



Acorn

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Under the name Claire Baie, (French for "clear creek"), it received international distinction in 2001 by winning a gold medal at the largest water tasting competition in the world, the 11th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Contest in Berkeley Springs, W.V. (see page 8)



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dale Richards

News & More News

With the prevailing economy as it is, you would think that construction of new homes would have slowed considerably. Quite to the contrary, we have seen a significant growth in single-family, two-family and multi-family residential building permits this year.

Permits	Jan-Apr 2001	Jan-Apr 2002
Single-family	48	107
Two-family	9	16
Multi-family	6	10

Common Council has finally approved our Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) for orderly future growth.

I would like to congratulate Judge John Grahovac for being named Oak Creek Citizen of the Year. Good job, John, and well deserved!

We are currently monitoring the state budget process and its expected negative impact on municipalities. Depending upon how much of Governor McCallum's budget is approved we could see reductions in service to the Parks & Recreation, Health and Library Departments. We must be prepared for all possible outcomes and strive to provide the best service at a reasonable cost. If you have concerns, please drop me a line or an e-mail.

We are currently negotiating with some of our unions to address the rising costs associated with employee medical care. It is my expectation that city employees will start contributing a reasonable share toward the cost of these benefits.

We are continuing to pursue the potential impact of the future powerplant expansion by Wisconsin Energy (WE) on our lakefront. While WE is charging forward with their approvals to the Public Service Commission, they have been somewhat reluctant to come forward with specifics on what they

are willing to do to minimize any air quality, noise or negative financial impact on our community.

Work on our new Police Station and Courthouse is proceeding smoothly, on time and under budget.

I recently attended the Governor's Conference on Emergency Operations. I was encouraged to see how well the various state and federal agencies are bonding together with local municipal police and fire departments as result of 9-11.

As I write this on Memorial Day, I think of the many sacrifices made by countless individuals in the real life experiences of WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam war. Some, whom we have known personally, have given their lives. Many of our younger generation have not had this kind of link to our nation's past. Remember, the Vietnam War took place over thirty years ago.

The events of 9-11 need to be tied back to the thousands of men and women who have courageously served our country and protected our freedom. The lesson to be conveyed to our younger generation is that the freedom we so often take for granted was paid for by others.

The beliefs and values that we hold dear clearly are not universally shared by all nations. Our basic concepts of freedom of religion and respect for life need to be instilled in our children. We did not come by our freedom effortlessly and it will not be sustained without a fight. Let us hope and pray that ours and our children's future will be a more peaceful one.

God bless you and yours. God bless America. Have an enjoyable 4th of July and a safe summer.

Dale

Celebrate



Freedom

Parks and Recreation



Doug Schachtner, Director Mary Jane Trate, Recreation Supervisor

SUMMER FUN W.P.R.A. DISCOUNT TICKET PROGRAM

The Oak Creek Parks and Recreation Department will be selling **discount tickets** (cash only) starting the first week of May through August 30th for the attractions listed below:



Milwaukee County Zoo:

\$ 6.50 (adult) Save **\$2.50**
\$ 4.50 (3-12) Save **\$1.50** (2 & under Free)

Noah's Ark:

\$22.50 - (2 & under free) Save **\$6.11**

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf: (18 holes)

\$5.00 - (5 & under free) Save **\$1.99**

Tommy Bartlett Thrill Show:

\$11.50 (youth & adult) Save **\$3.80**
(5 & under free if held on adult's lap)

Tommy Bartlett Robot World:

\$6.50 - (5 & under free) Save **\$3.50**

Upper Dells Boats:

\$13.50 (adult) Save **\$4.25**
\$8.00 (6-11) Save **\$1.00** (5 & under free)

Original Wisconsin Ducks:

\$14.25 (adult) Save **\$2.50**
\$8.50 (6-11) Save **\$0.50**
(5 & under free)

Riverview Park & Waterworld:

\$11.25 (5 & under free) Save **\$6.75**

Shipwreck Lagoon:

\$4.25 (2 & under free) Save **\$2.50**

Our discounted selling price (in blue)
How much you save off the gate price (underlined)

Familyland: (includes indoor & outdoor waterparks)
\$16.50 (2 & under free) Save **\$8.89**

Great America:

\$33.50 (adult 54" & taller) Save **\$7.69**
July 7-13th only! \$24.75 adult Save **\$16.44**
(We do not sell children's tickets)

House on the Rock:

\$16.00 (adult) Save **\$3.50**
\$ 9.50 (7-12) Save **\$2.00**
\$ 4.50 (4-6) Save **\$1.00** (3 & under Free)

Cash only for Ticket Transactions
No Credit Cards or Checks Accepted.

The Oak Creek Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of instructional/recreational activities for everyone this summer.

For more information call 768-6515.

Teen Line Up – Teen Adventure Camps (Noah's Ark, swimming, Six Flags, Ropes & Challenges and much more), Golf Leagues, Tennis Instruction, Golf Instruction, and more. Call for details.

Spaces are still available for:

Playground
Golf Instruction
Tennis Instruction and more.



