

# October 2020

## Dream Big!

A Publication of Oshkosh/  
Winnebago County  
Housing Authority's  
Family Self Sufficiency Program



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Dear FSS participants,

Happy October!

Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority offices are still closed to the public. We are still here though and ready whenever you are. If you need to submit documentation of a job starting or ending, please submit by: email to [kayh@ohawcha.org](mailto:kayh@ohawcha.org), fax (920-424-1474) or drop into our drop box at : 600 Merritt Avenue, Oshkosh or 265 Kaukauna St, Menasha.



Check out these services and many more in this October newsletter:

**Rent Smart virtual classes** are now available in the fall. Are you looking for a new place to live? Rent Smart can give you tips on finding affordable housing, strategies on building positive relationships with landlords, and responsibilities/rights of landlords and tenants. Did you know if you go through this class, you get a year of positive rental history? Many landlords use the Rent Smart certificate to determine if you would be a good tenant. See page 3 for more information.

**Salvation Army Seasonal Assistance** has started! Please see page 7 if you are in need of Coats for kids and/or the Toy Store.

**Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions:** This is for tenants, lessees, or residents of residential properties who are covered by the CDC's order temporarily halting residential evictions (not including foreclosures on home mortgages) to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 until December 31, 2020. See page 14 for more information.

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy October! Let's continue to strive to meet your goals and strengthen your self sufficiency. And as always, please let me know how I can help you by calling me at 920-424-1470 ext. 133.

**Your success is my success.**

Good health to you!

Kay Hinton  
FSS Coordinator





## Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

*Helping to make renting a great experience for you!*

### Upcoming Class Dates & Times:

**September:** 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, Oct 1; 1-2pm

**October:** 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22; 7-8pm

**November:** 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20; 9-10am

**Location:** Online, live instruction via Zoom; links will be sent after registration.

**To register complete this online form:**

<https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister>

**Cost:** FREE!

Registration is closed for October due to capacity, but November is still open. Please call to register!

### What you will learn:

- Planning for and meeting monthly expenses
- Tips for finding and maintaining affordable housing
- How to complete an application and why landlords screen applicants
- Strategies for building positive relationships with landlords and neighbors
- Responsibilities and rights of landlords and tenants
- Participants must complete all 6 modules to earn the Rent Smart certificate
- For more information, please contact [rentsmartwi@office365.wisc.edu](mailto:rentsmartwi@office365.wisc.edu) or call 262-741-4951

An EEO-Affirmative Action Employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.





Job Access Loan

Wisconsin Employment  
Transportation Assistance Program

## JAL

## WETAP

### PROVIDES



\$1,600 towards purchase of vehicle or other work related expenses including housing. Cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.



\$1,600 loan to repair or purchase a vehicle. Cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.

### ELIGIBILITY



Meet all eligibility criteria for Wisconsin Works and have a job or job offer. They do not need to be enrolled but must be a Custodial Parent or a participating Non-Custodial Parent. JAL is provided through W-2.



1. Household income must be equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. WETAP is provided through a Mobility Manager.
2. Employed or have a job offer.

### REPAYMENT



1. The applicant completes a budget indicating his/her ability to repay the loan in cash within the agreed upon repayment timeframe. They agree to make regular monthly payments.
2. At least 25% of loan must be repaid in cash. The repayment plan may include in-kind community service.
3. Initial repayment period is 12 months, but it may be extended with repayment renegotiation.



1. The applicant completes a budget worksheet to ensure they can pay back the required amount.
2. 75% of loan must be paid back in a 12 month term.

Call us today

**JAL** 855-733-1311

**WETAP** 920-292-1336

Updated 1/24/2020.

FoodShare Employment and Training

## FSET

Wisconsin Works

## W-2



HELPS PEOPLE GET JOBS WITH



- Transportation
- Clothing vouchers
- Education
- Job Search
- Connections to employers

## PLUS!

Wisconsin Works has those resources and additional services specifically for parents:



- Housing
- Cash assistance
- Job Access Loan (JAL)

THEY'RE ELIGIBLE IF



- Receiving FoodShare.
- Enrolling in FoodShare is quick and easy at <https://access.wisconsin.gov> or with a call to their local Income Maintenance agency.



