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Meet Your 2026-2027 Board of Directors

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors!

Please join us in welcoming the members who have been elected to serve our Association for the coming year. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time, experience, and ideas to help keep the Villages of Oscoda a wonderful place to live.

Your 2026-2027 Board of Directors

- Deb McCallum—President
- Rachel Merrick—Vice President
- Dave Wagner—Treasurer
- Sherry Proulx—Secretary
- Matthew Marciniak—Trustee



Serving on the Board means attending meetings, reviewing budgets, making decisions, and helping plan for the future of our community. It's a job that requires time, patience, and a genuine commitment to our neighbors.

A sincere thank you also goes to every candidate who participated in this year's election and to all of our co-owners who took the time to vote. Your involvement is what makes our community work.

To our new Board members:

Congratulations! The good news is you'll have the opportunity to make a positive difference in our community. The even better news? The coffee at the meetings is usually pretty good.

We wish each of you a successful and rewarding year of service!





Board of Director's Corner

Greetings, Neighbors!

Your Board of Directors hopes you are enjoying these beautiful days of summer and taking time to create special memories with family and friends.

With the warm weather comes a few friendly reminders to help keep our community looking its best.

Yard Waste Collection

Evergreen Lawn Services is contracted to pick up yard waste every **Friday**. To help everything run smoothly, please remember these few rules:

- Use **brown yard waste bags only**.
- Write your **house number** on each bag.
- Place bags at the curb **by 8:00 a.m. Friday morning**.
- Yard waste includes **grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs**.



Please **do not** place dog waste, plastic planters filled with dirt, large sticks, household trash or litter in the yard waste bags. Evergreen empties these bags by hand and has noticed that some are being used for general garbage. Disposing of those items creates additional costs for the contractor, so your cooperation is appreciated.

Trash Cart Reminder

Waste Management also asks homeowners to place trash carts with the **handles and wheels facing your home**, so the lid opens toward the street. Trash carts are to be stored out of view by the end of the trash pickup day.

For our four-plex residents, please keep trash carts near the sidewalk and at least **three feet away from parked vehicles** so the collection truck can safely service them without risking damage to nearby cars.



A Few Pet Reminders

According to our Bylaws, tethering dogs outside is not permitted, and pets may not roam freely unless they are in a properly fenced yard.

Evergreen recently reported striking a stake and chain used to tether a dog, causing extensive damage to one of their lawn mowers. Just as Evergreen can be held responsible for damage to our property, homeowners may be held responsible for damage caused to their equipment. If you're using a tether to let your dog outside, please discontinue this practice. Taking your pet for a walk on a leash is always the preferred—and approved—option.

While walking your dog, please remember to pick up after your pet. Although Freedom Park doesn't have homes around it, many residents enjoy walking there, exercising, or teaching children to ride bicycles. No one wants an unexpected "obstacle course" along the way!

Also, please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your pet on the sidewalks or grassy service strip between the sidewalk and the street, rather than allowing them to wander into neighbors' front yards.



A Special Thank You

Lastly, I would like to thank **Ed Pisarski** for his support during the past two years while serving as President of our Board of Directors. His guidance, leadership, and dedication to our community have been greatly appreciated. **Thank you, Ed!**

