



The Village Chatter

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THE VILLAGES OF OSCODA

A Beautiful Place to Live and Visit

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The Villages of Oscoda, HOA
28th Annual

Neighborhood

GARAGE SALE



Available for sale:

Appliances,
furniture,
clothes,
accessories,
sporting goods,
books & toys.

Friday – Sunday June 5th - 7th
9am to 5pm daily

Yard waste pickup the week of the yard sale will be on
Thursday, June 4th.

- * Sign-up begins May 1st. to be included on the Garage Sale permit list.
- * The cost is still only \$3 to participate and covers the cost of advertising and materials as well as a port-a-pot at Central Park if enough money comes in to cover it.
- * *Deadline to sign up is Tuesday June 2nd.*



Board of Director's Corner

- Spring 2026 is here!

Our winter was harsh and it ended with back-to-back storms that caused damage because of high winds and freezing rain. That resulted in many power outages in the area including the Villages.

There are many branches and trees that came down. The homeowners are responsible for cleaning up damaged trees and fallen tree limbs on their property.

Griff & Son Tree Service provides the Villages with tree and downed branch removal in the common areas. If you are in need of those services you may wish to contact Griff & Son for a quote. They are familiar with the area.

The Villages signed a two-year contract with a new lawn care company, Evergreen Lawn Service. We look forward to them maintaining our lawns. Please be patient as they begin the season and learn the area. They will begin on Monday, March 30, assuming the weather cooperates. Their initial efforts will be clean up from the fall and the recent storms. If you wish to be on the "NO SPRING CLEAN-UP" or the "NO MOW" LIST, please contact the office. If you have any questions or concerns with the lawn service, please contact the office. The office will be in regular contact with Evergreen.

The board adopted a Solar Energy Policy Statement so that the association is in compliance with Michigan state law. The policy has been provided to all homeowners and it is also available on our website. If you are thinking about solar energy at your home, please review the policy. See below for more details.

Nominations for the Villages Board of Directors are open. The election will conclude at the annual meeting on Saturday, July 18, 2026. You will be asked to provide a brief Candidate Profile. There are four open seats this year. Please consider serving on the board as a service to your fellow homeowners. The monthly board meetings are the greatest commitment of time. There may be occasional work sessions. The real commitment is caring about the area where you live or have an investment.

We all look forward to our area being livened up with spring flowers. Have a wonderful spring from your board of directors. ~ David Wagner, Treasurer

Shining a Light on New Energy Guidelines



The Board of Directors would like to inform all Co-owners that information regarding the recently enacted *Homeowners' Energy Policy Act (MCL 559.301 et seq.)* has been sent to all Co-owners. This new legislation impacts how homeowners' associations address and regulate certain energy-related improvements, including solar energy systems.

In response to the Act, the Association has adopted a **Solar Energy Policy Statement** to ensure compliance with the law while maintaining the overall appearance and standards of our community. The policy outlines guidelines for installation, placement, and approval procedures for solar energy systems within the Association.

If you have not yet reviewed the materials that were mailed, please take a few moments to do so and keep them with your important Association documents for future reference. Co-owners who are considering installing a solar energy system must follow the procedures described in the policy and submit the required information for review prior to any installation.

If you did not receive the mailing or would like another copy, please contact the Association office. **The Solar Energy Policy Statement** is also available on our website at www.voohoa.net. We encourage everyone to become familiar with these new guidelines so we can continue to support energy-conscious improvements while preserving the character of our community.



BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Serving on the board of a Homeowners' Association can be a fulfilling experience. Many members enjoy being active volunteer leaders, assisting neighbors regarding Association matters, and getting to know their community better.

Nominations for the Board of Directors' election begins April 1st.

This year there are four (4) open seats to fill. To be eligible to run, you must:



- 1.) Be a deeded Homeowner in the Villages;
- 2.) Be a member in good standing (i.e. account paid up to date and no unresolved violations); and
- 3.) Submit a *Candidate Profile* with a brief *Summary of your background and qualifications*, to the office.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A CANDIDATE PROFILE IS
MONDAY, MAY 18TH**

Leaf and Brush Disposal Charter Township of Oscoda

Oscoda Township residents will be allowed to dispose of leaves and brush at the former WAFB DRMO near the corner of F-41 and Rea Road. Weather permitting, the site will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each Saturday beginning April 25th, 2026 and ending May 26th, 2026. All leaves must be removed from bags or other containers with said containers and bags being removed from the disposal site. Your cooperation in not bringing other materials to the site is appreciated.

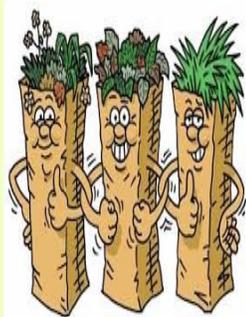


There will be a \$1.00 fee per bag or waste receptacle and \$8.00 fee per truck or trailer load. Additional charges will apply for larger vehicles and/or trailer loads.

