Onamia City Newsletter
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Onamia Fire Department has a new tool for the toolbox.

On July 16, 2026 Marion Larson of the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Region presented the Onamia Fire Department a LUCAS automated chest compression device.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the most time-critical emergencies responders face, and access to reliable equipment can make a life-saving difference. The LUCAS device provides consistent, high-quality mechanical chest compressions during cardiac arrest, helping maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain. Marion explained that this does not replace CPR, it frees responders' hands, allowing them to focus on additional critical care tasks while CPR continues uninterrupted until the ambulance arrives. "It's another tool in the toolbox" she said. Onamia was one of three communities to receive a LUCAS this year. Marion demonstrated how to use the machine and then our firefighters had the chance to use it on their CPR dummy.

Picture above are Mike Mornau, Jeff Strecker, Josh True, Justin Town and Tom Cunz.

Pictured is Marion Larson of the Central MN EMS Region.

Parks Update

You may have noticed the Skate Park Fence has been removed. The Skate Park will be resurfaced this month and the fence put back in place. Special Thanks to the organization that originally built the skate park for their donation to help with the cost.

The City Park is open again after the completion of the Water Treatment Plant. There is new mulch around the play equipment too.

Klondike Korner Park is not looking it's best. The council and maintenance staff are working on a plan to rehab it this fall.

Election 2026

The Primary election is on August 11. The purpose of this election is to narrow down the list of candidates for some state and federal offices. Voters will have to choose a major political party. The ballot will have only that party's candidates.

This year's General Election is on Tuesday, November 3. Two City Council positions and the mayor's office will be on the ballot. These are 4-year terms.

Voting Polls for both the primary and general elections are open from 7 am to 8 pm. City Hall is the polling place for people living within Onamia city limits. If you have moved here since the last

election, you can register the day of voting with proof of residency.

Garbage Reminders

The City of Onamia has a contract with Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal for residential and business trash pick-up. This also includes demolition and construction debris. Residents or a hired contractor working in the city need to use Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal for dumpsters or roll-off containers. Please keep this in mind when planning a project.

If you have furniture, tires, or other large items that do not fit in your trash can, call Jim's for pick up options and pricing.

Finally, Lithium (one time use) and Lithium-Ion (rechargeable) batteries should **NOT** be put in your regular trash. Lithium-Ion batteries are especially flammable when crushed causing garbage truck fires. These batteries should be placed in the special battery recycling container located at Agnew Hardware Hank.

Fall Clean Up

YES, it's still summer, but fall is just around the corner. When you rake and clean your yard this fall, bag your leaves, make small bundles of any branches/sticks and place them at the curb for pickup by the city workers.

Or, you can take your leaves and branches to the city dump site located 1.5 miles west of Onamia. Remember to ***remove any trash or garbage*** before setting it on the curb or dumping it. This dump site is for leaves, branches and sticks ONLY. No other trash, tires, wood or construction trash should be dumped there.

Also, if you have **old appliances** which need to be removed, the names and contact information for local recyclers are available from the maintenance department. Thanks

Support the Onamia Depot Library! Be a "Friend" for Just $15 a year!!

Did you know you can be a member of the Onamia Area Friends of the Library and support the Onamia Depot Library for only $15 a year, $25 for a family? Their Annual Meeting is September 16th at 7 pm. Come find out about our great Library and all the services and programs they offer. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 11: Primary Election Day 7am to 8pm
Aug 12: City Council Meeting 6 pm
Sept 7: Labor Day (City offices Closed)
9: City Council Meeting 6 pm
16: Library Annual Meeting 7pm
Oct 10: Fun-Tober Family Event, 10:30 – 1 PM
Herington Park Sponsored by the Onamia Area Civic Association
Oct 14: City Council Meeting
24: Drug Take Back Day 10am-2pm
Nov 3: Election Day 7am to 8pm
11: Veteran's Day (City offices Closed)
12: City Council Meeting 6pm
26: Thanksgiving (City offices closed)
27: Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 pm

Yes, We Are Open!

City Hall – 8:00am – 4:00pm Phone 532-3311
Police Dept. – 532-3131
Maintenance Dept. – 532-5322
Library Link – Tues 11:00am - 3:00 pm
-Thurs 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Phone – 532-5210
Website: onamiaarealibrary.com
City Parks – Daily until 30 minutes after sunset.

Our City Council:

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Have a great rest of your summer!