

Otsego VIEW

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CELEBRATING 2018!

We've come to the end of another year, look at all that has taken place in Otsego in 2018.

The Building
Safety Department
issued 300 new
home permits.
Development
projects valued at
nearly \$110 million.

2018 Election: The City processed 1,592 voters on Primary Election day and 6,228 voters on General Election day. For General Elections that was 63.85% of registered voters; of that 11.88% were new registrations.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintained 13 city parks/trails, created and maintained a tree gravel bed program, and offered 121 programs and free community events with an estimated total of 18,561 participants. The Parks & Recreation Commission is currently in the process of creating the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan.

The City contracted with Sterling Codifiers to recodify the City Code to ensure they are up to date per State Statute and to improve access for residents.

To be more responsive with current technology, the City did a Website Redesign; The City has upped its Social Media presence by setting up Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The City currently has 1,238 page followers on Facebook.

The City was awarded a Service Planning Grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office to be used toward a fire study for response time improvement and fire service model. The Fire Study was completed in 2018.

The Heritage Preservation Commission developed **Historical Signage** to be located in City parks that provides historical information, photos and maps.

The City applied for and received a \$704k Public Infrastructure Grant to upgrade Kadler Avenue to allow for new industrial development.



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MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council: 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. Planning Commission: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month. Parks & Recreation Commission: 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Heritage Preservation Commission: 2nd Tuesday of the Month. Public Safety Commission: 2nd Tuesday of the Month. *Meeting dates are subject to change; call city hall to confirm dates and times.

EDITOR

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ARE YOU READY FOR SEVERE WEATHER? MINNESOTA SEVERE WEATHER **AWARENESS WEEK IS APRIL 8-12.**

Two of the most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the annual statewide tornado drills. These drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

Take advantage of Severe Weather Awareness Week to review your own and your family's emergency procedures and make a plan for weather-related hazards!





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NEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Otsego continues to experience strong residential growth due to its ideal location. The State Demographer's most recent population estimate was 16,605, compared with 6,389 from the 2000 US Census. The City is expecting for this trend in residential housing growth to continue into the future as well.





HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Utility Operations Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the City in April. Flushing the hydrants removes sediment and mineral build up within the City's water lines to maintain water quality and also tests the system for adequate flows. Note that the cap may be left off of some hydrants after the water is turned off to allow the fixture to drain completely but City staff will return to replace the cap. The schedule for flushing is as follows:

April 1st - 15th East Public Water System April 15th - 30th West Public Water System

OTSEGO BUSINESS BUZZ

Biotanica CBD Store, held a Grand Opening on November 3rd, 2018. They are located at 9125 Quaday Avenue NE.

Riverview Landing, Guardian Angels, a 142 unit senior housing facility at 9200 Quantrelle Avenue NE has opened.

Riley Martin CPA has opened at 9000 Quantrelle Avenue NE. Suite 110.



[Mayor's Corner] **GREETINGS NEIGHBORS!**

Otsego currently receives fire services through partnerships with the Albertville, Elk River, and Rogers Fire Departments. These partnerships date back to when Otsego was a township. After becoming a

City, Otsego continued partnerships as the most cost-effective means to provide fire protection services for the community. As growth in Otsego has continued, the City Council has reviewed the adequacy of these service arrangements.

In 2018, the City Council initiated an evaluation of response time and service models for the current and future fire protection needs. A grant received from the State Fire Marshal allowed the City to hire a consultant to prepare a study that City officials can use to evaluate fire protection services and make decisions. Input from our partner Fire Departments regarding existing apparatus, service capabilities, and future facilities plans are an important consideration included in the study. A summary of the Fire Study recommendations, as well as the full report, is available on the City's website by clicking the Fire link on the Departments drop-down.

The first action item from the Fire Study is a model for improving response times provided by our current fire service partners. Based on the recommendations of this model, City staff and the Fire Chiefs proposed revisions to the current fire service areas within Otsego for each Department. These proposed changes were adopted by the City Council in December 2018 and approved by the partner Cities effective as of January 2, 2019. A map of the revised fire response boundaries is available for review on the City's website. The boundaries of the response zones will be reviewed by the City Council as the service contracts are continued to ensure that the areas are consistent with on-going growth in Otsego.

