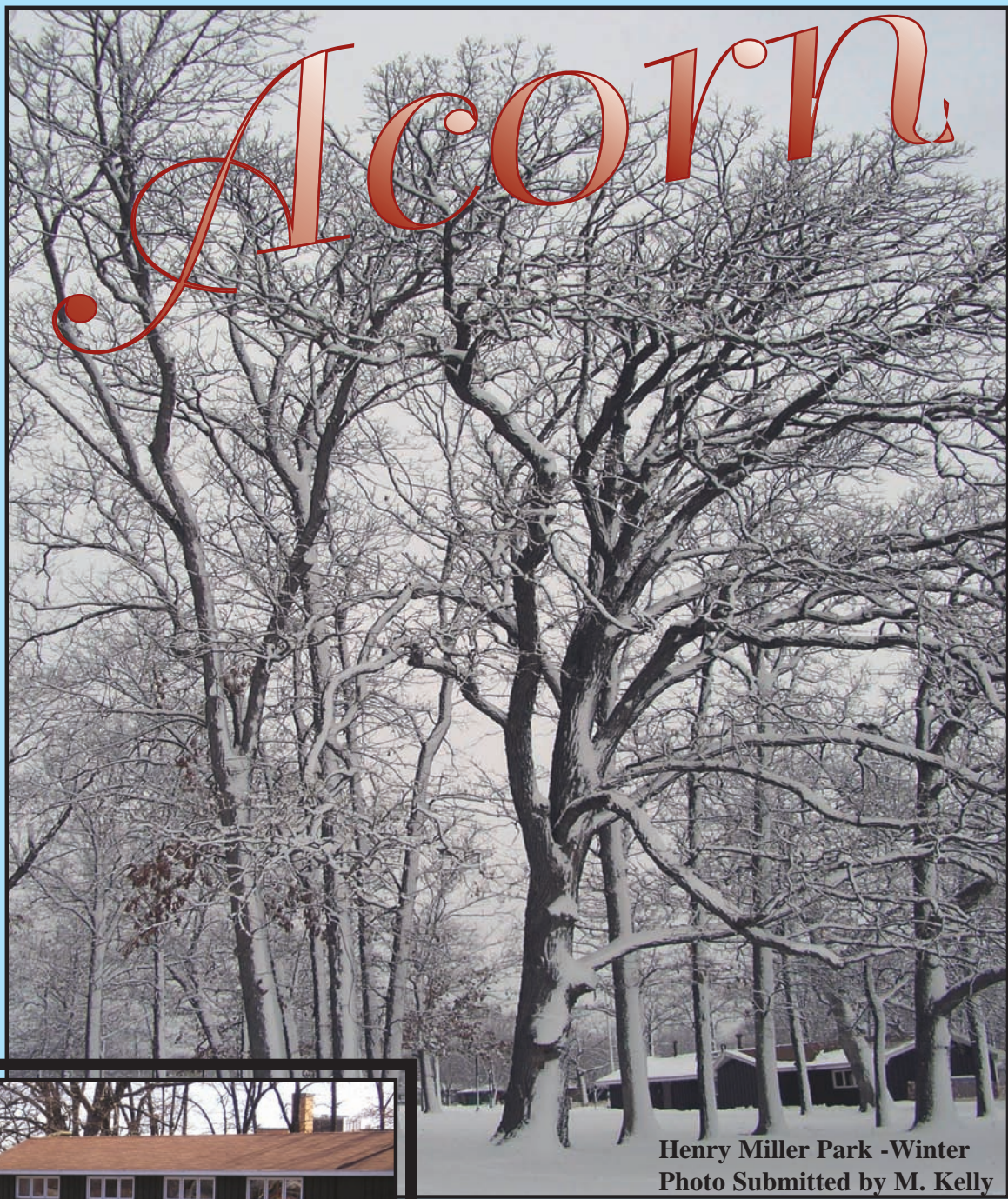


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*Winter/Spring 2010 Newsletter & Recreation Guide*

*Acorn*



Henry Miller Park - Winter  
Photo Submitted by M. Kelly



Henry Miller Park - Spring

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# THE MAYOR'S DESK-DICK BOLENDER



Dear City of Oak Creek Residents,

Welcome 2010! Happy New Year to all Oak Creek residents! Winter can really take its toll on each one of us. The beauty of the first snow is forgotten when we've lost count of how many times it has snowed and will continue to snow for the rest of the winter. Don't forget to shovel out the fire hydrants near your home. Winter activities throughout Oak Creek are keeping everyone busy and are gaining in popularity each year.

The clean-up of abandoned factories along the lakefront continues at a rapid pace. We can almost see Lake Michigan from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue instead of the unsightly buildings blocking the beautiful view for so many years. Development plans are moving forward, keeping in mind the "treasure" that belongs to everyone. Bender Park was a wonderful beginning for the enjoyment of our residents. Expansion will continue to be a priority.

New businesses continue to seek out information about the City of Oak Creek. A video of what the City of Oak Creek has to offer is now on DVD and is sent to prospective businesses around the state and country. We need to continue to attract quality businesses as the economy begins signs of a slow recovery. We need jobs for our residents who have been hurt by the closing of so many businesses during the past two years.

I continue to be amazed by the multitude of residents who stop at the "Saturday with the Mayor" meetings. Remember - if you have questions, comments, or concerns that you would like addressed, this is your "face to face" opportunity to meet with me in my office on the second Saturday of each month from 9 AM to noon.

After trying for three years, I have succeeded in having Plan Commission and Common Council meetings televised for everyone to see live on Tuesday evenings. These televised meetings will then run for the remainder of the week until the next meeting. The public can view the operation of their local government from the comfort of their own home if they cannot attend in person. The best government is one that makes access of its operation open and available to its residents. Please watch for information about these televised meetings. If you have any comments or questions about these meetings, please contact your alderperson or me.

Remember the local Spring Elections on Tuesday, February 16 (if required) and April, 6, 2010. Don't forget...with every freedom comes responsibility. Get out and vote for the candidates of your choice.

As always, I am wishing all of our residents a healthy and Happy New Year - 2010! Don't forget the men and women who are defending our country and are away from home during this time. If you know of a family who has a family member overseas, see if you can assist them with some of the tasks that can be overwhelming during the winter months.

REMEMBER: "It's amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit!"

*Dick*

## Oak Creek Public Library

### WINTER 2010 STORY TIME

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5)

January 27 - March 3

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15; 1:30-2:15; 6:00-6:45

In-person registration begins

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.



### SPRING 2010 TODDLER TIME

Toddler Time (ages 18-35 months)

March 17 - April 14

Wednesdays 10:15-10:45; 11:15-11:45

In-person-registration begins

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.



**Oak Creek residents have first priority  
For more information contact**

**Oak Creek Public Library 764-4400**

# SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

The blowing and/or shoveling of snow onto City streets are in violation of the City of Oak Creek Municipal Code Section 6.24(c).



“Prohibited Placement. No person except the State, County or City shall deposit or cause to be deposited, upon any street, alley,

sidewalk, parkway, or public land, any snow or ice taken or removed from his premises. No person except the State, County, or City shall use private or public lands within the City as a place for the disposal or dumping of snow or ice from public or private property or from another municipality except with the permission of the owner. The deposit of any snow or ice upon any street, alley, sidewalk, parkway, or public lands of the City, contrary to the provisions of this Chapter, shall be & is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The City may remove any snow & ice so deposited & cause the costs of such removal to be charged to the owner or occupant of the property from which said snow or ice was removed & illegally deposited, pursuant to Section 66.60(16), Wis. Stats.”

Property owners are also required to keep clear their mailboxes & fire hydrant on their property per Section 6.24(d) as follows: “hydrant & Mailboxes. Every property owner or occupant shall keep all fire hydrant & mailboxes abutting his/her property free & clear of all snow & ice.”

Sidewalks are also required to be cleared of ice and snow per Section 6.24(a) “The owner or occupant of any real property abutting or fronting upon a paved public sidewalk shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away, all snow and ice to the full-paved width of such sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after such snow or ice has ceased to fall or accumulate thereon. When ice has formed on any sidewalk, such that it cannot be removed, then the person responsible shall prevent such ice from presenting a hazard to pedestrian traffic by the use of ashes, sawdust, sand, salt, or any other similar substance.”



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# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# 768-6525

## 2009 COLD AND FLU SEASON

Cold and flu season is upon us, and while both are caused by viruses, there are differences in the symptoms you can expect.

**Cold symptoms include:** slow onset; headache is rare; runny nose, sneezing; mild fatigue; cough, chest discomfort; sore throat; fever (rare in adults, may occur in small children).

**Flu symptoms include:** swift, severe onset; flushed, hot, moist skin; 102-104 degree temperature; chills, body aches; extreme fatigue; can last 2-3 weeks; cough, sore throat.



Cold and flu viruses are generally spread from person to person via respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People may also become infected by touching something with the virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or eyes.

The following steps may help to prevent the spread of cold and flu viruses:

- \* **Cover your nose and mouth**
- \* **Wash your hands often with soap and water**
- \* **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**
- \* **If you get the flu, stay home from work, school, and social gatherings**
- \* **Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth**

This year has been a challenge regarding the Seasonal Flu and 2009 H1N1 Influenza Outbreak. For the most up-to-date information on the 2009 H1N1, please go to our website at [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org) or call 211.

## 12 MONTHS OF PREPAREDNESS

Am I Ready?... Is my family prepared for a community emergency? What should I pack if an evacuation was ordered for our neighborhood? Would I/our family be ready to stay indoors for 2-3 days if required?

The "12 Months of Preparedness" is the Oak Creek Health Department's campaign program for individuals or families to start their plan to be prepared. During each month in 2010, this campaign will focus on a topic, activity, or item to have ready for you or your family's plan to be safe. Having a plan in place will reduce stress and provide a sense of control in an emergency.

Look for the "12 Months of Preparedness" display board at the Health Department or the Health Department's webpage at [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org). Local stores may assist with promoting items needed for your preparedness plan; watch for coupons or advertised specials. By December 2010, the essential items and plans you need will be ready to shelter in place or evacuate in an emergency.

