



The Village Vibe

SUMMER 2023 EDITION

Welcome

Welcome to our inaugural edition! Produced by the **Osborne Village BIZ**, The Village Vibe is a seasonal magazine highlighting the vibrant culture, lifestyle, and businesses of Osborne Village. Have a content or partnership idea? We'd love to work with you! Email us at info@osbornevillagebiz.com.

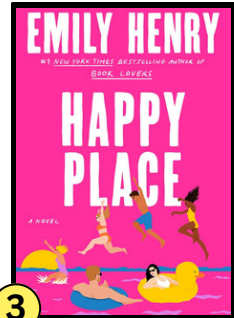
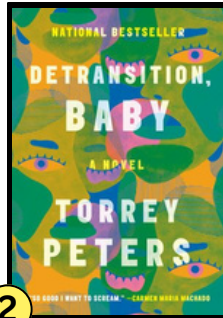
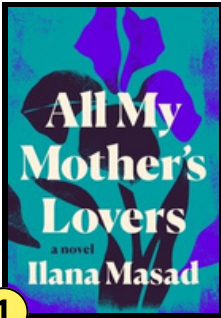
We acknowledge that Osborne Village is on Treaty No. 1 territory, the traditional lands of the Ininew, Dakota, Dene, Anishinaabeg, and Oji-Cree, and the homeland of the Red River Métis.

Osborne Village BIZ Mission Statement

To support, beautify, improve, and maintain Osborne Village as a desirable and vibrant business district where people are drawn to live, work, shop, and play 365 days a year.

www.osbornevillagebiz.com

Willow Press Summer Reading List



1. Love, loss, and family; Ilana Masad's *All My Mother's Lovers* is a book to take your time with this summer.

2. Messy, hopeful, and human, there's so much to love about Torrey Peters' *Detransition, Baby*.

3. A summer vacation read featuring summer vacation antics, *Happy Place* by Emily Henry knows what it's about!

Willow Press is a locally owned book store located at 214 Osborne Street.

Summer Trendspotting in the Village

With over a dozen boutiques lining the streets, Osborne Village offers a haven to explore and embrace your own style. Whether you're into rock t-shirts, of the moment trends, or seeking a vintage vibe, there's truly something for every style and budget in Osborne Village.

We rounded up a few summer '23 finds from our local retailers. Please visit osbornevillagebiz.com for a complete shopping directory.



rock t-shirt, \$49.99,
Wild Planet,
217 Osborne Street



one of a kind finds,
various prices,
The Overflow Boutique,
433 River Avenue



square neck blouse, \$89,
Out Of The Blue,
102 Osborne Street



shop small canvas tote,
\$13.80,
Stylebar Boutique,
470 River Avenue



pause earring set, \$59,
Silver Lotus,
103 Osborne Street



the nami slide, \$150,
Rooster Shoes,
105 Osborne Street

Free Friday Community Workouts

From July 7 to August 25, Personal Trainer Rachele Molyneaux of **Brickhouse Gym** will be at the Bell Tower, leading free community workouts, Fridays at noon.

Classes are for all ability levels and are a fun, inclusive way to move your body. It can be hard to stay motivated and stay active, but these quick, casual, no commitment sessions have you covered!

With great music, fun people, and an awesome coach, you'll be looking forward to Friday for a whole new reason. Plus, there's no better combination than sunshine and endorphins. As Rachele puts it, "the sessions are for ALL fitness levels and all exercises can be modified to support certain injuries or mobility issues. It's mainly to just get people out and active during lunch and to come and have some fun".

Community workouts are generously supported by **Brickhouse Gym** (418 Gertrude Avenue).



Osborne Horoscopes

Aries

Ambitious Aries get things done. Need some fuel? Find your pick-me-up at **Little Sister Coffee Maker** (A-470 River Ave.)

Taurus

You're strong and steady, and love the finer things in life. Reminds me of **The Happy Cooker**, Osborne Village's steadfast high-end cookware shop (464 Stradbrook Ave.)

Gemini

Gemini's get a bad rap! Leave the haters in the dust at **Saikel Indoor Cycle Studio** (3-437 Stradbrook Ave.)

Cancer

Summer is Cancer Season! Dance it up with live music at **The Osborne Taphouse** (112 Osborne St.)

Leo

Are you a lively, loving Leo? Celebrate yourself with some cake from Osborne's own **Baked Expectations** (161 Osborne St.)

Virgo

Hardworking and perfectionist Virgos deserve a break! Make time to treat yourself at **Kaluluwa Massage Therapy** (196 Osborne St.)

Libra

Libras love balance and beauty. Combine the two with gorgeous, symmetrical brows from **Brows by Lindsay Hill** (55-222 Osborne Street)

Scorpio

It's not easy being a cutthroat Scorpio, but you can keep things sweet with a trip to **Pinky's Bake Shop** (439 Stradbrook Ave.)

Sagittarius

A Sagittarius is never done exploring! Explore the world of teas at **The Canister** (121 Osborne St.)