The City Council expects to continue discussions in 2019 related to additional actions implementing the Fire Study, including planning for establishment of a fire station within Otsego related to site selection, preliminary design, and operational issues. The City Council is committed to providing fire protection services to meet the needs of our community. We encourage you to review the Fire Study and contact the City Administrator with any questions or comments.

MAYOR Jessica Stockamp



2019 SPRING CLEAN UP

The City will again partner with Metro Appliance Recycling to provide residents an opportunity to do some spring cleaning of their yard and home with Clean Up Week held May 1st-3rd

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clean Up Week with Metro Appliance Recycling offers City residents discounted rates for disposal of unwanted goods for recycling that cannot be handled in the regular trash. People will need to present identification to verify residency and drop items off at Metro Appliance Recycling at 16403 60th Street NE in Otsego.

Accepted items include: Residential Appliances, CRT televisions/monitors, CRT TVs over 32" and consoles. electronics and computers, miscellaneous electronics, mattresses/box springs, scrap metal, stuffed chairs/ couches, sleeper sofas, wood furniture, batteries, passenger car tires, passenger truck tires, fluorescent bulbs, cell phones, and trash loads.

Items not accepted include: paint, oil, antifreeze, camper fridge, yard waste and household garbage.

Visit ci.otsego.mn.us for costs of items or contact Metro Appliance Recycling at 763.241.8787 with questions.



OTSEGO CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES VERN HEIDNER



This past December, the Otsego City Council presented Vern Heidner with a plaque in recognition of his service to our community over the past 24 years. Since 1995, Heidner has dedicated his time to community growth, strategic planning, and infrastructure improvements as a city council member.

A founding partner of a medical electronics instrument company, Heidner holds a Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE) from Saint Thomas. He spent most of his career as an engineer and volunteered at local schools teaching classes on electronics.



Heidner and his wife Gloria have resided in Otsego for nearly 30 years, having moved the same year the Otsego township incorporated as a city in 1990. Heidner also served for two years as the chairman of the Otsego Economic Development Advisory Committee before he was elected as a council member.

Heidner watched Otsego grow in population from about 6,300 to nearly 17,000.

His work on the city council sustained our community through its economic growth. "During my time, we built three water towers and two wastewater treatment plants. We added eighty miles of road and hundreds of miles of sewage and water pipes," Heidner said.

The City of Otsego thanks Heidner for his contribution and the years he represented our residents. "It wasn't all me," he said. "Many people had a lot of input in how the city developed and grew, and I was pleased to be a part of that."

Heidner expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community. "It's rewarding to see how the city has developed and changed, and I hope that it will continue on that path."

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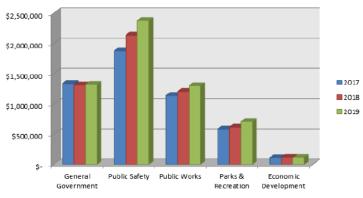
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BUDGET AND LEVY

The Otsego City Council held its annual Truth-in-Taxation meeting on December 10, 2018. The meeting is held to provide a forum for input and questions from the public regarding the proposed budget and property tax levy. At this same meeting, the Otsego City Council adopted: 1) 2019 Operating Budgets; 2) Property Tax Levy for Taxes Payable in 2019; and 3) 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan. Additional information regarding the 2019 budget and tax levy are highlighted below.

General Fund

The General fund is the City's primary fund and accounts for all of the day-to-day operations of the City with the exception of the public water and sewer utility operations. The City Council adopted a balanced General fund budget for 2019 with revenues and expenditures each totaling \$5,812,456, or \$350 per capita. Budgeted expenditures were prepared with the goal to maintain current service levels as well as meeting the service demands of a growing community. Budgeted 2019 expenditures increased \$434,422, or 8.08% from the previous year.