- A custodial parent of at least one minor
- At least 18 years old
- US citizen and Wisconsin resident, unless a migrant worker
- Other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria

HAVE A REFERRAL? CONTACT US! WE'LL DO THE REST.

### BERLIN

237 Broadway Street, Suite C  
920-354-6669

### FOND DU LAC

223 N. Seymour St  
920-913-4013

### OSHKOSH

2201 Oregon Street  
920-292-1330

### MANITOWOC

1314 Memorial Drive  
920-663-1471

### MENASHA

1050 Midway Road  
920-886-7118

### SHEBOYGAN

3620 Wilgus Avenue  
920-395-9109

### WAUPACA

1990 Godfrey Drive  
715-802-6281

### WAUSHARA

205 E Main Street  
920-240-8020

Updated 3/4/2020.



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**We have a new, easy way  
to learn English online.**

**Contact us to get started!**

**English Language Learning Program**

Fox Valley Technical College

(920) 236-6187

[merillie@fvtc.edu](mailto:merillie@fvtc.edu)

[www.fvtc.edu/learnenglish](http://www.fvtc.edu/learnenglish)





## The Salvation Army—Oshkosh Seasonal Assistance Program

### Sign-up Information



Due to COVID-19 there will be  
NO in-person sign-ups.

#### Coats for Kids Sign-up

For birth—18(school age).

(No coats for parents or other adults.)

**September 1st—October 30th, 2020**

Go to: [saoshkosh.org](https://saoshkosh.org)

(go to Program & Services Page)

And click on the corresponding link

Or

Scan QR code with phone camera & follow link.

#### Coats for Kids



#### Toy Store



#### Toy Store (Toys for Tots)

For birth—18(school age).

**September 1st—December 4th, 2020**

Go to: [saoshkosh.org](https://saoshkosh.org)

(go to Program & Services Page)

And click on the corresponding link

Or

Scan QR code with phone camera & follow link.

**If no online access, call 920-232-7660 to register over the phone.**



fvtc.edu

## Unsure of Your Career Path?

Attend a VIRTUAL Career Development Workshop  
and create a plan to achieve your career goals!

Assess your skills, values, and interests while learning how they relate to different career paths. Explore occupations, job outlook information, and educational programs.

Each workshop is FREE, and scheduled for a total of four hours.

Flexible, self-paced options are also available.

Individual appointments with a career counselor are included as part of each workshop.

### Upcoming virtual workshops:

Day	Workshop Dates	Time	Class #
Thursday	Sept 17, 24	1 PM–3 PM	24477
Tuesday	Sept 29, Oct 6	10 AM–12 PM	24479
Monday	Oct 5, 12	4 PM–6 PM	24481
Thursday	Oct 29, Nov 5	5 PM–7PM	24485
Friday	Nov 6, 13	1 PM–3 PM	24487
To register for a workshop, call 920-735-5645 or <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> .			





## Attention GED and HSED students, did you know?

- The Adult Promise Grant may pay for classes, books, uniforms, and testing.
- You can take college classes while earning your GED or HSED.

## Learn More, Earn More!

For information contact Mr. Shannon Schultz  
at (920) 831-5402 [schultsh@fvtc.edu](mailto:schultsh@fvtc.edu)



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Celebrate the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote!\* Join us for a free, contactless, and fun community event.

*\*Although the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote in 1920, many people of color were still barred from voting until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.*

**Take a self-guided walk with your family and try to find 25 hidden photos of women who changed the world.**

Learn about the incredible accomplishments of these women and challenge yourself to follow in their footsteps by trying out some hands-on activities! Find some secret code words and you might even win a prize!