Capricorn

No one lets loose like a Capricorn! Get some fresh ink from **Soul Survivor Body Art** (118-B Osborne St.)

Aquarius

Who better to take care of plants than a kind and sensitive Aquarius? **Verde Plant Design** (218 Osborne St.) has you covered

Pisces

Your sensitivity is a gift! And when big feelings call for a fresh-start hair cut, you can head to **The Hive Hair Company** (175 Osborne St.)

The Happy Cooker Celebrates 50 Years in the Village

We recently sat down with Alexis Vlassis, longtime owner of The Happy Cooker, to chat about the rich history of this beloved Osborne Village institution.

How did The Happy Cooker come to be, and what inspired you to open it in Osborne Village?



Alexis Vlassis, The Happy Cooker, 2023

Growing up, my family owned The Chocolate Shop on Portage Avenue my whole life, I always knew I wanted to have a business of my own. In 1973, when the opportunity arose to open a new store in the bustling bohemian community of Osborne Village below where my grandparents had lived, I knew it was the perfect fit.

How did you come up with the name "The Happy Cooker"?

The name was inspired by a popular book from the early 1970s called "The Happy Hooker," exploring sexuality, written by Xaviera Hollander.

I wanted a name that captured the eclectic vibes of the neighborhood, and "The Happy Cooker" seemed like the perfect fit.

In 1999, a devastating fire struck the Village, resulting in the destruction The Happy Cooker, Metropolis, and Divine Decadence. How did the community respond?

Despite the tragic incident, I never entertained the idea of walking away. Rebuilding was the only option for us. Our employee Susan played a pivotal role in supporting and spearheading the rebuilding efforts. In late 1999, an opportunity arose for us to move into a new space. We took a couple of months to rebuild our stock, and we reopened in January 1999. The community rallied behind us, providing immense support.

Can you share some favourite moments from the last fifty years?

After 50 years, we now have generations of customers—grandmothers who came to The Happy Cooker in the '70s and '80s are now returning to purchase gifts for their children and grandchildren. Baking and cooking are very sentimental, we're delighted to have been a part of that tradition for generations of families.

The Happy Cooker



Alexis Vlassis, The Happy Cooker, 1979
Photo Credit: Winnipeg Window Shopper

How do you envision the next fifty years for Osborne Village?

I hope that over the next 50 years, Osborne Village continues to build and grow to support a strong local neighbourhood economy.

The people are our greatest asset of the neighbourhood- we need to ensure that we are creating an environment that invites people to explore, shop, and seek advice from local shopkeepers, like The Happy Cooker. The continued success of Osborne Village is dependent on our ability to create an inviting neighbourhood to connect and explore. 🍷

Happy birthday, Happy Cooker! Thank you for 50 years in Osborne Village. The Happy Cooker is located at 464 Stradbroke Ave.

Dine Around the World in Osborne Village

Travel a world of flavour in one neighbourhood! Osborne Village is proud to feature culinary delights from around the world: Mexican, Japanese, Ethiopian, Thai, Middle Eastern, Chinese, and Indian restaurants are within minutes of each other (Just to name a few!).

Enjoy sushi at [Naru Sushi Japanese Restaurant](#) (159 Osborne Street), shawarma at [Zaytoon Restaurant and Café](#) (99 Osborne Street), or injera at [Mesob Ethiopian Eats](#) (121 Osborne Street). Feeling fancy? Try **Sous Sol's** (22-222 Osborne Street) 'upscale Canadian dishes'! Or, for more down to earth domestic options, visit a local pub for the classic poutine available at **The Toad** (155 Osborne Street) and [The Osborne Taphouse](#) (112 Osborne Street). Whatever you're craving, there's something delicious waiting for you in the Village. Please visit osbornevillagebiz.com for a full directory of our restaurants.



Hawaiian Shrimp Tacos,
Carlos and Murphy's



Tuna and Salmon Sashimi,
Akindo Sushi Bistro



Chicken Shawarma Poutine,
Zaytoon Restaurant and Café



Veggie Combo, Mesob
Ethiopian Eats

Safe Walks • Wellness Checks • Mental Health Crisis • Sharps Disposal



SABE

PEACE WALKERS

Tuesday - Saturday
5:00 pm - 11:00pm

Call/text for support:
431-293-SABE (7223)

Available to the public, residents and business members to provide community safety and support to those in need.

In partnership with Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Social Responsibility Program

9 Village Fun Facts!

- 30 restaurants within a 10 minute walk
- 7,896 people per sq km compared to 1,518 in the rest of Winnipeg. 5x the density!
- 550+ street parking spots available
- 7 parking lots with over 1000 spaces
- On average, a bus passes through Osborne Village every 2 minutes
- 63% of residents are single compared to 46% in the rest of Winnipeg
- In 1892 the Village had the first public transit system in Winnipeg connecting to downtown
- World famous writer, theorist, and professor Marshall McLuhan, who coined 'the media is the message', grew up on Gertrude Ave.
- 97% of Village residents live in an apartment or condo

LIVE MUSIC
THE BELL TOWER

AUGUST

Thursdays @ 6:30pm

10th

Ila Barker and band

17th

El Leon and The Strangers

24th

Gary Gach and The Kings Ransom

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FRESH MARKET



healthy living for less

Your natural and organic local food store in the heart of the Village. Featuring a great selection of local products, grab & go foods, natural beauty products and supplements!