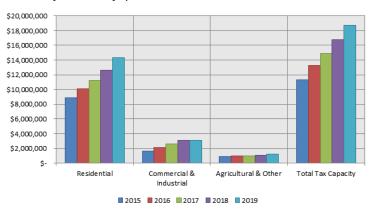


Property Taxes

The City Council adopted a total levy in the amount of \$6,710,109 for taxes payable in 2019. The City continues to experience growth, most notably with new residential construction and industrial development. This growth, along with the real estate market trending with increasing values,



the City's tax base, otherwise known as tax capacity has increased significantly during the past five years. The chart below illustrates the allocation of the City's tax base and is also an accurate depiction of how the City's taxes are distributed. Residential properties in Otsego account for 77% of the tax base and respective tax payments.



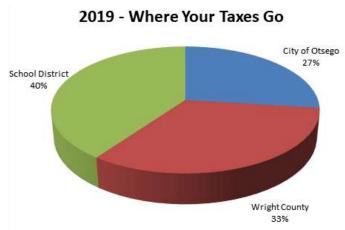
The City's tax rate is estimated to be 36.224 in 2019, approximately a 1 percent decrease from 2018. What this means is that taxpayers should only see their City tax increase to the extent of property value increases. The table below is an illustrative example of the City tax calculation for the median value residential property in Otsego.

	 2018	2019
Median Appraised Value	\$ 217,206 \$	220,572
Less: Market Value Exclusion	(17,691)	(17,389)
Taxable Market Value	 199,515	203,183
Class Rate	1.00%	1.00%
Tax Capacity	 1,995	2,032
City of Otsego - Tax Rate	36.556	36.224
City of Otsego - Estimated Taxes	\$ 729 \$	736

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It is important to note that the City of Otsego is only one of the three governmental entities that comprise your total property tax bill, with the School District and Wright County making up the rest. The pie chart below illustrates the estimated distribution of a property tax bill for the median value residential property in Otsego.



Water & Sewer Utility Operations

The City of Otsego operates public Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Systems, with nearly 3,800 customers. The Utility operations are not included with General operations and are not funded through the property tax levy. Rather, the Utility operations are fully self-funded through user charges to the customers on the public systems. The City evaluates the user rate charges on an annual basis to ensure that revenues are sufficient to meet the operating and capital expenditure needs of the public Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Systems. It is expected that the City Council will approve the user rate charges in February to be effective for March billings. The table below is an illustrative example of the estimated utility bill for the average customer in Otsego.

		2018		2019	Change
Summer (16,000 Gallons)					
Water	\$	44.16	\$	45.43	
Sanitary Sewer		38.88	200	41.99	
Monthly Total	\$	83.04	\$	87.42	5.27%
Winter (5,000 Gallons)					
Water	\$	17.56	\$	18.08	
Sanitary Sewer	1	38.88		41.99	
Monthly Total	\$	56.44	\$	60.07	6.43%

Contact

The full budget document as well as the Truth-in-Taxation presentation is available on the City's website. Click on the Finance page under the City Departments tab at the top of the page. Always feel free to contact the City Finance Director, Adam Flaherty at 763.441.4414 with any questions.

ASSESSING UPDATE

The Wright County Assessor's Office will be inspecting two separate areas this year. The first area is everything north of 85th St. and east of O'dean Avenue. The second area is everything east of Hwy 101 that is south of the River Road intersection. They will evaluate the estimated market value and tax classification of each property as required by Minnesota State Statutes. The Assessors' determination of market value represents a reasonable estimate of what your property may sell for based on market conditions and information relating to your specific property. The estimated market value is the basis for calculating property taxes. The appraisers will carry personal and county identification and will usually be driving a county vehicle. Additionally, they will very often be wearing Wright County logo shirts. More information is available about the property assessment process on the Assessors page at the Wright County website: www.co.wright.mn.us or by calling 763.682.7367.







RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

Rain Barrel Program Overview

For the second year in a row, Otsego Parks and Recreation department will be partnering with CROW (Crow River Organization of Water) to bring you the annual rain barrel

sale. Rain barrels repurpose the runoff water from your roof, and store it in an aesthetically pleasing, rustic looking barrel. This repurposed water can be used to water various plants or gardens around your home.

