page when situation occurs.

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