



Tower Times

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

Homestead & Income Tax Preparation Monday March 16th (if needed also Thursday March 19th)

In the theater room on 1st floor

FREE OF CHARGE!

You will need to make sure you have:

- Social Security Card
 - Photo ID
- Last Years Homestead return (if you have)
 - SSA 1099 for 2025
- If on SSI, bring bank statement from 2025
 - Rent certificate
- Proof of any other income you receive
- If you are disabled & under age 62, a letter stating when you were first deemed disabled from Social Security
- The routing number and account number

Rent Certificates are in the office to pick up or you can leave them in there and Erin will bring them with her on the day of the preparation.

The tax prepares are now able to do income taxes as well so please sign up. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Erin! If you are not able to come to Court Tower's appointment day, we can always schedule you with another building as well.

Please see additional resources on page 2 of this newsletter.

To get a time slot to get your taxes done, please bring Erin all the needed paperwork from above and she will hold it until the day of preparation.

Tax Assistance Options in Oshkosh

VITA Tax Services

- * Available 3:30pm—5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays between Tuesday February 10th through Thursday March 19th.
- * Located at 835 High Ave in Oshkosh
- * They can help complete Homestead Tax Credits as well as filing income taxes as well as other tax assistance
- * This programs is done with students of UWO will helping complete the taxes which then are reviewed by their professors who are licensed.
- * Families or Individuals that make less than \$65,000 per year are able to use this service
- * If the family is filing separately, they will not be able to help.
- * To set up an appointment, call 920-424-1454



AARP Tax Assistance

- * Focus on those that are 50 years or over and have low to moderate income.
- * Available 8:15am—4:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays between Tuesday February 3rd through Thursday April 2th
- * Located at United Methodist Church 1174 Algoma Blvd in Oshkosh
- * They can help complete Homestead Tax Credits as well as filing income taxes as well as other tax assistance
- * To set up an appointment, call 920-385-6756

Property Manager Reminder

- ◆ NO SMOKING IN GARAGES!!! It states in the garage policy that you are not permitted to smoke in your garage. Katie will be doing inspection of garages in the spring.
- ◆ All vehicles need to be removed from the parking lot by NOON when there is a minimum of 2 inches of snow
- ◆ Please put your name and apartment number on any checks or money orders that you turn into the office. It is often hard to read people's signatures and we want to assign it to the correct person.
- ◆ Please return shopping carts IMMEDIATELY back to the first floor after you unload groceries so that the next person can use the cart.
- ◆ Part of being a responsible pet owner is picking up your dog waste IMMEDIATELY and disposing of it in the dumpster.
- ◆ IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!! We can't fix things we don't know about. If you have any issues or concerns, please come and talk to us right away. It is much easier for us to work with you when we know what is going on verse trying to hide it from us.
- ◆ Do NOT flick your cigarette butts onto our property. It is disrespectful and creates our property to look dirty. Make sure you put your cigarette out in the butt cans or make sure they are FULLY out and put your garbage.

February

The sun rides higher
Every trip.
The sidewalk shows.
Icicles drip.
A snowstorm comes,
And cars are stuck,
Though road salt flies
From the old town truck.

The chickadees
Grow plump on seed
That mother pours
Where they can feed
And snipping, snipping
Scissors run
To cut out hearts
For everyone.





Super Bowl Party

Seattle Seahawks vs. New England Patriots

February 8th

In the theater

Party starting at 5:00pm

Super bowl starts at 5:30pm

\$5 per person or bring a dish to pass

Please sign up if you are planning on attending so Steve knows how much food to get. If you are planning on bringing a dish to pass instead of paying money toward the food, please make sure you note what you are bringing. Please pay Steve by Wednesday February 4th.

Changes in Polling Stations in Oshkosh

The Oshkosh Common Council has eliminated four polling places in Oshkosh for the spring election. Polling stations at First English Lutheran Church, Father Carr's Place 2B, the American Legion Post 70 and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church are no longer polling stations this year due to small sites, lack of parking and ADA concerns.