Ordering Details

To order go to the Otsego Parks and Recreation program website **otsegoparksrec.com**, \$60 dollars per barrel.

Order Deadline is April 1, 2019

Rain barrel pickup will take place at Otsego City Hall (13400 90th St. NE.)

Monday April 15th (3:00-7:00 p.m.)



TREE PURCHASE PROGRAM

The Wright Soil & Water Conservation District is currently offering their annual tree sale. Visit **wrightswcd.org** for ordering information.





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FALCON SPORT CAMPS

2 YEAR OLDS

These camps help your child with developmental milestones like running, kicking, throwing, and interacting socially with other kids. PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR CHILD DURING THE ENTIRE CAMP EXPERIENCE.

FALCON SOCCER CAMP (2 YEAR OLDS)

Players will start to develop their soccer skills through fun and interactive games and challenges.

Mon & Wed	June 17-July 17	8:30-9:00 a.m.	\$35
Tue & Thu	June 18-July 18	8:30-9:00 a.m.	\$35
Mon	June 17-August 12	6:00-6:30 p.m.	\$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT PRAIRIE PARK

FALCON BASKETBALL CAMP (2 YEAR OLDS)

Skills that will be worked on are: dribbling, shooting, passing, and team work.

Mon & Wed	July 22-August 14	8:30-9:00 a.m.	\$35
Tue & Thu	July 23-August 15	8:30-9:00 a.m.	\$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT THE PRAIRIE PARK B-BALL COURT

FALCON TUMBLING CAMP (2 YEAR OLDS)

You and your little one will love this camp, packed full of activities that are great for developing large motor skills, coordination, strength and balance.

Thursdays	June 6-June 27	5:30-6:00 p.m.	\$35
Thursdays	July 11-August 1	5:30-6:00 p.m.	\$35

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER (8899 NASHUA AVE. NE)

EAGLE SPORT CAMPS

5-6 YEAR OLDS

These camps teach different sports, and social skills like taking turns, cooperating, playing fairly, and being a good sport.

EAGLE SOCCER CAMP (AGES 5-6)

Coaches focus on basic drills while providing the players a fun workout. Your player will start to develop a basic understanding of soccer while scrimmaging with their friends and future teammates.

Tue & Thu	June 18-July 18	9:50-10:20 a.m.	\$35
Tue & Thu	July 23-August 15	9:50-10:20 a.m.	\$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT PRAIRIE PARK

EAGLE SPORT CAMPS (continued)

EAGLE MULTI-SPORT CAMP (AGES 5-6)

Coaches keep your child active and show them how fun playing different sports can be. Sports include soccer, t-ball, flag football and basketball.

Tue & Thu July 23-August 15 10:30-11:00 a.m. \$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT PRAIRIE PARK

WILDCAT SPORT CAMPS

3-4 YEAR OLDS

Wildcat Sport Camps help build your child's confidence by refining their physical skills and abilities and teaching them how to work together as a team.

WILDCAT SOCCER CAMP (AGES 3-4)

Players refine their soccer skills alongside their future friends and teammates. Our coaches create a fun and challenging environment while focusing on soccer fundamentals and teamwork.

Mon & Wed	June 17-July 17	9:10-9:40 a.m.	\$35
Tue & Thu	June 18-July 18	9:10-9:40 a.m.	\$35
Mon	June 17-August 12	6:40-7:10 p.m.	\$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT PRAIRIE PARK

WILDCAT MULTI-SPORT CAMP (AGES 3-4)

3-4 YEAR OLDS

Coaches focus on introducing players to the sports of soccer, t-ball, flag football and basketball through interactive drills and games.

Tue & Thu June 18-July 18 10:30-11:00 a.m. \$35

LOCATION: OUTSIDE AT PRAIRIE PARK

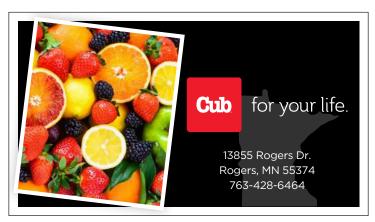
WILDCAT TUMBLING (AGES 3-4)

We help your child refine their large motor skills by incorporating gymnastics through mat exercises, low balance beam, vaults, and tumbling.