We extend a warm welcome to our new lawn care provider, Evergreen Lawn Services. They began spring cleanup on Monday, March 30th. Yard Waste Pick-up started on Friday, April 3rd.

A change was made in the contract for 2026. Each year, a major concern is the fall cleanup. The contract has again been extended for two weeks (from 34 weeks to 36 weeks) to allow more time for cleanup. We hope the weather will cooperate. The annual fertilizing and broad-leaf weed control has been eliminated from the contract in exchange for the 2-week extension. It was felt that one application was not that beneficial. Homeowners have the option of applying fertilizing and/or weed-kill to their lawns.

Yard Waste Pickup reminder :



- » You must have your yard waste in brown paper bags with your address number listed on the bag.
- » Bags must be limited to 30 lbs. each and no more than 6 bags/bundles.
- » **No dirt, pet waste, or garbage should be in the bags.**
- » Bags must be out to the curb before 8 a.m. on Friday or they will not be picked up.
- » Branch bundles (shrubs, small tree limbs or branches) must be limited in size to a maximum of four (4) feet in length and two (2) feet in circumference and must be bundled together to prevent them from falling out of the trailer.
- » **Your yard waste will not be picked up if these guidelines are not followed.**

Please do not put your yard waste bags out until the night before or even the morning of the pickup. If the bag is left out in the rain and the bag gets wet, when they pick up the bag, the bottom could fall out and the yard waste goes on the ground. Please consider that before placing your bags out. **No yard waste bags should be left in view all week long!** We ask that you please store them out of sight until they are placed out for Friday pickup.

Oh, one more thing, don't forget to call the office to fill out a new "No-Mow" or "No-Clean up" form for 2026 if you prefer to take care of these items yourself, as last year's list is no longer valid.

A reminder to remove items in the path of mowers, such as toys, picnic tables, grills and water hoses.



- ⇒ The newly recorded **Amended & Restated Consolidating Master Deed & Bylaws** are now available. Stop by the office to get your free copy or it can be emailed to you upon request.
- ⇒ Beginning in May, and running through October, the ACC will meet twice per month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.
- ⇒ The Association office will be **closed on Monday, May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day.
- ⇒ For the week of Memorial Day, trash pick up will be on **Tuesday, May 26th**.
- ⇒ **Community Speed Limit Reminder:** Safety is everyone's responsibility! Please remember that the speed limit within the Villages of Oscoda is **25 mph** ~ driving a little slower keeps everyone safe and happy!



We finally get to say it, SPRING is Here! As many of you already know, we had a very windy winter which caused quite a bit of outside damage. There are trees and limbs down, siding, shutters and soffit/facia needing repair and litter needing to be picked up. Please take some time to do an inventory of repairs and/or maintenance your unit may be needing so that you can begin checking items off that list. This year's focus will be on



- * Is the **siding** of the unit/garage/shed in need of ***power washing or painting?***
- * Does the **shed** door need to be painted? Does the Shed door or roof need to be repaired or replaced.
- * Is there loose or missing **shutters/trim?**
- * Is the **Soffit/Facia** falling or sagging?
- * Is there **litter or dog poop** that needs to be picked up? The lawn service crew will **NOT** go on your lawn to do *Spring Clean-up* or *weekly Lawn Maintenance* until **all** the dog poop has been removed.

* Is there **damaged lawn** from the harsh winter or your snow removal service? The lawn crew is not responsible for repairing your lawn and you may want to contact your snow removal service to repair any scraped or gouged lawn caused by the plow.

CHANGES OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT & WHEN IT REQUIRES ACC APPROVAL

Have you submitted your request & have written approval from the ACC?



With Spring close enough to smell, you may be looking at doing some maintenance and other things around your unit. Just as a reminder, if you are planning changes to the **outside** of your unit, they need to be approved **in advance** by the ACC.

Items that need pre-approval

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| * A new garden/extension | * New windows/doors /roof | * Adding a fence |
| * Paint color changes | * Adding a swing set | * Adding a fire ring/pit |
| * Adding a new shed | * Adding a deck | * Planting/removing trees /bushes |

If you are not sure if your project requires ACC approval, just call the office for assistance.



Storm Preparedness

As storm season approaches, homeowners are encouraged to take steps to protect their property and ensure safety:



- Secure outdoor furniture, decorations, and loose items that could become hazards.
- Trim trees and shrubs near your home to prevent damage.
- Keep gutters and drains clear to reduce flooding risks.
- Have an emergency kit ready, including flashlights, batteries, and essential supplies.

Know how to safely shut off utilities if needed.

Being prepared helps protect your home and keeps the Villages of Oscoda community safe.

