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Dear Oak Creek Residents:

It is good to see signs of healthy economic development in our community! Oak Creek's commercial growth has escalated along Howell Avenue, with the Target store project and Pickerman's restaurant, both near Kohl's Department store. As you can see, construction has started on a mall at the corner of Centennial Drive, the future home of popular businesses and restaurants. The North Shore Bank is also in the works for the Howell Avenue and Puetz Road area.

By the time this newsletter is delivered, the property tax bills will have gone out. The Council and I spent many hours reviewing expenses before establishing the tax levy needed, but the work to efficiently spend tax dollars has not stopped:

Streamlining city operations continues to be investigated in an effort to save money. Except for those that are essential or extremely well used, no bike path snowplowing will be performed this winter. Grass cutting policies for both parks and road sides will be reviewed by next spring. The sharing of equipment and staffing among departments to eliminate duplicated efforts continues to be assessed.

Due to the terrific response of residents last fall, there is the possibility that the Street Department yard will remain open for certain evening hours during the summer months.

I will continue to have "Saturday Morning with the Mayor" here at City Hall. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 768-6500 for upcoming dates.

Have a happy holiday season!

Dick Bolender

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To serve the City of Oak Creek more efficiently, we have combined the *Acorn* City Newsletter and the Recreation Guide into one publication which will save the City money while reaching more readers.

The *Acorn* Recreation Guide and City Newsletter will be mailed to all City of Oak Creek residents in:

mid-December

mid-May

mid-August

NOT GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER?

ARE YOU A NON-RESIDENT AND WOULD LIKE TO GET THE ACORN RECREATION GUIDE AND CITY NEWSLETTER?

All newsletters are now delivered by the US Postal Service. Non-residents who wish to receive a newsletter may **send \$1 for each issue** with your name and address by November 30 for the Winter newsletter, April 15 for the Summer newsletter, or July 31 for the Fall newsletter to:

**Oak Creek Parks, Rec. & Forestry
8640 S. Howell Avenue
Oak Creek, WI 53154**

or

**drop-off in the 24-hour drop box by
the east entrance to City Hall**



Owners of shoreland or stream bank property have a unique landscaping opportunity and challenge. For owners of waterside property, protection and preservation of the shoreline not only enhances the value and beauty of their property, it can help 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 some simple measures that riparian owners can also take to help maintain the value and beauty of their property.

Many property owners landscape with a traditional lawn right up to the water's edge. However, a vegetated buffer zone can provide benefits not found with a regular lawn, such as less mowing and maintenance, as well as habitat and water quality benefits. A vegetated buffer zone can be incorporated into the landscaping using a number of simple and straightforward measures, many of which actually reduce time and effort needed to maintain the area.



- Native plants can provide food and habitat to attract songbirds and butterflies to your yard. Information on native shoreland plant species is available from the UW-Extension at www.clean-water.uwex.edu.
- 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.
- Please note that City ordinance requires natural lawns to be maintained at a height of 12 inches or less, and certain areas, such as platted 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 a question, please check with the City Inspection Department to determine specific requirements for your property prior to establishing a vegetated buffer area.

WATER UTILITY

WISCONSIN WATER ASSOCIATION CITES TREATMENT PLANT MANAGER

Operator Meritorious Award identifies contributions to pursuit of safe water

Oak Creek Water Treatment Plant Manager Patrick Francis was recognized as the Operator Meritorious for Wisconsin at the Wisconsin Water Association (WWA) annual meeting held in Middleton this September.

“Pat Francis received this award for his commitment and leadership to continuously providing safe drinking water,” said WWA Chairman James Chaffee. “Proof of his dedication shows in the numerous times the Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility has been recognized over the years at the national and local levels.”

A 28-year veteran of the water and sewer utility, Francis received the award for leading the utility’s involvement in the national Partnership for Safe Water Program, a program developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and American Water Works Association.

The partnership’s goal is to provide a new measure of safety to millions of Americans by implementing prevention programs where legislation or regulation does not exist. The preventative measures are based on optimizing treatment plant performance to increase protection against microbial contamination in America’s drinking water supply.

Additional areas of accomplishment cited in Francis’s nomination:

- Continuous compliance with public health standards
- Outstanding contribution to plant maintenance
- Development of more effective, efficient water treatment processes
- Special efforts made to train treatment plant operators
- Consistent and outstanding operation and maintenance contributions.

The Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility produces some of the highest quality drinking water in the nation. Always seeking new ways to improve, utility employees conduct thousands of water quality tests annually to ensure the cleanest, safest drinking water possible flows to customers. In fact, the utility tests nearly three times more than the 970 quality controls required by government regulations. The utility is proud to announce its water meets and exceeds all federal and state drinking water health standards.



Oak Creek Water Treatment Plant Manager Patrick Francis receives Operator Meritorious distinction from Wisconsin Water Association CEO Jack Albrechtson at the WWA annual meeting in September. Francis’s relentless pursuit to supply clean, safe drinking water prompted the award.

WELLNESS

2004 RESOLUTIONS

There’s no better time than the present!



Have you made your New Year’s Resolution yet? Have you already tossed it aside? To make a resolution is to make a decision. A decision to eat healthier, start an exercise plan, save money, quit smoking, make a change for the better. Set a goal. Whatever it is that you want to change for the better, the first step is to make the decision. Make it on a daily basis. Take it one day at a time. Put it on a 3 x 5 note card and put it on your bathroom mirror. Write it down on a piece of paper, put it in your pocket and carry it around all day. Tell the people you spend time with that you’ve made the decision. Visual reminders and verbally making a statement to others solidifies your desire to make a change and tells others that you want their support to reach your goal. Picture yourself in a few days, a few weeks and a few months, when you’ve stuck to your decision. Picture how you will feel when you look back and say you’ve made a change for the better (lost those pounds, wear smaller clothes, saved up for that big purchase, have clearer lungs)! Make the decision, follow through—day by day. Before you know it, you’ll be living a healthier life! Then on to the next resolution.

OAK CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR YOU

VOTER REGISTRATION

Oak Creek residents can register to vote any time the library is open. Remember to bring current identification showing your name and address.

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION

If you have recently reserved materials, you are familiar with the automated *Telephone Notification System* used to let you know that your materials have arrived. You can now be notified that your materials have arrived by e-mail. Give the staff at the circulation desk your e-mail address to start this service.

EXAM PROCTORING

If you are a long distance student, you can have your examinations proctored at the library. Talk to the librarian at the reference desk for full information.

NOTARY SERVICE

Notary public service is available most mornings and afternoons and during limited evening and weekend hours. Call the library at 764-4400 for full information.

WE WANT YOUR YEARBOOKS

The Oak Creek Public Library would like to expand its collection of Oak Creek High School Yearbooks. Do you have a yearbook that you no longer need? We are especially looking for yearbooks from the 80s and 90s, but will accept any you have. Please drop your donation off at the checkout desk.

ATTENTION BOOK LOVERS

Do you enjoy reading and talking about books?

The Oak Creek Public Library's Evening Book Club is looking for new members. The group generally meets from 6:30-7:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 3 September through May. We'll be reading some thought-provoking books in the coming months.

Jan. 27 *The River King* by Alice Hoffman

Feb. 24 *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson

Mar. 23 *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

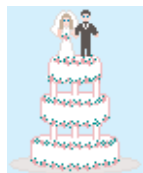
Apr. 27 *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

May 25 *Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Parker.

Come join us for a lively discussion and meet new friends who love to read, too!

Call Sue Kaczmarek at 764-4400 to register and reserve your copy of the next book.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



**RECENTLY SOLD YOUR PROPERTY?
JUST MOVED?
MARITAL STATUS CHANGED?**

All changes need to be recorded at:

Milwaukee County, Recording Office
901 North 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
Phone: (414) 278-4000

When the City of Oak Creek Assessor's office receives copies of either the recorded deed or the real estate transfer return, the appropriate changes will be made immediately.

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED?

If your mailing address has changed, please contact the Assessor's Office at (414) 768-6506.



BLOCK PARTIES

If you are planning to hold a "block party", please be aware that City officials require approval. You will need to stop by the City Clerk's office approximately two weeks (or more) in advance to fill out an application, along with a map detailing where the party is to be held. 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 Rd., 570-5682, before 3 PM Friday.

SPRING CLEAN UP

SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS MAY 15, 2004

The Street Department will conduct a spring clean up beginning on May 15, 2004. **Items that will be picked up are as follows:**

- Furniture
- Wood
- Appliances
- Metal
- Mattresses
- Televisions
- Carpeting/Rugs
- Yard Waste; **excluding leaves and grass**
- Construction Materials; **not resulting from a contractor**

Items that **will not** be picked up are as follows:

- Paints
- Tires
- Batteries
- Hazardous Materials
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves

Residents are required to have their items at the curb or roadside by the morning of May 15th in order to be guaranteed a pick up.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"IT'S YOUR BODY, YOU BETTER TAKE CARE"

Ready for a challenge? Begin with small steps to better health.

The Health Department will be beginning a new prevention grant program in 2004. This program encourages participants to improve their cardiovascular health by making small behavioral changes. Participants will select an individual goal such as consuming more fruits and vegetables or increasing physical activity. Individuals and/or families are welcome.

Tips, activity logs, special programs, incentives and other activities will be offered as part of this program. There will be information available about the grant at the Health Expo in March. Join other participants for an informational "kick-off" at the Oak Creek City Hall on April 1, 2004. Call us at 768-6525 for more information.

How about taking the challenge to increase your physical activity to 204 times in 2004?

DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY FAIRS

These fairs are for all children ages 3-4 years. They will be screened for language and reasoning skills and will do some physical activities. They will also make a nutritious snack. Parents will learn about home and personal safety and will have a chance to ask questions about their child's development. There will be gifts for all families and door prizes. The fairs will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on January 29th, March 9th, and May 26th from 8:45-11:15 AM. Call 768-6525 for more information and to schedule your child's appointment.

HEALTH EXPO

The 10th annual Chamber of Commerce (SECUB) Health Expo will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the Oak Creek Community Center from 10 AM - 3 PM. There will be something for everyone, no matter what your age! Information from local health-related businesses will be available about:

- Exercise/Yoga/Martial Arts/Massage Therapy
- Dental Care
- Vision Concerns
- Health Department Programs
- Tobacco Control
- Fire Safety
- Senior Living
- Non-toxic Cleaning Products and much more

Demonstrations will include:

- Fireman Friendly
- Low Fat Cooking

Screenings may include:

- Blood Pressure
- Glaucoma
- Bone Density

Come prepared for a day of fun and learning. There is no charge to attend but donations will be accepted for the food pantry at the Salvation Army or of glasses/hearing aides for the Lions' Club. Contact Jenny Polachowski @ 414-768-5845 for further information.

INTERESTED IN QUITTING SMOKING? Call the Tobacco Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP (7867).

NEW NEW NEW!!! DRIVE-UP 24 HOUR DEPOSITORY

Would you like to avoid waiting in long lines to make your tax payment? How about not having to rush to get to City Hall before 5:00 PM? Better yet, how would you like to make your Tax Payment or Water & Sewer Utility Payment without ever having to get out of your vehicle?



Come check out the new convenient Drive-up 24 Hour Depository, located at City Hall on the east side of the south parking lot (Puetz Road).

Simply place your bill, along with a check, money order or cashier's check (NO CASH) in a sealed, standard size envelope. Drive to City Hall and follow the drop box signs. Enter the drive-thru facing Puetz Road, drop your envelope into the slot and drive away. It's that easy!

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE



ATTENTION TAXPAYERS!!!

Please read carefully to see the changes for payment of property tax bills—

Note: For any tax payment, your check(s) should be payable to Treasurer, or City of Oak Creek.

BY MAIL, for payments made January 31st or before use the envelope enclosed with your tax bill. All other payments, mail to: City Treasurer, City of Oak Creek, 8640 S. Howell Avenue., Oak Creek, WI 53154. You will be sent a receipt of payment by the Treasurer's office.

IN PERSON AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR TRI-CITY BANK LOCATIONS:

- S. 27th St. and College Avenue
- W. Ryan Rd. near S. 27th St
- MegaMall Pick 'n Save store (corner of Puetz Rd. & Howell Avenue)
- Pick 'n Save store (S. 27th St. near College Avenue)

You will receive a receipt from the bank.

NEW! DRIVE UP 24-HOUR DEPOSITORY, located at City Hall on the east side of the south parking lot. NO CASH!!!

IN PERSON AT CITY HALL, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except on December 24, December 25, and January 1. For those wishing to pay in 2003 for income tax purposes, the Treasurer's office will be open on Wednesday, December 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. On that day, taxpayers must use the east entrance, near the Parks & Recreation Department. **To expedite payment**, please have all checks completed in advance and bring along your tax bill.

"PAID-IN-FULL" PAYMENT IS DUE JANUARY 31, 2004. Please note that any refunds over \$250 will be sent to you by mail ten days to three weeks from payment date. To receive any refund over \$250 immediately, you must make your payment directly at one of the Tri-City Bank locations.

INSTALLMENT OPTION, *all* payments must be made as listed below. Any payments not made by the due date will result in delinquency of taxes and forfeiture of the installment option.

FIRST INSTALLMENT - 50% of net real estate taxes plus all special charges due on or before January 31, 2004

SECOND INSTALLMENT - 25% of net real estate taxes due on or before March 31, 2004

THIRD INSTALLMENT - 25% of net real estate taxes due on or

before May 31, 2004.