Deb McCallum, President



Northern Strike Military Exercise Notice – August 1–15, 2026

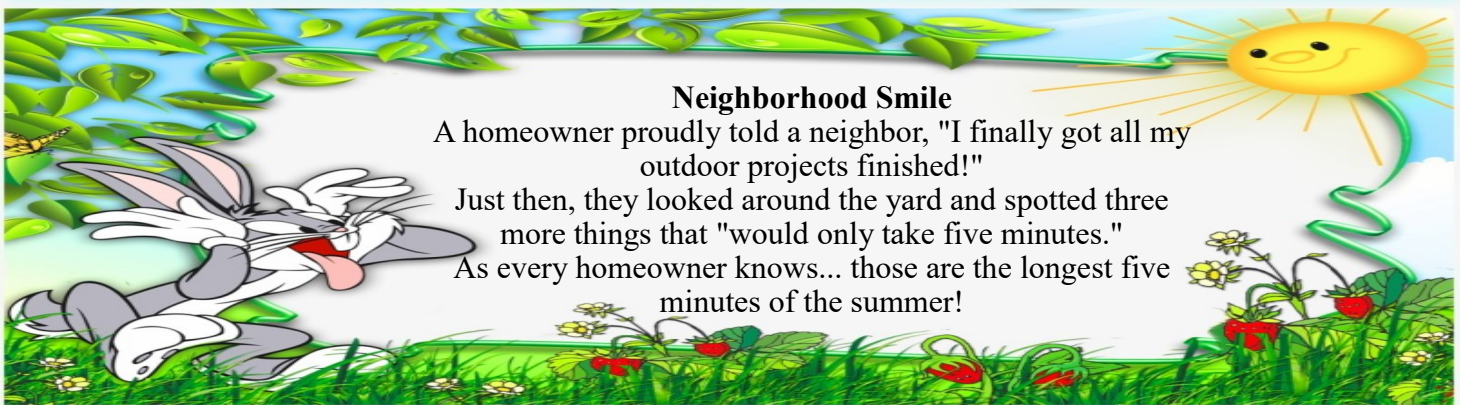


Please be advised that **Northern Strike** will be in operation from **August 1 through August 15, 2026**, with military activity planned at the airport and in the surrounding area. This annual training exercise involves **both manned and unmanned military aircraft**.

WHAT LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT:

- A heightened presence of military personnel in the area
- An increased number of military aircraft in the skies
- Louder-than-normal noise levels, particularly during takeoff, landing, and flight exercises

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as the military conducts these important readiness operations. Any questions or concerns about this event can be addressed by calling the Airport at 989-739-1111.



Neighborhood Smile

A homeowner proudly told a neighbor, "I finally got all my outdoor projects finished!"

Just then, they looked around the yard and spotted three more things that "would only take five minutes."

As every homeowner knows... those are the longest five minutes of the summer!

thank you

- ⇒ A heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped prepare the Clubhouse for our Annual Meeting of Co-Owners. From setting up tables and chairs to making sure everything looked welcoming, your time and effort helped the meeting run smoothly from start to finish.
- ⇒ We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who stayed after the meeting to put the Clubhouse back together and assist with the clean-up. As many of us know, the clean-up crew is just as important as the set-up crew, and your willingness to lend a hand did not go unnoticed.

Hats Off to Our Ballot Counting Team!

- ⇒ A special thank you goes out to the 16 volunteers who dedicated their time to assisting with the Board Election ballot count. Your commitment to ensuring a fair, accurate, and transparent election process is greatly appreciated.

The Villages of Oscoda is a better place because of neighbors who are willing to step up, pitch in, and help one another. Thank you for giving your time and helping make our community stronger—one table, one ballot, and one act of kindness at a time.

Thank you for making the Villages of Oscoda such a great place to call home!



2026 ANNUAL MEETING OF CO-OWNERS



On **Saturday, July 18th**, neighbors gathered at the Clubhouse for our Annual Meeting of Co-owners. We were happy to welcome **31 residents representing 30 homes**—proof that community meetings can be worth getting out of bed for on a Saturday morning!

The Board shared updates on everything happening around the Villages of Oscoda, from current projects to future plans. Homeowners had the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and offer comments. It was a great exchange of information, with plenty of good conversation along the way.

A sincere **thank you** to everyone who attended. Your interest, participation, and thoughtful questions help keep our community moving in the right direction. After all, a neighborhood is strongest when neighbors stay informed and involved.

If you weren't able to join us this year, don't worry—we saved your seat for next time (figuratively, of course).

Mark your calendar! The next Annual Meeting of Co-owners will be held on **Saturday, July 17, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Clubhouse. We hope you'll join us for another informative morning. Who knows—you might even discover that HOA meetings aren't nearly as scary as the rumors suggest!



 **Summer Safety Reminder:** Summer is the perfect time to enjoy backyard cookouts and relaxing around the fire pit—but let's keep safety on the guest list, too!



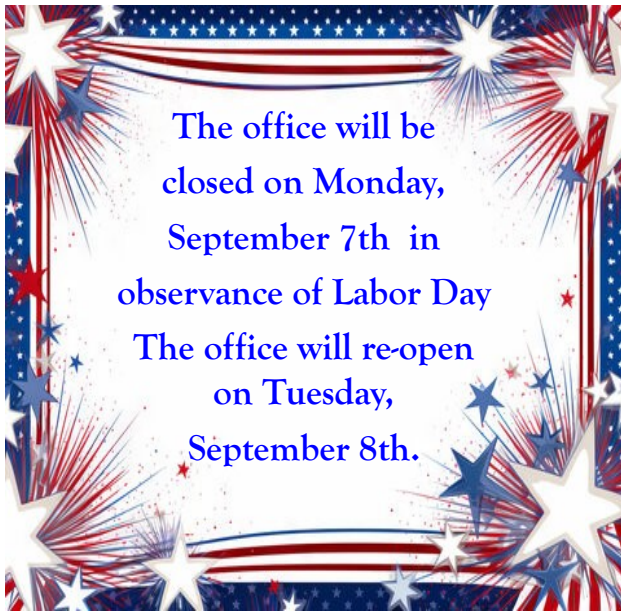
- Keep grills and fire pits a safe distance from homes, decks, trees, and anything that can catch fire.
- Never leave a grill or fire unattended.
- Make sure fires are completely out before calling it a night.