If you live at Court Tower, your polling station is at the Oshkosh Public Library on the lower level which is located at 106 Washington Ave. The spring primary will be on Tuesday February 17 between 7:00am—8:00pm. When you go to your polling station to vote, you will need to state your full name and address as well as show your driver's license or state ID. The spring primary has on the ballot the election of Oshkosh Council Members and Oshkosh Area School District School Board Members.

Anyone can choose to receive a ballot by mail with an absentee ballot. If you want to vote in the spring primary, you need to make sure your request for an absentee ballot is in by February 12th. If you are not able to do to the polling place due to age, illness, disability or infirmity, you can request to get an absentee ballot sent to you automatically for every election. You can also request to vote an absentee ballot in-person at the clerk's office beginning 2 weeks before the election day.

Anyone can get a free state ID for voting purposes through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

You can find out all things regarding voting such as registering to vote, signing up for an absentee ballot, seeing a sample ballot, or finding a polling station, you can go to www.myvote.wi.gov.



If you need help getting signed up for an absentee ballot or getting a state ID, please stop in to see Erin.



OSHKOSH AREA FOOD PANTRY LIST

AGENCY	ADDRESS/PHONE	DAYS/HOURS	ELIGIBILITY	HOW OFTEN
Emmanuel United Church of Christ	1306 Michigan St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-235-8340 www.emmanueloshkosh.org	Call First- Same Day Pickup Tuesdays, Wednesday & Fridays - Call between 8am-9:30; Pick up 9:30 am-10:15 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Call between 3pm-4:30pm Pick up 4:30-5:00pm	Oshkosh Residents ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID • Proof of Address • SS or birth certificate for all children 	1x a month ***Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Call between 8:00-9:30 am for same day pick-up
Father Carr's Food Pantry	1062 N. Koeller St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-231-2378 www.fathercarrs.org	Pantry Hours: Friday: 9:00 am – 11:00am "Daily Bread" Hours: Daily (not Fridays) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Friday 9:00 am– 11:00am	Anyone Registration Required **BRING OWN BAGS, BOXES, EGG CARTONS	Pantry: 1x a week Daily Bread: 1x Day *Free loaves of bread and other items daily.
His World Outreach Center	2704 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 920-426-4956	Friday 9:00 am– 11:00am	Oshkosh Residents ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID 	1x a month
Lutheran Food Pantry (Sponsored by: Zion, First English, St. John's, Calvary, Good Shepard, Peace, and Christ Lutheran Churches)	714 Division St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-379-4774 https://zionoshkosh.com/lutheran-food-pantry/	Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 am-10:30 am *Closed Holidays	Winnebago County Residents Registration Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One client per address • Photo ID for the Primary Caregiver & 1 for each person in the household • Proof of address, if different than photo ID **BRING OWN BAGS, BOXES, EGG CARTONS	1x a month ***ONLY once every 30 days
Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) (St. Vincent DePaul)	2551 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-651-9960 www.oacptoday.org	Mondays 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am – 2:45 pm	Winnebago County Residents Registration Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID • SS or birth certificate for all children • Proof of address *If Diapers are needed, ask if available.	2x a month
Ruby's Pantry Hosted by: St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnslutherannekimi	491 Old Oregon Rd Oshkosh, WI 920-688-2692 https://www.rubyspantry.org/location/142	3rd Saturday of the Month Distribution 9:30 am-11:00 am	Anyone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No income or residency requirements • \$25 CASH towards cost of trucking the share of food; Food is free. Extra shares of food can be obtained for \$25 per extra share. (Receive \$150 worth of food) **BRING OWN BAGS, BOXES, COOLERS	1x a month

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Salvation Army & ADVOCAP *Financial Eligibility Applies	417 Algoma Blvd. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-232-7660 (Use back door on High St)	Pantry Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am-11:45pm *Closed Wednesdays Daily Bread 10:00 am-3:00 pm	Residents of Oshkosh, Pickett, Omro, Butte des Morts & Winneconne. If new to pantry, bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID • Proof of Address If diapers or hygiene items are needed then social security cards for all members of the household are needed along with proof of household income	1x a month - Only Every 30 days. Daily Bread:1x Day *Free loaves of bread and other items donated daily.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Food Pantry	808 North Main Street Oshkosh, WI 920-231-5480	Mondays 9:30am-11:00am *Closed Holidays	No Prequalification's to use pantry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items typically pre-bagged • Fresh fruits & vegetables occasionally 	Weekly