Please, if at all possible, take advantage of the drive-up 24-hour depository, the U.S. mail, or any of the four Tri-City Bank locations, and avoid waiting in long lines at City Hall.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The tax bill is the only bill you will receive. Payments are considered delinquent if received in person, or post-marked after the due date. The postmark governs the date of payment—**NOT** the date on your check. ***There is no grace periods.*** Late payments will accumulate interest and penalty charges from February 1st at 1 ½ % per month on the unpaid principal balance.

For more information, please visit our website at www.oakcreekwi.org. Click on the applicable link found under City Departments, then Treasurer's Office.



PET LICENSE INFORMATION

The City of Oak Creek requires a license for dogs and cats over five months of age. Residents must provide a current certificate of rabies vaccination (showing the tag number and the expiration date) at the time of licensing. You may mail in the certificate along with your application and fee, and it will be returned with your license. The license year commences January 1 and ends December 31. The deadline for purchasing a license is March 31. Starting April 1, a late fee will be assessed. Late fees are double the amount due. If you have any questions, please contact the **Treasurer's office at 768-6501**.



Male or Female Dog/Cats	\$20.00
Neutered/Spayed Dog/Cats	\$10.00

To see the City Pet Ordinance, please visit our website at www.oakcreekwi.org. Click on the link found under City Departments, Treasurer's Office, and then Pet Licensing.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SPRING ELECTIONS

The Spring Primary and Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held February 17, 2004. The Spring General Election will be held Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Local offices up for election are:

Position	Incumbent
City Clerk (2-yr. term)	Beverly A. Buretta
City Treasurer (2-yr. term)	Barbara Guckenberger
Municipal Judge (2-yr. term)	John Grahovac
Aldersperson, 2 nd District (2-yr. term)	Allan M. Foeckler
Aldersperson, 4 th District (2-yr term)	Michael E. Toman
Aldersperson, 6 th District (2-yr term)	Charles Koehler
Any Referenda items, if required.	

Due to the expected large voter turnout at the February 17th Spring Primary and Presidential Preference Primary Election, those residents not currently registered are encouraged to register to vote early. A qualified elector must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the City for at least 10 days prior to registering to vote. You must present a form of ID showing proof of residence that includes:

- A current and complete name, including both the given and family name, and
- A current and complete residential address, including a numbered street address and a municipality name

Acceptable forms of proof of residence are:

- Motor vehicle operator's license
- Wisconsin identification card
- Any other official ID card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit or by an employer in the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A credit card or plate
- A library card
- A check-cashing or courtesy card issued by a merchant in the normal course of business
- A real estate tax bill or receipt, for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day
- A university, college or technical institute fee card
- A university, college or technical institute identification card
- An airline pilot's license
- A gas, electric or telephone service statement for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day

If no acceptable proof of residence is available, a person may have his or her residence corroborated by an elector who resides in the municipality. A corroborator shall provide acceptable proof of residence.

You may register to vote:

City Hall Clerk's Office Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM
Library during regular business hours
By Mail

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 768-6500 with questions about your correct voting district/ward, for absentee ballot information, or for registration by mail.



Bull Thistle

****OFFICIAL NOTICE****
CITY OF OAK CREEK
NOXIOUS WEEDS



Sow Thistle

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

(a) In addition to the weeds mentioned to be noxious under s. 66.96(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the following weeds are also declared to be noxious weeds within the boundaries of the City of Oak Creek: Bull Thistle, Wild Carrot, Sour Dock, Wild Mustard, Chickory, Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, Sow Thistle, Burdock.

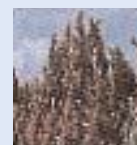
(b) Except as provided in sub. (c), all weeds and grass in platted subdivisions which have buildings on more than 50% of the lots in the subdivision, in multi-family apartments and complexes, planned developments and mobile home districts shall be cut to and maintained at a height not to exceed six (6) inches. All weeds and grass in platted subdivisions which have buildings on 50% or less of the lots or which are not located in platted subdivisions and all weeds and grasses in business and manufacturing zoning districts shall be cut to a height not to exceed one foot (12 inches).

The City Weed Commissioner may cause all weeds, grass and brush to be cut and removed, in accordance with this subsection and the cost thereof shall be charged to the property owner pursuant to Section 66.98(1) Wis. Stats.

(c) The provisions for destruction of noxious weeds and cutting of all weeds and grass as provided above shall not apply to areas which are designated by the Common Council as nature centers or wildlife preserves.



Wild Carrot



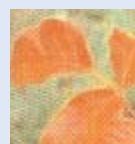
Sour Dock



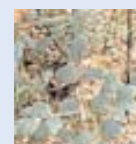
Wild Mustard



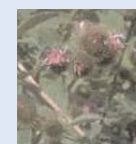
Chickory



Poison Ivy-winter



Poison Oak



Burdock

FORESTRY

PROTECTING TREES DURING CONSTRUCTION

We are all familiar with that old adage, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”—a statement perfectly suited to tree preservation during construction. It is often not that difficult to preserve trees through development, yet commonly preservation measures are not taken and trees are left to slowly decline. Then arborists are called upon to do the impossible: save trees after the fact.

Early tree preservation planning and contractor communication are crucial factors for effective preservation. Whether paying extra for a wooded lot or a few mature trees, you will want to ensure that trees have been properly protected through construction activity. Here is some food for thought but this article by no means covers it all.

What Trees Should You Save?

People are drawn to the size and magnificence of mature trees and often want to save the largest trees on a site. However, if a large tree is already in decline, it will not have a good future. Sometimes healthy medium-sized trees, or even high quality small trees, are of greater value.

Carefully consider where a tree will be in proximity to buildings and pavement. It would take one superior arborist and unique protective measures to save large trees located too close to buildings. Just because a tree next to a house is alive when a building sells doesn't mean it has been spared irreparable damage. Too often these trees decline over five, ten or more years and become costly and regrettable.

Some species of trees are more sensitive to disturbance than others. Or, disturbance may cause susceptibility to damaging agents. (see the No. 1 website below for a table of trees and their sensitivity to construction). For example, American elm is considered tolerant to disturbance, if only Dutch Elm Disease wasn't so prevalent. A wooded lot of predominately American elm can be an expensive liability rather than an asset. It is not uncommon to pay a \$20,000 or \$30,000 premium for a wooded lot. The species composition of your lot can have an impact on ultimate value.

Above the Ground

Tree preservation fencing should be erected around forest tree lines, groups of trees and individual specimens. Fencing protects the trunk, crown and root zone beneath and around the tree. It must be clearly communicated that the fencing guards a no entry zone.

In the past it was often recommended that preservation fencing be constructed at a tree's dripline (an imaginary line drawn from the most distant branch ends to the ground). That minimum standard was not adequate to save most mature trees.

Any extra room within the preservation fencing translates to a greater chance of tree survival. Another consideration is how a tree has developed naturally. If it was forest grown with a thin-crown, a standard dripline would be inadequate to save roots that have branched out in a forest environment.

Prune only dead branches before development activity. It stresses trees to remove branches that provide leaf area to photosynthesize – which will help roots to re-establish. Wounds require energy to close; energy that can be better spent in recovering from root disturbance.

Mulch and water within the dripline. Continue watering during and after construction. Monitor activity diligently to keep contractors and subcontractors informed and accountable.

Ground Disturbance and Roots

In general, development activity including grading, digging, trenching and even uninformed landscaping, harms and stresses trees making them more susceptible to decline by insects, disease and decay.

Grading changes are often the most damaging to trees during construction. When soil is removed from a tree's root zone, serious damage occurs. Most of a tree's fine “feeding” roots are within the top 12 inches of soil. Along with construction comes compaction caused by vehicular traffic and machinery vibration. Compaction is the pressing together of soil particles so tightly that soil pores are decreased causing oxygen and even water deficits. Our fine Oak Creek clays are easily compacted. Development activity can leave soil as impermeable as a brick.

Grade changes that add soil and bury trees are also damaging. Root flares and trunks that are meant to be above the ground, begin to decay. Root injuries are buried. In the worst case, a tree may completely fail, breaking off at the base.

Invariably, ground disturbance severs roots. It is best if a clean cut can be made so that roots will regenerate instead of decaying. Torn roots can sometimes be repaired by hand with a sharp saw and hand pruners.

At a minimum, read up on tree preservation measures or consider hiring an arborist to produce a written plan. You may save money on preservation versus the cost of large tree removal.

For more detailed information visit one of these excellent sites:

1. <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/housingand-clothing/DK6135.html>
2. <http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/pubs/ufmanual/construction/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Police Department would like to remind all citizens that winter parking restrictions are in effect until April 1st. During this time, there is no parking allowed on the streets in the City of Oak Creek during the following hours:

- Monday thru Friday from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Permission may be granted by the Police Department (on a day-to-day basis) for exceptions to this during emergencies, if a vehicle becomes disabled, or if there is an overnight guest.

UTILITY PROBLEMS

During severe weather, the Police Department receives an abundance of telephone calls from residents wishing to report utility problems. These problems should be reported directly to the respective utility company at the following 24-hour phone numbers:

- Wisconsin Electric 221-3333
- Wisconsin Natural Gas 1-800-236-9874
- Ameritech Repair 1-888-611-2344

The Oak Creek Police Department is always looking for your help solving crimes. You can remain 100% anonymous and receive a reward for your tip. Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 766-7699 and help keep our community a safe place to live.

The "Quick 50" program is also available in the middle schools and high school. 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 POLICE STATION-301 W. RYAN ROAD

After a five-year process, the new Oak Creek Police station opened for business on August 18, 2003. A well-attended dedication ceremony was held on Friday, September 26th, with a public open house on Saturday, September 27th. The new station's major components include a secure detention facility, police/fire/EMS dispatch center, evidence lab, fleet garage, vehicle maintenance garage, shooting range, and Municipal Court



room. Fine payments and open records requests can be made during normal business hours—Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A 24-hour drop box is available in the station lobby for payments after hours.

To contact the department or report a crime, please call:

- 762-8200 Non-emergency
- 9-1-1 Emergency
- 766-7658 Open Records Requests
- 766-7621 Municipal Court information

ATTENTION TDD USERS

The Oak Creek Police Department can receive calls from hearing impaired persons on a TDD machine. *However, we have found that if a hearing impaired person dials our regular telephone number (762-8200), they will need to hit the space bar after dialing the telephone number* to activate the hearing impaired tones. Please make a note of this if you are a TDD caller. Thank you.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW FIRE ENGINE

In 1979, the Oak Creek Fire Department purchased a new engine from Peter Pirsch Manufacturing in Kenosha. This engine provided great service and offered the latest technology of its day. Everything required by a growing community was put into the design of this fire fighting machine. When it arrived, it was the finest fire fighting vehicle in the department. Designated Engine 3, its service exceeded the expectations of the fire fighters that relied on it.



Once Pirsch fire engines were no longer being built, Oak Creek sought a comparable substitute. Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton met the challenge of building high quality fire fighting vehicles. In 1988, the City of Oak Creek agreed to purchase two similar engines from Pierce. The delivery of these engines moved Engine 3 to reserve status. But even as a reserve engine, Engine 3 served the city well.

Time took its toll on Engine 3. Technology advanced and fire fighting methods changed. The fire service added new tools and ideas and Engine 3 lacked the compartment space to store this equipment. Wisconsin weather ate away at the chassis and aging parts required more maintenance. In 2002, at the age of 23, Engine 3 was ready for replacement.

A committee was established to look at what was available. The committee was challenged to find a vehicle that was compatible with existing fire fighting equipment, capable of providing technology advances, and available at a reasonable price. Many ideas were brought to the table and priorities were established. Options of lower priority were not purchased- in order to meet the limits of our spending plan.

In November 2002, the plan was finalized, and a report was presented to the Common Council for approval. The report reflected that the proposed vehicle would cost \$350,000, was compatible with existing equipment, and would improve fire fighting with new technology. After the Council's approval, Pierce Manufacturing was awarded the contract. Assembly began in late 2002 and the fire department took delivery on August 14, 2003. The newest engine of the fleet was assigned the number 1866 and is stationed at Fire Station #3. It is anticipated that 1866 will serve the City for twenty years or more.

-Photographs of firefighters taken by Paddy Granland

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We're looking for people who want to help out at the Oak Creek Fire Department. You don't need to have special training and we won't ask you to rush into burning buildings. We're looking for people who can do a variety of things to help our operations.

We can use assistance in non-emergency driving, computer entry (particularly web page design), gardening and landscaping. There may be things we haven't thought of, that you might be willing to do. If so, we'd like to hear from you.

If you would like more information about this new program, or have a suggestion, please contact Chief Jerry Hammernik at 768-6555.

NEW FIRE FIGHTERS



Eric Herr

Eric is native to Cleveland, WI and graduated from Kiel High School. He has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Fox Valley Technical College and is certified as a Fire Fighter II, Driver/ Operator, Haz Mat Technician, and Emergency Medical Technician. Eric was a volunteer fire fighter for the Cleveland Fire Department since 1999. Eric recently moved to Oak Creek and looks forward to serving the community.

Chris Mayer

Chris was born in Chicago, raised in South Carolina, and moved to Wisconsin when he attended Marquette University's School of Biomedical Sciences. While attending an emergency medical technician course, Chris became interested in the fire service. He joined the Town of Brookfield Fire Department after completing his Fire Fighter I certification. During his 2 ½ years at TBFD, Chris became certified as a Fire Fighter II and Driver/ Operator. Chris, his wife, and daughter are enthusiastic about the Oak Creek area.



