

Charter Township of Oscoda Community Newsletter



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What a difference a year makes! The orange construction barrels are gone and downtown Oscoda is beautiful! As we welcome people into our community to experience what we get to enjoy every day, we would like to take this opportunity to mention a few of the exciting projects and events that are happening in and around Oscoda this summer.

ROBERT J. PARKS LIBRARY - The Library is open Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays from 9:00 to 5:00 and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 to 8:00. Summer reading programs provided by the Iosco-Arenac District Library are Tuesdays at 2:00 starting June 19th and ending July 24th and will include many exciting adventures like visits of raptors and reptiles, a safari, drumminity, magic and more. Thanks to a grant from the Iosco-Arenac District Library the main area of the library has received new carpeting. It is worth checking out and while you are there, check out a book for the beach too! For more information call 989-739-9581.

ELECTION INFORMATION - There are two more elections this year. The Primary Election is August 7th and the General Election is November 6th. To obtain an absentee ballot application for either, or both of the elections please call the Clerk's Office at 989-739-4971. Once your completed application is received, ballots will be mailed as soon as they become available to our office.

US 23 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - The state and federal government have funded a 6.5 million dollar MDOT US 23 Road Reconstruction project which is now in full swing. The project is approximately 2 miles in length and will involve the removal of the road from the top asphalt to approximately 6 feet in depth in some areas, upgrading of road-way storm water drainage, water main upgrades/replacement and side walk upgrades to meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Because the road reconstruction project will impact the existing sidewalks, a streetscape enhancement project will be completed in conjunction with the project. The streetscape enhancement project will consist of new sidewalks from Division Street to the intersection of US 23 & F-41 as well as landscaping, new light poles and the burying of overhead wires in the 5 lane section of downtown. For updates on the construction schedule the public and business community are encouraged to attend 9:00 AM Monday morning meetings that are held in the Oscoda Township Conference Center located at 208 S. State. Coffee and doughnuts are provided and representatives from both MDOT and the contractor, M&M Construction, are there to answer potential questions.

CANOE MARATHON - The Lake Street detour route is expected to be lifted in time for the 65th Annual AuSable Canoe Marathon to be held the last full weekend of July. Activities will begin on Tuesday and last throughout the weekend. On Tuesday the Dash for Cash will be held at the Finish Line Park where paddlers entered in the Marathon will have the opportunity to race for cash in Oscoda/AuSable. This is also an excellent opportunity for the public to meet and greet these amazing athletes. On Wednesday evening the 2nd annual H.U.P. (Hurry Up and Paddle) Race will be held at the Riverbank Park. The public is welcome to enter this event where kits (\$60 entry fee) will be provided to build your own canoe and race for the fastest time, enter as an individual, family, group or business—fun for everyone! Then on Thursday, live music at the band shell. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a beautiful evening on the shore of Lake Huron. The marathon begins in Grayling on Saturday night and paddlers are expected in Oscoda Sunday morning shortly before noon. Come out and cheer them on at several viewing points along the AuSable River and at the Finish Line Park.

BURN PERMITS - Permits are required for all outdoor fires (other than cooking fires, campfires, or in a approved covered container) and can be obtained by calling 1-866-922-2876. All burn permits are for one day use only. Burning authorized by this permit is for yard rakings and brush ONLY. Always get a permit, it's the law.

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 1 PM -
on the former WAFB (along Skeel Street)
FIREWORKS ON THE FOURTH
AT DUSK @ Mouth of AuSable River**

**Reminder - Watch Live Township
Board Meetings on Cable Channel 3 & 98**

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OLD ORCHARD PARK - The 2012 camping season is now upon us and the staff from Old Orchard Campground is excited to welcome campers! We are off to a fresh start this season with a new Oscoda Township Parks and Recreation Director, Al Apsitis and supporting cast who are eager to take on the summer! Some of the things planned for our campers are; kids arts and crafts every Saturday morning, recreational games, evening hayrides and improved playground equipment. We also have a new look in both our camp office and camp store. Be sure to visit the store where a new outdoor ice cream serving and eating area has been installed along with many new product items, foods and services. Old Orchard Campground is a clean, fun family oriented atmosphere with much to see and do! Hope you will make time to come out and see us!

COMMUNITY CENTER - Management and Staff would like to thank all of the 2011/12 members for another great season- we look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen this fall on October 15th. For those of you in the community that were not members this last year- please stop out and check us out this fall! Our rates are extremely affordable from a single to family membership including 1 month, 3 month and 6 month time period. Rates are the same whether you are a resident of Oscoda Township or a surrounding community (please see chart below). The center is open for 6 months of the year and has something for everyone in the family including: Full-service wood gymnasium, Multi-use room with rubberized flooring (used for basketball, roller skating, tennis, volleyball and more!), Three racquetball courts, Locker rooms, Game room- includes pool table, ping pong, air hockey and foosball and instructional fitness classes available for an additional charge. Monthly Memberships:

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Single	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Family	\$25.00	\$70.00	\$100.00

OBSERVATION / FISHING PIER - Construction has begun on the 300' pier to be located at the north end of the Beach Park. To date \$711,500 has been secured in grant funding for this project from the following three grant agencies: Michigan Trust Fund \$460,000, Michigan Coastal Management \$50,000 and the Great Lakes Fishery Trust \$201,500. Progress to date includes the boardwalk/pier joining abutment and one caisson. A barge is now on site to begin work on the second and third caisson.

What if you had the power to change the place you live, work & play for the better? When you support Oscoda & AuSable businesses you strengthen the fabric of our community... Shop Local, Dine Local, Live Local!

Boat Launch Permits available on site or at the Treasurer's Office daily \$4 seasonal \$30

Farmers Market Open Wednesdays 9 AM – 2 PM Chamber of Commerce

Use your smartphone to find us on the web!

Reminder - Get your Garage Sale Permits at the Clerk's Office - 989-739-4971



Visit us at www.oscodatwp.com or find us on Facebook (Oscoda Charter Township)

Dates to Remember

July 10th - Physically Challenged Fishing Day
 July 14th - 15th - Curley Memorial Canoe Race
 July 25th - 30th Iosco County Fair
 July 28th - 29th - Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon
 August 13th - 12th Annual Canoe and Clean
 August 17th - Ladies Classic Tournament
 August 18th - 19th Super Boat Fishing Tournament
 September 15th - 16 - Annual Paul Bunyan Festival (now to be held on the Wurtsmith District)
 For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 989-739-7322

Lumberman's Monument Events

July 3rd - Kid's Day
 Life of a Wildland Firefighter
 July 6th—7th - Blue Water Ramblers
 July 10th - Kid's Day Shanty Boys
 July 11th - Campfire Program Leave No Trace
 July 14th - Vendor's Day
 1st Annual Artist Day
 July 17th - Kid's Day Birds of Prey
 July 20th - Shanty Boys
 July 21st - Schooner Captain
 July 24th - Kids' Day Fun in a Lumbercamp
 July 26th - Bats of Michigan
 July 28th - Kid's Day Child vs. Wild
 July 31st - Kid's Day I Can't See the Forest for the Trees
 August 7th - Kid's Leaf Prints
 August 14th - Become a Junior Ranger
 August 21st - Kid's Day Let's Go Green

The Lansing Journal recently published an article with the following excerpt:

"Detroit Free Press Travel Writer Ellen Creager shares her Top 10 underrated Michigan attractions:
 1. Lumberman's Monument, Oscoda Township: Grand view of the wide AuSable River looking much as it did a century ago."