

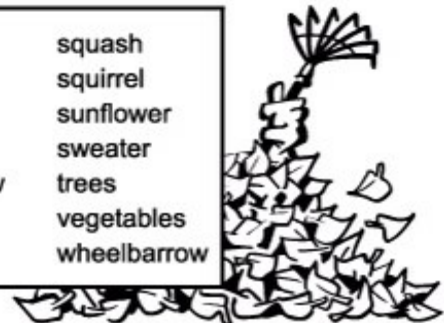



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autumn	cozy	harvest	quilt	squirrel
birds	crow	hayride	rake	sunflower
blanket	deciduous	jacket	rustling	sweater
bonfire	equinox	leaves	scarecrow	trees
changing	flannel	migrate	season	vegetables
cider	foliage	orchards	spider	wheelbarrow

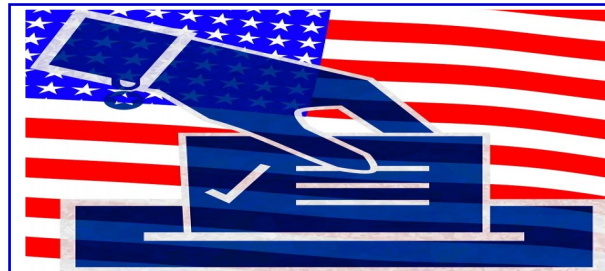


Tower Times



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Court Tower Apartments 100 Court St., Oshkosh, WI 54901



General Election Tuesday, November 3

Polls are open from 7 AM - 8 PM.
Court Tower residents vote at Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church
370 Bowen St., Oshkosh WI 54901.
Wisconsin requires an acceptable
photo ID to vote.

Holiday Office Hours

The Housing Authority offices will be closed on Thursday, 11/26 and Friday, 11/27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM On Sunday, November 1st

Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour!



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Newsletter Submissions

If you have any articles or ideas that you would like to share, please contact Jane Spietz at 920-424-1483 or janes@ohawcha.org.

Submissions to the newsletter should be received by the 20th of the month.



Manager's Corner

Flat Rent Stays the Same for 2021!

The Oshkosh Housing Authority offers a Flat Rent option in accordance with HUD Public Housing regulations. HUD requires Public Housing Agencies to annually review and establish next year's flat rents at levels no lower than 80 percent of the Fair Market Rental (FMR) rate, and any increase caused by an increase of the flat rent required by HUD shall be limited to 35% of the existing flat rent per year unless state or local law requires a lesser increase. HUD has published the 2021 FMR's. The Oshkosh Housing Authority has determined that our flat rents for Efficiency through 5- bedroom units require an increase less than 35% of the existing flat rents.

Flat Rent affects residents who have elected to utilize this option. If you have questions about Flat Rent, please call me at 303-5400 or email at bobb@ohawcha.org.

	0 Bed-room	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm
Current Flat Rent	450	500	650	850	1050	1225
2021 Flat Rent	450	500	650	850	1050	1225

CDC Eviction Moratorium

The CDC Order temporarily halts residential evictions of covered persons for nonpayment of rent during September 4, 2020, through December 31, 2020. This means that a landlord, owner of a residential property, or other person with a legal right to pursue an eviction or a possessory action cannot evict for nonpayment of rent any covered person from any residential property in any U.S. state or U.S. territory where the Order applies.

The CDC Order applies to a "covered person" who is 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 that:

(1) The individual has used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;

Father Carr's Place 2B Home Delivered Thanksgiving Meals

Father Carr's Place 2B volunteers will be providing home cooked meals on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, 11/26/20 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. If you would like a Thanksgiving Day meal delivered to your apartment, contact Jane at 920-424-1483 or janes@ohawcha.org.



The **deadline** to sign up is **Thursday, 11/12/20**.

Social Security Announces 1.3 Percent Benefit Increase for 2021

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021.

The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2020. This will also affect those that receive Veterans and Medicare benefits.

Please provide your new benefit letter to the office to be copied when you receive it.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period Reminder

Every year, Medicare's open enrollment period is **October 15 - December 7**.