**MAKE 2010 YOUR YEAR TO BE READY!** Give a family member or friend a head start by purchasing a holiday gift of a flashlight, battery powered radio or gym bag to store needed items. Other resources:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.emergency.cdc.gov](http://www.emergency.cdc.gov)

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## STEPPING ON

Are you 65 years or older? Have you fallen or are afraid about falling? The Oak Creek Health Department has a program for you. We will be conducting a well researched falls prevention program, **Stepping On**, this spring. Topics include simple and fun balance and strength training, the role vision plays in keeping your balance, how medications can contribute to falls, ways to stay safe when out and about in your community, what to look for in safe footwear, and how to check your home for safety. It is a 7 week, 2 hour a week, interactive class. Fee \$10.00. Light snack provided. Call the Oak Creek Health Department for more information and to register 414-768-6525.



## HOLIDAY SEASON TIPS

The holiday season is a wonderful time to enjoy the presence of your family and friends. Take precautions this holiday season to keep your loved ones safe from injury and harm. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a few holiday tips.

- Bacteria can live on raw foods. Fully cook meats and poultry, and wash fruits and vegetables before consumption. Questions, call the USDA Meat & Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854).
- Use care when selecting gifts for children. Kids under three can choke on small game pieces less than 1 ¼ in diameter. Avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet as well.
- Place trees away from fire places, space heaters, or radiators to avoid fires.
- Check all lights for loose connections and open wires before hanging them on your tree or around your house. Turn off decorative lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

For more information, check out-

<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/novtips.cfm>.

## DEVELOPMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

If you have 15 minutes, we have a developmental questionnaire available that will help let you know if your child is on track! If you are interested, please call **768-6525** to have a packet mailed to you.

**THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FREE RADON KITS.** If you are interested in obtaining a free radon test kit, please stop in the Oak Creek Health Department; proof of residency is required. Visit our website for more information on Radon.

# HOLIDAY RUBBISH / RECYCLING DAYS

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH / RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DATE OF HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DATE OF PICK UP</u>
Christmas Eve	Thurs. December 24	Wed. December 23
New Year's Eve	Thurs. December 31	Wed. December 30
Memorial Day	Mon. May 31, 2010	Fri. May 28, 2010



**Questions? Call 768-6552 or 768-6553**

**WATCH FOR "BRING RUBBISH TO ROAD" SIGNS IN YOUR AREA**

## FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT

### FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT: PROTECT YOURSELF!

Seeking housing is never an easy task. For many Milwaukee County residents, illegal discrimination makes finding and keeping housing much more difficult than it should be. Housing discrimination is common, yet most people remain unaware of its prevalence. Equal housing opportunity – the idea that all people should have equal access to all the housing they can afford – is still an elusive dream for our community.

Fair housing laws make it illegal for housing providers (landlords, real estate agents, apartment managers, etc.) to discriminate based on any of the following categories:

- Race
- Sex
- National origin/Ancestry
- Color
- Disability
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- Lawful source of income
- Age
- Family status (household composition, including presence of children)

Housing discrimination appears in many different forms. Sometimes housing providers discriminate overtly by making statements to applicants such as “we only rent to working people,” “no kids allowed,” or “we don’t rent to single moms.”

### METROPOLITAN MILWAUKEE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL

In this day & age, however, housing discrimination is often subtle & difficult to detect. Sometimes people leave an interaction with a housing provider not knowing that they were treated differently than other people because of their race, because they have kids or because they have a disability.

The following are some possible “red flags” that may indicate illegal discrimination:

- You called about an apartment for rent. You were told that it has been rented, but you continue to see that apartment advertised in the newspaper or with a “for rent” sign.
- You ask to make an appointment to see an apartment, & the landlord tells you that you must bring your entire family along.

- A landlord or apartment manager gives you confusing or contradictory information.
- You are told of extremely long waiting lists.
- You are told that you don’t meet a housing provider’s eligibility criteria, but the provider won’t tell you what the eligibility requirements are.
- A landlord, rental manager, or real estate agent doesn’t return your phone calls.
- Your lease is non-renewed for no apparent reason.
- Your landlord refuses to allow you to make modifications to your apartment to make it physically accessible for you.

If you’re concerned that you may have experienced a violation of fair housing law, there are ways to address the problem. Victims of housing discrimination have the right to pursue complaints in public administrative agencies, such as the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division. People with housing discrimination complaints may also file lawsuits in state or federal court.

If you have any questions regarding housing discrimination, fair housing laws & what your options may be for pursuing a complaint of housing discrimination, call the [Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council](http://www.milwaukeefairhousing.org) at 278-1240.

The Fair Housing Council offers many helpful services, including:

- Counseling for persons alleging housing discrimination.
- Investigations on behalf of victims of housing discrimination.
- Assistance in filing fair housing complaints with an administrative agency or in a court of law.

In addition, the Fair Housing Council provides educational presentations to neighborhood groups, civic & religious organizations, social service agencies, community centers & other groups that are interested in learning more about fair housing law & housing discrimination.

**Please call Felita Daniels Ashley at 414-278-1240 to schedule a presentation for your group.**



## CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

768-6501

City of Oak Creek, 8640 S. Howell Avenue, PO Box 27, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0027

Treasurer's Office: (414) 768-6501

Website: [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org) Go to: Departments, Treasurer's Office then applicable link

**2007 & subsequent year's tax information** choose link: [Tax Payment History](#) (2007 & newer)

Put in parcel # (no spaces or dashes) or use name or address Click Search; Choose "Taxes" on left (if this is not available you must update your web browser)

**2006 and prior year's tax information:** Please call for information

**Tax Bills** are mailed on or before the third Monday in December. **Avoid delays** in the processing of your payment, which could result in delinquent tax, by reading this, the pamphlet you receive with your tax bill and the FAQ's on our website.

**PERMANENT ADDRESS CHANGES - Tax bills are mailed "Return Service Requested"** and are **not forwarded**. If your mailing address has changed please call our **Assessor's Office** at (414) 768-6506 to verify current information.

**SPECIAL MAILING ADDRESS REQUESTS** - If you need your tax bill mailed to a temporary address please call the Treasurer's Office by December 1st (must be requested annually, even if requested in the past).

**Please include the original or a copy of your tax bill(s) with all payments**

**CHECKS(s)** make payable to Treasurer or to City of Oak Creek. **Checks are processed and deposited the same day, even if post dated.** Escrow checks made payable to taxpayers must be **endorsed by those taxpayers.** No third party checks accepted. **Personal Checks** must include **Name & Address.** DO NOT STAPLE or send correspondence and DO NOT COMBINE with other payments. Checks not properly completed or endorsed may be returned unprocessed and your taxes could become delinquent. Checks returned from the bank for any reason are subject to a \$25.00 recovery fee and payment is void. Full replacement payment, plus separate recovery fee, with cash or certified funds, must be received by the original due date to avoid interest and penalties. **ESCROW ACCOUNTS** - Some mortgage companies send escrow checks to a **third party tax service** to process before sending it to the City - please call your bank to verify timely payments.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS** - Please also read the pamphlet that comes with your tax bill for details.

**BY CREDIT CARD,**

We are pleased to announce the availability of credit card payments for payment of real estate taxes and personal property taxes. In cooperation with the City of Oak Creek, Official Payments Corporation offers individuals and businesses the opportunity to pay property tax by way of a

credit card by telephone or directly over the Internet. This service is safe, reliable, and in accordance with all state and government regulations. In order to process your payment, *Official Payments Corporation, the credit card service provider, charges a convenience fee based on the amount of the transaction, currently 2.75% (\$1.00 minimum fee) subject to change without notice.*

**Easy Payment via Telephone or Internet - We cannot accept credit card payments in person.**

To pay by telephone call toll-free 1-800-272-9829 (Please enter Jurisdiction Code 6717 when prompted) or visit [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) to pay taxes over the Internet (link from the Treasurer's page on the City's website). You will be asked to enter information such as: type of tax (Real Estate - 7 to 10 digit parcel numbers) or (Personal Property - 6 digit parcel numbers, for businesses only), total of your payment, parcel number (located in the upper right hand corner of your tax bill), and credit card information. Please have your tax bill and credit card available.

The system will tell you the total of your payment, including the appropriate fee; obtain approval of the charge and issue an onscreen confirmation number and a printable digital receipt. Confirmation is emailed to users who request it. The charge will also appear on your credit card statement: the tax amount will appear on one line and the convenience fee amount on a separate line.

**TRI CITY BANK** (In person at the following five **Oak Creek Locations Only**) **THROUGH JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> ONLY.** A RECEIPT and IMMEDIATE REFUND for OVERPAYMENT (with proper ID), is given at the bank,

**Free standing branches:** 6400 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. and 2555 W. Ryan Rd.  
Mon. thru Fri. 9am - 6pm, Sat. 9am - 12 noon; except, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am - 2pm; closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

**In Pick'n Save stores:** 8770 S. Howell Ave., 6462 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. & 2320 W. Ryan Rd.

Mon. thru Sun. 10am - 8pm; except, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 2pm; closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

**BY MAIL,**

**ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> ONLY:** Please use **return envelope enclosed** with tax bill.

**ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** to: Treasurer, City of Oak Creek, 8640 S. Howell Ave., PO Box 27, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0027.

**DO NOT mail** payment in the return envelope after January 31<sup>st</sup> or it may be **returned to sender unprocessed** and your taxes could become **delinquent**. Postmarks from **improperly addressed** envelopes will not be honored.

\* Payments by mail are **TIMELY** if ALL of the following criteria are met:

\* it is mailed to the City of Oak Creek in a properly addressed envelope,

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- \*postmarked before midnight of the last date prescribed for making the payment,
- \* with postage prepaid, and
- \* is received by the proper official not more than 5 days after the prescribed date for making the payment.

Payments postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> and received on or before January 8<sup>th</sup> will be receipted as January but will reflect a December Postmark.

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

Payment made via US mail or depository, your tax bill will be returned with a receipt to the address on the tax bill unless a self-addressed envelope is enclosed with payment.