**Saturday, October 3**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Menominee Park  
Corner of Siewert and  
Pratt Trail, Oshkosh

**Sunday, October 18**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Bubolz Nature Preserve,  
Four Seasons Trail  
4815 N Lynndale Dr., Appleton

**Saturday, October 24**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Heckrodt Wetland Reserve,  
Blue Trail  
1305 Plank Rd., Menasha

**Want to learn more about joining Girl Scouts and becoming a girl of courage, confidence, and character?** Our Girl Scout staff will be available to answer any questions you may have and to share how you can get involved! *Please note: Safety is our top priority! All Activities will be completely self-guided. Please wear a mask when visiting our information table and follow safe social distancing measures.*

[gsnwg1.org/join](https://gsnwg1.org/join) | 888.747.6945

**VIRTUAL**

## Open House







**Fox Valley**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**Tuesday, October 20**  
**2-6 p.m.**

**Join us for this interactive online event!**

### Event Highlights:

-  Take a virtual tour of the Appleton campus
-  Chat with faculty, staff & current students
-  Explore program areas & degree options
-  Apply during the event - \$30 fee waived!



Pre-register today at  
[www.fvtc.edu/OpenHouse](http://www.fvtc.edu/OpenHouse)



### Free Info Sessions:

#### How to Choose a Degree

2:30-3 p.m. • 4-4:30 p.m.

Learn more about how FVTC's Career Counselors can help you navigate the career decision-making process and choose a program that is a good fit for you.

#### Paying for College

3-3:30 p.m. • 4:30-5 p.m.

Scholarships, FAFSA, loans — learn what's available to help finance a college education.

#### How to be a Successful Student

3:30-4 p.m. • 5-5:30 p.m.

From online to in-person classes and everything in-between. Learn more about different learning formats and how to succeed as a student.



### Apply during the event - \$30 fee waived!

Apply for admission during the Open House and we'll waive the \$30 application fee.

*High school seniors and older are eligible to apply.*

Questions?  [AdmissionsSpecialist@fvtc.edu](mailto:AdmissionsSpecialist@fvtc.edu)  920-735-4740  [www.fvtc.edu/OpenHouse](http://www.fvtc.edu/OpenHouse)

# Truck or Treat

## Two great events in one!

Safe drive-thru, trick-or-treat event in Menominee Park!

# Truck or Treat



**\$10  
per  
Family!**

Tickets available on a first come basis...

On-line **ONLY** at [City of Oshkosh Parks Department](#)

**Tickets must be presented at entrance!**

**Saturday, October 17th**  
**11am-12pm**  
**Limited Tickets 12pm-1pm**  
**Menominee Park**

250 tickets per drive-thru time

**MUST remain  
in vehicle  
at all times!**

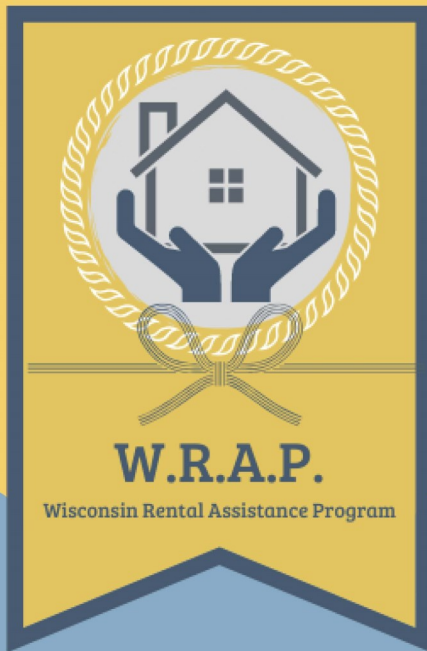
**Vehicles will enter  
across from Webster  
Stanley Middle School**

If you would like to do a booth or  
bring a truck for this fun event,  
contact Jenny at 920-232-5319 or  
[jmccollian@ci.oshkosh.wi.us](mailto:jmccollian@ci.oshkosh.wi.us)



# WI Rental Assistance Program

Family Self Sufficiency



Wisconsinites should not fear being evicted or being without a place to live because their budgets have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. And, that's why **"We're All In."**

Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) are partnering with members of the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (CAP) to assist renters when they need it most.