Senior Citizen's Club – The doors are open for those who desire to broaden their horizons at the Oak Creek Parks & Recreation Senior Citizen's Forever Young Club. Plans are underway for fall special events and enrichment classes. New participants are always welcome.

Soccer & Flag Football – Registration for Oak Creek residents opens August 5th.

Fall Recreation Book – The fall recreation book will be delivered by mail to Oak Creek residents in mid-August.

Dogs In Parks

In order to provide an opportunity for City residents to walk/exercise their dogs as part of an outdoor recreational experience, the Common Council presently allows dogs in City parks.



To prevent conflicts between dogs and other park users we are asking dog owners to comply with the following park use guidelines...

Control:

It is unlawful for a dog to be allowed to run loose in the park. Owners must secure their dog on a strong leash under ten (10) feet long. Dogs must always be under the control of the owner.

Clean-Up:

Dog waste is not only offensive, it can also spread disease and parasites to other dogs and humans.



Hey, bud, could you help me out here?

It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow waste matter deposited by the dog to remain on park property.

Owners must carry a waste deposit receptacle to immediately remove all waste-matter deposited by their dog. Owners are asked to dispose of such waste

material in an appropriate manner at their home.

Prohibited Areas:

Owners are asked to keep their dogs out of picnic areas, play structure/swing areas and areas marked, "No Dogs Allowed".

Other Responsibilities for Dog Owners:

- You must keep your dog's license current. The current license tag is to be placed on your dog's collar.
- Do not allow your dog to trespass on public or private property or run loose, unleashed, or unattended.
- It is your responsibility to prevent your dog from injuring any person, property or other animal.
- Never allow your dog to bark, growl or threaten another person.

Please Don't Feed the Geese!

Manicured grass near an unobstructed body of water such as the pond area in Miller Park describes the habitat most loved by Canadian geese.

Feeding these geese will attract more geese and their added droppings will interfere with people's ability to enjoy the park.



So, please do not feed the geese. If we let them feed from nature it will be better for everyone.



Inspection Division

Art Biesek, Building Commissioner



Should We Feed Wild Animals?

The inspection division has received several complaints regarding the feeding of both wild and domestic animals.

It has been said that anyone who would oppose the feeding of animals from a deck or back yard must not like animals. Many people have the false notion that without the support of people a lot of these animals would probably die.

We share the public concern for wild and domestic animals turned loose. However, the health and safety of the community is our primary concern.

It has come to our attention that animals such as raccoons, possums, skunks



etc. are experiencing illnesses that can be passed to dogs and cats as well as children, and older adults. These sicknesses if not treated can be fatal.

By now everyone has heard about the disease affecting our deer herd. A major cause of the spread of this disease is well-meaning people feeding these wild animals.

People see these young, cute animals out and about and think that by feeding them they will help preserve them, when just the opposite is true. We should all remember that these wild animals are just that, wild, and to feed them will only hinder their struggle to survive as wild animals and in the end probably lead to their premature death.



As Sanitarian for the City of Oak Creek I have seen sick and injured animals suffer and I have seen firsthand what happens when pets are put out in the wild. I would appeal to the people of our community, "please do not feed these animals", and I would also urge folks not to release their pets into the wild. Please take them to a place where they can be properly cared for.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to make Oak Creek a safer, healthier community to live in.

TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

According to the Municipal Code, all persons going door-to-door soliciting must be licensed by the City of Oak Creek and must wear a photo ID badge. Non-profit and charitable organizations are not required to be licensed, but must be registered at the Police Department and wear ID badges as well. If you are aware of someone soliciting without proper identification, please contact the Police Department at 762-8200.





GED - High School Equivalency



A GED certificate is an essential item for any adult who has not earned a high school diploma.

A variety of new GED study materials are now available through funds generously donated by The Friends of the Oak Creek Public Library.

These study materials include a 39-volume series of videocassettes covering writing, reading, social studies, science and mathematics. In addition, there are 15 print titles complementing the video series, including two in Spanish.

GED testing has been substantially changed for 2002 and these videocassettes and books reflect these changes, providing up to date information for students.

The Friends of the Oak Creek Public Library is an independent organization interested in assisting the library. Stop in or phone the library for more information on the "Friends".

Ross M. Talis,
City Librarian



Join the Winner's Circle - READ!

Race to the Oak Creek Public Library and join our Summer Reading Program!

This summer we celebrate the many sports and games that can be read about in books! The 2002 Summer Library Program, "Join the Winner's Circle," is *free* and open to readers of all ages.

Programs offered include: Read-To-Me Club, a program for pre-readers that rewards children for time spent sharing books at home with loved ones. Children will receive prizes for listening to stories.

Winner's Circle Readers is a program that rewards 1st-6th grade students for time spent reading with others. Children will also receive prizes for reading on their own.



Hall of Fame is an exciting reading program for teens entering grades 7 through 9. It is designed to introduce students to great books while rewarding them with fun incentives!

Family Book Bingo is for the whole family. It is a fun program that encourages families to read together while completing a "family activity" bingo card.

Rebekah Raleigh,
Children's/Young Adult Librarian

Great prizes, new books, and our terrific reading clubs are all on the itinerary for this summer. Now is the time to take part in the Winner's Circle at the Oak Creek Public Library!