**IN PERSON AT CITY HALL**, Mon. thru Fri., 8am – 5pm;

except, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 9am – 12 noon for tax payments only;

CLOSED on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. When City Hall is closed you may use one of the other available payment options.

**BEFORE** stepping into the payment line:

- \* Please make sure check(s) are complete and mortgage company checks are endorsed if made payable to homeowner(s);
- \* Bring your tax bill(s) with you or have your parcel number(s) available.
- \* If eligible, be sure the Lottery and Gaming Credit and First Dollar Credit appear on your tax bill.

### OVERPAYMENTS AT CITY HALL

- \* Cash refunds will be given up to \$20 on escrow checks only (when funds are available).
- \* All other overpayments, a refund check is mailed three to four weeks from payment.
- \* Refund checks are made payable to the Payer, even if your mortgage company makes a payment from your escrow account after you made payment in full.

**To avoid waiting in line at City Hall** please take advantage of one of our other convenient payment options.

### PAYMENT DEADLINES

**PAID IN FULL** – PAYMENT IS DUE JANUARY 31, 2010.  
**INSTALLMENT OPTION**, all payments must be made as shown on your tax bill. **WE DO NOT SEND REMINDER NOTICES.**

- \* **FIRST INSTALLMENT** – 50% of net real estate tax plus all special charges due on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>
- \* **SECOND INSTALLMENT** – 25% of net real estate tax due on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>
- \* **THIRD INSTALLMENT** – 25% of net real estate tax due on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>

### DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX

Payment not received or \*post-marked before midnight of the last date prescribed for making the payment is delinquent.

DELINQUENCY results in forfeiture of the installment option and accumulates INTER-

EST AND PENALTY charges from February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1½ percent per month on the entire unpaid principal balance, regardless of when it becomes delinquent. The \*postmark governs the date of payment – NOT the date on your check.



Delinquent notices for Real Estate Property Tax are mailed to the address on record in June. Payment of delinquent 2009 Real Estate Property Tax will be accepted by the City of Oak Creek through July 31, 2010, after which will be turned over to Milwaukee County for collection.

Payment of PRIOR YEAR(S) DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX must be made to MILWAUKEE COUNTY. Call the County at (414) 278-4033 for information.

Wis. Stats. 74.09 Property tax bill and related information – (6) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO RECEIVE. *Failure to receive a property tax bill does not affect the validity of the general property taxes, special taxes, special charges and special assessments levied or the collection of delinquent general property taxes, special taxes, special charges and special assessments.*

### LOTTERY AND GAMING CREDIT

**If you received the 2008 Lottery and Gaming Credit on or before January 31, 2009, you do not need to recertify for 2009.**

Those who qualify are owners of a home in Wisconsin who used the home as their primary residence on January 1 (Certification Date) of the year in which property taxes are levied. Primary residence is defined as the home where an individual lives more than six months of the year.

If you qualify for the Lottery and Gaming Credit beginning in 2009, or if you applied for the 2008 Late Lottery and Gaming Credit, and the Lottery and Gaming credit does not already appear on your tax bill, complete and return the 2009 Lottery and Gaming Credit application to the Oak Creek Treasurer's Office with your payment by January 31, 2010. Please check our website for the 2009 credit amount to deduct from your first payment. Lottery and Gaming Credit applications are available on the website (Treasurer's page), at Tri City Banks and at the Treasurer's Office.

### OTHER INFORMATION

There is a \$.25 charge for additional copies of tax bills. You may print them free of charge off the internet. Internet service, computers and copy machines are available at the Oak Creek Public Library (north of City Hall). Happy Holiday's!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Space Heater Safety

As the temperature drops outside, some people turn to portable space heaters to keep warm. Here are some space heater fire safety tips to keep your family safe this winter.



- ✓ Keep a minimum of three feet of clearance around the space heater. Curtains, bed sheets, and clothing coming into contact with the space heater are the leading cause of space heater fires.
- ✓ not connect the space heater to extension cords.
- ✓ sure that the power cord for the space heater does not create a trip hazard.
- ✓ Use only space heater that are certified by the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL).
- ✓ If you leave the room, make sure to unplug your space heater.

## Ask the Fire Department

**WHAT INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PROVIDE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IF I HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN MY HOME?**

During a medical emergency, it is vital for EMT's and Paramedics to obtain certain information to ensure quality patient care. Often times the patient is unable to communicate this information or the situation requires immediate transport to the hospital. The Oak Creek Fire Department recommends that residents keep the following information written down and readily accessible in the event of a medical emergency.

- ✓ Medical History (Diabetes, stroke, breathing problems, heart attacks, etc.)
- ✓ Medication List (Medications may be taken to the hospital in their containers)
- ✓ (Include allergies to medications and environmental and food allergies)
- ✓ paperwork from any recent hospital stays
- ✓ insurance information
- ✓ Any special instructions for medical devices that the patient may have. (Pacemaker, Insulin pump, etc)

The Oak Creek Fire Department supports the **File of Life** as a way for residents to record and manage this information.

**For more information, please visit, [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)**

## Fast Fire Facts



The first fire hose was designed in 1673. It was made of leather and sewn together in 50 foot lengths. This hose was suspect to bursting under higher pressure.

Today, Oak Creek carries rubber jacket fire hose. Rubber jacket allows for a quick drying time and easy clean up.

## Fall Safety

According to the Center for Disease Control, in 2005, 15,800 people 65 and older died from injuries related to unintentional falls; about 1.8 million people 65 and older were treated in emergency departments for nonfatal injuries from falls, and more than 433,000 of these patients were hospitalized. Most of these falls can be prevented by following a few simple safety steps.

- ✓ Exercise regularly to increase strength and improve balance.
- ✓ Have your eyes checked once a year.
- ✓ Ask your doctor to review medications to reduce side effects and interactions
- ✓ Improve lighting in the home
- ✓ Remove hazards such as rugs that could lead to falls

*The Oak Creek Health Department is offering "Stepping On" which is a falls prevention program. For details on this class, see Page 4.*

## Meet the Fire Department

Do you know anyone who is a member of the Oak Creek Fire Department? Chances are that you do. It is also highly probable that Dan Rezner is that firefighter. A native of Oak Creek and very active in the community, Dan is the most recognized face on the Fire Department. He played sports throughout high school and continues to play softball several nights a week. Dan ran the Oak Creek Recreation Department's youth basketball program and participates in athletics with his children.



Dan joined the fire department on February 13, 2006. Prior to that, he worked as an emergency room technician at Froedert Hospital and as a parttime firefighter with the New Berlin Fire Department. Dan credits this experience at Froedert with developing his medical skills. Dan received his Fire Science Degree from MATC and holds Firefighter Level Two and EMT certifications.

"I enjoy serving my community and helping out those who can't help themselves." Said Rezner. "Our city continues to grow and I am excited to see what it looks like in 10 years." Dan and his wife, Lisa, a teacher at Oak Creek High School, have three children and reside in Oak Creek. In his free time, Dan enjoys spending time with his family, as well as playing and watching sports.

## Shovel your Hydrants



Please remember to shovel snow from around fire hydrants located on your property. The fire department needs 3 feet of clearance on all sides of the hydrants. This allows for fire hoses to be properly connected.



# CITY CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2009

1	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
2	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
3	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Health
6	5:00 p.m.	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
8	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
9	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
10	4:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Rec. & Forestry Commission
15	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
17	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
22	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
24	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
25	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
31	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY</b>

## JANUARY 2010

1	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY</b>
5	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
6	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
7	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
12	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
13	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
14	4:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Rec. & Forestry Commission
19	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
21	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
26	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission

## FEBRUARY

2	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
3	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
4	4:30 p.m.	Board of Health
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
9	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
10	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
11	4:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Rec. & Forestry Commission
15	7:00 p.m.	<b>Common Council Meeting (Monday)</b>
16	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION, IF REQUIRED</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
18	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
23	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission

## MARCH

2	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
3	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
4	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
9	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
10	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
11	4:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Rec. & Forestry Commission
16	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
18	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
23	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
30	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

## APRIL

1	4:30 p.m.	Board of Health
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
2	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER</b>
5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Common Council Meeting (Monday)</b>
6	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>SPRING GENERAL ELECTION</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
7	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
8	4:30 p.m.	Celebrations Commission
	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Rec. & Forestry Commission
13	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
	4:45 p.m.	Library Board
	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
14	7:00 p.m.	Traffic & Safety Commission
15	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
20	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
27	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission

## MAY

4	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Common Council Meeting
5	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
6	7:00 p.m.	Police & Fire Commission, if required
11	9:00 a.m.	Water & Sewer Utility Commission
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25	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission
31	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY</b>

**NOTE:** Dates/times listed in this Acorn calendar are considered tentative only & are subject to cancellation, changes or rescheduling. Please check with the City Clerk's Office at 768-6500 prior to attending.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency

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General Information

762-8200

Community Resource Bureau

766-7624

## 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 their 24-hour phone numbers. See back cover of *Acorn* for Utility Phone Number Listings.

## WOMEN'S DANGER AWARENESS & SELF DEFENSE COURSE



The Oak Creek Police Department will be sponsoring a **FREE**, two-evening course on Women's Danger Awareness and Self Defense. The goal of this course is to present information that will help to reduce the risk of an assault & survive a deadly encounter. A portion of this course includes a physical self defense component (participation is optional).

The following courses will be offered at the Police Department from 6:00-8:30 p.m.--

- \* Tuesday & Wednesday, February 23 & 24, 2010
- \* Tuesday & Wednesday, March 9 & 10, 2010

Registration is open to residents of Oak Creek only or those employed in the City of Oak Creek.

You must be 17 years or older to participate.

*To register contact:*

**Oak Creek Police Department - Community Resource Bureau @ (414) 766-7624**

## COMMUNITY BIKE RODEO SAVE THE DATE!

Oak Creek Police Dept.  
Community Bike Rodeo  
June 6, 2010 - Noon to 3 PM  
American Legion Grounds



## BURGLARIES & THEFT FROM VEHICLES

The holidays are over and now it is time to enjoy all those wonderful gifts! Flat screen panel televisions, GPS units, i-Pod's and computers, are out of their boxes and being used. Don't lose them by theft! Don't become a victim of crime. Protect yourself and your valuables!