Be considerate of your neighbors by keeping smoke to a minimum and enjoying conversations at a respectful volume. A few simple precautions can help everyone enjoy a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer. Stay safe—and happy grilling!

News You Can Use



- ⇒ A reminder to homeowners to trim the lower branches of your trees along the sidewalk easement. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks along their property free from any obstructions to pedestrian traffic.
- ⇒ Code Enforcement Reminder - Per Township ordinance no inoperable, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles shall be present on public or private property. This also includes vehicles that do not have a valid and current license plate and/or registration within the current calendar year. Blight Reminder- grass/weeds can be no higher than 6".
- ⇒ If you need a dumpster parked at your unit, don't forget to stop in for a temporary permit. They should only be placed on the driveway or other hard surface and never on the grass.
- ⇒ Remember to lock your vehicles and remove valuables to make your vehicle less appealing to thieves. Also, remember to report what you see!
- ⇒ Remember to store yard waste bags out of view and only place them at the curb for pick up on Friday mornings. Tree limbs & branches must be bundled with twine, string or rope.
- ⇒ Place yard waste in the paper yard waste bags only and **write your unit address on the outside**. Lawn waste placed in plastic bags will not be picked up!



August/September 2026

- * Aug 7th—ACC Requests Due
- * Aug 12th—Monthly Board Mtg. —10:00am
- * Aug 13th—ACC Meeting—10:00am
- * Aug 21st—ACC Requests Due
- * Aug 27th—ACC Meeting—10:00am
- * Sept 4th— ACC Deadline
- * **Sept 7th—Happy Labor Day—Office Closed**
- * Sept 9th—Monthly Board Mtg.—10:00am
- * Sept 10th—ACC Meeting—10:00am
- * Sept 18th—ACC Requests Due
- * Sept 24th—ACC Meeting—10:00am



Recycling Roundup

Have a few items around the house that are too good for the trash—but definitely don't belong in it? You're in luck! Iosco County offers several convenient opportunities throughout the year to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and recycle old electronics. Plus, with 24/7 recycling drop-off locations available, doing your part for the environment has never been easier.

Check out the upcoming event dates and recycling locations below. Your garage (and Mother Nature) will thank you! After all, the only things that should be collecting dust are your memories—not old paint cans and broken printers!

- **Household Hazardous Waste, September 12th 2026** at the Iosco County Airport 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Sign-up needed by phone 989-984-1023 or Online at: <https://iosco.net/recycleforiosco/special-events/>

Flammable Liquids	Automotive Fluids
Cleaning Products	Aerosol cans
Pesticides and Herbicides	Small Propane Cylinders (30 lbs. Or less)

- **Electronics Recycling Event, October 10th 2026**, Eagle Point Plaza, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

TVs & Monitors (flat screens, LCD/LED TVs, CRT TVs and monitors)
 Personal Electronics (laptops and computers, DVD & stereo equipment, gaming consoles)
 Batteries (lead-acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries, alkaline)
 Small Office Equipment (small printers, fax machines, toner and ink cartridges)
 Small Electronics (cords, keyboards and mice, and phones or tablets)
 Other Electronics (non-PCB ballasts, light fixtures)

- **Recycling Sites, Open 24/7**

- ⇒ Oscoda Area Schools Athletics Complex, 3550 E. River Road, Oscoda Township, MI 48750
- ⇒ Whittemore Chamber of Commerce, 405 E. Sherman Street, Whittemore, MI 48770
- ⇒ Tawas Bay Ice Arena, 200 M-55, Tawas City, MI 48763



2018 Jayco Jay Flight SLX265RLS Travel Trailer.
 \$12,000.00 Tom (586)530-1354





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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!

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



Trash Delay
For Labor Day
Weekend

Trash pick-up will be on Tuesday,
Sept. 8th



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.