Thursdays	June 6-June 27	6:10-6:40 p.m.	\$35
Thursdays	July 11-August 1	6:10-6:40 p.m.	\$35

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE









RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

3-6 YEAR OLDS

Our recreation leagues are a great way to keep your young athletes active without committing your entire summer to just one activity. All teams are led by volunteer parent coaches. All players receive uniforms.



WILDCAT T-BALL LEAGUE (AGES 3-4)

Registration Deadline May 20

PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR CHILD.

Tuesdays June 4-July 16 5:00-5:45 p.m. \$45 Tuesdays June 4-July 16 6:00-6:45 p.m. \$45

EAGLE T-BALL LEAGUE (AGES 5-6)

Registration Deadline May 20

Tuesdays June 4-July 16 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$45

EAGLE FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AGES 5-6)

Registration Deadline May 20

July 30-August 27 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Tuesdays**

Sign up for both T-Ball and Flag Football and get \$10 off!!!! Registration deadline for the Super Sports Combo Saver is May 20.

LOCATION FOR ALL LEAGUES: PRAIRIE PARK

BASIC DANCE

AGES 3-5

Young dancers will learn ways to stay active by being taught basic dance movements in an interactive and musical atmosphere.

June 6-June 27 Thursdays 6:50-7:20 p.m.

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE

CHEER AND DANCE LINE CAMP

AGES 4-7

Students will learn basic motions, tumbling, jumps, and dance moves. Our instructors show how to have fun while staying active. Students will have a chance to show off their skills during a flag football game. Each child will receive pom poms and t-shirt.

(Registration Deadline July 10)

Tuesdays July 23-August 13 6:00-6:45 p.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE





TENNIS CAMP

AGES 5-12

Our tennis instructors are experienced in teaching kids the fundamentals of the game of tennis. Instruction will progress players through basic shot techniques to shot placement and basic terminology.

AGES 5-8

Mon-Thu June 17-June 20 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$50 Mon-Thu August 12-August 15 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$50

AGES 8-12

Mon-Thu June 17-June 20 10:00-11:30 a.m. \$50 Mon-Thu August 12-August 15 10:00-11:30 a.m. \$50

LOCATION: SCHOOL KNOLL PARK TENNIS COURTS, 15501 83RD ST

ARCHERY CAMP

AGES 8-16

The professional instructors at Archery Country in Rogers will be teaching young archers the archery safety and shooting techniques. Archery is a great lifelong sport that parents can enjoy with their kids.

Thursdays June 13-June 27 10:00-11:00 a.m. \$35

LOCATION: ARCHERY COUNTRY, 21135 S. DIAMOND LAKE RD, ROGERS, MN

ARCHERY LEAGUE

AGES 12-ADULT

Coming new this summer! Otsego Parks and Recreation and Archery Country

are working together to offer an archery league which will be hosted at the archery range in Otsego. This league will allow all of the participants the convenience to shoot whenever they can weekly. There will be prizes for everyone who participates and hands in all eight weeks' worth of scores. More information is posted on our website at www.otsegoparksrec.com

Mon-Sun July 7-August 31 Sunrise-Sunset

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK ARCHERY RANGE, 13355 90TH ST. NE

FREE SUMMER TIME ACTIVITIES

OTSEGO REC ON THE GO (ALL AGES)

This summer we are bringing the fun to you! Come out to your local park and join us for some fun-filled activities!!

Activities will include sports, science, games, arts & crafts, and reading!! Wednesday will be always be at Prairie Park and Thursday will be out at the neighborhood parks.