- When the boxes come out from under the tree, and they make it to the end of the driveway, remember they are signs to everyone, saying this is what is in my house or vehicle! Come and get it!
- Break those boxes down so they fit in the disposal container with the lid down or take them to the city refuse center!
- Don't display your valuable items when you are not home. Close your drapes or shades when you leave, so thieves

can't window shop!

- Lock your windows and doors! Never leave them unlocked when you are not home.
- When using items in your vehicle – don't display them. Brackets left on windshields, cords left in plain view all display you own a device and it's available for the taking.
- Place all valuables, devices and money out of plain view, store them in your trunk or take them with you when you exit your vehicle—to do otherwise can have terrible consequences. Not only do the thieves' window shop parked vehicles, they also break windows!
- Never leave your vehicle unlocked when unoccupied! Whether in your driveway or out in a parking lot – **LOCK IT!**
- Thieves look for opportunities – let's make you, your home & vehicle less vulnerable. For more information on target hardening your home, contact the Community Resource Bureau - Oak Creek Police Department – (414) 766-7624.

## MAKING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Occasionally we are all approached by persons representing charitable organizations seeking monetary contributions to fund their programs. Most often these are hard working volunteers representing worthwhile organizations that support our community. Keep the following tips in mind before making any type of monetary contribution:

- Make sure the person has identification from the organization they are representing. If in doubt, do not give them money. Instead, contact the Police Department who will verify the validity of the person.
- Any donations in excess of a few dollars should be given in the form of a check made out to the organization—NOT to the person collecting the funds. If you encounter someone you suspect is trying to defraud you, tell them "no", close the door, and call the police department immediately at 762-8200.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is here, and we need you to get involved! What's in it for you? The answer is safer streets and homes, community spirit, camaraderie with your neighbors, stronger relationships with law enforcement, and so much more. It's easy to participate in Neighborhood Watch! Neighborhood Watch embraces and strengthens many of the things you're already doing, such as watching out for each other's homes or working together to solve problems. Neighborhood Watch brings the power of organization and the ability to focus energy and resources. Often Neighborhood Watch groups get started due to incidents in the community that cause concern. An active Watch reduces these types of crime.

Help keep our community a safe place! Start A Neighborhood Watch group today! Contact the Community Resource Bureau at - Oak Creek Police Department – (414) 766-7624

# STREET DEPARTMENT

# 570-5682

## SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS MAY 17, 2010

The Street Department will conduct a spring clean up beginning on May 17. There is **NO CHARGE** for this pick-up. Items that *will* be picked up are as follows:

- \* Yard Waste; excluding leaves, grass & branches
- \* Furniture      \*Wood      \* Metal
- \* Mattresses      \* Televisions      \*Carpeting/Rugs
- \*Appliances
- \* 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      \* Branches      \* Fluorescent Tubes

Residents are *required* to have their items at the curb or roadside **by 6:45 a.m. on May 17** in order to be guaranteed a pick up. Once we pass through your neighborhood, we will not return for additional **no charge** pick-ups until the fall clean-up on November 15. See Special Pick-Up section for information on how to make arrangements for a prepaid special pick-up for other times of the year or if you should miss the Spring Clean-Up date.

## BRANCH PICK UP 2010

Branches will be picked up beginning on the following dates:

- April 1      June 1      August 2      October 1

To guarantee that your branches are picked up, you must have them at the roadside **BY** the dates listed above **but no earlier than 2 weeks** prior. Once we pass through your neighborhood, we will not be back until the next date listed.

Reminder, branches are to be stacked neatly with the cut ends facing the road. Roots should be separate from the brush pile. The Street Department **WILL NOT** pickup brush that is the result of a contractor doing work on your property. It is their responsibility to dispose of brush properly. Branches may be brought to the recycling yard, at any time of the year, at 720 West Puetz Road.

## SPECIAL PICK UPS

In addition to the spring & fall clean-ups that are provided at **NO CHARGE**, the City of Oak Creek provides special pick-ups for residents for a fee of **\$15** for the following items:

- \* Appliances \*\*      \* Furniture
- \* Mattresses      \* Carpeting/Padding
- \* Metals of any kind      \* Televisions

\*\* A \$15 additional fee will be charged for Freon Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers & air conditioners)

Special pick ups are done on Friday mornings **ONLY**. Items for pick up must be at the road by 6:45 a.m. on the scheduled Friday. Residents requesting special pick ups

must pay their fees before noon, Thursday, in order to be put on Friday's pick up schedule.

Please note that special pick ups **will not** be done for the following items:

- \* Branches      \* Yard Waste
- \* Recyclables      \* Hazardous Waste
- \* Contractor Generated Materials
- \* Tires      \* Concrete

## RECYCLING YARD INFORMATION

The recycling yard will be **closed** on the following holiday dates:

- Christmas:      December 24, 2009  
                          December 25, 2009
- New Year:      December 31, 2009  
                          January 1, 2010
- Good Friday:      April 2, 2010
- Memorial Day:      May 31, 2010

The recycling yard hours at Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to the regular hours, the yard is open Tuesday evenings **ONLY** until 8 p.m. starting the **first Tuesday in April through the last Tuesday in September**.

**NEW:** Effective December 1, 2009, shingles and roofing materials will no longer be accepted at the recycling yard. Also, due to the elimination of roll-off dumpsters for garbage, all items, with the exception of sofas, mattresses and box springs, will need to be 4ft. or less in length. All items will need to fit into the compactors. A garbage truck will be on site to compact, sofas, mattresses and box springs.

All **freon appliances** (refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners & freezers) brought to the recycling yard will be charged a **\$15.00 fee**.

**Tires** brought to the recycling center should be free of rims. A fee of **\$2.00 per tire charge** will be charged.

### WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter parking restrictions are in effect from December 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 on the restriction during emergencies, if a vehicle becomes disabled, or if there is an overnight guest. **Please use the police department non-emergency number if you need permission**  
**(414) 762-8200**

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# FORESTRY

768-5861

## PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF EMERALD ASH BORER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

At this point, in November 2009, emerald ash borer (EAB) has been positively identified in Oak Creek. City Forestry will maintain city trees and serve to provide information and instruction on private tree management.

This website may be useful for private tree owners and managers:  
<http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov/articleassets/EAB-HomeownersGuide.pdf> Otherwise, an abundance of information can be found at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

It is estimated that one in five urban trees is an ash. We stand to lose a lot of forest canopy if we do not take steps to slow the loss of ash trees to EAB – maybe even if we do. Imagine a 20 percent loss in the next five to ten years.

Below is a discussion of possible management options for private property owners/managers.

### PRIVATE ASH TREE MANAGEMENT

If you haven't already done so, it is time to assess your property for possible removals, replacements or treatable ash trees. Trees that are in poor health or decline may be a waste of resources to treat. Also, keep in mind that living trees are much less hazardous (and therefore less expensive) to remove than dead trees. As you anticipate treatment or removals, consider planting something now so that it has a chance to put some size on before ash loss occurs. Planting multiple small trees is one way to temper the cost of replacements.

### EAB PESTICIDES

Some chemicals are being utilized against EAB with promising results. A tree may be treatable after infested if the borer population hasn't destroyed too much of the water and sap transport tissues.

The pesticide Imidacloprid (available to homeowners as a soil drench) is one option that makes sense for trees less than ten inches in diameter. The cost to administer Imidacloprid is \$4 to \$10 per inch diameter –much less than replacement costs, for a while anyway.

Emamectin benzoate is the other major chemical used for EAB treatment. It is a controlled pesticide which means that



it can only be purchased and applied by a licensed applicator. The going rate is presently in the neighborhood of \$10 to \$12 per inch diameter. For example, a 20 inch diameter ash tree may cost \$200 to \$240 to treat, every few years.



A 20" diameter ash may cost \$1,000 to remove and \$350 to replace. At some point the cost effectiveness of treatment may wane. Don't forget to consider the savings that a well placed tree affords to include summer cooling and storm water management costs (mature trees are valued at around \$50 per year in cost savings).

There may be future treatments developed that is even more affordable and effective; we do not know at this point. Scientists are working hard to evaluate EAB management possibilities. An expanded list of treatment options can be found at [emeraldashborer.info](http://emeraldashborer.info)

Each individual must weigh the benefits of treatment considering the affects of chemicals on the environment. Responsible usage and careful administration of chemicals is part of responsible land stewardship.



### FIREWOOD MOVEMENT

Have you noticed the Don't Move Firewood advertisements that have been circulated for several years now around the state? The moving of wood and wood products (firewood, nursery stock, lumber, e.g.) is the number one way that EAB has been introduced to new areas – especially firewood associated with campers, hunters and cabin owners. Other insects and diseases can be transferred to new areas on wood as well.

At this time, 11 of 72 Wisconsin counties are under EAB quarantine: Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington and Waukesha. What that means is that it is unlawful to transport wood or wood products out of the quarantine zone without a special certification. For a full report go to:

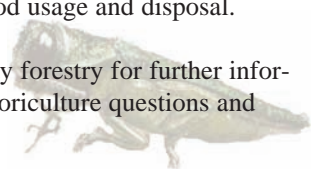
<http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fh/pdf/FirewoodQuarantineWI.pdf> Thank you for not moving firewood around!

### STAY TUNED

Public updates will be provided and we will likely hold an informative meeting for the public in 2010.

In the near future, we hope to provide clear instructions for residents with regard to EAB wood usage and disposal.

As always, feel free to contact city forestry for further information about EAB or general arboriculture questions and concerns.



# PARKS

768-6515

## RENTALS/ PERMITS & REFUND POLICY

Permits/Rentals may be obtained by *Oak Creek residents*. **Proof of residency is required.** Any non-reserved facility such as picnic areas, courts & fields (except Henry Miller Park Pavilion) may be used on a first-come, first-served basis without a permit. Note: The permit holder receives priority for the facility.

