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August Declared *Civility Month* in Oshkosh Wisconsin

The Oshkosh Civility Project has named August as *Civility Month* for the greater Oshkosh area.

Each day during August, the project will post a daily reminder concerning the principles and practice of civility in everyday life.

“This new project builds on the past success of our work,” said Walter Scott, Jr., the leader of the core team. “With nearly 1,000 people having signed our pledge, we see the monthly reminder as another way to communicate our commitment to acting in civil ways.”

The idea was developed upon a suggestion from Sue Panek from the Oshkosh Area United Way.

“The Civility Project will have a presence at the Oshkosh Farmers Market on Saturday, July 25,” Panek said. “By featuring a civility concept each day during the month of August, we will provide another opportunity for people to reflect on the importance of our standards of conduct.”

Panek indicated that calendars featuring the daily statements will be distributed at the Farmers Market and are available for download at the project’s website at

www.oshkoshcivilityproject.org. The daily Facebook feed will be at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OshkoshCivilityProject>.

“Civility is a dynamic commitment,” said core team member Margy Davey, who represents the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County. “Each day we are reminded of the ways that we can improve as individuals and help to strengthen our shared community.”

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The project noted that the core team has been augmented through the addition of several new members: Carl Schroeder, Howard Brown and Stephanie Steinfort. Scott said the new members of the core team are bringing new energy and drive to the work of the Oshkosh Civility Project.

“We have many things that challenge us in our daily lives,” Scott said. “By practicing a commitment to civility, we can remind ourselves of how our actions impact others.”

Panek added that the core team, “sees this new initiative as a way to help sharpen and focus daily practice.”

This initiative will be developed and implemented by UW Oshkosh student Isaiah Gray who is also serving as the marketing intern for the Civility Project.

The Oshkosh Civility Project was developed in 2010 based on the work of Dr. P.M. Forni and his book, *Choosing Civility* (2003). The Oshkosh Civility Project has been active and engaged in community, regional and broader efforts to promote understanding and awareness of how our communication patterns impact others.

“We believe that our community is strong and can be made even stronger,” Scott said. “This is why we project the project here and helps to explain why the message continues to have vitality.”

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