Wednesdays June 12-August 21 10:00-11:00 a.m. Free

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK, 8899 NASHUA AVE

Thursdays June 13-August 8 6:00-7:00 p.m. Free

LOCATION:

JUNE 13 FRANKFORT PARK JUNE 27 BEAUDRY MEADOWS JULY 11 SCHOOL KNOLL PARK JULY 25 ZIMMER PARK AUG 8 NORTHWOOD PARK





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SPLASH AND PLAY TUESDAYS (ALL AGES)

Come down and enjoy some free entertainment while you cool off at the Otsego Splash Pad on Tuesdays throughout the summer. All performances will take place at the Prairie Park Shelter. If there is inclement weather we will move everything to Prairie Center.

TUESDAYS AT 10 A.M.

June 11	Raptor Center	Birds of Prey
June 18	Kidzone Entertainment	Dance Party
June 25	Circus Manduhai	Mongolian Circus
July 9	Jolly Pops	Fun Music Group
July 16	Kids Dance	Interactive DJ Party
July 23	Schiffelly Puppets	Puppet Show
July 30	School House Rocks	SOAR Theater
August 6	Heebie Jeebies	Comedy & Music
August 13	Brodini	Magic Show
August 20	Zoo Mobile	Cool Animals

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK SHELTER

THEATER IN THE PARK (ALL AGES)

The Otsego Parks and Recreation Department is again teaming up with the regional art group and TAG Teen Advisory Group to host two nights of Theater In The Park. Anyone 13-19 is invited to audition, go to www.soararts.com for more information.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown

Tuesday July 23 7:00 p.m. Free

LOCATION: CARRICK'S WATERFRONT PARK

School House Rocks

Monday July 29 7:00 p.m. Free

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK

OTSEGO TOUCH-A-TRUCK (ALL AGES)

What a great way to kick off the summer with this chance to crawl inside and interact with all of those really cool trucks you see everyday!! You will get a chance to see a K-9 by Wright County, helicopter landing and take-off, fire trucks, police cars, dump trucks and much more! A huge thanks to the Wright County Sheriff, Albertville Fire, Elk River Fire, Vision Transportation, and Collins Brothers Towing.

Tuesday June 4 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK

NEW FOR SUMMER 2019!!

OTSEGO FARMERS MARKET

Come out and join us to celebrate Otsego's first farmers market! Farmers markets are a great way to enjoy healthy living while supporting local agriculture.

Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. June 25-Sept 3 **LOCATION: CHRIST CHURCH 15849 90TH STREET NE**



DRIVE IN MOVIE

ALL AGES

Let's go back to the 50s when drive-in theaters were all the rage! Join us in the Prairie Center parking lot in the comfort of your car as we bring you Mary Poppins Returns (2019). We will have our inflatable screen set up and equipment to stream the sound to your car radio. Concessions will be available.

Friday July 19 8:45 p.m.

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER PARKING LOT, 8899 NASHUA AVE.



JUMP JAMBOREE ALL AGES

It's all about jumping and having fun. Jump City will be setting up oodles of bouncies, obstacle courses, and

knockerballs in Prairie Park for a day of unlimited jumping. For inclement weather, please check website.

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$15 all day/ Saturday August 3 \$10 half day



LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK

MAPLE SYRUP MAKING CLASSES

Otsego Parks & Rec is teaming up with Eastman Nature Center to provide a class which will immerse you in the Minnesota tradition of maple syrup making and learn the history of this sweet tradition. Participants will learn how to identify maple trees and learn the correct way to drill and tap. We will explore how sap is turned into syrup and tasting real maple syrup will be the best part of this class. Pick up some tips for trying this at home. Some of the class will be held outdoors so dress accordingly.

Saturday March 23 2:00-3:00 p.m. \$5 per adult/ kids are free

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE.

OTSEGO PARK GRAND OPENINGS

The City of Otsego is very proud to be hosting grand openings for two new parks this summer. Both celebrations will start with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00 p.m. There will be a meet and greet with City Council members and Commissioners, games, and free food. Come on over to Otsego's newest parks, meet neighbors and have a whole lot of fun!

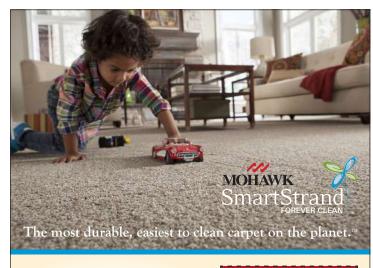
LEFEBVRE CREEK GREENWAY (off 78th Street in the

Boulder Creek Development)

Tuesday June 18 6:00-7:00 p.m.