Amy Freitag

Amy is a certified Fire Fighter II, Driver/ Operator, and Haz Mat Technician. She is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as an EMT IV Technician and graduated from MATC with an Associate's Degree in Fire Science. For the past 1 ½ years she has responded on fire and emergency medical incidents for the Pewaukee Fire Department. She aspires to learn more about the fire service and is eager to start her career in Oak Creek.



Ron Petricek

Ron was born and raised in Greenfield. Ron's ambitions of becoming a fire fighter were inspired by a family friend (who was a career fire fighter). In 1999, Ron became a fire fighter with the Hales Corners Fire Department. He later attended MATC where he achieved his Associate's Degree in Fire Science. Ron is a Fire Fighter II, Driver/ Operator, EMT, and Haz Mat Technician. Ron is married and has a son- he is excited about living in the Oak Creek area.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Centennial Retail Center
Howell Avenue at East Centennial Drive

The City of Oak Creek would like to take a moment to recognize some of the developments that have been or are taking place in our community in 2003.

- Capstone Business Center at Creekside Corporate Park
- Centennial Retail Center
- Crown Prince
- Cummins NPower
- Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins
- Hanna Trailer
- Learning Edge Day Care
- Midwest Paralegal Services
- Pickerman's Soup Café
- Ryan Road Storage
- St. Francis Bank
- Tri City Pick and Save reconstruction
- Tri City Shopping Center renovation

Prospects for 2004 appear to be promising. The City continues to work towards the development of a Target store and related other commercial development at the southwest corner of Howell Avenue and West Centennial Drive. We are also hoping for a strong year from the business and manufacturing community.

Together, these residential, commercial and industrial developments represent an investment of over \$33 million dollars in our community this year.

**The final estimate of the
January 1, 2003 population for
the City of Oak Creek is 30,856.**

CITY OF OAK CREEK WEBSITE

LET YOUR PC DO THE SURFING

Did you know that the city web site now has more than 2500 pages on its web site to help residents find the information that they need without having to call or make a trip to City Hall?

Visit www.oakcreekwi.org for new and interesting information that is being placed on the City web site for the use of the citizens of Oak Creek. **Several new features are:**

- A Mayor's corner with up to date information on events in the city.
- Search and obtain assessment and tax payment information on any parcel of land in the city.
- Information and explanation of the mill rate, tax payment options, or due dates of your tax bill in the Treasurers area of the site.
- Information on the Police Department, neighborhood crime alerts and public safety/crime prevention tips.
- A Fire Department area with home safety tips and information on homeland security and terrorism alerts.
- Photographs of city parks and buildings.
- An area is being created featuring economic development and general city information to encourage potential businesses to locate in the city.

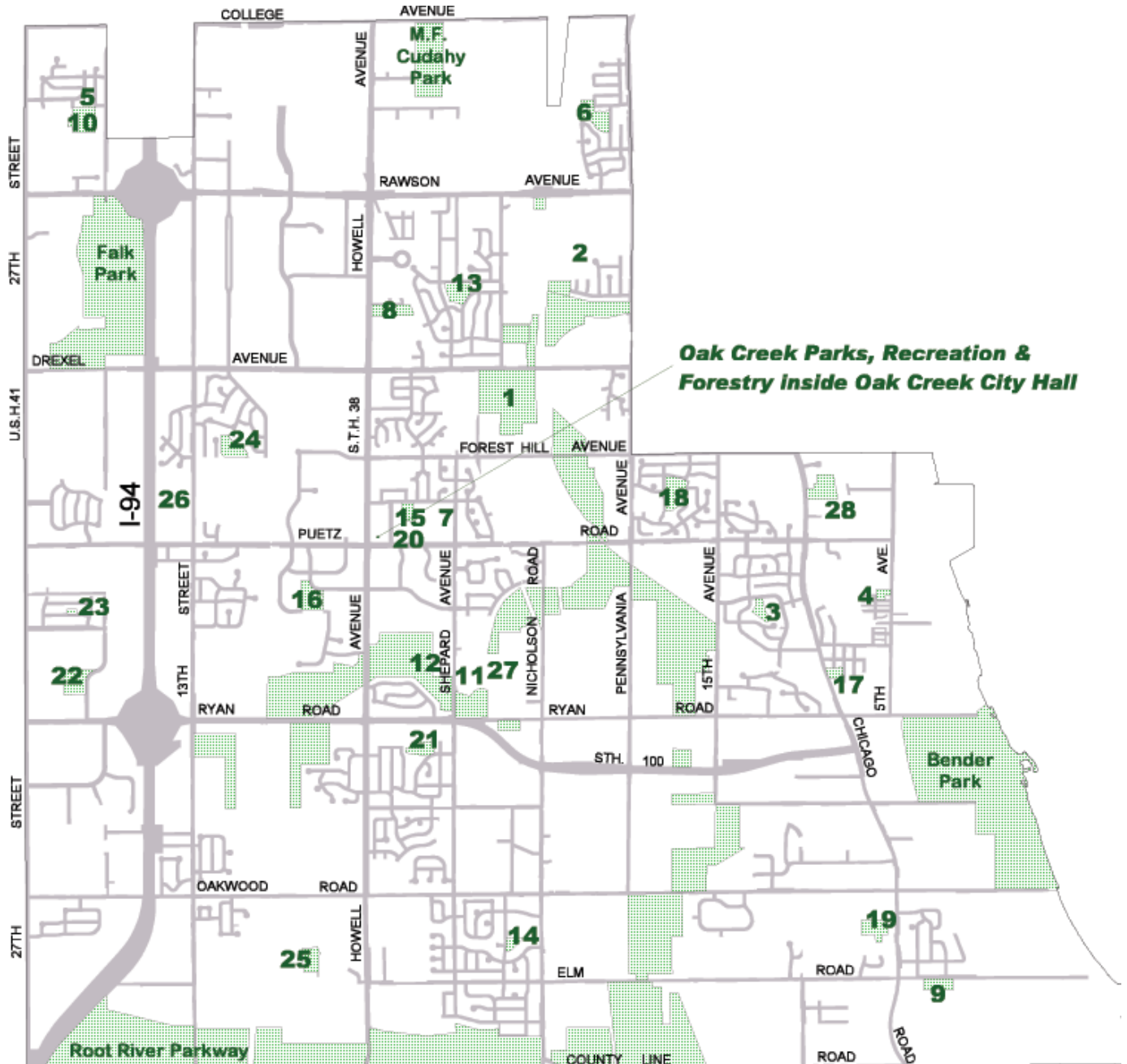
For students or history buffs, the site is also a valuable resource for information on the history of the city including photographs.

- If you want to build a deck, fence, pool garage, home or remodel your house, the Inspection Department has brochures online with construction information, rules and requirements.
- Parks and Recreation information is online featuring all of the city parks with photos and information about each park.
- Also, the city newsletter the Acorn can be found at the web site.
- The Municipal Code is online, which provides information on how the city is structured or what local code is on a specific topic.
- The city calendar, agendas and minutes for the Common Council and many other commissions are available for viewing or printing.
- Do you need to find out where to vote; the telephone number of elected officials or city staff; or what day your garbage is picked up? That information and much more is online.

FACILITIES LISTS: Parks, Playgrounds and Schools

	SITES	LOCATIONS	SHELTERS (O-Open Air, B-bldg)	INDOOR POOL	TENNIS COURTS	BASKETBALL C-CRTS,S-STANDARDS	VOLLEYBALL COURT (s sand)	BALLFIELDS S-SFTBALL, B-BASEBALL	PICNIC FACILITIES	POND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	BABY (BUCKET) SWINGS	VEHICLE PARKING	SLEDDING HILL	ICE RINK	HEALTH STATIONS	NATURE AREA	OPEN PLAY AREA	JOGGING PATH (est. size-miles)	UNDEVELOPED PARKS	SOCCER FIELDS	FOOTBALL FIELDS
1	Abendschein Park	1311 E. Drexel Ave.						1B					●				●	●				●
2	Camelot Park	7385 S. Chapel Dr.																		●		
3	Carollton School Park	8965 S. Carollton Dr.			2	2C		1S			●	●						●	0.53			
4	Carrollville Park	8900 S. Fifth Ave.				1S					●							●				
5	Cedar Hills School	2225 W. Sycamore Ave.				2C					●	●						●				
6	Chapel Hills School Park	2015 E. Oak Street			2	1C	●	1S			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	0.62			
7	Edgewood School	8545 S. Shepard Ave.				1C,1S					●	●					●					
8	Greenlawn Park	7628 S. Howell Ave.							●								●	●				
9	Haas Park	4200 E. Elm Rd.				2S	S	1S			●	●	●		●			●				
10	Johnstone Park	2225 W. Sycamore Ave.	O				S	2S	●		●	●					●	●	0.44			
11	East Middle School	9330 S. Shepard Ave.						3S					●					●	0.53			●
12	Lower Legion Park	9145 S. Shepard Ave.						1S	●			●										
13	Manor Marquette Park	700 E. Marquette Ave.			2	1C	●	1S			●	●	●		●	●	●	●	0.41			
14	Meadowview School Park	10420 S. McGraw Dr.			2	1C,2S	S	1S			●	●						●	0.45			
15	Henry Miller Park	315 E. Groveland Dr.	B						●	●				●		●		●				
16	Oak Leaf Park	401 W. Centennial Dr.	O		2	1C	S	1S	●		●	●						●	0.50			
17	Otjen Park	9300 S. Chicago Rd.				1C,1S					●	●	●					●				
18	Riverton Meadows Park	2800 E. Honeysuckle Dr.				1C	S	1S			●	●	●				●	●	●			
19	Scanlan Park	10500 S. Chicago Rd.																				●
20	Senior High School	340 E. Puetz Rd.		●	9			3S					●					●				●
21	Shepard Hills School Park	530 E. Shepard Hills Dr.				4S		2S			●	●						●				
22	South Hills Park	9299 S. 22nd St.																				●
23	South Hills Playground	2300 W. Southland Dr.				1C												●				
24	Willow Heights Park	1111 W. Weatherly Dr.			2	1C	●	1S	●		●	●	●		●			●	0.41			
25	Mardeand Park	10500 Glen Oaks Dr.																				●
26	West Middle School	8401 S. 13th Street											●					●				●
27	Oak Park	9330 S. Shepard Ave.				2C,2S					●	●	●					●	0.53			
28	Kickers Creek Park	8460 S. Chicago																				●

FACILITIES MAP: Parks, Playgrounds and Schools



PARKS

RESERVATIONS / PERMITS

The following may be reserved by Oak Creek residents. *Proof of residency is required.* Any non-reserved facility (except Henry Miller Park Pavilion) may be used on a first-come, first-served basis without a permit.

Ballfields/Tennis Courts/Football & Soccer Fields:

\$3 for one hour. Use of courts and fields without a permit is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rental does not include equipment, supplies, etc. Call for league, tournament and special event rates.

Picnic Areas:

\$3 per hour.

Open Air Shelter: (Oak Leaf & Johnstone Park)

Up to 4 hours \$10

Daily \$20

Volleyball Sets or Throw Bases:

Due to limited availability, please call in advance to reserve.

\$10 per weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) +\$15 refundable cash security deposit.

\$5 daily weekdays (Monday through Thursday) +\$15 refundable cash security deposit.

Late fee: \$5 per day

Alcoholic Beverages:

The possession, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs is not allowed in parks, buildings, tennis courts, ballfields or any athletic field areas, etc.

Beer Permit:

Fee: \$10

Beer permits may be purchased which allows the consumption of beer by adults aged 21 and over when one of our facilities is rented (i.e. Miller Park shelter). Please note that no other alcoholic beverages may be consumed such as liquor, wine coolers, etc.

Resource Guide, "Whether it's a walk in the woods for a world-weary adult, the sense of exhilaration for the six year-old who connects bat to ball for the first time, or the intangible sense of connection people feel when gathered with others enjoying the annual fireworks display, there's an almost limitless number of benefits that can be found from the experiences we provide through our agencies."



Henry Miller Park Pavilion:

Henry Miller Park Pavilion is available to rent for your special events to Oak Creek residents.

Reservations are accepted *after* January 2, 2004, for the 2004 calendar year.

\$80 rental fee plus \$30 refundable cash security deposit for Friday thru Sunday *including holiday rentals.* (\$30 refund if cancelled prior to 30 days of the event).

\$30 rental fee for Monday thru Thursday plus \$30 cash refundable security deposit (non-refundable if cancelled)

Listed below are some of the features of the pavilion:

Located in the building are 6 picnic tables, 2 serving tables, "L-shaped" counter and refrigerator

+/- 25 picnic tables are located in the park area

Indoor capacity-60 persons maximum

Separate indoor men's/women's rest rooms

No other appliances are in the building (i.e. stove, microwave, etc)

Pavilion rental hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM

For further information on permits or rentals, contact the Department at (414) 768-6515 or visit us on the City website at www.oakcreekwi.org.

CITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2004

1	CLOSED	NEW YEAR'S DAY
6	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court (Tuesday)
6	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
7	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court- CANCELLED
8	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission
13	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
14	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
15	9-11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
20	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
21	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court- CANCELLED
27	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
28	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

FEBRUARY 2004

3	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
4	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
5	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Health
9	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court (Monday)
10	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
11	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court- CANCELLED
	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
12	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission
16	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting (Monday)
17	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	SPRING PRIMARY AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION
17	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court (Tuesday)
18	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court- Cancelled
19	9-11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
24	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
25	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

MARCH 2004

2	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
3	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
4	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
9	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
10	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission

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23	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
24	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

APRIL 2004

1	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Health
5	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting (Monday)
6	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	SPRING GENERAL ELECTION
7	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
8	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission
9	CLOSED	FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER
13	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
14	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
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21	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
27	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
28	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

MAY 2004

4	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
5	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
6	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
11	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
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31	CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Winter Blues Got You Down? Let Community Education Help!

Community Education is bringing back fall favorites and introducing new and affordable adult education courses and mini-workshops to help you rid yourself of those Winter Blues.

WHAT'S NEW FOR WINTER/SPRING...

Parenting & Family Education

Parenting with Love & Logic

Facilitator: Paul Gasser

January 20, 27, Feb. 3 & 4

Parenting in today's world can be both an extremely joyful experience and a tremendous challenge. Join us for this four part series to learn a variety of strategies and techniques that will effectively address common discipline problems that frequently frustrate many parents.

Arts & Crafts

Basket weaving

Instructor: Stephanie Bogus, East Troy Basketry

Candle Basket: January 27 or Feb 3

Market Basket: March 2 – March 16

A tisket-a-tasket make your basket! Learn basic basket weaving techniques while you create a candle basket that you complete in one night class or a market basket in just 3 nights.

Framing & Matting

Instructor: John Nowak, Custom Framer

Section I: February 3 – March 9

Section II: April 20- May 25th

Tired of paying for the high cost of custom framing? Do it yourself! Learn framing and matting techniques that will let you showcase your favorite photos, prints, children's artwork, or sports memorabilia without the expense.

Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Windows

Instructor: Jenny Schaffer

January 21-February 18 or February 17-March 16

This is a new version of the fall basic computer class. This class will teach computer terminology, hardware recognition, and the use of the mouse along with an introduction to the Windows Operating System to give you the groundwork to work with Microsoft software and the Internet. This class is appropriate for the first time computer user.

Microsoft Publisher

Instructor: Jenny Schaffer

April 20-May 18

Have you just been asked to create a newsletter? Or have you ever struggled with making a brochure, flyer or invitation? This class can ease your frustration by teaching how to plan, create and modify a publication using Microsoft Publisher.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Instructor: Jenny Schaffer

March 22-April 26

Impress your co-workers and your kids or yourself!

Explore the many uses of Microsoft Word and develop skills to navigate toolbars and create, edit, proof, and insert tables and graphics into your document. Students are required to have a working knowledge of Microsoft Windows.

RETURNING FALL FAVORITES...

Parenting & Family Education

Parents and Reading: Helping Your Child Succeed

Arts & Crafts

Rubberstamping

Scrap booking

Quilting

Photography

Computer Classes

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Introduction to Excel

Intermediate Excel

Microsoft Access

Microsoft PowerPoint

Where to Find A Community Education Winter/Spring Catalog

Detailed course descriptions, fees, location and time information is located in the Community Education Catalog, which can be found at any of these local establishments:

M&I Bank-Oak Creek

Oak Creek Public Library

Oak Creek City Hall

Oak Creek Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Oak Creek Community Center

Oak Creek-Franklin Schools

Oak Creek Franklin School District Office

The Community Education catalog and downloadable registration forms can also be found on the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District website at:

www.oakcreek.k12.wi.us

Once you have a Community Education Catalog, registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- December 15th Community Education Catalogs are available.
- The registration form is the last page of the Community Education catalog.
- Registration begins as soon as the catalogs become available.
- To register, complete the registration form in the Community Education Catalog and enclose payment.
- Detach, and return to any Oak Creek-Franklin School or the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Office.
- Registration is handled on a first come, first serve basis and registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class.

All registrations must be submitted to the Oak Creek-Franklin School District. DO NOT submit to the Parks & Recreation Office.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Hurry to register!

*Winter/Spring Session Starts January 19th
Class Seating is limited!*

More Convenient and More Up-to-Date

The Community Education Activity Line is a recorded hotline for community members to have access to convenient updates on Community Education programming. The hotline can also take your message. Give us a call! We look forward to hearing from you!



**Community Education Program
Activity Line**

(414) 768-6163

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS



Citizens Committee Looking at Ways to Address Space Needs at the Elementary Schools

Last spring, as part of the Oak Creek Franklin Joint School District's Strategic Plan, a core committee of community members and school district administrators began looking at ways to address increasing enrollment at the elementary schools. The population growth in the cities of Oak Creek and Franklin over the past five years has resulted in a continually increasing student population in our schools. This fall, our school district had an increase of 92 students at the elementary level for the 2003-2004 school year. The Oak Creek City Comprehensive Plan indicates that there will be an imminent need for additional schools due to the projected population increases.

The five elementary schools are experiencing large class sizes and lack of space. Closets and former storage spaces are being used by physical therapists, school psychologists, and speech and language therapists. In some buildings, physical and occupational therapy takes place in the hallways, as does tutoring for individual or small groups of students. Music, in one of the elementary schools is currently being taught from a cart, and other schools are looking at having to eliminate art and music

classrooms next year.

The school district has formed a Future Facilities Committee, which is comprised of community members, school board members, and school staff. The committee's charge is to work as an ad hoc committee of the Board of Education. The committee is working with an architect to determine the best possible option for expanding capacity at the elementary level. The five options are: exploring year-round school, expanding current schools, building a new K-5 elementary school, developing an early learning center, and exploring vacant facilities for possible remodeling.

The Board of Education approved the development of the master plan, which will be of no cost to the school district. The architects and construction company will estimate the costs and the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Part of the development of this master plan will include surveying the community and meeting with community and staff members to discuss ways to address the educational needs of the students.

Check the school district's website

(www.oakcreek.k12.wi.us) for information regarding upcoming meetings of the facilities committee and minutes of their meetings. Any community member is welcome to attend the meetings.

Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education Hosts Fundraising Event at Community Center

The Education Foundation hosted its "We Care Night" on Sunday, November 9, at the Oak Creek Community Center. The evening included a buffet dinner, entertainment from the high school choir and from local comedian Mike Marvel, and a silent auction. All proceeds from the event, including \$10 from each ticket sold, as well as money raised through the Silent Auction, is being used to support educational programs in the Oak Creek-Franklin community.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization headed up by local business people and community leaders.

Inservice Days Focus on Ways to Improve Learning and Student Achievement

To many students, inservice days are vacation days. To staff members, inservice days can be more work than instructional days. Inservice days give staff the opportunity to learn about and work on areas that affect

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student learning. This year, our inservice days include the following topics:

- **October 24** – using writing to enhance learning across the curriculum and developing and using common grade level or course assessments.
- **January 19** – implementing a district-wide writing assessment for middle and high school and developing and using a pyramid of interventions to address the needs of struggling students.
- **February 20** – scoring the writing assessments to ensure reliability and working on the implementation of individual school improvement plans.
- **March 22** – reviewing results of district-wide writing assessment to look at ways to improve instruction and student learning, continuing work on common grade level or course assessments, and continuing work on implementation of individual school improvement plans.
- **May 14** – analyzing data to track student progress, review success of intervention strategies, and improve curriculum and instruction; also, learning how to use the new data system for classroom assessments.

In order for our school district to effectively develop an emphasis on improving the quantity and quality of student writing and implementing intervention strategies designed to help students learn, we need to have time to develop understanding and consistency among the staff. Because we have approximately 350 teachers in our district, the most effective way to bring teams of teachers together by grade level or subject area is to use inservice time when students are not present.

Schools Implement New Security System

Each of the school district facilities, including the five elementary schools, the two middle schools, the high school, and the district administration building now have buzzers and cameras at the main entrances in order to monitor who is coming into the building. All of the external doors at each of these buildings are locked during the day (once students have arrived and until they leave at the end of the school day). The buzzers and cameras allow the office secretaries to know who is entering the building. They are then able to invite them into the building and have them check in

at the office for a visitor's pass.

This security system is being implemented this year to help ensure the safety and security of the students, staff, and visitors in our buildings. We appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation in using the monitoring systems in our schools.

Emergency Weather Closing for Schools

In the event that the weather conditions are such that our buses are unable to go out on their routes, notification of the school closing will be made on the following television and radio stations:



ABC TV 12

CBS 58

FOX TV 6

NBC TV 4

WISN radio

WTMJ radio

WOKY radio

WMIL radio

WEMP radio

WMYX radio

WDJT radio

Whenever school is closed for the day due to weather conditions, all other events, such as concerts, athletic competitions, and community education classes are generally cancelled as well.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department activities are cancelled on the following holidays:

Christmas & New Years

Wed & Thurs December 24 & 25

Wed & Thurs December 31 & January 1

Easter Fri & Sat April 9 & 10

Memorial Day May 31

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Oak Creek Common Council provides revenue for Department operations during the year. Non-residents, therefore, are required to pay additional fees and/or charges for recreation activities.

ADVERTISING

The Oak Creek Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department would like to thank the businesses/organizations for their ads placed in this guide.

If you are interested in advertising in the Recreation Guide, contact the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department office at 768-6516 for additional information.

EMPLOYMENT

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY: Persons interested in working for Parks, Recreation and Forestry should contact the office at 768-6515 and request an employment application form. Applications are kept on file for one year. The Department will notify individuals when they are selected for employment. We are always interested in persons possessing special skills, such as instructors, coaches, officials, etc.

VOLUNTEERS: Persons interested in serving as volunteers are encouraged to contact the Recreation Supervisor to discuss how their services can be utilized.

CITY EMPLOYMENT: Persons interested in working for the City should visit the City's website at: www.oakcreekwi.org or contact Marie at the City Administrator's Office at 768-6591.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Oak Creek will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities in the provision of City services, programs or activities. If you require special accommodation in order to participate in a city parks/recreation program, please let us know when you register.

CONTACT US

OAK CREEK PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY:

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8 AM - 4:45 PM

Office Phone: (414) 768-6515

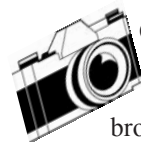
Visit us at: www.oakcreekwi.org

Activity Tape: (414) 299-9721
Press 1 for General Information

Press 2 for Team Sports Information

Press 3 for Registration Information

SMILE



On occasion, our staff may take pictures of participants in our Parks, Recreation & Forestry programs. These pictures are for our future program brochures/bulletin boards.

CARPPOOLING REQUESTS

- Siblings who are registering for the same class section and/or league, will be placed together unless otherwise requested in writing by the parent or guardian.
- All other requests for persons to be placed together must be in writing; one request signed by the parents or guardians of BOTH parties requesting the carpool.
- Requests of placement together, other than siblings, are NOT guaranteed and will only be considered for groups of 3 or less unrelated persons.
- If placement with another person(s) is requested, it is understood that if one member of the group is placed on the wait list, ALL members of the group will be put on the wait list.

**The Acorn Recreation Guide &
City Newsletter is published three times
a year: mid-May
mid-August
mid-December**

Mark your calendar!

FINE PRINT: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IS SHE/HE OLD ENOUGH?

For all programs, **age requirement will be as of the date of the first class**, unless otherwise specified. Please do not request to have your child put in a class he/she does not belong in. All age requirements are set to benefit the children and make instruction more consistent for the program leader. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the child's safety.

WHO'S THE TEACHER?

The Recreation Department assigns the most qualified leaders available to all program activities. Your feedback regarding instructors/leaders is always welcome.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

The policy of the Department is that those who participate must help defray the overall cost of the activity. Fees and charges are assessed according to the needs of the program, such as leadership, equipment and supplies, etc.

Note:

The Department does not want to exclude children who are unable to pay these fees due to financial hardship. Any family unable to pay all or part of the fees or charges may contact the office. Arrangements will be made for their participation.

NEED TO TRANSFER?

Anytime a team or individual requests a transfer, and the Department can accommodate the transfer, a \$3 service charge will be payable to the Department.

There is no charge for transfers initiated by Department Instructors or for those accompanied by proof of the child passing/failing the previous class.

NEED A REFUND?

Refunds will be made upon request up until 1/3 of the scheduled classes have been held (i.e. 3 classes of a 10 week session) except as noted in individual class descriptions. You may expect your refund check 2 to 4 weeks after your request is received.

A \$3 service fee will be charged on each refund requested by an individual.

In the event an activity a person signs up for is cancelled, that person will have the option of a full refund or a transfer to another activity.

Overpayments must be picked up in the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Office within 2 weeks of notification to avoid forfeiture (under \$5) or a \$3 check processing fee (over \$5).

IS THERE CLASS TODAY?

If you have a question concerning the cancellation of a program (inclement weather, school closed, etc.) **CALL THE 24-HOUR INFORMATION LINE AT: (414) 299-9721**

It is sometimes necessary to cancel an activity due to school-related functions, weather, etc. Participants will be notified of cancellations as soon as we are aware of them.

Every attempt will be made to reschedule a cancelled activity. However, if a class is unable to be rescheduled, no refunds will be issued.

CAN I WATCH?

In an effort to provide the best and safest environment for programs, we do not allow persons other than registered participants in the classroom or pool during instruction.

Our instructors have found that parents and/or other children can cause distractions and interruptions in instruction.

We also feel it is most beneficial for your child to have recreational time with his/her peers, and for adults to have time in an adults-only atmosphere.