BONUS: Sign up for one of these great programs and enter to win a Green Bay Packer autographed football!

Call the Library at 764-4400 for more information about any of these free programs!

2002 Annual *Oak Creek* WATER QUALITY REPORT

WATER QUALITY EXCEEDS REGULATORY STANDARDS

This report summarizes the water quality provided to customers in 2001. It includes details about where your water comes from, what has been detected in your water and how it compares to regulatory standards. This water quality report will be made public annually by July 1. The Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility (OCWS) is committed to providing you with useful information.

OCWS produces some of the highest quality drinking water in the nation and always looks for new ways to improve. OCWS employees conduct thousands of water quality tests annually to ensure the cleanest, safest drinking water possible flows to customers. In fact, OCWS tests nearly three times more than the 970 quality controls required by government regulations. OCWS is proud to announce that last year, as in years past, your tap water met and exceeded all federal and state drinking water health standards.

LATEST INITIATIVE AT OCWS

In 2001, OCWS became Wisconsin's first municipal water supplier to commercially bottle and sell its water. Getting into the bottled water business develops a new revenue stream to offset water rates for our customers. Estimated bottled water sales could provide up to \$100,000 annually.

The formula used by OCWS to market and commercially bottle its water under the name Claire Baie, which means "clear creek" in French, partners the utility with a private bottling company. This formula keeps the utility in its area of expertise, processing water, and leaves the manufacturing, marketing and packaging of Claire Baie to others.

Claire Baie received international distinction in 2001 by winning a gold medal at the largest water tasting competition in the world, the 11th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Contest in Berkeley Springs, W.V. OCWS also has received the Director's Award for water quality from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of its Partnership for Safe Water. OCWS is the only Wisconsin utility to attain Phase III status from the EPA.

SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Infants and young children also are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than others in the community because of materials used in your home's plumbing system. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, run your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using tap water. You may also have your water tested and flushed. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



CUSTOMER QUESTIONS WELCOME

Numerous opportunities exist to learn more about the OCWS and water quality. If you have questions about drinking water quality, this report, water treatment plant tours or water commission meetings, please call the OCWS at (414) 570-8210.

SOURCE OF OAK CREEK'S DRINKING WATER

Oak Creek draws its drinking water from Lake Michigan, a surface water source. As water flows through rivers and lakes and over land surfaces, naturally occurring substances may be dissolved into the water. Animals and human activities also may affect the water. These substances then are called contaminants. Surface water sources may be highly susceptible to contaminants.

For example, the following contaminants might exist in "untreated" water: inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals; biological contaminants, such as viruses, protozoa and bacteria; organic chemicals from industrial or petroleum use; pesticides and herbicides; and radioactive materials.

Drinking water—including bottled water—may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

TREATED WATER QUALITY

Listed below are contaminants detected in Oak Creek's drinking water during 2001. All detects are less than federal and state regulations allow. Not listed are the nearly 3,000 tests conducted for approximately 150 contaminants that were not found during water testing.

The state allows OCWS to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

[How to Read the 2002 Annual Oak Creek Water Quality Report](#)

1. Read the definitions on the following page to better understand this report.
2. Choose a "Contaminant" on the chart.
3. Check the "Ideal Goal" (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) for that substance.
4. Note the "Highest Level Allowed" (Maximum Contaminant Level).
5. Compare the contaminant "Level Detected" in Oak Creek's water supply to the Ideal Goal and the Highest Level Allowed.

2002 ANNUAL OAK CREEK WATER QUALITY REPORT

SUBSTANCE	(Ideal Goals) MCLG	(Highest Level Allowed) MCL	LEVEL DETECTED	VIOLATION	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	5 % of monthly samples	1	NO	Naturally present in the environment.
Barium	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.019 ppm	NO	Natural deposits.
Copper Sample Date: 12/31/99	1.3 ppm	AL = 1.3 ppm	0.27 ppm	NO	Natural deposits. Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	4 ppm	4 ppm	1 ppm average Range: .1 - 1.5 ppm	NO	Natural deposits. Water additive that promotes strong teeth.
Lead Sample Date: 12/31/99	0 ppb	AL=15 ppb	4.4 ppb	NO	Natural deposits. Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Nickel	100 ppm		0.7 ppm	NO	Natural deposits.
Nitrate	10 ppm	10 ppm	0.45 ppm	NO	Natural deposits, fertilizer, animal waste, sewage.
Sodium	N/A	Unregulated	20 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulphate	N/A	Unregulated	23 ppm	NO	Natural deposits.
Bromodichloromethane	N/A	Unregulated	6.65 ppb average Range: 4.3 - 10 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Bromoform	N/A	Unregulated	.31 ppb average Range: nd - .75 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Chloroform	N/A	Unregulated	12.5 ppb average Range: 6.1 - 23 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Dibromochloromethane	N/A	Unregulated	3.3 ppb average Range: 2 - 5.4 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Trihalomethanes, Total	0 ppb	100 ppb	24 ppb average Range: 12.4 - 39.15 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Turbidity	N/A	TT = 5 NTU TT < 0.5 NTU 95% of the time	0.11 NTU	NO	Natural sediment.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level

(MCL): The highest level of a contaminant allowed by law in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk.

ppm: Parts per million.

ppb: Parts per billion.