## PERMIT REFUND POLICY

Permits are non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-transferable and may be revoked in the interest of Department sponsored activities or the failure of the permit holder to comply with Department standards & policies. Facilities are permitted "as is" and are valid only for the date/time specified on the permit.

## HENRY MILLER PARK PAVILION RENTAL

Oak Creek residents may rent Henry Miller Park Pavilion for your special events.



- **Miller Park can be reserved one year in advance.**
- \$80 rental fee plus \$40 security deposit for Friday thru Sunday including holiday rentals. (\$40 refund if cancelled prior to 30 days of the event).
- \$40 rental fee for Monday thru Thursday plus \$40 security deposit (non-refundable if cancelled)
- Pavilion rental hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM

See pages 14 & 15 of the "Acorn" for locations of park facilities in Oak Creek.

## VOLLEYBALL SETS OR THROW BASES

Limited availability, call in advance to reserve.

- \$10/weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) Late fee: \$5 per day
- \$5/daily (Monday thru Thursday) Late fee: \$5 per day
- All rentals require \$15 refundable security deposit

## BALLFIELDS, PICNIC AREAS, TENNIS COURTS/FOOTBALL & SOCCER FIELDS

Permits do not include equipment, etc. Call for league, tournament & special event rates.

- Fee \$3/hour permit fee (non-refundable, non-transferable)
- **You can reserve available ballfields, tennis/basketball courts and soccer/football fields 90 days in advance.**

## BEER PERMIT - Fee \$10 (non-refundable)

Beer permits may be purchased which allows the consumption of beer by adults aged 21 & over when one of our facilities is rented (i.e. Miller Park shelter). No other alcoholic beverages may be consumed such as liquor, wine coolers, etc. It is prohibited by City Ordinance to have glass containers in City parks.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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

For further information on parks, permits, rentals, city forestry related items, please call **768-6515** or visit us on the web at: [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)

## OPEN AIR SHELTERS

Available at the following parks: Camelot, Chapel Hills, Johnsonstone, Manor Marquette, Oak Leaf, Otjen, Riverton Meadows, South Hills and Willow Heights parks.



### Rental Fee:

- Up to 4 hours \$10 (non-refundable)
- Over 4 hrs \$2.50 each additional hour (non-refundable)
- No electrical service or rest rooms at open air shelters
- **Open Air Shelters can be reserved one year in advance.**

## OAK CREEK SKATE PARK



The Oak Creek Skate park, located at 1311 E. Drexel Avenue, in Abendschein Park, is open. Use the northeast park entrance.

Hours: Sunrise (no earlier than 6am) to Dusk

### Guidelines:

- Do not use the park when rain, ice, snow or other unsafe conditions are present
- Facility is not supervised. Use at your own risk.
- Facility is for skateboarding, in-line skating and BMX bikes only (street bicycles are not permitted).
- Young children should be supervised by a responsible adult
- **In case of injury or emergency dial 911**
- Protective gear, such as helmets and pads are strongly recommended.
- Spectators should stay off of concrete skating/biking surface
- Use trash containers provided. Pick up before leaving.
- No competitive or demonstration events are allowed without prior approval of the Parks, Rec. & Forestry Department.
- City park rules apply.

**Not allowed:** alcohol, smoking, amplified music, glass containers, solicitation without preauthorization, offensive language and/or behavior, unauthorized obstacles.

**Check the facility for unsafe conditions before use.** Report needed repairs to 414-768-6515. This is **YOUR** skate park! Please keep it **SAFE & CLEAN!**

# FACILITIES LISTS: Parks, Playgrounds & Schools



Site Address

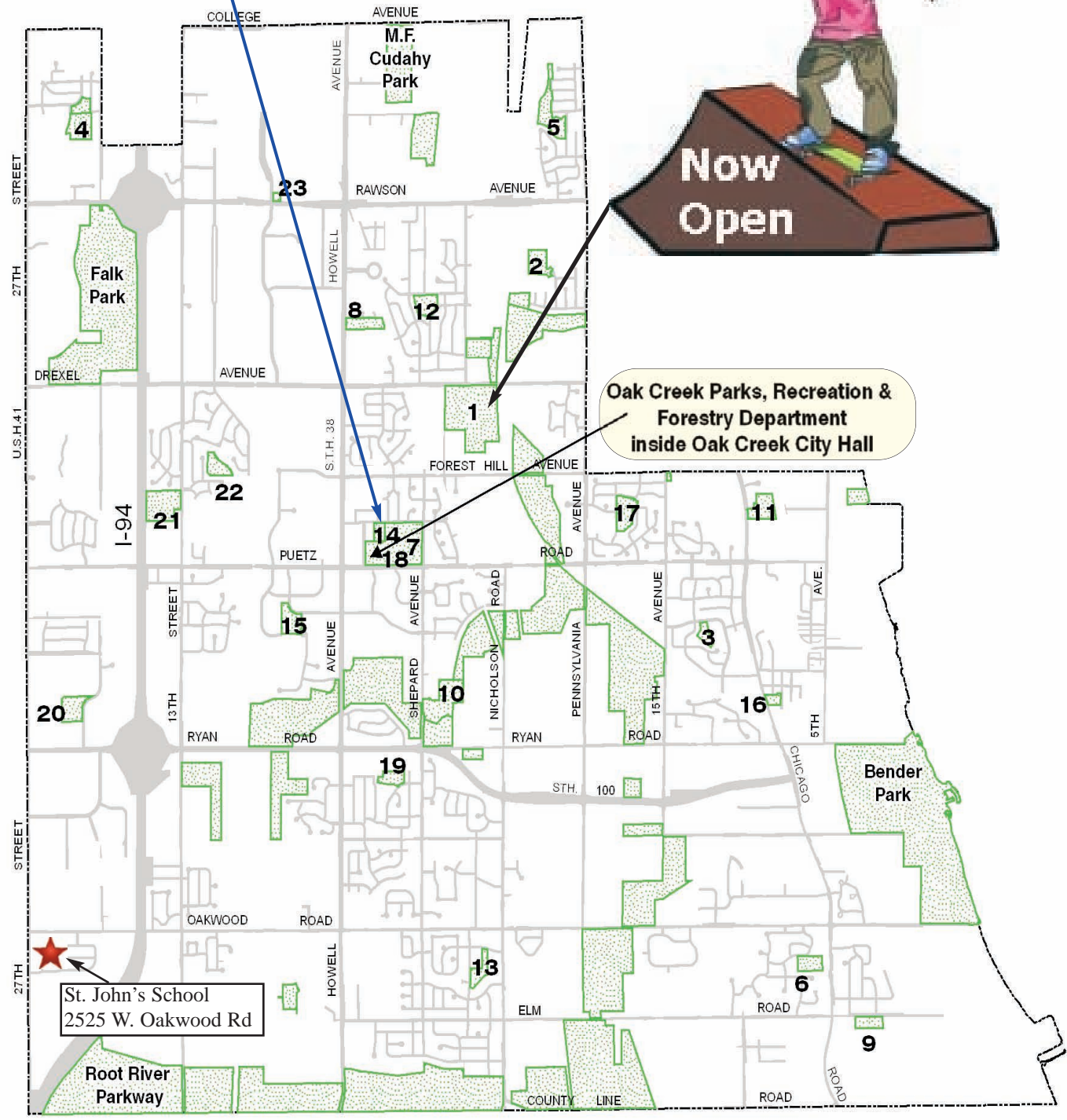
Site	Address	Shelter (o=open air, b=building)	Indoor Pool	Tennis Courts	Basketball (c=certs, s=standard)	Volleyball (s=sand)	Badminton (s=softball, b=baseball)	Plastic Areas	Misc. Pond (P), Disc Golf (G)	Playground Equipment	Baby (bucket) swings	Vehicle Parking	Sledding Hill	Ice Rink	Nature Area	Open Play Area	Recreational Pathway (est. size-miles) Non-motorized	Pickleball Court	Skate Park	Soccer (s) / Football (F) Fields
1 Abendschein Park	1311 E. Drexel Ave.						1B		G	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	S
2 Camelot Park	7385 S. Chapel Dr.	O			1C		1S	•		•	•	•					0.40			
3 Carrollton School Park	8965 S. Carrollton Dr.			2	2C		1S			•	•						0.53			
4 Cedar Hills School	2225 W. Sycamore Ave.				2C					•	•									
Johnstone Park		O				5	2S	•		•	•				•	•	0.44			
5 Chapel Hills Park	6735 S. Highfield	O		2	1C	8	1S	•		•	•	•			•	•	0.62			
6 Deerfield School	3871 Blueslem Dr.					4S				•	•						0.19			
7 Edgewood School	8545 S. Shepard Ave.				1C, 1S					•	•				•					
8 Greenlawn Park	7628 S. Howell Ave.							•			•				•	•				
9 Haas Park	4215 E. Elm Rd.				1C	8	1S	•		•	•	•				•				
10 East Middle School	9330 S. Shepard Ave.					4S					•						0.85			
11 Kickers Creek Park	8460 S. Chicago Rd.										•									S/P
12 Manor Marquette Park	801 E. Marquette Ave.	O		2	1C	•	1S	•		•	•	•			•	•	0.41			
13 Mendowview School Park	10420 S. McGraw Dr.			2	1C, 2S	8	1S	•		•	•					•	0.45			
14 Henry Miller Park	315 E. Cleveland Dr.	B						•	P					•	•	•				
15 Oak Leaf Park	401 W. Centennial Dr.	O		2	1C	8	1S	•		•	•					•	0.50			
16 Otjen Park	9300 S. Chicago Rd.	O			1C, 1S			•		•	•	•				•				
17 Riverton Meadows Park	2801 Honeysuckle Dr.	O		1	1C	8	1S	•		•	•	•			•	•	0.58			
18 High School	340 E. Dietz Rd.		•	9			3S				•					•				
19 Shepard Hills School Park	530 E. Shepard Hills Dr.					4S	2S			•	•					•				
20 South Hills Parks	9259 S. 22nd St.	O		2	1C	8	1S	•		•	•	•				•	0.30			
21 West Middle School	8401 S. 13th St.					3S					•					•				S
22 Willow Heights Park	1111 W. Weatherly Dr.	O		2	1C	•	1S	•		•	•	•				•	0.41	2		
23 Veterans Memorial Park	552 W. Rawson Ave.																			