Open House:

You are welcome to discuss your child's progress after each class, and attend the open house held during the final class of the session.

HAVE A COMPLAINT?

If, after you begin a class it does not meet your expectations, please contact the Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department at 768-6515 to discuss your concerns.

DO YOU HAVE INSURANCE?

The Department does not provide hospital/medical insurance coverage for program participants. Further, the School District does not provide hospital/medical coverage for Department sponsored activities on school property. Participants are encouraged to obtain their own insurance coverage prior to and for the duration of the activity they take part in from their own insurance agent.

WHERE DO I PARK-ENTER?

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL: Southwest doors at back of school next to dumpster.

SHEPARD HILLS: North doors next to the playground.

CITY HALL: East doors closest to fire station.

HIGH SCHOOL: (EAST ENTRANCE # 21 ONLY)

AM I A RESIDENT?

A non-resident fee is set for most activities. The non-resident fee applies to any person whose primary residence is not within the Oak Creek city limits at the time of registration. Attendance in the Oak Creek-Franklin School District does not constitute residency. All individuals or groups registering in classes or activities must show proof of City residency such as a current State of Wisconsin driver's license, a current utility bill, etc. If proof of residency cannot be validated, the non-resident fee standards will be applied.



BEFORE YOU GET WET-

SPECIAL NOTES:

*Only lifeguards & SWIMMERS are permitted in the pool area during swim instruction & recreational swim.

*Only swim suits may be worn in the pool. Substitutes are not permitted.

*For safety reasons, flotation devices, including life jackets, & other equipment & toys are not allowed during Open Swim.

*Unexpected pool closings can occur due to high school activities or equipment malfunction. Always check to be sure the pool is open & has not reached maximum capacity before leaving children for open swim.

Participants must provide own suit, towel & combination lock.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker room attendants are NOT on duty; however, locker room checks are made by pool staff. Locks must be removed upon completion of your activity. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department/School District is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

Leave your valuables at home when swimming!!

OPEN SWIM

Open Swim is held in the Oak Creek Senior High School Pool and is *FREE* to residents of Oak Creek.

NOTE: All children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (preferably a parent) in the water during recreation swim. Children under two years of age are not permitted in the pool during recreation swim.

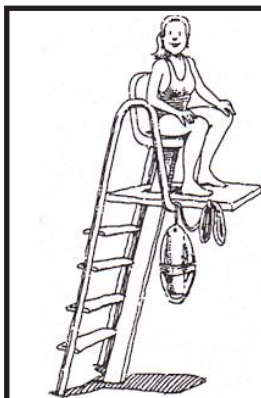
JANUARY 13 - MAY 11

Tuesdays 7 - 9 PM

Call the Activity Tape at:
299-9721 (press 1 when prompted)
for possible additional hours

POOL TEMPERATURE

In an effort to accommodate the NEEDS OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE POOL, the High School Maintenance Department will maintain a water temperature of 80°. Any fluctuation in temperature will be corrected as soon as possible. Your patience and understanding in this matter is appreciated. Temperature sensitive persons, extremely young or elderly individuals may find the water cool.



- *Do you like working with children?*
- *Do you like the water?*
- *Do you want to be a lifeguard?*

Call Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department to be placed on a wait list for the next available class:

(414) 768-6515

“LEARN TO SWIM” PROGRAM (AGES 2-14)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read the following descriptions of entry level skills to enroll your child in the appropriate swim level. Age and height requirements are set for the safety & welfare of the students! *Please do not ask for an exception.*

Swimming lessons are taught by a Red Cross Certified Instructor & are designed to teach & improve skills & to instill a positive & safe attitude toward water.

LOCATION: Oak Creek Senior High School Pool

ENTER: Enter through the east doors

Participants must provide their own suit (no substitutes allowed), towel & combination lock. Lock must be removed after each lesson.

SWIM INSTRUCTORS: Diane Allard, Lindsay Allard, Dana Johnson, Amy Hildebrandt, Carol Pultz, Steve Trate, & Kelly Walczak Bellin

FEE (Per child):

LEVELS 1 - 6 (without parent)
Resident \$22 / Non-resident \$33

LEVEL 1 & 2 “WITH PARENT”
Resident \$26 / Non-resident \$39

DIPPERS Classes
Resident \$11.00 / Non-Resident \$16.50

For further information contact the Recreation Office at 768-6515

NO CLASSES SATURDAY, MARCH 13



LITTLE DIPPERS CHILD & PARENT (5 wks)

Ages 2 to 5 years will swim & play with a parent or other adult. Class will include adjustment to the water, games, basic swim movements & safety skills.

Note: Swimmers who are not toilet trained must wear a cloth diaper with TIGHT fitting plastic pants or commercially available “swim diaper”. No “disposables” will be permitted.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402001 B1	Sat	Jan. 24- Feb. 21	11:00 -11:30 AM
402001 B2	Sat	Feb. 28 - Mar. 27	11:00 -11:40 AM
402001 A1	Wed	Jan. 28 - Feb. 25	6:00 - 6:30 PM
402001 A2	Wed	Mar. 3 - Mar. 31	6:00 - 6:30 PM

LEVEL 1 WATER EXPLORATION

Six years old and up **AND** is at least 42" tall.

For children with no previous swim lesson experience, who are uncomfortable in the water. No swim skills required.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402011 A1	Wed	Jan. 28-Mar. 31	6:45- 7:30 PM

LEVEL 1 - WITH PARENT WATER EXPLORATION

Ages 4 who have completed Little Dippers, Ages 5 & 6. A Level 1 (Water Exploration) class for children who do not meet the height or age requirements listed above.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402011 C1	Sat	Jan. 24 - Mar. 27	12:00- 12:50 PM



*Scuba Lessons on
Page 26*

LEVEL 2 BASIC SKILLS

For students who meet age & height requirements for Level 1 and are comfortable in shallow water.

Must be willing to submerge face, & comfortably float on front & back with minimal assistance.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402021 B1	Sat	Jan. 24 - Mar. 27	10:00 - 10:50 AM
402021 B2	Sat	Jan. 24 - Mar. 27	11:00- 11:50 AM
402021 A2	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	6:45 - 7:30 PM
402021 A3	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	7:30 - 8:15 PM

LEVEL 2 - WITH PARENT BASIC SKILLS

Ages 4 who have passed Parent & Child (Level I), Ages 5 & 6 who do not meet the height or age requirement for our regular Level 2 classes. Child must be willing to submerge face & comfortably float on front & back with minimal assistance when entering class.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402021 C1	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	6:00 - 6:45 PM

“LEARN TO SWIM” PROGRAM (AGES 2-14)

LEVEL 3 STROKE READINESS

Swimmers who meet the height & age requirement for **Levels 1 & 2** and are comfortable entering deep water or who have passed Level 2 (with or without parent). Must be able to float on front and back unassisted, submerge head, swim 10 yds front crawl and back stroke in good form.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402031 B1	Sat	Jan. 24 - Mar. 27	10:00- 10:50 AM
402031 A1	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	7:30- 8:15 PM

LEVEL 4 STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Swimmers who have previously passed **Level 3** or who can successfully complete the following:

- Front Crawl, face in, breathing as needed for 20 yards (close to 1 pool length)
- Swim on back - 20 yards
- Jump into deep water

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402041 B1	Sat	Jan. 24 - Mar. 27	12:00 - 12:50 PM
402041 A1	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	6:00 - 6:45 PM

LEVEL 5/6 STROKE REFINEMENT

For those who have previously passed **Level 4** or **5** who can successfully do the following:

	Level 5	Level 6
• Side Stroke	n/a	10 yards
• Breast Stroke	n/a	Arms & Kick
• Front Crawl	25 yards (1 pool length)	50 yards
• Elementary Backstroke	10 yards	25 yards
• Back Crawl	10 yards	50 yards

ACT/SECT#	DAY	DATES	TIME
402051 A1	Wed	Jan. 28 - Mar. 31	7:30 -8:15 PM

IMPORTANT--

**NO SWIM CLASSES ON:
SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

SCUBA DIVING COURSE

(Adults & Youth 12 & Up)

This class for persons interested in learning scuba, will be instructed by Pirate’s Cove. Open water certification will be issued to persons who complete the classroom, pool & four open water dives successfully. Interested participants should register with the Parks & Recreation Department using the form included in this book.

The class instruction fee includes books, equipment, classroom, pool & open water instruction, however participants must provide their own mask, fins, snorkel and wetsuit boots. Purchase information for above items may be obtained from Pirate’s Cove or from the instructor at the first class. Any questions, call *Pirate’s Cove at 482-1430.*

ALL participants must pass a water test which will be given during the first pool session.

DATE: Thursdays February 5 - March 11, 2004

TIME: 6 PM TO 9 PM

PLACE: Oak Creek Sr. High School Pool & Rm. 114

ACTIVITY/SECTION #: 403502 A1

FEES:

\$35 Class Registration Fee - paid prior to first class to Oak Creek Parks & Recreation

\$225 Instruction Fee - paid to instructor-entire amount at first class or \$125 at first class and \$100 prior to open water dives.

\$25 video fee-paid to instructor-refundable if returned prior to open water dives in good condition.

NOTE:

ALL ACTIVITIES ENTER ON THE EAST END OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, ENTRANCE 21

GET FIT, STAY FIT

STEPPING UP AEROBICS

ADULTS & TEENS 16+

Begins January 26



Get ready to step-up & take charge of those under worked thighs, hips & abdominal muscles! Participants should wear comfortable aerobic/fitness shoes. Bring a towel or mat for warm-up/cool-down. Steps provided. Please let us know if you have your own.

Beginners: (10 weeks)

Get started on your way to better fitness. Class is designed for those who haven't exercised in a while or need an easier pace.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	TIME
406501 B1	Mon	6 - 7 PM

Advanced Beginners: (10 weeks)

The next step, if you'll pardon the pun. We recommend that participants have some recent exercise experience before taking this class.

ACT/SECT#	DAY	TIME
406501 A1	Mon	7 - 8 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Sally Plemons

LOCATION: Sr. High Balcony

ENTER: East Entrance #21 Only

FEE: Residents \$36 / Non-residents \$54

WE'RE SORRY--



Children are not allowed to attend adult classes! As much as we love them, we have found that adult classes are too long for children to wait quietly and they often cause disruptions in class. Please make other arrangements for their care while you are enjoying your class.

AQUA FIT

ADULTS & TEENS 16+

Begins January 27 or January 29 (10 weeks)



Aqua Fit consists of swim activities/exercises held in the **Senior High Pool**. NO SWIM SKILLS ARE REQUIRED for this water fitness class. Toning & aerobic exercises will be introduced using changeable leg & arm movements.

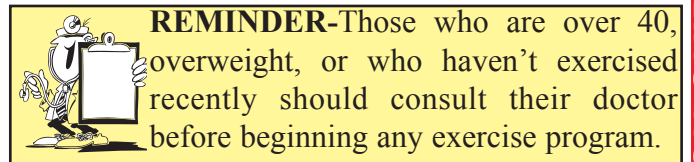
ACT/SECT#	DAY	TIME
406511 A1	Tuesday	6 - 7 PM
406511 A2	Thursday	6:30 - 7:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Cynthia Lynch

LOCATION: Oak Creek Sr. High Pool

ENTER: Use East Entrance #21 only

FEE: Residents \$36 / Non-residents \$54



MOTHER-DAUGHTER AEROBICS

Begins January 29 (8 weeks)

Ages 8 & Up with Parent or Other Adult

Get in shape & enjoy a girls night out! Rhythmic exercises set to music will provide both moms & daughters a fun way to work out & spend time together. Participants should wear aerobic/fitness shoes & loose clothing or exercise wear. Bring a towel or mat for warm-up/cool-down.



ACTIVITY/SECT#	DAY	TIME
406501 C1	Thurs	6 to 6:45 PM

LOCATION: Sr. High Balcony

ENTER: Use East Entrance #21 Only

FEE: Residents- \$18 Per Person
Non-residents-\$27 Per Person

INSTRUCTOR: Sally Plemons

Note: Maximum 2 children per adult

NO
CLASS
FEB. 26

GET FIT, STAY FIT

FIT FOR THE 50'S

Strength training, nutrition and healthy eating for ages 50+. Strength training? For those over 50? Absolutely!



Strength training helps keep you young by helping you maintain muscle mass. You'll be combatting osteoporosis, improving posture (some people actually get taller!) and burning more calories.

Class will include light weight training, nutrition education and wrap up with a healthy eating cooking session.

SESSION 1 (6 weeks):

<u>ACTIVITY/SECT#</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
406901 C1	Jan. 20	Tu/Th	10-11 AM

SESSION 2 (6 weeks):

<u>ACTIVITY/SECT#</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
106901 C2	Mar. 9	Tu/Th	10-11 AM

LOCATION: Senior Day Rm-Oak Creek Community Center

FEE PER SESSION:

\$12 OCPRF Forever Young Club Member
 \$14 Oak Creek residents-non-members
 \$21 Non-resident-non-member
 Instructor: David West

Note: You must register at the Recreation Office (inside City Hall) prior to attending.