AL = Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow. Action levels are reported at the 90th per-

centile for homes at greatest risk.

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter measure the level of radioactivity in water.

TT = Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

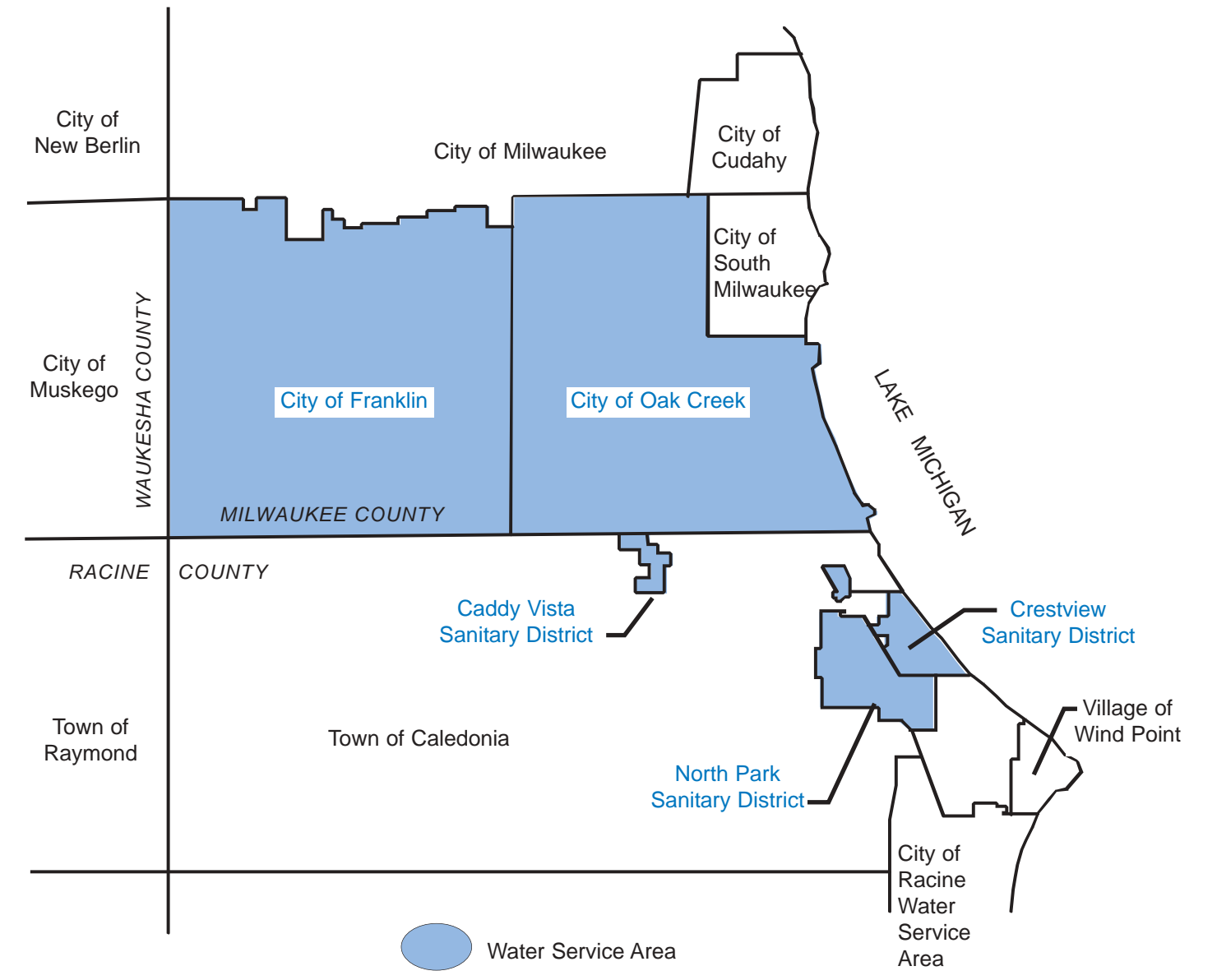
Trihalomethanes: chloroform, bromochloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform.

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units:

a measurement unit of turbidity, or water cloudiness, which is a good indicator of water quality.

*Each contaminant range is from no (or zero) detect to the maximum reported value.

OAK CREEK WATER UTILITY SERVICE AREA



BLOCK PARTIES

If you are planning a “block party”, please be aware that the City requires approval. You will need to stop by the City Clerk’s office approximately two weeks (or more) in advance to fill out an application, and provide a map detailing the location of the party. The Police, Fire and Street Departments, along with the Alderperson of your district, require approval. No fee is required.



If barricades will be needed to block off a portion of the street, you will be responsible for pickup and delivery from the Street Division, 800 W. Puetz Road, 570-5682, before 3:00 pm Friday.