To determine if you are eligible for **Food Share***: Call 1-888-256-4563 or visit Human Services at 220 Washington Ave for an application or check online at www.access.wi.gov
 To determine if you are eligible for **WIC (Women, Infants, & Children)**: Call (920)-232-3350 or visit 112 Otter Ave. to be prescreened for income eligibility.
 *Potentially eligible participants include pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who have delivered in last 6 mos., infants, and children under 5 years of age.

Oshkosh Area Food Pantry Weekly Schedule

- Check guidelines for registration and eligibility requirements. **CALL AHEAD** to double check that pantry is open.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Salvation Army Pantry-OSHKOSH 9:00 am – 11:45 am Daily Bread 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Father Carr's Daily Bread 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Oshkosh Area Community Pantry 10:00 am – 2:45 pm Lutheran Pantry 8:00 am -10:30 am St. Johns Food Pantry 9:30 am-11:00 am	Salvation Army Pantry-OSHKOSH 9:00 am – 11:45 am Daily Bread 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Father Carr's Daily Bread 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Oshkosh Area Community Pantry 10:00 am – 2:45 pm Lutheran Pantry 8:00 am -10:30 am Emmanuel United Church of Christ Pantry *Call to Reserve Food 8:00 am-9:15 am Pick up time -same day 9:30 am – 10:15 am ONLY ON 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Call to Reserve Food 3pm-4:30pm Pick up same day 4:30-5:00pm	Salvation Army Pantry-OSHKOSH 9:00 am – 11:45 am Daily Bread 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Father Carr's Daily Bread 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Oshkosh Area Community Pantry 10:00 am – 2:45 pm Lutheran Pantry 8:00 am -10:30 am	Salvation Army Pantry-OSHKOSH 9:00 am – 11:45 am Daily Bread 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Father Carr's Pantry 9:00 am– 11:00 am His World Outreach 9:00 am-11:00 am Emmanuel United Church of Christ Pantry *Call to Reserve Food 8:00 am-9:15 am Pick up time- same day 9:30 am – 10:15 am	Salvation Army Pantry-OSHKOSH 9:00 am – 11:45 am Daily Bread 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Father Carr's Pantry 9:00 am– 11:00 am His World Outreach 9:00 am-11:00 am Emmanuel United Church of Christ Pantry *Call to Reserve Food 8:00 am-9:15 am Pick up time- same day 9:30 am – 10:15 am	Ruby's Pantry 3 rd Saturday Only 9:30am-11:00am Father Carr's Daily Bread 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Father Carr's Daily Bread 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- **HOPE FRIDGE** – Open 24 hours 7 days a week. (May not always have fresh foods available – Dependent on donations.) <https://www.hopefridge.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/hopefridgefv/> -203 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI (Located in front of Trinity Episcopal Church)
 Updated October 2025

Nurses Corner—Blood Pressure Guidelines

In 2025, the American Heart Association updated the guidelines for blood pressure. Having high blood pressure puts you at risk for heart disease and stroke, which are the leading causes of death in the United States. Is your blood pressure in the healthy range? The best way to know is to get your blood pressure checked. The Housing Authority Nurses can help and are available to check your blood pressure and discuss next steps. Visit us during our open hours!

KNOW YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE —AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

By AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION NEWS

Systolic	Diastolic	Recommendations
<120 mmHg	<80 mmHg	NORMAL BLOOD PRESSURE *Recommendations: Healthy lifestyle choices and yearly checks.
120-129 mmHg	<80 mmHg	ELEVATED BLOOD PRESSURE *Recommendations: Healthy lifestyle changes, reassessed in 3-6 months.
130-139 mmHg	80-89 mmHg	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE / STAGE 1 *Recommendations: 10-year heart disease and stroke risk assessment. If less than 10% risk, lifestyle changes, reassessed in 3-6 months. If higher, lifestyle changes and medication with monthly follow-ups until BP controlled.
≥140 mmHg	≥90 mmHg	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE / STAGE 2 *Recommendations: Lifestyle changes and 2 different classes of medicine, with monthly follow-ups until BP is controlled.

