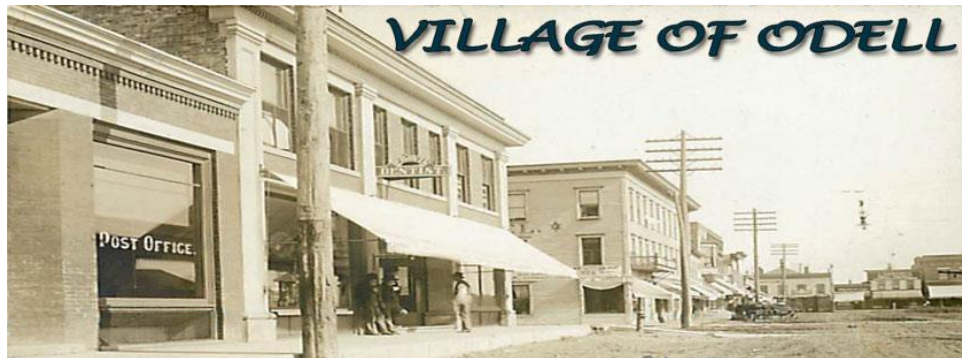




Odell, Illinois Community Profile Itinerary



The Village's website says it all, "A small town with a big heart where everybody is somebody." With 992 residents, Odell is the pinnacle of Midwest small town charm while only being 10 minutes away from a major metropolitan area. The Standard Oil Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and you can truly get a sense of the significance of Illinois Route 66 when you see there used to be a subway tunnel for residents to cross underneath a busy 66 in its heyday, quite different from the traffic you see there today.

ATTRACTIONS



[Standard Oil Gasoline Station](#)

On the National Register of Historic Places, this gas station was built in 1932 and served travelers until 1975. It was restored with the help of the Illinois Route 66 Association's Preservation Committee. A digital audio player makes audio messages available to visitors at any time.

400 South West Street

(815) 998-2133

[Illinois Route 66 Byway Standard Oil Gasoline Station Page](#)



[Odell Subway Tunnel](#)

Across from Saint Paul's Church is an entrance to a 1937 pedestrian tunnel under Route 66, known locally as the "subway." The entrance was sealed in the 1950's. The first 3 steps and the railing were replaced in the spring of 2006 by the Route 66 Association of Illinois. The fact that this tunnel was a necessity to safely cross Route 66 is a surprise to anyone standing on the quiet corner today. It is a dramatic reminder of the importance of Route 66 as a national travel corridor.

Alignment 1940

Northern Region

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MAJOR EVENTS



[Red Carpet Corridor Festival](#)

May 5-6, 2018

The Annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival is held the first full weekend in May and traverses 13 Communities from Joliet to Towanda along a 90-mile stretch of Old Route 66 that collectively celebrates the Mother Road. Each town puts together its own events for the weekend, making for a great shopping and sight-seeing experience. Gather the family and take a trip down memory lane. Towns include Joliet, Elwood, Wilmington, Braidwood, Godley, Braceville, Gardner, Dwight, Odell, Pontiac, Chenoa, Lexington and Towanda.

(815) 844-5847

[Red Carpet Corridor Official Website](#)



[LENORE WEISS MEMORIAL & STANDARD OIL GAS STATION CAR SHOW](#)

May 26, 2018

On the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, there is a very special event in Odell for a very special person, the late Lenore Weiss. John & Lenore Weiss, as a couple, served the Route 66 community for years as preservationists and ambassadors, and John continues to play a vital role in preserving and promoting Route to this day. This great event, which features a car show, will honor Lenore and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The event is being held at the Odell Gas Station, for which John & Lenore received a National Park Service Award for restoration of the station. The couple were also Steinbeck award winners - the only husband/wife team to win it. John has also written three books and produced a DVD on the subject. Mr. Weiss will be a special guest speaker at the event. The event is free and vehicle registration is only \$10. Donations welcome.

Odell Gas Station

O'Dell Rd

[Lenore Weiss Memorial & Standard Oil Gas Station Car Show Official Website](#)

AMENITIES



Village of Odell

213 S. Front Street

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