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS 1/14

FITNESS WALKING

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 6-8:30 PM

**Register now for the Fitness Walking Club
 Reap the benefits of staying in shape this winter**



- * Registered walkers will receive a T-shirt to identify them as a walker
- * Spring/Fall 2003 walkers who wish to continue using their shirt receive a \$6.50 discount which is reflected in the price
- * Walk 10-12 hours a week in the newly remodeled Oak Creek High School

- * *Option:* Earn milestone certificates at 10, 25, 50, 100 miles and higher
- * Enjoy the motivation of belonging to a group

REGISTRATION: Semester registration accepted at the Recreation Office by fax, phone-in or mail. Daily registration accepted at Recreation Office or at check-in desk.

January 5 to April 8 (Semester)

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Activity/Section#</u>
\$25.00	\$34.25 includes new shirt	502021 F2
\$18.50	\$27.75 using Spring/Fall 03 shirt	

Daily fee (wristband only). ID required.

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Activity/Section#</u>
\$1.50	\$2.00	502021 DW

CLOSED: February 5 & February 26.

LOCATION: Sr High 2nd floor hallways. Use east entrance only.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- Spring Clean Up - Pg. 5
- Health Expo - Pg. 6
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FIRST AID & CPR

FIRST AID & CPR ADULTS & YOUTH 16+



1ST AID & ADULT CPR

Activity/Sect#	DAYS/DATES	TIME
406512 B1	Tues, Jan. 20 & Tues. Jan. 27	6:15-9:15 PM 7:15-9:15 PM
106512 B1	Tues, April 6 & Thurs., April 8	6:15-9:15 PM 7:15-9:15 PM

LOCATION: Oak Creek City Hall-Lower Level
Conference Room-use east entrance

FEE: \$ 10 Residents / \$15 Non-Residents
NO REFUNDS ONCE CLASS HAS STARTED

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS JAN.14

ADULT, CHILD & INFANT CPR

Activity/Sect#	DAYS/DATES	TIME
406512 B2	Tues. Jan. 27 & Feb. 3	6:15-9:15 PM
106512 B2	Thurs. April 8 & Mon. April 12	6:15-9:15 PM

LOCATION: Oak Creek City Hall-Lower Level
Conference Room-use east entrance

FEE: \$ 10 Residents / \$15 Non-Residents
NO REFUNDS ONCE CLASS HAS STARTED

INSTRUCTOR: June VanPinsker or Mary Jane Trate

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS JAN.14

SPECIAL FEE:

Residents: Take both classes for only \$15
Non-Residents: Take both classes for only \$22.50



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Children's Classes-Ages 5-12 Years

Adult Classes-Ages 13 & Up

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Master J. Lowe

Sincerely,
Master James Lowe,
5th Degree Black Belt

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Visit or call **Georgene Gabelbauer**, Program Coordinator, at **(414) 768-5850**, Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 2:00 PM or call the Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Office at (414) 768-6515 to leave a message.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ARE AMAZING:

- Priority registration for special events & social service appointments.
- Free activities just for members.
- Monthly newsletter containing up-to-date information on activities & issues of concern to our members.
- Special discounts on special events & field trips.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

All activities are held at the Oak Creek Community Center (The Center), 8580 S. Howell Avenue, Oak Creek (unless otherwise stated.)

MONDAYS:

The ever-popular card social/business meeting is held each Monday from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.

ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Luncheon Club
- Guest speakers
- Blood pressure monitoring
- Foot/hand care clinics
- Bingo
- Fundraisers

CLASSES:

- Crafts
 - Fits for the 50's Strength Training* (See page 28)
- * classes marked with an asterisk are listed in this recreation guide. Preregistration at the Recreation Office is mandatory.

Instructors Needed!!

Do you enjoy working with mature adults? Do you have talents, experiences or ideas to share? If you answered, "yes", then we need you at the Forever Young Club.

Please call Georgene at (414) 768-5850 to apply.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

- SeniorCare Application
- Social Service Referrals
- Senior Law Consultation Referrals

SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Contact Coordinator Georgene Gabelbauer for information on the below special events at (414) 768-5850, Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

Christmas Party - Oak Creek Community Center

Friday, December 19, 2003

Registration Deadline: December 11

Traditional holiday ham dinner and heartwarming entertainment by the Milwaukee Male Chorus.

Cost: \$7 members, \$10 non-members.

Fireside Restaurant & Showplace-Ft. Atkinson

Sunday, February 22, 2004

Motor coach transportation, "I Do! I Do!" romantic musical comedy, plus Sunday brunch buffet. Sales tax and gratuity included in the fee of \$67 per person. Call Georgene Gabelbauer for information.

St. Patrick's Gala - Oak Creek Community Center

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Included buffet luncheon, vocal entertainer Ellie Quint plus loads of fun. Fee to be announced.

Drury Lane Theatre-Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Motor coach transportation, hilarious musical comedy, "Lucky Stiff" and sit-down luncheon. Fee to be announced.

Membership Eligibility

1. An Oak Creek Resident (unless a limited non-resident membership vacancy is available)
2. Be at least 55 years of age.
3. Able to care for self or be accompanied by a caregiver.
4. Complete necessary membership information forms.
5. Submit payment of 2004 dues - \$7

WINTER FUN

OAK CREEK DAY AT CRYSTAL RIDGE



Monday, January 26, from 4:30 PM to 10 PM, will be Oak Creek Day at the Crystal Ridge Ski area. Any Oak Creek resident **WITH I.D.** will be given the low group rate for lift and rental equipment during regular hours. Bring your friends and family and plan on having a great time. **All skiers under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian sign a consent form which is available in the Recreation Office or at Crystal Ridge prior to skiing.

For more information call **Crystal Ridge:** at **529-7676.**

PLACE: Crystal Ridge Ski Area (76th St. & Rawson Ave.) One mile south of Southridge

COST: \$15 for lift / \$19 for lift/rental

Fee is paid at Crystal Ridge upon arrival

SNOWBOARD LESSONS

(AGES 14 TO ADULT)

Oak Creek Parks & Recreation is teaming up with Crystal Ridge Ski area to offer snowboard lessons this winter. A great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy our Wisconsin winters together. Fee includes lift / 1 hour lesson & rental.



<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
Tues	Jan 13, 20 & 27	403503 A1
OR		
Thur	Jan 15, 22 & 29	403503 A2

TIME: Check in at 6 PM / Lessons at 6:30 PM

PLACE: Crystal Ridge Ski Area (76th St. & Rawson Ave.) One mile south of Southridge

*FEE: \$90 (*fee includes three lessons),

Registration opens immediately

NO REFUNDS

SKI LESSONS

(AGES 10 TO ADULT)

Oak Creek Parks & Recreation is teaming up with Crystal Ridge Ski area to offer ski lessons this winter. A great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy our Wisconsin winters together. Fee includes lift and 1 hour lesson & rental.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
Tues	Jan 13, 20 & 27	403501 A1
OR		
Thurs	Jan 15, 22 & 29	403501 A2

TIME: Check in at 6 PM / Lessons at 6:30 PM

PLACE: Crystal Ridge Ski Area (76th St. & Rawson Ave.); one mile south of Southridge

*FEE: \$65 (*fee includes three lessons)



Registration opens immediately

NO REFUNDS

See page 41 for sledding locations and ice rink information.

ARTS & CRAFTS

AGES 5 TO 9

Participants will be creating a variety of seasonal arts and crafts activities.

Mondays, Begins January 26 (8 weeks)

Time	Age	Activity / Section #
6 - 7 PM	5-9	404002 A1

INSTRUCTOR: Kaela Zielinski

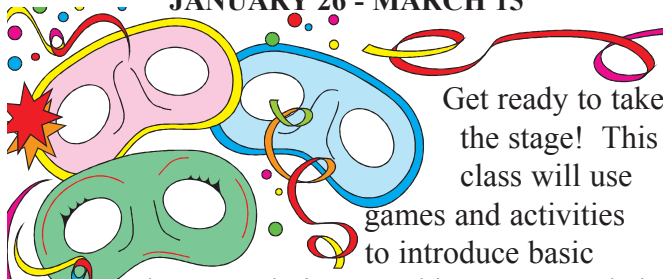
LOCATION: Sr. High Art Room

ENTER: East Entrance #21 only

FEE: Residents \$ 22 / Non-residents \$33

DRAMA

GRADES K - 6 (8 WKS)
JANUARY 26 - MARCH 15



Get ready to take the stage! This class will use games and activities to introduce basic

theatre techniques and is recommended

for those interested in our Summer Theater program. The final class may include a short skit or demonstration, however our play production is scheduled for the summer session.

INSTRUCTORS: Laura Kohn-LaPinske
Michael LaPinske

PLACE: Oak Creek High School

GRADE	DAY	TIMES	ACT./ SECT. #
K-3	Mon	6-6:45 PM	404011 A1
3-6	Mon	7-7:45 PM	404011 B1

FEE: \$14 residents / \$21 non-residents

BATON

AGES 3 & UP



Have you ever wanted to twirl a baton like they do in parades? Come give a twirl & learn the basics of baton. Try some tricks like an off-the-thumb toss or a Jack-in-the-Box Jump! Discover what an airplane spin is too!

SATURDAYS, begins Jan. 24-Mar. 27 (9 wks.)

TINY TOTS (AGES 3 - 6)

(Reminder: Students are NOT accompanied by parents during class sessions. *Children must be toilet-trained.*)

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECT#
Sat	10:30-11:00 AM	404010 B1

AGES 7+ UP

Children will be introduced to basic baton twirls & tricks.

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECT #
Sat	11:00 AM-11:45 AM	404010 A1

INSTRUCTOR: Sue Piekarski

No class on March 13

LOCATION: Oak Creek High Balcony

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 only

FEE: Residents \$18 / Non-residents \$27

NOTE: The instructor will have information on purchasing batons at the first class.



Check out the sledding and ice rink info. on page 41

KIDS STUFF

DANCE PROGRAM BALLET - TAP - JAZZ

Let's move to the beat! Dance fundamentals geared toward the young student. Combo classes will include basic dance steps and rhythms used in ballet, tap and jazz. *Children must be toilet-trained.*

COMBO

Tuesdays: begins Jan. 27 (6 weeks)

<u>ACT/SECT#</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
404009 A1	Tues	4-5	Combo	6:00-6:45 PM
404009 A2	Tues	4-5	Combo	6:45-7:30 PM
404009 C1	Tues	6+	Combo	7:30-8:15 PM

COMBO FEE PER SESSION:
\$14 Resident / \$21 Non-resident

Wear: Dance shoes not required for combo classes. Please wear t-shirt and shorts, sweats or plain leotard and tights.

BALLET, TAP & JAZZ CLASSES**

Wednesdays: begins Jan. 28 (8 weeks)

**Students who have previously taken combo class or other prior classes may focus on a particular dance style in the following classes. (Children age 4 MUST take combo class)

<u>ACT/SECT#</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
404019 A1	Wed	5-6	Ballet	6:00-6:30 PM
404029 A1	Wed	5-6	Tap	6:30-7:00 PM
404019 B1	Wed	6+	Ballet	7:00-7:30 PM
404029 B1	Wed	6+	Tap	7:30-8:00 PM
404039 B1	Wed	6+	Jazz	8:00-8:30 PM

BALLET, TAP OR JAZZ FEE PER SESSION:
\$8 Resident / \$12 Non-resident

Wear: Tap and/or ballet shoes recommended. Please wear t-shirt and shorts, sweats or plain leotard and tights.

INSTRUCTOR: Lori Vasquez

LOCATION: Senior High Choir Room

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 only



TWINKLE, TWINKLE TINY TUNES

Adult (1) with up to 2 children
Ages 2-1/2 to 4

Develop your child's natural love of music using songs, musical games, rhythm instruments and creative movement with an emphasis on fun. *Participation by parent/guardian is required. Children must be toilet-trained.*

Wednesdays beginning January 28 (6 weeks)

<u>ACT/SECT#</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
404009 T1	Wed	6:00-6:45 PM
404009 T2	Wed	6:45-7:30 PM

LOCATION: Sr. High Wrestling Room

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 only

INSTRUCTOR: Cynthia Zengle

FEES

\$18 Residents / \$27 Non-Resident

FITNESS FUN-AGES 3-6



Boys & girls will be participating in exercises, creativity, rhythm and balance activities such as dances, games, ball-relays, etc. *Wear comfortable play clothing. Children must be toilet-trained.*

Session I: Thursdays (Jan. 29 to Feb. 26) 5 wks.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
6:00 - 6:45 PM	3 & 4	404012 A1
6:45 - 7:30 PM	4 & 5	404012 B1

Session II: Thursdays (March 18 to April 15) 5 wks.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
6:00 - 6:45 PM	3 & 4	104012 A1
6:45 - 7:30 PM	4, 5 & 6	104012 B1

LOCATION: Shepard Hills Gym, enter using north doors next to the playground

INSTRUCTOR: Kaela Zielinski

FEE PER SESSION:

Residents \$15
Non-residents \$22.50



KIDS STUFF

MITE SPORTS AGES 4-7



Introductory sports programs for 4 to 7 year old players. Four and five-year old participants concentrate on learning basic skills, six and seven-year olds will practice basic skills and increase their understanding of the rules of the game and proper play. Everyone will have a chance to participate in some "just for fun" scrimmages. Fun, learning and good sportsmanship are stressed at all times. *Children must be toilet-trained.*

Floor Hockey-Session I Sats., Jan. 24 - Feb. 28 (6 weeks)

Time	Age	Activity / Section #
9:45 - 10:30 AM	4 & 5	404013 A1
9:00 - 9:45 AM	6 & 7	404013 B1

Session II Sats., March 13 to April 24 (6 weeks)

Time	Age	Activity / Section #
Kickball 9:45-10:30	4 - 6	104013 A1
Soccer 9:00- 9:45	4 & 5	104013 B1

Mr. Pee Wee

Tennis	10:30-11:15	6 - 7	104013	C1
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- No class April 10 -

COORDINATOR: Darin Grabowski

LOCATION: Shepard Hills School Multi-Purpose Rm

Please enter through north (playground) doors

FEE PER 6 WEEK SESSION:

Residents \$18

Non-residents \$27



IS SHE/HE OLD ENOUGH?



