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CITY OF OSAGE BEACH

NEWSLETTER

NEW WEBSITE REPORTING TOOLS FOR CITIZENS

City of Osage Beach residents can now submit Public Works requests and code compliance complaints directly on our website. Issues are usually addressed within one business day.







MEET THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, DEVIN LAKE

City Administrator Devin Lake is nearing six months with the City of Osage Beach. She joined us from Sedalia, where she served as Chief Building Official, bringing extensive municipal management experience, including time in Public Works. In her role, Lake oversees all departments, collaborates with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and handles key responsibilities like budgeting and strategic planning. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two children and managing the family cattle operation.

FEBRUARY CITY CALENDAR

- 3 Municipal Court (1/6 Make Up Date)
- 6 Board of Aldermen Meeting
- 11 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 Presidents Day (City Offices Closed)
- 18 Joint Sewer Board Meeting
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting
- 20 Board of Aldermen Meeting
- 24 Municipal Court

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





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NEW WEBSITE ACCESSIBLITY OPTIONS (6)

We've added a new page assist tool to the bottom left corner of our website to make browsing more accessible to everyone. You can customize settings like contrast, mouse size, and more for a smoother experience. Plus, we're in the process of reorganizing and updating content across the site—be sure to check out the newly revamped Public Works section!

2024 PROGRESS REPORT LOOKS FORWARD

The City of Osage Beach had a productive year in 2024, making a significant capital investment of \$5.7 million to fund vital services, equipment purchases, and infrastructure upkeep. The year concluded with the approval of the 2025 Operating Budget, which aims to build on the progress achieved over the past year. This report offers an overview of the City's achievements in 2024 and a preview of what to expect in 2025. Click to read more.



"My first six months have been a journey of growth and challenges. Each day, I look forward to learning more about what makes Osage Beach a unique lakefront city. I'm excited to continue guiding the City's efforts to make this an even better place to call home."

Devin Lake
City Administrator





POLICE

CHIEF'S CORNER

We're taking the plunge! On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Osage Beach Police Department will join Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) for the 30th annual Polar Plunge at Grand Glaize Beach. This incredible event raises funds for year-round sports training and competitions for individuals with intellectual

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disabilities. For me, it's personal—I've been part of this for over 20 years, and now my grandson is joining in, too. It's not just a department effort; it's a family one. Ready to brave the icy waters? Read more.

COPS ON TOP

Join us for Cops on Top as we take freezin' for a reason to new heights—literally! We'll be on the roof of Hyvee Fast & Fresh, raising money for the Polar Plunge. Stop by to chat, grab some giveaways, and tune in to Mix 92.7 for live coverage. Don't miss it—Friday, Feb. 14, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Chief Todd Davis



ONGOING INVESTIGATION: ATM THEFT AT OAK STAR BANK

A combination of traditional police work and new technology led to arrests and charges in connection with an ATM theft at Oak Star Bank in Osage Beach during the early hours of Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Read more about how Osage Beach

Detectives tracked down the suspects across state lines.

WANT TO WORK WITH US? (NO.



The Osage Beach Police Department is searching for police officer and 911 dispatcher candidates. As an officer, you'll serve the community by helping maintain public safety, while dispatchers provide a vital link between those in need and emergency responders. We offer competitive pay and benefits, plus opportunities for growth. Apply today!





ARCHIVE CENTER

Looking for financial statements, sales tax reports, meeting packets/minutes and more? Visit the City's Archive Center, which contains a wealth of information about finances and operations.

SIGN UP FOR NOTIFY ME

Notify Me is the City's text and email alert service that allows you to stay informed about a wide range of topics and events happening in Osage Beach. By signing up, users can receive customized notifications tailored to their interests, such as updates on bid and surplus opportunities, newsletters and stories, and job postings. Emergency alerts are reserved for high-priority situations like water outages and road or facility closures. To subscribe to newsletters, sign up for "Osage Beach City News."

Set up Notify Me notifications

FREYA'S K-9 CONNECTION

- The Mardi Gras Pub Crawl is back on Feb. 22. If you're drinking, leave the driving to the buses—not us.
- During freezing weather, the Church at Osage Hills often opens a warming shelter. We post dates and times to <u>Facebook</u>.
- Ozark Law airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. CST on A&E.
- Weekly Police Statistics

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 3 to March 14 - <u>Youth</u> <u>League Baseball/Softball</u> <u>registration</u>

Feb. 14 - <u>Cops on Top at</u> <u>Hyvee Fast & Fresh</u>

Feb. 22 - Polar Plunge

March 6 - <u>Last day to</u> <u>register to vote for April</u> <u>election</u>

March 25 - <u>MDC Pond</u> <u>Management Class</u>

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

April 30 - <u>Business license</u> renewals due





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PUBLIC WORKS



UTILITY RATES INCREASED FEB. 1

Starting Feb. 1, a new utility rate increase will take effect for water and sewer services, impacting both in-city and out-of-city customers. This adjustment reflects updates to the rates for these essential services. An updated rate flyer is available on our website.

WINTER WEATHER OPERATIONS

When winter weather hit hard the week of Jan. 5, Osage Beach Public Works was already ahead of the storm. Crews worked in 12-hour rotating shifts, treating and plowing roads until they were clear and safe. It was an all-hands-on-deck effort. with members from the Water, Sewer, Building, and Parks Departments stepping in to assist the Transportation Department. In total, Public Works used 300 tons of salt and 150 tons of sand—chipping away at their original stockpile of 1,450 tons of salt and 350 tons of sand—to keep the city moving.

PROTECTING WATER METERS

Cold air circulating inside the meter pit increases the risk of freezing. Public Works recommends keeping the lid tightly sealed and ensuring the extension ring and riser are buried, leaving only the small meter lid exposed. Covering the lid with an old blanket or tarp can also provide extra insulation.

GET IN TOUCH

City Hall: (573) 302-2000

Police non-emergency: (573) 302-2010

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



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SNOWPLOW NAMES TO BE REVEALED WEEK OF FEB. 2



Osage Beach's first-ever "Name a Plow" contest took the town by storm! With nearly 250 creative submissions and a blizzard of social media buzz, our inboxes were overflowing. The response was nothing short of incredible! Voting has ended, and we plan to reveal the winning names the week of Feb. 2. With over 250 creative submissions, choosing just seven wasn't easy. Check out some of the clever names that didn't make the cut!

WINTER WEATHER RESOURCES

The cold has eased up for now, but winter isn't over yet! Stay prepared with our helpful resources:

- Winter Weather Operations
- Winter Weather Car Kit Checklist
- Winter Weather Home Checklist

PARKS & RECREATION



PAVILION PADS POURED AT BARK PARK

Over at the popular Osage Beach Lowe's Bark Park in City Park, winter hasn't slowed us down—furry friends and their humans have been enjoying the space daily, even as we work on upgrades. Pavilion pads are already in place, promising cool, shaded spots that will be a hit when summer heats up.

PARKS & REC SUMMER SNEAK PEEK