Holiday Rubbish/Recycling/ Collection Days July - September, 2002

<u>Date of Pick-up</u>	<u>Date of Holiday</u>
Wednesday, July 3rd	(4th of July) Thursday, July 4th
Friday, August 30th	(Labor Day) Monday, September 2th



Police Department

Thomas Bauer, Police Chief Bill Wilson, Captain Warren Endthoff, Captain

AUCTION

The Oak Creek Police Department will hold its annual auction on Saturday, July 13th at the Police Station-7625 S. Howell Avenue.

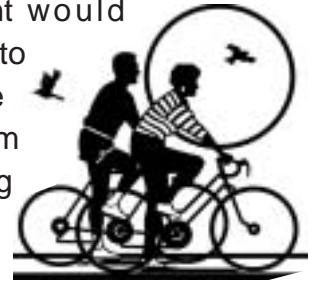


The items to be auctioned will consist of unclaimed property from cases that have been resolved, lost property that was turned into the Police Department and property from various City Departments. Viewing will be from 8-9 am with bidding beginning at 9 am. The auction will conclude upon all items being sold.

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BICYCLE LICENSE

The Police Department would like to remind all cyclists to license their bikes. A bicycle license can be obtained from the Police Department during normal business hours at a nominal \$3.50 fee.



The license is non-expiring and will enable the department to locate the owner of lost or stolen bikes when they are retrieved or turned in.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out 2002 will be held at the Oak Creek Community Center on Tuesday, August 6th from 5-9 pm. Mark your calendar for one of Oak Creek's most popular family events.



National Night Out is a nationwide campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and the police/community partnership. Bring your entire family for an evening of educational fun and excitement while enjoying free rides, prizes, and inexpensive food and beverages.

The Oak Creek Fire Department and the US Coast Guard will be joining the Police Department with safety awareness messages. Kids can participate in a coloring contest. Contest sheets are available at the Police Department, Fire Department, Library and The Center. This year's program will also feature "Animals of the African Rain Forest" and the Ronald McDonald Show. Enter to win a pair of Midwest Express tickets just by attending the event.

The night will conclude with a "flashlight walk" over to the high school for a brilliant display of Bartolotta fireworks. Questions? Contact Crime Prevention Officer Ron Piojda at 768-7435.

WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

Remember - all County and City parks close at 10 pm and the curfew in the City of Oak Creek is 11 pm to 5 am for children 16 years of age and under. The Oak Creek Police Department enforces these laws.

Along with the warm weather comes more outdoor activities. Car windows will be down and there will be more gatherings at residences. Please be courteous to your neighbors with regard to noise and loud music levels. The Oak Creek Police Department responds to complaints at all times of day, but the main hours of enforcement for loud noise/music (per City Ordinance) is between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am. The Noise Ordinance also designates that lawn care equipment cannot be operated between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am.

Rummage sale, garage sale, advertising or other such signs cannot be placed on streets, sidewalks or other public right-of-ways, nor can they be attached to public utility poles. Illegally posted signs will be removed by police personnel.

City ordinance prohibits the sale, possession or use of illegal fireworks, except paper caps, snakes and sparklers. However, keep in mind that sparklers can get as hot as 1200 degrees and can cause serious injury to young hands and eyes.



SUMMERTIME HOME SECURITY

We would like to give homeowners a few simple tips to protect their home during this popular vacation time of year:

- Residents can request a “vacation watch” of their home by the Oak Creek Police Department. Prior to leaving for vacation, contact the Department at 762-8200 and provide the dispatcher with information (i.e., your departure/return date, whether lights will be left on and when, if vehicles will be left in the driveway, any designated keyholders, etc.). Our Police Aides will then conduct periodic checks of your home while you are away.

- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers to build up while you are gone. Arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick up these items or stop your mail at the post office.

- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended period of time.

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other “secret” hiding places. Burglars know where to look for hidden keys.

- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuables, including a description of the items, date of purchase, original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home. The Oak Creek Police Department has an engraving tool available for public use which enables you to etch personal identification codes on your valuables. For more information on signing out the tool, call 768-7423. You can also make a photographic or video record of items in your home.

- Be a good neighbor. Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Program to get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. If you notice anything suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately and report it to the police.



May 1st marked the first anniversary of Oak Creek’s Crime Stoppers Program. Tips given to the Oak Creek Police Department through this program have resulted in several arrests and convictions.

With the help of the School Resource Officers at the middle schools and high school, the “Quick 50” Program was instituted. Students remain anonymous when calling in “tips”. A \$50 reward is offered for any information leading to the confiscation of drugs, alcohol or weapons on school property with an arrest of the offender(s).

Donation boxes to this worthwhile program are located throughout the City at various local businesses. Please help to support us in stopping crime in Oak Creek and keeping our schools safe.

NEW EMPLOYEES

The Police Department would like to welcome the following new employees:

Officer Thomas Delaney was appointed on March 11, 2002. Tom, a graduate of UW-Milwaukee, came to our Department from the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department where he was a deputy sheriff.



Officer Manojlo Verzich was sworn in on March 18, 2002. Manojlo (Manny) earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Marquette University and was previously employed at UPS.

Joyce Dombrowski was hired on March 15, 2002, to fill an existing opening as part-time property room technician. Joyce has previous experience in the field of law enforcement with the South Milwaukee Police Department.