Open

Monday to Friday | 9am - 8pm

Saturdays and Sundays | 10am - 6pm

1-166 Osborne St, with free customer parking down the back lane

\$5
OFF

when you spend
\$50 or more*

Offer ends September 30th, 2023.

*offer not valid on Senior's Day or Customer Appreciation Day, not to be combined with any other offer.
Only valid at Osborne Village location.

Live Music & Happenings

JULY

- 11, Village People Comedy Open Mic, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 12, Erotic Bingo, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 12, Art Hive, [Fort Rouge United and Crescent Arts Centre](#)
 - 13, ALL THE FEELS, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 13, DJ Spanglish Latin Dance Party, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 13, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 14, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Station](#)
 - 15, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 14, Missing Page + Special Guests, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 14, Super Luminous, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 15, Queer DJ Showcase, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 15, Votov + Malevolent Hand + Vitiate, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 16, Karaoke Night, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 17, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 18, SOUL NIGHT - Solutions, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 18, Village People Comedy Open Mic, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 19, Erotic Bingo, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 19, Art Hive, [Fort Rouge United and Crescent Arts Centre](#)
 - 19, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
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 - 19, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 20, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 20, JAM NIGHT - Squid Squad, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 20, Mark Adam, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 20, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 21, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Station](#)
 - 21, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 21, Pink Party, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 21, Oh So Popular, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 21, smoky tiger, French class + special guest, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 22, Party Your Pants Off Underwear Party, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 22, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 22, Homer S Thompson, Spectrum, The Meat Sticks and Graffiti Parks, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 22, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 23, Karaoke Night, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 23, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 24, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 25, SOUL NIGHT - Hold on Surely, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 25, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 25, Village People Comedy Open Mic, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 26, Erotic Bingo, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 26, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 26, Art Hive, [Fort Rouge United and Crescent Arts Centre](#)
 - 27, Also-Ran, Avenue 46 and The River Dogs, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 27, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 27, Jam Town - Jivetown, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 27, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 28, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 28, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 28, Son D Arranke Latin Dance Party, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 28, Zamarah Dee's New Drag Showcase, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 29, Symptomtech w/Nathan Zahn, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 29, Fringe Festival DnD Improv, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 29, The Great Steelhead + Flav'r Country + Heartsleeve + Norman & Smoke, [The Osborne Taphouse](#)
 - 29, The Coveralls, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 29, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 30, Karaoke Night, [Club Happenings](#)
 - 31, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
- ## AUGUST
- 1, SOUL NIGHT - Solutions, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 3, JAM NIGHT - Squid Squad, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 3, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 3, Funky Thursdays with Jace and The Hotties, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 4, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 4, TOAD TIME MACHINE, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 4, Holly Davidson Band, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 5, Orvis EP release show with Sam Gardner, Jared Adams, Soulstess, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 5, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 5, The Adventures, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 6, Northlawn Drive + Special guests, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 7, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 8, SOUL NIGHT - Hold on Surely, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 9 Sacred Harp Singing, [Fort Rouge United and Crescent Arts Centre](#)
 - 10, JAM NIGHT - Jivetown, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 10, Ila Barker, [The Bell Tower](#)
 - 10, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 10, Community Stuff Swap, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 11, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 11, The Coveralls, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 11, Sportingman + The Zaps + Knife the curious + Manther, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 12, The Barnyards, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 12, The MotherFunk + special guests, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 12, Shorty's Pizza Pop-Up, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 12, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 13, One Year Anniversary Party, [Golden Cicada Tattoo and Piercing](#)
 - 14, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 15, SOUL NIGHT - Solutions, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 17, Funky Thursdays with Jace and The Hotties, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 17, JAM NIGHT - Squid Squad, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 17, Live Music at the Bell Tower
 - 17, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 18, Dr Hot Bottom, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 18, Pure Entry + Phantomhead + Moonfield, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 18, Fever Candlelight Concert, [Fort Rouge United and Crescent Arts Centre](#)
 - 18, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 19, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 19, Gary Gach and friends, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 21, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 22, SOUL NIGHT - Hold on Surely, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 24, Live Music at the Bell Tower
 - 24, JAM NIGHT - Jivetown, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 24, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 25, Disco Party featuring DJ Brian St. Clair, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 25, Beer Can Presents: Music in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 26, Super Krystal + special guests, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 26, Saturday Event or Doug's Video Vault, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)
 - 28, Open Mic, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 29, SOUL NIGHT - Solutions, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 31, JAM NIGHT - Squid Squad, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 31, Funky Thursdays with Jace and The Hotties, [The Toad Pub](#)
 - 31, WCF Presents: Comedy in the Village, [Gas Station Arts Centre](#)

Presented by:



Thursday & Friday: 5 - late
Saturday: 12 - late
all are welcome!



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