# FACILITIES MAP: Parks, Playgrounds & Schools

**CELEBRATE!**  
 Picnic?  
 Birthday?  
 Anniversary?  
 Graduation? Baby or Bridal Shower?  
 Get your reservations in early!  
 Henry Miller Park Pavilion  
 How to rent info. on page 13

**Oak Creek Skate Park**  
**Abendschein Park**  
 1311 E. Drexel Avenue



Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department  
 inside Oak Creek City Hall

★  
 St. John's School  
 2525 W. Oakwood Rd

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION--

## ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS & NEW PET OWNERS

Wisconsin State Statutes, Section 174 makes it mandatory for pets to be licensed.

The City of Oak Creek requires a license for dogs & cats over five months of age. You can license your pet online, by mail or at the Oak Creek Treasurer's Office (see options below). Residents must provide a current certificate of rabies vaccination (showing the tag number & the expiration date) at the time of licensing. The license year commences January 1 & ends December 31. Beginning April 1, a late fee will be assessed except for:

### New Residents & New Pet Owners:

- A new resident who owns a dog or cat over five months of age, & who licenses such pet within 30 days of residency or;
- A resident who obtains a dog or cat on or after April 1st, & who licenses such pet within 30 days or,
- A resident who owns a dog or cat that is not five months of age on or before March 31st, & who licenses such pet within 30 days from the date in which it reaches five months of age.

### Renewals:

If you licensed your pet for 2009, on or before October 31, 2009, you should receive a 2010 renewal postcard from Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) in December or January. You may not receive a postcard from MADACC if licensed on or after November 1, 2009.

Whether or not you receive a renewal postcard from MADACC, it is your responsibility to license your pet for 2010, on or before March 31, 2010.

### Licensing Options:

**ONLINE**, with a credit card at [www.madacc.com](http://www.madacc.com), Add \$1 to License fee for this service.

**BY MAIL**, to Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission, 3839 W. Burnham St, West Milwaukee, WI 53215. Include the postcard (for renewals), current certificate of rabies vaccination (will be returned with license) & check, made payable to MADACC. Call (414) 649-8640 for questions. Add \$1 to License fee when mailing directly to MADACC.

**AT CITY HALL**, mail or bring the postcard (for renewals) & current certificate of rabies vaccination (will be returned with license) to 8640 S Howell Avenue, PO Box 27, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0027. Checks must be separate from all other payments & made payable to Treasurer or City of Oak Creek.

If you have any questions, contact the **Treasurer's office at 768-6501**.

### CHANGE IN 2010 PET LICENSING FEES:

	License Fees	Late Fees
Male or Female Dog/Cats	\$24.00	\$12.00
Neutered/Spayed Dog/Cats	\$12.00	\$ 6.00

Municipal Ordinance Chapter 7.40 states that no animal may run at large within the City of Oak Creek. To see the City Pet Ordinance please visit our website at [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org). Click on the link found under Departments, Treasurer's Office, & then dog & cat license.

## OC WATER RECEIVES 'ONGOING EXCELLENCE' AWARD FROM WISCONSIN WATER ASSOCIATION

The Wisconsin Water Association (WWA) annually recognizes state utilities for special achievement in a number of areas. This year the WWA spotlighted Oak Creek as a utility that maintains a high rate of return or excellent image in its community.

The Ongoing Excellence Award came as a result of the Utility receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 15th consecutive year from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award recognizes financial communication that provides ratepayers with a transparent, easy-to-understand way of knowing how their fees are being spent. Further evidence of the Utility's commitment to ongoing excellence showed in its 11th consecutive Directors Award for achieving Phase III under the Partnership for Safe Water.

"Year after year these awards reflect the dedication of everyone who works for the Utility," said Steve Yttri, Utility General Manager. "Fiscal responsibility combined with commitment to water quality creates a winning combination for ratepayers who deserve excellent representation from stewards of public resources."

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING CART INFORMATION

Per Section 8.41 of the City of Oak Creek Municipal Code, household combined refuse not placed in a container provided by the City of Oak Creek, will not be collected.

If you find your blue refuse cart is always overflowing, you may purchase an additional cart from the Street Department. These carts will become your property. Contact the Street Department at (414) 570-5682 for pricing.

Also contact the Street Department for any repairs or replacements needed for your blue refuse carts.

**\*\*\*FOR RECYCLING CART REPAIRS, CONTACT\*\***

**VEOLIA AT (262) 679-0860**

For Street Department questions, please call (414) 570-5682.

# ENGINEERING

## BEAUTIFUL RAIN GARDENS

Rain is natural, and necessary. Keeping rain where it falls using a beautiful garden can provide many rewards & benefits compared to letting it run off & away over hard surfaces like driveways & sidewalks. Rain gardens are plantings of attractive, moisture tolerant plants & native wildflowers which help to improve the quality of the storm water runoff from suburban lawns & driveways. They can also be used to soak up water in lawn areas that may be wetter than the rest of the lawn. Rain gardens are not for use in wetlands, or swale lines, but can be very useful in a yard landscaping plan.

In some areas of the City, homeowners are required to connect the sump pump drain directly to the storm sewer. In other areas, the homeowners are required to connect their downspouts, as well as their sump pumps, directly to the storm sewer. A homeowner should not eliminate these connections to install a rain garden. However, those homes without direct connections might want to consider a rain garden.

A rain garden may be particularly useful in yards where a sump pump discharge tends to keep a certain portion of the lawn more soggy than the rest of the lawn. The garden is designed with a shallow depression to allow the water to collect & infiltrate into the soil. Ideally, the soil in the bottom of the rain garden has been prepared to encourage infiltration & storage of water in the soil. The plant roots will take up water from the wet soil.

The UW-Extension website at <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/index.htm> has a brochure with a do-it-yourself guide for homeowners. This brochure includes guidelines for rain garden design & placement, including that a rain garden should be at least 10 feet from the house to avoid water seeping into the foundation. Also, a rain garden should not be located directly over a septic system. This site also has a link to a list of plants suitable for a rain garden, complete with pictures. Copies of these brochures are also available at the public library or at the Engineering Department in City Hall.



## KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN

Storm water runoff is the water that runs off our lawns, streets, rooftops, & open space. As the water runs over these surfaces, it picks up excess fertilizer, pesticides, sand & soil, oil, anti-freeze, litter, sediment, & many other things that pollute our lakes & streams.

Storm water in Oak Creek does not go to any treatment plant. It runs through the storm water collection system directly into the streams & lakes, without treatment by the wastewater treatment plant.

- ▶ Waste liquids such as used car oil should never be disposed down the storm drain.
- ▶ Water from a swimming pool must be de-chlorinated prior to emptying the pool. Please keep in mind that draining a pool can create a significant problem for neighbors, & care should always be taken to not negatively affect those around you.
- ▶ Pet waste is also a source of storm water pollution. Residents with pets should take care to clean up & properly dispose of waste.

### There are many easy things you can do to make a difference.

- ▶ If you use fertilizer & pesticides on your lawn & garden, use them correctly. A simple soil test can help you to determine how much to apply. Excess fertilizer does not improve the condition of your lawn, & is likely to be washed into the creeks & rivers when it rains, contributing to weed & algae growth.
- ▶ Read & follow label directions such as “do not apply if rain is forecast”. This assures that your fertilizer or pesticide will be as effective as possible, rather than being washed away before it can do its job. It will also help to minimize storm water pollution.
- ▶ When planting a new lawn or garden, cover the bare soil with a mulch to encourage growth & prevent erosion, & sweep (don't rinse) soil off paved areas.
- ▶ Never dump oil or other materials into a storm drain. These drains carry water directly to the rivers & lakes.
- ▶ Clean up pet waste before it gets washed into the storm water runoff.

Additional information can be found at <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs>, or in the pamphlets available at the Engineering Department at City Hall.

### \*\*\*RECYCLING CHANGE-- EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010\*\*\*

Effective January 1, 2010, the City will be changing from Waste Management to Veolia as our recycling provider. Your recycling schedule will remain the same but during the last two weeks of December, all Waste Management carts will be switched over to Veolia carts at the time of your recycling pickup.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR RECYCLING CART OUT, EVEN IF IT IS EMPTY, SO THIS SWITCH MAY OCCUR.**

Also, the 2010 recycling calendars will accompany your new cart from Veolia.



# Discount Ticket Sales - Escape this Winter

- ✓ Tickets **CANNOT** be refunded, returned or exchanged
- ✓ See flyers for details & hours/dates of operation
- ✓ Tickets available in September
- ✓ **NO CHECKS** accepted
- ✓ See individual tickets for expiration dates
- ✓ We do not mail brochures or tickets
- ✓ Tickets sold first-come, first-served and will not be held
- ✓ **Tickets sold until Friday, May 7, 2010 or stock is depleted**
- ✓ **CASH, MasterCard\*\* or VISA\*\* ONLY accepted**
- \*\*NOTE: **\$.75 transaction fee will be charged PER TICKET when paying by MasterCard or VISA**

**Purchase tickets only IN PERSON at:**

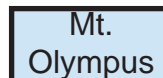
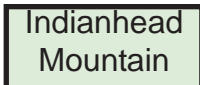
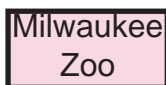
Oak Creek Parks, Rec & Forestry  
8640 S. Howell Ave (inside City Hall)