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year - things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

Call 1-800-MEDICARE, go to [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), Joan Jaworski, Winnebago County Benefit Specialist at 236-4685 or contact Jane at 920-424-1483 to find Medicare plan information or to compare plans.

COVID-19 Regional Testing Site—Testing is Free

Location: Sunnyview Expo Center
500 E County Road Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

Hours: Monday - Friday 10 am - 6pm
Saturday 8AM - 4 PM
Sunday Closed

Registration Info:

It's highly recommended that you register ahead of time at register.covidconnect.wi.gov. To register, click on the blue button that directs you to a screening questionnaire. If there are multiple people in your family being tested, you can use the same email address but a questionnaire must be completed for each individual.

No identification is necessary. You'll be asked your name, birthday, address, phone number, race, ethnicity, and gender. By asking for race, ethnicity, and gender possible disparities can be identified. Once you have completed registration, you will receive a QR code that you will need to present at the testing site.

Who should get tested?

Anyone over age 5 who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested. Contact a pediatrician or healthcare provider for children under five years old.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:

*Fever	*Loss of taste or smell
*Cough	*Diarrhea
*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	*Vomiting
*Sore throat	*Nausea
*Headache	*Runny nose
*Chills	*Muscle aches

What should I do while waiting for my results?

While you're waiting for your test results, it's important that you isolate yourself. Do not have contact with others. Do not go to work, meet up with friends or attend gatherings. Isolating yourself will prevent spread of the virus should you test positive.

When will I get my results?

You should receive a phone call or email within 3-7 business days. If you test positive Public Health staff will call to guide you.

(2) The individual either (i) expects 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), (ii) was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or (iii) received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;

(3) The individual is unable to pay the full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;

(4) The individual is 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; and

(5) Eviction would likely render the individual homeless— or force the individual to move into and live in close quarters in a new congregate or shared living setting—because the individual has no other available housing options.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a declaration that is compliant with the CDC order and goes into greater detail. Anyone who feels they are “covered person” as defined as above may sign and return to me. Please understand that if a declaration is not provided, you may not be afforded the protections of order.

If you have questions, I can answer them as well provide a copy of the CDC order and a FAQ sheet.

Social Security benefits to rise by 1.3%. Bring us your new letter when you get it.

In October 2020, the Social Security Administration announced that all benefits will increase by 1.3%. This will also affect those that receive Veterans and Medicare benefits.

Please bring us your new benefits letter when you receive it in December or January. This increase will be calculated at your annual certification.

Annual Inspections to resume in November.

Due to Covid-19 annual inspections were abruptly halted in March 2020. I plan to begin inspections again in November. Residents will be properly noticed. My preference is to complete inspections when a resident is not home or is willing to step out for me to conduct the inspection. If this is not feasible I will ask the resident to wear a mask when I am completing the inspection.

Please take this as an opportunity to start getting your unit prepared for its annual inspection. Enclosed is the annual inspection guide.

If you have any questions, please call me at 303-5400 or email at bobp@ohawcha.org.

Court Tower Staff
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Jane Spietz: Social Service Coordinator
 920-424-1483 janes@ohawcha.org

Josh Wendt: Maintenance

Linda Breitzman: Housekeeping

Nurses Teresa Paulus & Lori Duclon: Call them at 920-424-1470 Ext. 124 to schedule an appointment.

Nurse Open Hour: cancelled until further notice.



Court Tower Office Hours

Hours or services may differ due to COVID-19. All of Bob and Jane's phone calls are being forwarded to our work cellular phones which are on us all of the time.

Bob: 920-303-5400 bobp@ohawcha.org
 Jane: 920-424-1483 janes@ohawcha.org

Court Tower Mealsite
 920-420-1994

Court Tower Room Directory

Room 205 - Den
 Room 405 - Nurses' Office, Salon
 Room 805 - Community Room
 Room 1205 - Fitness Room

Court Tower November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 	2	3 GENERAL ELECTION POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 BUG DAY 9TH FLOOR	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14
15 <i>Be Thankful</i> 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 OHA BOARD MEETING 3:30 PM	24	25	26 Thanksgiving 	27 HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES CLOSED ON 11/26/ & 11/27	28
29	30					