**Individual recommendations need to come from your doctor.
Source: American Heart Association's Journal Hypertension
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OPEN HOURS

Court Tower:

1st Tuesday of the month 1pm-2pm

Fox View:

3rd Friday of the month 9am-10am

Marian Manor:

3rd Tuesday of the month 1pm-2pm

Raulf Place:

2nd Thursday of the month 1pm-2pm

Riverview:

2nd Friday of the month 12pm-1pm

Waite Rug:

3rd Tuesday of the month 2:30pm-3:30pm



Court Tower Resident Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: Monday January 19, 2026 at 1:30pm

ATTENDANCE: 24 tenants along with Emma Boushele, Katie Reichenberger & Erin Reismann CSW

ERIN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homestead Tax Credit ~ Erin is working with the other SSCs in the agency to get the AARP tax people to coordinate a time for them to come to Court Tower as well as our other buildings so they can help tenants complete their homestead tax credit. Discussed what Homestead Tax Credit is and who can file. Encouraged everyone to watch for signs on when they will be coming to Court Tower.

Volunteer Needed ~ Erin is seeking a volunteer to help hand out newsletters each month to those that elect to get paper newsletters. Phyllis Havens volunteered.

If anyone would like to get a newsletter delivered to their door or get each month by email, please talk to Erin.

Tenants Ambulance Calls ~ If you go in by ambulance or in the hospital for a couple days or if you see your neighbor go out by ambulance if you can please let the office know so that Erin can follow up with them and help with the discharge process but also so we know if they are not in the building as Katie and Erin have had to do a couple welfare checks when caregivers show up or tenants are concerned in not seeing someone around for several days.

Erin will be giving out letters to meet with tenants once a year to update her file which is separate from your tenant file with Katie. Please respond to those letters and set up a time to meet.

Fire Safety Presentation ~ will be held in the dining room on January 26th at 1:00pm so all were encouraged to come

EMMA'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Josh being out for health reasons at this time, she is looking for a volunteer to help clean out the recycling bins on each floor. Jill Johnson volunteered to do this task.

KATIE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katie wanted to extend a thanks to all the came to the holiday party.

Indoor Farmer's Market – she brought in pamphlets letting people know about the indoor farmers market

She is working on getting her garage waiting list up to date. You do not need to have a vehicle to have a garage so if you want to be on the waiting list please let her know.

Smoking in garages ~ she is looking into the rules to see if there is something in writing indicating that you can not smoke in your garage.

Please pick up after your dogs

Reserving Common Areas ~ she is making up a list of what extra common area rooms we have in the building and on which floor they are located. These rooms can be reserved by a tenant at no cost by letting the office know.

Please use the complaint forms located outside of the office to report a lease violation or complaint. If Katie is not aware something is happening she cant correct it.

With the cold weather coming, there might be more unhoused individuals that might be seeking refuge out of the weather in the common areas of Court Tower. If you find someone sleeping in the common areas, please call the non-emergency police number. People might walk in behind tenants and she asks that you do not create a confrontation with the person for the tenant's safety. You can not pull the door shut behind you due to the automatic door opener.

Key Keeper ~ Nancy S is our key keeper for Court Tower but please be respectful of her time. She is not allowed to let in caregivers. She does not have access to any garages. She does not have any set hours so if she is gone and can not let you in, you will need to call after hours maintenance if it is after office hours and staff are gone for the day. This might result in a charge.

Reasonable Accommodations~ Staff can consider accommodations if you put in writing along with a doctor's note. There is a difference verses need and want that will be considered.

Falls on Property ~ she refreshed the tenants that if you do have a fall while on property (besides your apartment) (aka common areas, parking lot, etc.) that you make sure you report to the office right away as an incident report needs to be completed and sent to the main office.

Bed Bugs ~ We have no cases of bed bugs in the building at this time.

Josh is out of work at this time so Emma and other maintenance will be completing work orders.