**Tickets Sales Hours:**

Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 4:45 PM

<i><b>Ticket Information</b></i>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Price at Parks &amp; Rec</b>	<b>Gate Price</b>	<b>Save \$</b>
<b>Milwaukee Bucks - Lower Level Tickets</b> Single game tickets for '09-'10 season. Nov-Dec-Jan Games only! Exemptions include home opener, Lakers, Boston, Cleveland & Orlando Children 2 & under FREE.	3 & above	<b>\$27.00</b>	\$61.00	\$34.00
<b>Milwaukee Bucks - Upper Level Tickets</b> Single game tickets for '09-'10 season. Nov-Dec-Jan Games only! Exemptions include home opener, Lakers, Boston, Cleveland & Orlando Children 2 & under FREE.	3 & above	<b>\$12.00</b>	\$29.00	\$17.00
<b>Country Springs - Weekday Waterpark Pass</b> Valid Monday thru Thursday. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children 23 months & under FREE.	2 & above	<b>\$12.50</b>	\$15.00	\$2.50
<b>Country Springs - Weekend Waterpark Pass</b> Valid Friday thru Sunday. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by adult. Children 23 months & under FREE.	2 & above	<b>\$19.50</b>	\$25.00	\$5.50
<b>Indianhead Mountain Resort-Adult</b> Ski Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Over 200" of snow each year.	18 & above	<b>\$37.00</b>	\$47.00	\$10.00
<b>Indianhead Mountain Resort-Child</b> Ski Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Over 200" of snow each year. Children 9 & under ski FREE with each PAID adult.	10 - 17	<b>\$31.00</b>	\$35.00	\$4.00
<b>Milwaukee County Zoo - Adult</b>	13 & above	<b>\$9.25</b>	\$10.75	\$1.50
<b>Milwaukee County Zoo - Child</b> Children age 2 and under FREE	3 thru 12	<b>\$6.25</b>	\$7.75	\$1.50
<b>Hotel Rome at Mt. Olympus Water &amp; Theme Park</b> Hotel package includes 1 night stay (double queen room) and up to 4 tickets to Mt. Olympus Indoor Water & Theme park. Tickets are good for the day of check in and out. Also includes Outdoor theme park 9/8/09 thru mid-October and late March 2010 thru May 1, 2010. Limited rides are open. Upon purchasing voucher customer must call hotel to make room reservation & mention they have voucher. Customer will receive reservation number & must present voucher & reservation number at time of check-in. Voucher is <b>not valid</b> on Saturdays and Nov. 22-28, Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, Feb 12-14, Mar. 19 -Apr. 10, May 7, 14, 21 and beyond.	No one is free	<b>\$67.00 includes 1 nite stay &amp; up to 4 tickets</b>	\$80 - \$120	

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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## Community Education Winter/Spring 2010

Join us for these fun and informative classes!

Winter Classes offered January 11 –May 7, 2010

Family & Wellness	Baby Sign Language Stewards of Children Wellness, Healing and Empowerment Keeping Kids Safer On-Line Kindergarten in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
Investing & Financial	Roll It, Take It, Leave It, Move It: Know Your Employer Retirement Plan Options Taming the High Cost of College!
Computers	Introduction to Computers Microsoft Word 2007 Introduction to Excel, PowerPoint and Access Intermediate Excel
Social	Cruise Planning
Self-Help	The Clutter Course for the Garage and Basement The Clutter Course for the Home Office Couponing 101

Register on-line at:

[www.oakcreek.k12.wi.us/about-us/community-education](http://www.oakcreek.k12.wi.us/about-us/community-education)

or call our event line at 414-768-6163 to receive your **FREE**  
Winter 2010 course booklet!



# SAVE THE DATE

## Taste of Oak Creek

Benefiting The Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education

**Thursday, February 18, 2010** • **6:00 p.m.**  
**Oak Creek Community Center** • **8580 S. Howell Ave**  
*A culinary event featuring chefs from the Oak Creek & Franklin area*

**\$25 ADVANCE TICKETS** available at the **Oak Creek Community Center**  
or **District Office, 7630 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Creek**

Want to learn more  
about the Foundation for  
Education?  
Check us out on Facebook  
or  
e-mail our President  
Jeanne Cassinelli at:  
[Bogartdesigns@hotmail.com](mailto:Bogartdesigns@hotmail.com)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Doug Schachtner- Director  
 Mary Jane Trate-Recreation Supervisor  
 Jeff Wendt-Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
 Rebecca Lane-City Forester  
 Debbie Lukasik-Secretary

### PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Janet Fluegel-Chairperson
- Marianne Dickmann-Secretary
- Paul Sigler-School Representative
- Tom Michalski-Council Rep.
- Ann Lampe
- Patricia Glatch
- Dan Jahm
- Pete Wagner



# POINTS OF INTEREST

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department is closed on the following holidays: **CHRISTMAS, NEW YEARS, EASTER & MEMORIAL DAY:**

December 24 & 25 & 31	January 1
April 2	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 for recreation activities.

## EMPLOYMENT

**PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY:** Employment applications are available in the Parks, Recreation & Forestry office or online at [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org). Applications may be submitted up to one year in advance.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please contact the Recreation Supervisor to discuss volunteer opportunities at 768-6515.

**CITY EMPLOYMENT:** Persons interested in working for the City should visit the City's website at: [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org) or contact the City Administrator's Office at 768-6591.

## AMERICAN 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.

The *Acorn* is published

3 times a year:

\* mid-May

\* mid-August

\* mid-December

Residents watch your mailbox

*or*

visit us online at:

[www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)

## CONTACT US

**OAK CREEK PARKS,  
RECREATION & FORESTRY:**

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

**Office Phone:** (414) 768-6515

**Office Fax:** (414) 768-6518

**Visit us at:** [www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)



**For cancellation information, please call:  
(414) 299-9721**

Press 1 for General Information-all others  
Press 2 for Team Sports Information  
Press 3 for Registration Information

## STEP UP TO HEALTH:

We are proud to announce that Oak Creek is a Step Up to Health Community.



## SMILE



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

## YOUR PHOTOS WANTED !



Have you taken photos of recreation activities, fun in our parks, beautiful scenery in Oak Creek? We are always looking for good quality photos (digital photos preferred) to use in the "Acorn" and in our brochures.

For further information contact Deb at:

[dlukasik@oakcreekwi.org](mailto:dlukasik@oakcreekwi.org)  
768-6515

# Web Trac !

Register for Recreation classes in the comfort of your home!



[www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)

# FINE PRINT: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Is She/He Old Enough?

For all programs, **age requirements 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.



## How Much Is It?

Fees and charges are assessed according to the cost of the program. The Department does not want to exclude children who are unable to pay fees due to financial hardship. Resident families unable to pay all or part of the fees should contact the office.

## Need To Transfer?

Transfers will be made at no charge.

## 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 initiated by the participant.

## Open House

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

## Makeups?

Classes missed for individual absences (i.e. illness, vacations, etc.) are not "made up" nor may participants attend classes other than the one they are registered for.

Activities cancelled by the Department will be rescheduled, if possible. If a class is unable to be rescheduled, no refunds will be issued.

## Can I Watch?

In an effort to avoid distractions and interruptions in instruction, for your child to have recreation time with his/her peers, and for adults to have time in an adult-only atmosphere, relatives, friends and/or other children are not permitted in classrooms or the pool during instruction.

## Have A Complaint?

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

## Do You Have Insurance?

Insurance coverage for program participants is not provided by the Department or by the School District for Department sponsored activities.

## Where Do I Park? Enter?

**CITY HALL:** East doors closest to fire station.

**DEERFIELD:** Front entrance to school.

**EDGEWOOD:** Gym doors at rear of building.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Main doors or East Entrance #21

**SHEPARD HILLS:** North doors next to the playground.

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

**EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Entrance #7

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL:** 2525 W. Oakwood Road. Please enter using the driveway located behind the church, between the church and cemetery

## Am I A Resident?

The resident fee applies to any person whose primary residence is within the Oak Creek city limits at the time of registration and children in the Oak Creek-Franklin School District. Current proof of City residency is required once per year (August 1-July 31) to receive resident fees.

## What If?

**My child wants to be on the same team or in a class with a friend or sibling.**

Siblings who meet the requirements for the same class section or sports league will be placed together unless otherwise requested in writing by the parent or guardian. All other requests for unrelated children to be placed together:

- ◆ are not guaranteed
- ◆ will be for a maximum of 3 persons
- ◆ may result in the entire group being placed on the waiting list
- ◆ must be in writing and signed by parents/guardians of both children

**I want to register with my adult friend:**

- ◆ If one person is placed on the wait list, the entire group will be placed on the wait list
- ◆ If one person is a non-resident, the entire group will be processed during non-resident registration (if space is available)

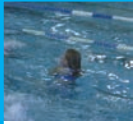
**Note: All "Buddy Link" Requests:**

- ◆ If you request a buddy link and "the buddy" does not register by lottery deadline, you will be wait listed for the class.

## Proof of Date of Birth

- ◆ Proof of date of birth for all children is required at their first registration.
- ◆ If the child's name does not match the parent who is presenting proof of residency, proof of residency in the child's name will be required at their first registration.

# WATER WORKS (Open Swim, Scuba, Aqua Fit)



## OPEN SWIM January 19 - May 13

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 7:00 - 8:15 PM**

Open Swim is held in the Oak Creek Senior High School Pool (east entrance #21) & is **FREE** to Oak Creek residents.

**Open Swim is cancelled on--**

- **Thurs., January 21** • **Tues., January 26**

**Note:**

- \* All children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult in the water (preferably a parent) during open swim
- \* Children under 2 years of age are not permitted in the pool during open swim
- \* We do not allow substitutes for swim suits
- \* Only swimmers & lifeguards/instructors allowed in the pool area during open swim & lessons!
- \* **Average pool temperature 80 degrees**
- \* **Minimum depth 3 feet**

**UNEXPECTED POOL CLOSINGS CAN OCCUR--**

Always check to be sure the pool is open & has not reached maximum capacity before leaving children for open swim.



**Phone: 414-299-9721, Press 1**

## LAP SWIM Ages 16 & Up



**January 19 to May 13**

**8:15-9:00 PM**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**No lap swim on the following dates due to swim meets:**

- **Thursday, January 21**
- **Tuesday, January 26**

**Note:**

***NO children are permitted in the pool area during lap swim***

## Scuba – Ages 14 thru Adult

6 - 3 hour sessions

Open water certification will be issued to persons who complete the classroom, pool & 4 open water dives successfully.

Participants must supply their own mask, fins, snorkel & wet suit boots. Purchase information for above items may be obtained from Pirate's Cove or from the instructor at the first class.

