

Dear Osseo Residents:

The City of Osseo continues its proud tradition as a quaint, small town community in the heart of the metro area.

I am pleased to inform you of the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association's selection of Boerboom Memorial Park in downtown Osseo for the Grand Honor Award in the Commercial Management Category. Pictures of our park will be featured at the Green Expo held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in January 2012. Additional pictures will be featured at the Minnesota Arboretum throughout the year. The actual award presentation will take place in March at the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association Gala event. Congratulations to our Public Services personnel, Director Randy Korfiatis, Wayne Faue, and Dustin Luhnig, for their excellent care and grooming of Boerboom and the other parks in our community. Mindy Zittel of Designing Nature submitted the award early last summer. Thanks go out to all those responsible for this recognition.

For all of you looking forward to your first visit to our quaint community, you may want to coordinate your visit to see the many events that occur in the park and visit our thriving business community. Luna's Liquid Lava Lounge and bakery, located in the City Country Insurance building, is open, enjoy an attitude adjustment at Dick's Bar and Grill, and enjoy a pizza, burgers, and beer at Duffy's Bar & Grill.

The City will be home to numerous events in 2012. On Saturday, May 12, the antique classic sports car spring kick-off show is planned in Osseo. One hundred fifty to two hundred classic sports cars will likely be displayed from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Our Concerts in the Park in Osseo begin the first week in June and continue until the last week in August. Our outdoor Movies in the Park are featured each Tuesday evening for the same three summer months. If we experience a rain out, the movies and concerts will be shifted to the following Thursday. In the past we have moved indoors to the Community Center, but this location does not accommodate as many people as our outdoor location. Plan to join us throughout the summer for an evening of fun and enjoyable fellowship. To check the entertainment schedule, refer to the [Osseo Entertainment.com](http://OsseoEntertainment.com) website.

The annual Marching Band Festival features a number of marching band units and takes place the fourth Saturday in June. Osseo Lions Roar is always featured the Friday and Saturday after Labor Day, and Oktoberfest occurs the first Saturday in October. The Osseo Minidazzle Celebration is held the first Friday in December and features a lighted fire engine parade which brings Santa to town. Each child receives a packet of goodies and an opportunity to express their wishes to Santa. Free hotdogs, hot cider, hot chocolate, and cookies, as well as a number of "Living Windows" displays on Central Avenue, are featured. A huge bonfire is also available to warm the hearts of all. The very next day a lunch with Santa is sponsored by the Osseo Lions Club where a Christmas movie is shown. Santa is again available to listen to everyone's wishes, and face painting is a favorite for the kids.

If you have any questions, please call Osseo City Hall at 763-425-2624. We look forward to seeing you in Osseo enjoying our charming community.

Sincerely,

Al Lindquist, Mayor