April & May 2026

Happy Mother's Day

- * *Apr 3rd ~ ACC Requests Due/
First Yard Waste Pickup*
- * *Apr 5th—Happy Easter!*
- * *Apr 8th—Monthly Board Mtg. —10:00am*
- * *Apr 9th—ACC Meeting—10:00am*
- * *May 8th—ACC Requests Due*
- * *May 10th—Happy Mother's Day!*
- * *May 14th—ACC Meeting—10:00am*
- * *May 13th— Monthly Board Mtg.—10:00am*
- * *May 18th—Board Candidate Nominations Due*
- * *May 22nd—ACC Requests Due*
- * *May 25th—Happy Memorial Day!
OFFICE CLOSED*
- * *May 28th —ACC Meeting—10:00am*

Porch Pirates

With more people shopping online, package deliveries have become a regular part of daily life—and unfortunately, so have “porch pirates.” These thieves look for packages left unattended on porches or doorsteps and quickly take them before the homeowner retrieves them.

To help protect your deliveries, consider a few simple precautions:



- Track your packages so you know when they are scheduled to arrive.
- Bring packages inside as soon as possible after delivery.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up a package if you will be away.
- Consider using a doorbell camera or security camera near your entryway.
- When available, request delivery instructions such as leaving packages out of sight.

If you notice suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please report it to local law enforcement. Looking out for one another helps keep our community safe.



Charter Township of Oscoda
2026 Drop Off Refuse Program
June 6th, 2026 - Hours 8 AM -2 PM
Location 3522 Kings Corner Rd.

Large Items Dumpster: Examples of accepted items: Carpet/Padding (must be cut & rolled in 4' x 8' sections) Furniture/Mattresses, Computers, Large items not a part of normal household refuse.

Metal Dumpster: Examples of accepted items: Stoves/ Microwave Ovens, Bed Springs, Aluminum siding, Aluminum & tin including flattened cans & tin jar lids. Contact Oscoda Township (989-739-3211 for more information.

The 2026 Annual Meeting of
Co-owners will be held on
Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m.
in the Clubhouse



**THE VILLAGES OF
OSCODA, HOA**

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Office Hours:

The HOA office hours are:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 8am - 5pm & Tues. 10am - 5pm.

OFFICE CLOSED ON

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Please remember there is always a drop box for your convenience!



OFFICE WILL BE

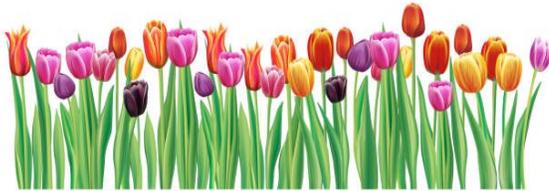
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FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25th

Clubhouse Activities

- ◆ Pinochle - Mondays & Fridays at 12:30pm
- ◆ Hand & Foot Canasta - Wednesdays at 12:45pm
- ◆ BUNCO— 2nd Tuesday of every month 1:00pm
- ◆ BUNCO - Last Friday of every month - 1:00pm
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:30pm
- ◆ Stampin' Up Card Making - 1st Friday of every month 1-3pm
- ◆ Quilters - 2nd Monday of every month - 9:00am



CLASSIFIEDS



Sewing & Alterations: Contact Deborah at 989-254-2377.

Pet Care: Riverside Pet Lodge is a new state of the art boarding kennel nestled in the woods beside the Pine River just north of Oscoda. We offer boarding, daycare and grooming services in a loving atmosphere. Our building has heated floors, indoor/outdoor runs and two play yards. Daily woodland walks also available. Send your pets to "camp" while you are out of town! Stop in and see us or give us a call. Riverside Pet Lodge, 2910 Kings Corner Rd., Oscoda, MI 48750; 989-739-5039; www.riversidepetlodge.com; "Like" us on Facebook!

Pet waste removal: D&L's K9 Pooper Scoopers is a new business located in Oscoda, serving the east Michigan area from Tawas to Harrisville and as far west as Glennie. We specialize in dog waste removal. We will take care of your pet waste so you don't have to! Our courteous staff will come to your home, remove your best friend's lawn ornaments (doggy poop) and bring it to our facilities for earth friendly composting. Free quotes are available upon request. Call Now! (989) 820-1671 or visit us on Facebook and don't forget to give us a Like!

Professional Pet Sitting & Pet Nail Trims: in your home. Call Veterinary Technician, Amber Cowan, 989-278-7019

Real Estate Services:

Perfect Landing Rentals & Real Estate - Anne Giori, Broker/CEO. Established in 2005, providing professional and quality Property Management services and professional Real Estate services since 1998. Over 20 years experience as a landlord and real estate investor. Our services cover Northeastern Michigan. 989-362-3300.

Sterling Properties - Jeff Pukall, Associate Broker/Realtor, owner in the Villages for 11 years. I get results and will sell your house! I also purchase units in any condition for quick cash and a fair price. Also offer full house/estate clean service. Call or text me at any time. 712-852-6190.

Are you a resident in the Villages that would like to place your ad in The Village Chatter? Contact the office for more info.