For all programs, **age requirement will be as of the date of the first class**, unless otherwise specified.

Please do not request to have your child put in a class he/she does not belong in. All age requirements are set to benefit the children and make instruction more consistent for the program leader. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the child's safety.

TUMBLING

AGES 4 & UP



Twist, turn, stretch, roll & jump!

Tumbling is a fun way to explore muscle control while building upper body strength, coordination and balance.

• **Dress:** Please wear a leotard or t-shirt and shorts or sweats. No jewelry, or clothing with zippers or belt buckles. Long hair should be tied up. Shoes may not be worn in the wrestling room.



TAILS OVER WHISKERS

Beginning tumbling and balance skills for children ages 4 & 5. Reminder: Students are not accompanied by parents during class sessions. *Children must be toilet-trained.*

Session I: January 26 - March 1 (6 weeks)

Tails Over Whiskers (Ages 4 & 5)

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECTION #
Mon.	6:00 - 6:45 PM	404005 A1
Mon.	6:45 - 7:30 PM	404005 A2

Session II: March 15 - April 19 (6 weeks)

Tails Over Whiskers (Ages 4 & 5)

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECTION #
Mon.	6:00 - 6:45 PM	104005 A1
Mon.	6:45 - 7:30 PM	104005 A2

BEGINNERS

Open to children ages 5 and up who show an interest in learning tumbling. No skill ability is required.

Session I: January 26 - March 1 (6 weeks)

Beginners (Ages 5 & up)

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECTION #
Mon.	7:30 - 8:15 PM	404005 B1

Session II: March 15 - April 19 (6 weeks)

Beginners (Ages 5 & up)

DAY	TIMES	ACTIVITY / SECTION #
Mon.	7:30 - 8:15 PM	104005 B1

INSTRUCTOR: Cyndi Zengle

LOCATION: Sr High Wrestling Room

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 only

FEE: Residents \$18 / Non-residents \$27

2004 COMMUNITY BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



- * Coming to Oak Creek in early February 2004.
- * Watch for flyers in mid-January!
- * Date, time and location to be determined.

**Quality education.
Professional staff.
Caring environment.**

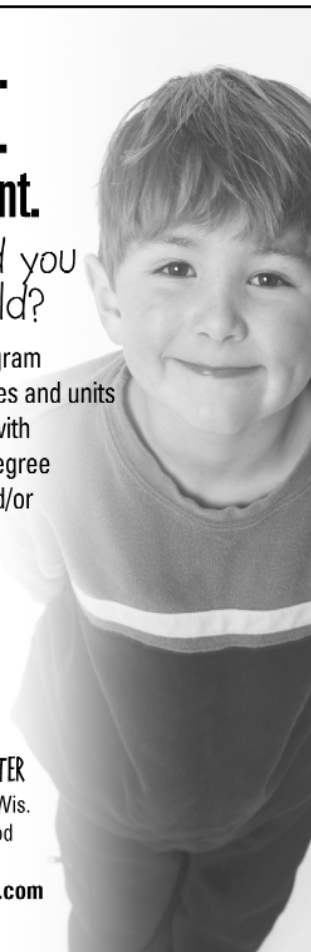
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Come grow with us!



TAEKWONDO



YOUTH (AGES 7+) & ADULTS

Tae Kwon Do isn't only about punching & kicking. It teaches the ancient values of honor, respect and perseverance. Tae Kwon Do is truly a "Way of Life" sport.

BEGINNER

New students, white & high white belts. It is recommended that beginners take both the Tuesday & Thursday classes.

BEGINS January 13 or 15 (8 weeks)

Day	Time	Yth. Act/Sect#	Adlt. Act/Sect#
Tues	6:30-7:30 PM	404306 C1	404306 C2
Thurs	6:30-7:30 PM	404306 C3	404306 C4

BEGINS March 23 or 25 (8 weeks)

Tues	6:30-7:30 PM	104306 C1	104306 C2
Thurs	6:30-7:30 PM	104306 C3	104306 C4

ADVANCED BEGINNER

Students with yellow belts & above.

BEGINS January 13 (8 weeks)

Day	Time	Yth. Act/Sect#	Adlt. Act/Sect#
Tu & Th	7:30-8:30 PM	404306 D1	404306 D2

BEGINS March 23 through May 13 (8 weeks)

Day	Time	Yth. Act/Sect#	Adlt. Act/Sect#
Tu & Th	7:30-8:30 PM	104306 D1	104306 D2

- NO CLASS JANUARY 20 -

LOCATION: Senior High Wrestling Room

ENTER: East Entrance #21 ONLY

INSTRUCTOR: John Wellstein, 2nd Degree Black Belt

**ASSISTANTS: Rebecca Jacob, Black Belt
Scott Swanson, Black Belt**

**CURRICULUM COORDINATOR: Master James Lowe
5th Degree Black Belt, USA Tae Kwon Do, 28 yrs experience**

FEE: Beginner (Once per week per session)

\$20 Youth / \$30 Adult Resident
\$30 Youth / \$45 Adult Non-Resident

Adv Beginner (Twice per week per session)

\$40 Youth / \$60 Adult Resident
\$60 Youth / \$90 Adult Non-Resident

OTHER FEES:

- Dobok (uniform) is required. Cost: \$35 youth, \$40 adult. Instructor will have sizing/ordering information at first class.
- Testing and/or protective sparring gear as students advance.

Registration opens immediately!!

YOUTH SPORTS

YOUTH GOLF INSTRUCTION

AGES 11 - 16 (4 weeks)



Beginner golf instruction is available to youth ages 11-16 wanting to learn the fundamentals of this great sport. Instructor will cover equipment & basic skills focusing on swing, stance & golf terms. Participants using their own clubs should bring a #7 iron to the first class.

<u>ACT/SECT#</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>START DATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>
104004 A1	Mon	April 26	4 - 5 PM
104004 A2	Wed	April 28	4 - 5 PM

PLACE: Gastrau Golf Center, 1300 E. Rawson Avenue, Oak Creek

FEE: \$12 residents / \$18 Non-residents

INSTRUCTORS: Steve Gastrau & Dennis Murawski

NOTE: A bucket of driving range practice ball(large \$5.50, small \$4.50) must be purchased at each class.

TENNIS INSTRUCTION

Ages 8 & Up

Begins April 24 (5 weeks)



Beginner tennis instruction will be offered on Saturdays.

Balls will be provided by the department. Tennis racquets will be available for use during class time.

<u>ACT/SECT#</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>TIME</u>
104007 A1	Sat	8-12	10 AM - 11 AM
104007 A2	Sat	8-12	11 AM - 12 NN
104007 B1	Sat	12 +	12 NN - 1 PM

PLACE: Oak Leaf Tennis Courts

INSTRUCTOR: Dave Larson

FEE: \$ 12 Residents / \$ 18 Non-Residents

Inclement Weather?



Call the 24 hour activity tape for up-to-date cancellation information

(414) 299-9721

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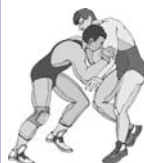
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Press 3 - Registration Information



YOUTH WRESTLING

BOYS & GIRLS - GRADES 1 - 8 (8 weeks)



The Oak Creek Parks & Recreation Department is offering a youth wrestling program to promote & teach amateur wrestling fundamentals & sportsmanship.

DATE: Fridays, begins Feb. 6 thru April 2

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>ACTIVITY / SECT. #</u>
1-3	6 - 7 PM	404008 A1
4-8	7:15 - 8:15 PM	404008 B1

PLACE: Oak Creek Sr. High Wrestling Rm.

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 ONLY

INSTRUCTOR: David Hampson

FEE: \$16 resident / \$24 non-resident

NO CLASS FEBRUARY 13, 2004

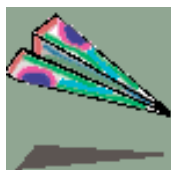
MAD SCIENCE



JR. SCIENTIST CAMP AGES 6-10

Classes meet once a week for 4 weeks. Each week there is a different theme.

- **Tantalizing Taste:** Experiment with taste sensations while “mapping” out your tongue. Use lifesaver testing to compare your sense of smell and taste. Carbonate and taste your very own soda pop, and take the “Mad Science” taste challenge..
- **Lights...Color...Action!** Uncover the hidden components in ordinary light and build your own Newton’s Color Wheel to prove it. Attend a spectacular chemical energy display.
- **Sonic Sounds:** Discover sound, sound waves, and the way household items can be used to create amazing movie effects. Use our multi-effects processor to make a cassette tape of your altered voice, with lots of cool special effects..
- **Stunt Planes:** Fly through the basics of flight and aerodynamics. You will get to make and test out various designs of different paper aircraft and learn how to make your creations soar!



Saturdays - Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 (4 weeks)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
9:00 - 10:00 AM	406013 B1

LOCATION: Sr. High-Art Room

ENTER: Use east entrance only #21 only

FEE: Residents \$34
Non-residents \$37

**NO REFUNDS
after January 30**

PRESCHOOL SCIENCE CAMP AGES 3.5 - 6



These classes have been extremely popular for the younger kids! Classes meet once a week for 4 weeks. Each week there is a different theme: *Please note that all children must be toilet trained.*

- **Human Body:** Campers will meet Mr. Bones and learn about muscles and body systems. Each child will receive a Body Apron.
- **Space Frontiers:** Boldly travel through the fantastic solar system, and sign up for our Mad Science Astronaut-in-Training Program.
- **Weather Wonders:** Rain, snow, sleet or hail. Whatever the conditions outside, have fun learning about weather patterns and the water cycle.



- **Eye to Eye:** Open your eyes and see the world through telescopes, binoculars and other instruments. Discover how our eyes work, plus the amazing tricks they can play.

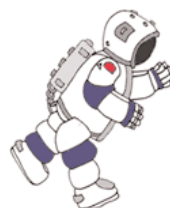
Saturdays - Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 (4 weeks)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity / Section#</u>
11:45 AM-12:30 PM	406013 A1

LOCATION: Sr. High Art Room

ENTER: Use east entrance only #21 only

FEE: Residents \$34
Non-residents \$37



**NO REFUNDS
after January 30**

TEEN ACTIVITIES

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

AGES 11 & UP



The Red Cross Babysitting Course helps you learn the responsibilities of a baby-sitter, what to expect of parents who hire you, what parents expect you to do. Topics include: safety, supervision and basic care of children.

Attendance at all class sessions & completion of all written assignments & skills is required to receive certification.

Weds. & Thurs., Jan. 14 & 15
(5:30-8:30 PM)

Activity/Sect.#: 404001 A1

Bring: pencil/pen

Instructor: June VanPinsker

Location: City Hall-Lower Level Conference Room

OR

Sat. April 3

(9AM-3:30 PM)

Activity/Sect.#: 104001 A1

Bring: bag lunch/beverage & pencil/pen

Instructor: Jennifer Herring

Location: City Hall-Lower Level Conference Room

Enter: Use east entrance to City Hall--all others will be locked!

FEE (includes book):	Residents	\$33.00
	Non-resident	\$49.50

NO REFUNDS ONCE CLASS BEGINS!

Non-Res.
registration for
January class
only opens on
January 9

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 6, 7 & 8

Don't miss the fun! Volleyball information will be available beginning Monday, February 2, 2004. Flyers will be available at the middle school & the Parks & Recreation office. Games are scheduled for **one evening per week** beginning mid-March, at East Middle School. Registration is limited--be sure to listen for announcements!



Activity/Section #: 102024 A1

Coordinators: Lindsay Allard & Kelly Trzebiatowski



MAD SCIENCE ROBOT CAMP

AGES 9-14



Build your own robot and learn the incredible things robots can do. Each child will assemble their very own robot to take home. The "Rockit" Robots will amaze campers with their agility and maneuverability as they participate in the Mad Science Olympics.

Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 (4 weeks)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity / Section #</u>
10:15-11:30 AM	409012 A2

LOCATION: Sr. High Art Room

ENTER: Use east entrance #21 only

FEE: Resident \$69 / Non-resident \$71

**NO REFUNDS
after January 30**

TEEN OPEN BASKETBALL

AGES 11-15

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>
Sunday	1 - 3 PM	January 11**



Location: West Middle School Gym

Fee: \$1 Residents with ID
\$2 Non-resident
(fee paid at the door per session)

Residents must have identification available when arriving.

ENTER: southwest doors at back of school by dumpsters

****Will continue until March 21 IF attendance is good. Please call the activity tape at 299-9721, Press 1. Season may be shortened if participation is low.**

THE SPORTS PAGE

OPEN BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Age 18+

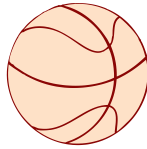
Adults in the community may attend the Open Basketball Program in the West Middle School Gym.