Mel retired from the building so she is no longer on the 4th floor.

Snow Removal ~ It was discussed that the plow will only plow if we get 2 inches or more of snow. On the weekend they will only plow down the middle and then do a full removal of snow if still have snow on Monday. It is posted and staff will be announcing on the intercom to make sure everyone is moving their vehicles.

First floor office will be open all the time now when staff are present. It was expressed by tenants that they liked the office is open now.

If the heat is out in your apartment, please reach out to staff right away so this can be fixed. Katie gave permission to people to put plastic on your windows as this will help with the drafts as well.

Promoted the ADVOCAP meal site

Court Tower Rummage Sale

Friday February 27th 6pm—8pm

Saturday February 28th 9am—5pm

Sunday March 1st 1pm—4pm

In the theater room

Please sign up on the bulletin board on the first floor to get a table.

Resident Talents

We would like to post on the bulletin board those in the building that have special talents. We know there are people in the building that do crafts, mending, or fixing things and want to extend that to all the other tenants as well. If you want to advertise your good or services, please come in and talk to Katie or Erin. We will be looking for information such as your talent or skill, how much your charge and your contact information you would like to be advertised. We will then compile the information and post on the bulletin board



Key Keeper Refresher

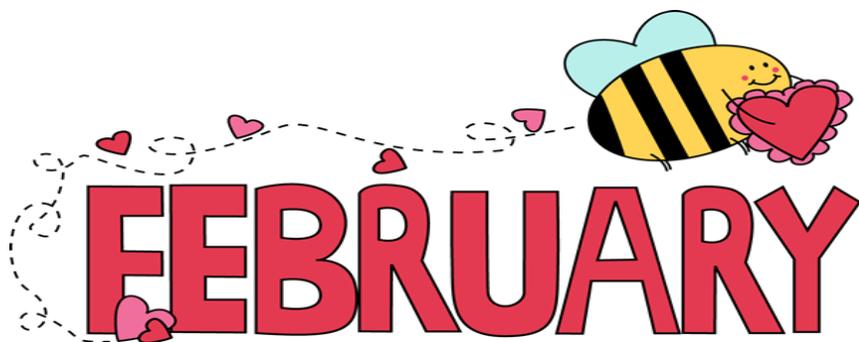
- The purpose of the key keeper is to have someone on site that has a master key so that in case you get locked out of your apartment, she can let you into your unit. She is not permitted to let anyone other than the person who lives in that unit into the apartment which means she can not let in family, caregivers or friends into your apartment.
- If you away from your apartment and you would like a family/friend to go into your unit (for instances if you are in the hospital and you want family to go into your unit to bring you things), the key keeper is not allowed to do this. If your family or friend does not have a key, you as the lease holder, will need to contact the office to coordinate this.
- She is not allowed to give anyone the key keeper key as she is the only one authorized to possess the key.
- She can use her key to let in emergency personnel such as police officer, fire fighters or emergency medical responders.
- The key keeper will only let you into your unit during a lock out after open office hours as if staff are in the building you need to go to them for a lock out.
- The key keeper is not expected to hold certain hours so there may be a time you reach out to her and she is not available. If you are locked out after open office hours and the key keeper is not available, you will need to contact after hours maintenance at 920-735-3707 and there could be a charge for the lock out. Please try to be respectful of her time.
- Staff take it very serious when selecting a key keeper as it is a position of trust that we are extending. The key keeper is not allowed to enter your unit unless upon your request or in the event of an emergency.
- The key keeper has a list of tenants and she may ask to see your identification if she does not know who you are to ensure that she is letting in the tenant and not someone else.

Nancy Schneske is our key keeper

Apt 604 (you can use the intercom to get in touch with her)

920-252-3848

Activity Calendar for Court Tower



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 5pm Super Bowl Party (theater)	9	10 6pm Movie Night (theater)	11	12 Office Closed noon—3pm for Staff Meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day NO MAIL	17 Spring Primary Election Pest Control Inspections (Apt 1103, 1105-1207)	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 6pm—8pm Rummage Sale (theater)	28 9am—5pm Rummage Sale (theater)