Fire Department

Gerard Hammernik, Fire Chief George Krudop, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Rosandich, Assistant Fire Chief

Cell Phones and 9-1-1 Emergencies

Emergency dispatchers have been receiving an increasingly large number of calls from cellular phones. Over 40 million people across the United States have cell phones and many of these customers use them as their primary telephone. The popularity of cellular and wireless communications has created some concern for emergency services. When an emergency call is placed from a cellular phone, the caller must give the dispatcher complete incident information. If the dispatcher does not receive concise information, response times for emergency equipment may be significantly delayed.



It is important to know that 9-1-1 calls placed from cellular phones within the City of Oak Creek do not go directly to the Oak Creek Police or Fire departments.

Here in Milwaukee County, the Sheriff's Department receives all cellular 9-1-1 calls. But they will only respond to emergencies on the freeway. So, with this exception in mind, the Sheriff's department will transfer cellular 9-1-1 calls, made within our area, to the Oak Creek police or fire dispatcher.

This time transition from Sheriff's dispatch to local dispatch can be costly and confusing. So, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department suggests that 9-1-1 cell phone callers take the following steps to expedite emergency response:

* If calling from the interstate, give the interstate designation (I-94), the direction of travel

(north, south, east, or west) and the closest cross street, landmark, or mile marker.

* When calling from other locations, inform the Sheriff's dispatcher of the municipality of the emergency location. Let the dispatcher know what type of services are required (police, fire, or ambulance).

* Do not hang up! Stay on the line and wait to be transferred to the local fire or police dispatcher. The dispatcher will inform the caller when they have all the information they need and when it is safe to hang up.

Mobile communication technology does not support enhanced capabilities; therefore, the Sheriff's Department may not be able to immediately trace emergency calls. When 9-1-1 is dialed from a regular phone, the 9-1-1 dispatcher has access to the telephone number of the caller and the address from which they are calling (enhanced capability). Caller identification for cellular phones was not designed the same way. The Sheriff's Department only has access to a code number that can be used to eventually determine the origin of a cellular call. So, in an emergency situation, identification may not be realistic.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted rules to help emergency dispatchers locate people who call 9-1-1 from cellular phones. In the near future, cellular companies will need to enhance their systems with technology that provides the location of an emergency caller (within 400 feet). But, until this technology is available, those calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone must be careful to provide emergency dispatchers with enough information to assist rescuers in finding the emergency location.



Fire Fighter Retires

After more than 30 years of service, Lieutenant Wayne Lepak has retired from the Oak Creek Fire Department. Wayne started with the Fire Department on August 17, 1971 and was promoted to Lieutenant January 2, 1990. He served his last day on May 31, 2002.

Wayne served the City in several areas and he continues to be an active participant in the community. Wayne participated in many Fire Department public education programs. He was instrumental in instructing CPR, first aid and fire extinguisher classes. Wayne was dedicated to the fire service and his retirement is well deserved—we wish him and his family well.



Attention Seniors - Important Public Hearing Scheduled

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging will be holding a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public input. (dates listed below)

Caregivers, older adults and other interested persons are invited to come and offer suggestions on what types of services/programs should be provided for the elderly in the greater Milwaukee area. As a recipient of federal funding through the Older Americans Act, the Milwaukee Department on Aging is required to prepare a three year plan for 2003-2005. For more information call Mary Vaade 289-6073.

July 16th . . . 1:30 pm
Hales Corners Village Hall
5635 S. New Berlin Road
Hales Corners, WI 53130

July 18th 1:00 pm
Grobschmidt Senior Center
2424 15th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Would You Help Us With The Recycling Yard? Please Fold Your Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is the most popular item brought to the City of Oak Creek drop off site, especially on Saturdays. As some of you may have experienced, by 1:00 pm, the cardboard dumpsters are usually full and residents are told to place their cardboard in the garbage truck. For those residents who have taken the time to correctly handle their cardboard, this can be very aggravating.

If you bring your cardboard to the drop off site, PLEASE FOLD IT DOWN to 4 foot by 4 foot squares, no thicker than 8 inches! Styrofoam and/or wood should be removed from the cardboard before it is placed into the card-

board/paper recycling dumpsters. Please note that these dumpsters are exclusively for the recycling of **CARDBOARD AND PAPER!**

Packing peanuts, styrofoam, bubble wrap, wood or other miscellaneous packing items should not be placed in these dumpsters. If you are not sure where something should go, ask the yard attendant on duty.

One of the ways residents can help us with this problem is to utilize the recycling service offered to all homeowners in the City of Oak Creek. Corrugated cardboard will be picked up curbside, along with your other recyclables, if the cardboard is broken down to 4 foot by 4 foot squares, no thicker than 8 inches and placed on top of your recycling cart.

You may also call 570-5682 Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 3:15 pm. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





habitat and water quality benefits. A vegetated buffer zone can be incorporated into the landscape using a number of simple and straightforward techniques, many of which actually reduce time and maintenance effort.

A buffer zone can be incorporated simply by establishing a “no-mow” zone along the water’s edge. Turf grasses will grow 12-24 inches tall before going to seed.

For creating or maintaining a view of the water, consider selective removal of branches, trees, shrubs and ground cover to create clear areas while maintaining vegetation in other areas.