DAY	TIME	AGE(S)	BEGINS / ENDS
Sunday	6-7:30 PM	35 & Up	Jan. 11-Mar. 28
Sunday	7:30-9 PM	18 & Up	Jan. 11-Mar. 28

Location: West Middle School Gym

ENTER: Southwest doors at back of school by dumpster

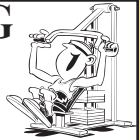
Fee: \$2 Residents with ID
\$3 Non-residents
(fee paid at the door per session)



Residents must have identification available when arriving.

OPEN WEIGHTLIFTING

Age 18+



The Oak Creek Sr. High Weight Room will be open & supervised for adults. Those who are unfamiliar with the equipment should ask the supervisor for an orientation to the weight room.

DAY	TIME	BEGINS / ENDS
Mon & Wed	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Jan. 19 - March 31

Location: Oak Creek Senior High Weight Room-Use East #21 Entrance Only

FEE: \$2 Residents with ID / \$3 Non-residents
(fee paid at the door per session)

Residents must have identification available when arriving. Call the activity tape at 299-9721, Press 1. Season may be shortened if participation is low.



We're Sorry: Children are not allowed to attend adult classes/activities! As much as we love them, we have found that adult classes/activities are too long for children to wait quietly & they often cause disruptions in class. Please make other arrangements for their care while you are enjoying your class/activity.

Oak Creek Education Association

Teachers working to make
the schools in Oak Creek-**Great!**



GREATSCHOOLS

Every kid deserves one!



GOLF (4 CLASSES)

ADULTS & YOUTH AGE 16+

BEGINNER LESSONS

Take a swing & join the fun! Learn basic golf fundamentals focusing on proper grip, stance and swing. You'll have plenty of opportunities to hit balls.

Participants using their own clubs should bring a #7 iron to the first class.

Session 1 - Mondays begins April 26

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY/SECTION#
Mon	5-6 PM	104504 A1
Mon	6-7 PM	104504 A2

Session 2 - Wednesdays begins April 28

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY/SECTION#
Wed	5-6 PM	104504 B1
Wed	6-7 PM	104504 B2

INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED LESSONS

This class is geared toward the person who is scoring in the low 50's or high 40's for 9 holes. Emphasis will be placed on improving fundamentals, specialty shots & course management.

Session 1 - Mondays begins April 26

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY/SECTION#
Mon	7 - 8 PM	104514 A1

Session 2 - Wednesdays begins April 28

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY/SECTION#
Wed	7 - 8 PM	104514 B1

FEE PER SECTION: \$28 residents *
\$42 non-residents*

PLACE: Gastrau Golf Center
1300 E. Rawson Avenue, Oak Creek

INSTRUCTORS: Steve Gastrau & Dennis Murawski

* **Note:** A bucket of driving range practice balls (large \$5.50, small \$4.50) must be purchased at each class.

Scuba Diving, Ski & Snowboard Lessons, Step Up Aerobics, Aqua Fit, and more...



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

14 GAME SEASON

Begins: Week of April 26, 2004



Team entry fee: \$165 for outseam

\$185 for inseam

Player Fee: \$13.50 per player

RESIDENT TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

* Resident teams must consist of a minimum of 51% residents of Oak Creek

LEAGUES

LOCATION

MONDAY EVENINGS

Men's Recreation-Inseam East Middle School Field

Women's Recreation-Inseam Shepard Hills West Field

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Men's Open-Inseam East Middle School Field

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Men's Gold-Inseam East Middle School Field

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Men's Industrial-Inseam East Middle School Field

Adult Co-rec-Outseam Shepard Hills West Field

Complete eligibility policies and procedures are contained in team packets. Please call for details.

Returning team REGISTRATION- Monday,

February 9 - Friday, February 13, 2004

Monday, February 16, 2004, the Department will accept **NEW** resident team entries in all leagues on a first-come, first-served basis. Non-resident teams call the Recreation Office at 768-6515 for the registration date or for further information.

TENNIS INSTRUCTION (5 CLASSES)

ADULTS & YOUTH AGE 16+

Tennis instruction is being offered for adults. Racquets will be available for use during classes. Balls are provided.



DAY	STARTS	TIME	ACTIVITY/SECTION#
Sat	April 24	9 - 10 AM	104507 A1

PLACE: Oak Leaf Tennis Courts, see map pg. 14/15

FEE: \$20 Residents

\$30 Non-residents

INSTRUCTOR: Dave Larson

SLEDDING & ICE RINK INFORMATION

SLEDDING LOCATIONS



Tobogganing and sledding are offered at these parks during daylight hours and only when weather conditions are good. There is no supervision at any of these areas.

- Chapel Hills Park
- Manor Marquette Park
- Riverton Meadows Park
- Willow Heights Park



See map on page 14-15 for park locations

HENRY MILLER PARK ICE RINK

HENRY MILLER PARK ICE RINK AND SHELTER will be opened as soon as safe skating is established. The Henry Miller Park shelter will be open during those times when the ice is supervised. Hot chocolate will be sold during supervised hours.

NOTE: Supervised ice skating hours are subject to staff availability and ice and weather conditions. **Please call the activity tape at (414) 299-9721, Press 1, after December 15th for current ice rink schedule.**

HENRY MILLER PARK ICE RINK & SHELTER can be reserved by an group, club or organization during non-skating hours. For permit and/or additional ice skating information, contact the Recreation Office at 768-6515. See page 16 for shelter rental fees.

UNSUPERVISED ICE RINKS: Unsupervised ice skating is available at Henry Miller Park, Chapel Hills and Haas Park during daylight hours when the weather and ice conditions permit. We caution ice skaters that ice conditions may be rough and skaters skate at their own risk. We encourage skaters to practice safe & courteous skating.

See map on page 14-15 for park locations



Pictures from an Ice Skating Party rental at Henry Miller Park Ice Rink during non-skating hours.

REGISTRATION MADE EASY!

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RESIDENT REGISTRATION

IMMEDIATELY:
MAIL, FAX or DROP OFF
your registration!

 **Jan. 8**
 Processing of Mail, Drop-Box or Fax Registration will begin at 10 AM. All registrations in the office by that time will be shuffled and processed at random.


 **Jan. 14**
 Oak Creek resident walk-in registration begins.

 **Jan. 19**
 Phone-in registration accepted. Credit card only.




NOTE: Some classes fill before walk-in, phone and non-resident registrations begin.

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

 **Jan. 19**
 Registrations will be accepted for available spaces, except as noted for individual programs.


GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

 **Mail In or Drop Off**

Drop boxes located at:
 East entrance to City Hall
 East end of parking lot
 South entrance to City Hall

or mail to:
 Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry
 8640 S. Howell Ave.,
 Oak Creek, WI 53154

FAX-IN REGISTRATION!

 Credit card info and proof of residency must be included.
FAX (414) 768-6518

Receipts will be mailed or given to all registrants! Please check them carefully!

You **WILL** be notified if:

- Your class choice is filled or
- Schedule changes are necessary

The Department will not be responsible for registrations not received in a timely manner due to missing or improper labels.

NOTES

VISA and MasterCard are accepted for registration.

A service fee of \$3 will be charged on all refunds and transfers.

Instructors will not accept registration/payment at class site. All registration transactions must be received and processed at the Recreation Office prior to scheduled class.

WAITING LISTS

If the class you want to register for is filled or does not meet at a time or date you can attend, be sure your name is put on a waiting list. Additional classes may be added if a sufficient number of participants are on the waiting list and an instructor/facility is available. Waiting lists do not carry over from one season to the next.

AM I A RESIDENT?

A non-resident fee is set for most activities. The non-resident fee applies to any person whose primary residence is not within the Oak Creek city limits at the time of registration. Attendance in the Oak Creek-Franklin School District does not constitute residency. All individuals or groups registering in classes or activities must show proof of City residency such as a current State of Wisconsin driver's license, a current utility bill, etc. If proof of residency cannot be validated, the non-resident fee standards will be applied.

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY OFFICE INFORMATION

HOURS:
 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4:45 PM

CLOSED:
 Wednesday/Thursday, December 31 & January 1
 Friday, April 9
 Monday, May 31

PHONE NUMBERS:
 PARKS AND RECREATION(414) 768-6515
 FORESTRY.....(414) 768-5861

24 HR. ACTIVITY INFORMATION TAPE.....(414) 299-9721
 Press 1 for General Information
 Press 2 for Team Sports Information
 Press 3 for Registration Information

FAX.....(414) 768-6518

VISIT US AT: www.oakcreekwi.org

RECREATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

~ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ~

FIRST / LAST NAME (parent/guardian) _____

HOME PHONE () _____ DAY PHONE () _____ Mom's _____ or Dad's _____

ADDRESS (STREET) _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ Check if this is new address, phone, name change, etc.

EMERGENCY CONTACT (if different from above): Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

home# _____ work #: _____ cell #: _____

PARTICIPANTS' FIRST / LAST NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE '03-'04	CHOICE	PROGRAM TITLE / LEVEL / SESSION	REQUIRED --		FEE
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Special Considerations: (i.e. medication, disability needs, etc.) : _____

ALL REGISTRATIONS must include proof of residency. i.e.: current address on check, photocopy of driver's license, utility bill, subscription label, etc.

VISA MC **Account #:** _____ **V-Code:** _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Signature _____

OFFICE USE ONLY NOTES:

RECEIPT #: _____

INITIALS: _____

DATE: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that the Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department does not assume liability for payment of medical-hospital expenses which may be incurred by myself while participating in this activity, but said liability will be assumed by myself for the duration of the activity. Further, I understand that the School District in which these activities may be conducted does not assume liability for payment of medical-hospital expenses incurred in the activity sponsored by the Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department of the City of Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Participants who do not have medical-hospital insurance coverage are encouraged to purchase this coverage from their own insurance agent for the duration of the activity.

I HAVE READ & FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER OF LIABILITY STATEMENT.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

CHECK PAYABLE TO: OCPRF or OAK CREEK PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DEPT. **FAX TO:** 768-6518
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How did you receive your guide? Mail Rec Office Library Other: _____

FEEL FREE TO PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM OR ANOTHER REGISTRATION FORM

Here's your chance to make any comments/suggestions. Don't hold anything back!
We're always looking to improve programs & offer new classes.



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Optional: Please call me concerning these suggestions / comments. yes no

Name: _____ Day Phone # (8 AM-4:30 PM) _____

E-mail address: _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Your Age Bracket: (circle one) 14-15 yrs. 16-17 yrs. 18 & older

Position Applied For: _____ E-mail address: _____

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**HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY
SAFE FROM VANDALISM**

**Report vandalism & graffiti to the
Oak Creek Police Department
762-8200**

(or **911** if the vandalism is in progress)

Vandalism & Graffiti

- Know why vandalism happens, who's involved & what you can do to help prevent it.
- Report vandalism when you see it happening.
- Join in community efforts to stop vandalism.

LET'S KEEP OUR PARKS FREE OF VANDALISM & GRAFFITI!

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Thank You! 

Get On Track For Fitness

Fitness Walking is Back!

See Page 28 for details!!



SPRING PREVIEW

Program Coordinator: John Keane

REGISTRATION: DO NOT REGISTER NOW! Flyers will be available at the Recreation Office and will be distributed to local elementary and middle school the **FIRST PART OF APRIL 2004.**

TEE BALL PROGRAM

YOUTH AGES 4 1/2 BY APRIL 1, 2004 THROUGH GRADE 1 ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

CLINICS-

Begin the week of June 14

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

AM TEE BALL PROGRAM (M/W or Tu/Th)

TIME: 9 AM - 10:15 AM

EVENING T-BALL PROGRAM (M/W or Tu/Th)

TIME: 6 PM - 7:15 PM, Same dates as day program

ROOKIE BALL

(UMPIRES PITCH)

BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 1, 2 & 3

CLINICS

DATES: Monday through Thursday, June 14 - 17

TIME: 10:30 - 11:45 AM

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

PRACTICES/GAMES

- Begin the week of June 21
- Mondays thru Thursdays daily

ELEMENTARY BASEBALL PROGRAM

BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

CLINICS

DATES: Monday through Thursday, June 14 - 17

TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

ELEMENTARY GIRLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM

GIRLS IN GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

CLINICS

DATES: Monday through Thursday, June 14 - 17

TIME: 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields



MIDDLE SCHOOL 7th & 8th GRADE

Students interested in playing recreation softball or baseball should call the Rec office (768-6515) to be placed on a waiting list. Approximately 40 names are needed to start a league.

CITY PHONE DIRECTORY

Administrator	768-6504
Assessor	768-6506
City Clerk	768-6500
TDD Telephone	768-6513
Engineering	768-6541
Fire (Non-Emergency)	570-5630
General Information	768-6500
Health	768-6525
Inspection	768-6547
Library	764-4400
Mayor	768-6548
Planning	768-6527
Police	762-8200
Parks, Recreation & Forestry	768-6515
24 Hr. Activity Tape	299-9721
Fax	768-6518
Forestry	768-5861
Streets	768-6552
Treasurer	768-6501
Water Utility	570-8210
Emergency	768-7060

RECREATION HELP WANTED

WINTER/SPRING:

- * Lifeguards
- * Swim Instructors
- * Arts & Crafts Instructor for Youth
- * Dance Instructor

NEW REC PROGRAMS THIS SEASON!!!

- Jr. Scientist Camp (ages 6-10)- Page 37
- Preschool Science Camp (ages 3.5 - 6)- Page 37
- Robot Camp (ages 9-14)- Page 38

Keep this guide for
future reference!
Winter & Spring 2004
recreation classes & city
information enclosed

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