NORIN LANDING (10599 Kadler Ave NE)

Tuesday July 16 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Lefebvre's Carpet

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ADULT FITNESS CLASSES



GOAT YOGA

Goat yoga is making its way to Prairie Park. Trained Instructors will guide you through a yoga class, while using breath and movement while interacting with the goats. All ages and ability

levels are welcome. Guaranteed to be fun and one of the most memorable workouts you've had. One to mark off your bucket list.

Please bring your camera and a yoga mat if you have one!

Saturday June 22 10:00-10:55 a.m. \$40 11:00-11:55 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK

DROP-IN GROUP FITNESS

16 AND OVER

You can now purchase a punch card and sign-up for just the classes you want.

Cardio Drumming Sundays 6:30 p.m. March to the beat of your own drum with one of the latest and FUN fitness trends! Cardio drumming takes a simple movement-drumming-and turns it into a full-body workout that will leave you smiling, sweating, and feeling great. Come feel like a rock star! Level: All.

Zumba Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. Ditch the workout and join the dance party. Zumba $^{\text{TM}}$ is a fusion of motivating Latin and international music with dynamic, FUN and effective cardio dance moves. These easy to follow routines incorporate interval training – alternating fast and slow rhythms - and resistance training. Level: All. **Equipment: None**

Yoga /PiYo Variations Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. A fun and challenging class that fuses yoga, pilates and strength training. Workouts may include small hand weights and are designed to tone and shape your body. Come burn some extra calories, build healthy bone density, and leave feeling calm, strong, refreshed and rejuvenated. This is an energetic but low impact class. (Please bring your own 3-5 pound dumbbells).

As the program continues to grow, we will be adding AM classes and more PM classes like HIIT, Boot Camp, Full Body Sculpt and Gentle Yoga, just to name a few. Modifications are always demonstrated.

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE



ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

ALL AGES

Kids are invited to hunt for hidden eggs and visit with the Bunny. Other activities include a bike giveaway, face painting, stickers and tattoos.

April 13 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free Saturday

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER

SPRING SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Save the date for a fun day of shopping for unique gifts for you or someone else. Everything from health and fitness to purses and more! Support local artisans, crafters and small businesses. We are looking for vendors; please check out our website at www.otsegoparksrec.com if interested.

Saturday April 6 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free

PAWS IN THE PARK EGG HUNT

Otsego Parks and Rec and Paradise Paw Spa will be hosting community events for our 4-legged friends and their owners throughout the year.

HOPPIN HOUNDS EGG HUNT FOR DOGS

April 13 Saturday 12:30-1:00 p.m. Free

TASTE OF OTSEGO

City of Otsego, The Pour, Drake O'Neil's, and 101 Market are putting on a night of fine food and spirits while raising money for Gifts Anonymous and CAER Food Shelf. The event will take place at the beautiful 101 Market.

Saturday November 16

LOCATION: 101 MARKET

COUPLES CANOE TRIP

Couples will park at Carricks Landing (next to Cowboy Jack's) and be bused to Norin Landing. From there couples will be guided down the Mississippi River with views of the beautiful fall foliage and wildlife. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets are included.

Saturday October 5 10:30 a.m. \$50 per couple

LOCATION: CARRICK'S LANDING PARK

ACTIVITY CENTER

AGES 55 AND OVER

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LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER

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Right-of-Way Landscaping

Landscaping materials including rocks/mulch, plant materials, and lawn sprinkler



systems are prone to damage by snow removal. The City does not accept responsibility for private property located on right-of-way and asks that residents place these items a minimum of 10 feet behind the curb line.

Turf Damage

Per City Policy, the City is not responsible for repair of any damage to grass or seed; or repair of any damages from gravel being pushed into yards. However, if you feel your property has more than expected damage please contact the Street Operations Manager, Kevin Lamson at 763.441.4414.

THE 2020 CENSUS

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