For certain areas, it may be desirable to plant native plants or live stakes to give nature a helping hand. Information on native shoreland plant species is available from the UW-Extension at www.clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/index.html.

Please note that City ordinance requires natural lawns to be maintained at a height of 12 inches or less, and certain areas, such as plat-
ted subdivisions with buildings on 50% or more of the lots, are required to maintain the grass at six inches or less. Additionally, noxious weeds such as ragweed are excluded from the definition of natural lawn.

If you have questions, please check with the City Inspection Department to determine specific requirements for your property prior to establishing a vegetated buffer area.



Shoreland Protection and Restoration

Owners of shoreland or stream bank property have a uniquely challenging landscaping opportunity. Waterside property protection and preservation not only enhance the value and beauty of their property, it can also improve the fish and aquatic habitat as well.

There are several ways the City is working to protect our stream banks and shorelines, and there are measures that riparian owners can take to help maintain the value and beauty of their property.

Most property owners landscape in a traditional manner maintaining lawn right up to the water’s edge. However, a vegetated buffer zone could provide benefits not found with a regular lawn, such as less mowing and maintenance, as well as

BRANCH PICK UP

Branch pick up will continue through November.

To guarantee that your branches are picked up by the Street Division, you must bring them to the curb or roadside by the first of the month. If you do not have them placed there at that time, your branches will not be picked up until the following month.

Remember, branches should be stacked neatly with the cut off ends facing the road.





th of July
Activity Schedule

" Red, White & Blue 2002 "



8:00 am

Parade Assembles
at Edgewood Elementary School

8:45 am

Music - Gordon's Music
Makers at the Legion Area

9:00 am

Parade - proceeds to the
Legion Grounds

10:30 am

Free Ice Cream at the Upper
Legion Grounds after Parade

11:00 am

Rides & Games
at the Legion Grounds
Penny Scramble (ages 2-5)
at the Upper Legion Grounds

Noon

Music - "Al & Friends w/ Jeff
Stoll" (50's, 60's & 70's Music)
at the Lenny Weiss Pavilion

1:00 pm

DJ - Nancy Flanders, at the
Pavilion
Care for Critters -
Milwaukee Zoological Society /
Roundy's / Pick'n Save - Animals of
the Rain Forest Program at the
Legion Grounds

5:00 pm

Music - Roadhouse Ross & the
Real Deal Band at the Weiss
Outdoor Pavilion

8:00 pm (Just prior to the fireworks)

Youth Races - (ages 6-13) at
the East Middle School ballfield

8:30 pm

Music - Oak Creek Assembly of
God Sanctuary Choir "Celebrate
Freedom" at the Legion Grounds

9:15 pm

Fire Works

Parks and Recreation Ballgame Schedule

11:00 am - Noon

East Middle School North
Tee Ball

11:00 am - Noon

East Middle School Central
Elem. Girls' Softball

Noon - 1:30 pm

East Middle School North
Rookie Ball

Noon - 1:30 pm

East Middle School Central
Elementary Baseball

City of Oak Creek Softball Championship

Men & Women - Single Elimination (if interest
warrants) Thursday - July 4th - 11am to 6 pm



City Forestry

Rebecca Lane, City Forester

Oak Creek has been awarded the Tree City USA designation for the second consecutive year. In addition, Oak Creek has been given a Tree City USA Growth Award for performance beyond the requirements of Tree City USA.

The Growth Award categories include:



1. A Grant Project with Wisconsin Electric to relocate potentially large trees under utility lines and replace with lower growing species.
2. Foundational landscaping in Oak Leaf Park.

Our 2002 Arbor Day celebration encompassed two projects: City Forestry worked with the President of the Oak Creek Historical Society, Mr. Elroy Honadel, to make some tree replacements for hazardous trees lost to removal. Our Historical Society plantings included the following Oak Creek natives: red oak, ironwood and white ash.

Again this year we worked with Mr. Bob Wadinski and his science classes at Oak Creek High School. This time around, we worked on a tree preservation project to help nurture and protect valuable trees (white oak, shagbark hickory) on Groveland Drive during a construction project.

A special thanks to those who shared in our community celebration!



Arbor Day 2002 Celebration

The Parks and Recreation Department welcomes our 2002 Forestry Intern Shawn Lee. Shawn is a senior at UW-Milwaukee majoring in Conservation/Animal Ecology



Visit Old-Time Wisconsin Right Here in Oak Creek

Have you ever driven by the southeast corner of 15th and Forest Hill Avenue and wondered about those old buildings? Well, that's the site of The Oak Creek Historical Society.



These six historical buildings were moved here from various places in Wisconsin. They are the 1874 Town Hall, the 1840's Hughes Log Cabin, the Wohulst Blacksmith Shop, the

Franke Summer Kitchen, a large farm shed and the Sobczak cobbler shops.

The museum is open on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm all summer. Feel free to stop by for a free tour. You'll enjoy these historic buildings beautifully furnished in donated archival pieces.

The Society is looking for

new members. Are you interested in history, genealogy, old buildings or just helping to preserve the history of Oak Creek? You are welcome to join. Dues are \$5.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for a family. Our meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm here at 15th and Forest Hill. The next meeting will be on June 24th and you are more than welcome to attend.