Winnebago County:  
ADVOCAP (920) 922-7760

## W.R.A.P. WISCONSIN RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In general, eligible applicants must be an adult Wisconsin resident with a household income at or below 80% of the county median income in the month of or prior to the application date.



Eligible costs include:

- Direct financial assistance for owed rent
- Security deposits



**UP TO \$3,000**

The Rental Assistance Program can award up to \$3,000 per household in a combination of rental payments and/or security deposits. The payment is paid directly to the landlord.

**CAP Agencies will begin taking applications for W.R.A.P. on or before June 8th, 2020.**

# Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions

As of September 1, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an order titled “**Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19.**” The order is effective through **December 31, 2020**. Under this order, “a landlord, owner of a residential property, or other person with a legal right to pursue eviction or possessory action, shall not evict any covered person from any residential property in any jurisdiction to which this Order applies during the effective period of the Order.”

While this order does apply to state eviction actions, it only applies to “covered persons.” Under the order, a “covered person” is defined as “any tenant, lessee, or resident of a residential property who **provides** to their landlord, the owner of the residential property, or other person with a legal right to pursue eviction or a possessory action, a **declaration** under penalty of perjury indicating as follows:

- 1) I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;<sup>1</sup>
- 2) I either expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;
- 3) I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary<sup>2</sup> out-of-pocket medical expenses;
- 4) I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual’s circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses;
- 5) If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options.<sup>3</sup>
- 6) I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.
- 7) I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on December 31, 2020, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to state and local laws.

I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.

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Signature and date of Declarant.



**WATER CITY CARE MISSION  
PRESENTS**

## **ST. ANNE'S CLINIC** **449 HIGH AVE.** **OSHKOSH, WI**

a charitable clinic for the uninsured and underinsured

- primary care
- health promotion
- disease prevention
- chronic disease management
- acute illness management
- care coordination
- mental health care (on-site counseling)
- hosting weekly AA meetings



**OPENING FALL 2020**  
**TUESDAYS 12-4PM**  
**SATURDAYS 10AM-2PM**



*Special thanks to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish  
for helping to make this happen!*



# Home Delivery Service

## Oshkosh Public Library

If you're an Oshkosh resident who is physically unable to visit the library, you're eligible for our free Home Delivery Service. A staff member or volunteer will deliver materials on a schedule that works for you.

### What can we deliver?

- Books – *You tell us what you'd like to read, or we'll choose for you. Bestsellers to paperbacks, including large print.*
- Audiobooks
- Music
- Magazines
- DVDs

### How long is the lending period?

You can borrow items for two months or until your next home visit. Home delivery customers are not charged overdue fines.

### How do I get started?

Please contact the Home Delivery coordinator at (920) 236-5206 to discuss eligibility and coordinate delivery.



106 Washington Avenue  
Oshkosh, WI 54904  
(920) 236-5205  
oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

# Expanded Services



### Computer

Computers available by appointment.  
One-hour limit per day.  
Call 236-5205 to reserve.



### Curbside

Curbside Pickup for no contact delivery of requested materials.



### Office Services

Free printing, faxing, photocopying, device charging and notary service by appointment.

Having trouble making copies or applying for a job because you do not have a computer or printer? Oshkosh Public Library has expanded services and removed past fines from patrons' library cards. By eliminating most fines on a permanent basis, the library is welcoming back cardholders who had outstanding overdue fines.

## STOP THE VIOLENCE.

2020 VIRTUAL EVENT

MONDAY, OCT 26TH- FRIDAY, OCT 30TH



### AGENDA:

**Monday, Oct 26th-** Educational Panel with Christine Ann and Reach Staff

**Tuesday, Oct 27th-** Community Cares Day

**Wednesday, Oct 28th-** Survivors Share their Stories

**Thursday, Oct 29th-** Keynote Speaker

**Friday, Oct 30th-** Imagine & Take Action!