We will have a rummage sale booth at the Community Center on June 8th and July 13th. If you have any donations, please call us at 761-2572.

Plans are being finalized for the 4th Annual Fall Festival which will be held on the premises Sunday, September 29th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come and enjoy the activities, food, bake sale, old time displays, genealogy workshop and blacksmith demonstration. This free event will be an enjoyable time for the whole family.

For more information, please call 414-761-2572

or visit our web site ochistorical.freesevers.com.



Photos taken from "Images of America" compiled by Larry & Anita Rowe. This book has over 200 photos of historical Oak Creek from 1870 - 1960. Available at the Museum Gift Shop or the Oak Tree Gallery, 8635 S. Howell Ave.

Health Department



Debbie Schier, Community Public Health Administrator Sue Wojcinski, Public Health Nurse Supervisor



Mosquito Control

Mosquitoes can be quite pesky! Here are some simple mosquito control techniques.



- Use a mosquito repellent
- Wear long pants and shirts with long sleeves.
- Mosquitoes are more “active” at dusk; try scheduling your activities inside during that time.
- Mosquitoes lay their eggs on/in water. Make sure you do not have “standing” water in your yard. Watch for crevices in planters or tire swings. If you have a pond or drainage ditch, inspect it regularly for signs of eggs.



Some mosquitoes transmit a disease called the West Nile Virus. The Wisconsin Division of Public Health will continue to test certain birds, as they did last year, for this virus. *They will only test crows, blue jays, and ravens.* Contact the Health Department at 768-6525 to report any dead or sick birds of these species.

How “Heart Healthy” Are You?

Your Health Department is planning to promote activities for “Heart Health” this coming year. Please let us know if you would be willing to participate and what we should focus on. Send us a note on the activities you prefer (diet, exercise, etc.) and how you would participate (attend a class, join an exercise group, etc.). Thanks for your assistance.



Are You Prepared for the “Summer Heat”?

Extreme heat can be deadly for those in the following groups: the elderly or infants, those with chronic heart/lung/metabolic diseases, those taking medications for mental illness and individuals whose activity or environment place them at increased risk of heat injury (construction workers, athletes, etc.). Please listen to the radio or TV newscast for heat alerts.

Here are a few suggested ways to avoid heat related illness/death.

- If possible, stay in a “cool” area from 10 am – 2 pm when the sun’s rays are the strongest.
- Be sure to use sunscreen when outside.
- Wear clothing in layers.
- Drink plenty of fluids. (avoid alcohol/caffeine)
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Use fans to circulate air in your home.
- Use air conditioning if possible.
- Go to a “cooling” center such as a shopping mall, library, or other such air-conditioned facility.



Call 768-6525 if you need to contact your Health Department with any heat-related concerns.

**Wisconsin Tobacco
Quit
Line**
1-877-270-STOP
toll free

July 2002

- 2 7:00 pm [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 3 NO MUNICIPAL COURT
- 4 CLOSED JULY 4th HOLIDAY
- 9 4:45 pm Library Board (b)
- 7:00 pm [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
- 10 5:00 pm Municipal Court
- 7:00 pm Water and Sewer Utility Commission (a)
- 16 7:00 pm [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 17 NO MUNICIPAL COURT
- 18 9:00-11:00 am Immunization Clinic
- 22 or 23 ... 7:00 pm [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
(dependent on need for special election)
- 23 7:00 am-8:00 pm .SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MILWAUKEE
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 19th DISTRICT.
(IF REQUIRED)
- 24 5:00 pm Municipal Court

August 2002

- 1 2:30-5:30 pm Immunization Clinic
- 5 7:00 pm .. Monday [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 6 5:00 pm National Night Out
- 7 6:00 pm Municipal Court
- 13 4:45 pm Library Board (b)
- 7:00 pm [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
- 14 5:00 pm Municipal Court
- 7:00 pm Water and Sewer Utility Commission (a)
- 15 9:00-11:00 am Immunization Clinic
- 20 7:00 pm [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 21 6:00 pm Municipal Court
- 27 7:00 pm [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
- 28 5:00 pm Municipal Court
- 29 7:30 pm Town Hall Meeting – Milwaukee
County Supervisor LeAnn Launstein



We salute those who have fought and those who continue to fight for our freedom.

September 2002

- 2 CLOSED LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- 3 7:00 pm [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 4 6:00 pm Municipal Court
- 5 2:30-5:30 pm Immunization Clinic
- 9 7:00 pm ... Monday [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
- 10 4:45 pm Library Board (b)
- 7:00 am-8:00 pm .FALL PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION
- 11 5:00 pm Municipal Court
- 7:00 pm Traffic and Safety Commission
- 7:00 pm Water and Sewer Utility Commission (a)
- 12 6:30 pm Parks and Recreation Commission
- 17 7:00 pm [COMMON COUNCIL MEETING](#)
- 18 6:00 pm Municipal Court
- 19 9:00-11:00 am Immunization Clinic
- 24 7:00 pm [PLAN COMMISSION](#)
- 25 5:00 pm Municipal Court