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



**Questions? Call Pirate's Cove: 482-1430**

**Fees:**

\$35 registration to Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
\$225 instructor fee paid to the instructor in full at the first class or \$125 at first class and \$100 prior to open water dives.

\$25 optional video deposit, refundable when video is returned prior to open water dives in good condition.

Location: Sr High Rm 166 / OCHS Pool

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
432001-A1	2/18	Thu	6:00-9:00 pm	\$35/\$35

## Aqua Fit – Ages 16 thru Adult



10 - 50 minute sessions

Aqua Fit consists of swim activities/exercises held in the Oak Creek High School Pool.

No swim skills are required for this water fitness class.

Toning and aerobic exercises are used to provide an excellent low impact workout.

Swimsuits required-no shorts/shirts or other substitutes permitted.

Instructor: Carol Pultz

Location: OCHS Pool

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461011-A2	1/19	Tue	6:00-6:50 pm	\$38 / \$57



# “LEARN TO SWIM” PROGRAM (AGES 2-14)

Persons new to the program should read the skill descriptions for each level to determine their correct placement.

Age and height requirements are set for the safety & welfare of the students! *Please do not ask for exceptions.*

### BEFORE YOU GET WET!

**ONLY LIFEGUARDS AND SWIMMERS ARE PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREA DURING SWIM INSTRUCTION & OPEN SWIM.**

For safety reasons masks that cover the nose, flotation devices including life jackets, and other equipment and toys are not allowed during swim lessons.

Unexpected pool closings can occur. Always check to be sure the pool is open & before leaving children for open swim.

Locker room attendants are **NOT** on duty, however, locker room checks are made by pool staff. Locks left overnight may be removed at the discretion of the Department. The Department/School District is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

Average pool temperature: 80 degrees.

Minimum depth: 36”

PLACE: Oak Creek Senior High School Pool

ENTER: Enter through the east doors #21

IMPORTANT: Participants must provide their own suit (no substitutes allowed).

### RED CROSS CERTIFIED SWIM INSTRUCTORS

- Sarah Brantner
- Amy Hildebrandt
- Callia Johnson
- Dana Johnson
- Emily Malinowski
- Al Marsh
- Kim Merath
- Carol Pultz
- Steve Trate



**Need Information? Questions?**  
**Contact the Recreation Office**  
**Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4:45 pm**  
**768-6515**

### Little Dippers 1 - Ages 2 - 5 (5 - 30 min. sessions)

Familiarize your child with the water, help them enjoy water activities and games and teach them foundation swim skills. Children ages 2-5 will swim and play with a parent or other adult.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421001-A1	1/20	Wed	6:00-6:30 pm	\$19/\$28	
421001-B1	1/23	Sat	11:30 am-12:00 pm	\$19/\$28	
421001-C1	2/22	Mon	6:00-6:30 pm	\$19/\$28	

### Little Dippers 2 - Ages 2 - 5 (5 - 30 min. sessions)

Parents will help their children build on the skills learned in Little Dippers 1. Enjoy games and activities that teach your child to enjoy the water and prepare them for the next levels of swim lessons.

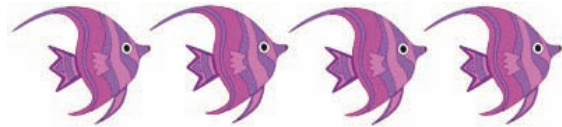
Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421002-A1	2/24	Wed	6:00-6:30 pm	\$19/\$28	
421002-B1	2/27	Sat	11:00-11:30 am	\$19/\$28	
421002-C1	1/18	Mon	6:00-6:30 pm	\$19/\$28	



**NOTE:** Swimmers who are not toilet trained must wear a commercially available swim diaper, or cloth diaper with tight fitting rubber pants.

Open house will be held on the last day of class.

Location: OCHS Pool



### Level 1- Intro to Water Skills (10 sessions)

Children who have completed 5 yr old Kindergarten & are at least 42" tall. For children with minimal or no previous swim lesson experience. No swim skills required.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421101-A1	1/20	Wed	6:45-7:30 pm	\$26/\$39	
421101-B1	1/23	Sat	10:00-10:50 am	\$26/\$39	
421101-C1	1/18	Mon	6:00-6:45 pm	\$26/\$39	

### Level 1 – Parent/Child (10 sessions)

Parents will help their child learn the skills taught in the Level 1 Intro to Water Skills class. For 4 year olds who have completed Little Dippers 2, or children 5 and up who have not completed 5yr Kindergarten and/or are not 42" tall. No swim skills are required.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421102-B1	1/23	Sat	12:00-12:50 pm	\$29/\$43	
421102-C1	1/18	Mon	6:45-7:30 pm	\$29/\$43	

Location: OCHS Pool

# “LEARN TO SWIM”

## Level 2 – Fundamental Aquatic Skills (10 sessions)

For children who meet the age and height requirements for Level 1 **AND** have passed Level 1, with or without parent, **OR** can travel 5 yards in the water, bob 3 times exhaling underwater, exit water independently, glide on front with support, roll onto back and float. Swim on front and back 2 body lengths.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421201-A2	1/20	Wed	6:00-6:45 pm	\$26/\$39	
421201-A3	1/20	Wed	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	
421201-B1	1/23	Sat	11:00-11:50 am	\$26/\$39	
421201-C1	1/18	Mon	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	

## Level 2 – Parent & Child (10 sessions)

Age 4 through 6 who have passed Level 1- with parent. or who have acquired the skills to pass Level 1, but have not completed 5 yr Kindergarten and/or are not 42" tall.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421202-A1	1/20	Wed	6:45-7:30 pm	\$29/\$43	

Location: OCHS Pool



## Level 3 - Stroke Development (10 sessions)

Swimmers who meet height and age requirement for classes without parent or who have passed Level 2 or Level 2 with parent. Must be able to step into chest deep water, front float 5 seconds, roll over & back float 5 seconds, front glide and swim 15 body lengths on front and back, tread water, and fully submerge for 5 seconds.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421301-A1	1/20	Wed	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	
421301-B1	1/23	Sat	10:00-10:50 am	\$26/\$39	
421301-C1	1/18	Mon	6:45-7:30 pm	\$26/\$39	
421301-C2	1/18	Mon	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	

Location: OCHS Pool

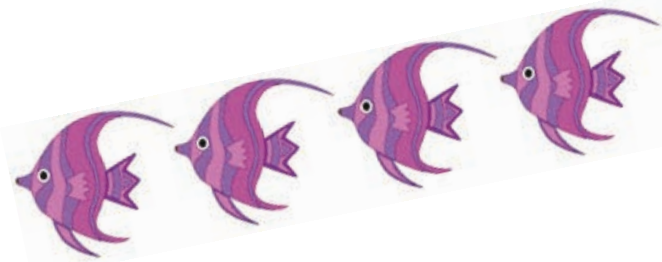


## Level 4 - Stroke Improvement (10 sessions)

Swimmers who have previously passed Level 3 or can jump into deep water, front crawl 20 yards (face in) with rhythmic breathing, tread water 30 seconds, swim elementary backstroke 20 yards.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421401-A1	1/20	Wed	6:00-6:45 pm	\$26/\$39	
421401-B1	1/23	Sat	12:00-12:50 pm	\$26/\$39	
421401-C1	1/18	Mon	6:00-6:45 pm	\$26/\$39	

Location: OCHS Pool



## Level 5 - Stroke Refinement (10 sessions)

For those who have previously passed Level 4 or who can enter the water head first, swim front crawl, with rotary breathing & elementary backstroke 25 yards, swim breaststroke, butterfly & sidestroke 15 yards, tread water for 2 minutes.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421501-A1	1/20	Wed	6:45-7:30 pm	\$26/\$39	
421501-C1	1/18	Mon	6:45-7:30 pm	\$26/\$39	

Location: OCHS Pool



## Level 6 - Fitness Swimmer (10 sessions)

For those who have previously passed Level 5 or who can shallow dive in deep water, swim 50 yards front crawl & elementary backstroke, 25 yards breaststroke, butterfly, back crawl and sidestroke & tread water 5 minutes.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
421601-A1	1/20	Wed	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	
421601-C1	1/18	Mon	7:30-8:15 pm	\$26/\$39	

Location: OCHS Pool

# SHAPING UP (Adults & Teens 16+)

*Children may not attend adult classes. Please make necessary childcare arrangements in advance.*

## Tai Chi-Beginners

6 - 1 hour sessions

Tai Chi is a non-impact exercise program of slow controlled movements of the body, arms, hands, legs, and feet in coordination with the mind and controlled breathing. Practiced daily, Tai Chi improves body awareness, postural alignment, coordination, strength and flexibility.



**Bring:** Water bottle-optional.

Instructor: Cathy Stocker

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461002-A1	1/19	Tue	6 -7 pm	\$48/\$51
161002-A1	3/9	Tue	6 -7 pm	\$48/\$51

## Tai Chi-Returning Students

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461003-A1	1/19	Tue	7 - 8 pm	\$48/\$51
161003-A1	3/9	Tue	7 - 8 pm	\$48/\$51

**No class on 4/6**

## 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 and they often cause disruptions in class.



**PLEASE MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CARE WHILE YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR CLASS/ACTIVITY.**

## Simply Yoga

6 - 1 hour sessions

Stressed? Relax your mind while increasing strength and flexibility with simple yoga exercises. This class will teach you basic level breathing techniques and a variety of beginner level seated, standing, and mat postures.

Bring a mat or towel for mat work and a water bottle.

Instructor: Cathy Stocker

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461005-A1	1/20	Wed	6 -7 pm	\$48/\$51
161005-A1	3/10	Wed	6-7 pm	\$48/\$51

**No class on 4/7**

## Cardio Kickboxing

8 - 1 hour sessions

This non-contact workout will add "kick" to your fitness routine! This class will use various kickboxing techniques and easy to follow cardio combinations to make a high energy workout. No experience needed!

Bring a mat or towel for warm-up/cool-down and a water bottle.

Location: St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461004-A1	1/20	Wed	8:00-8:45 pm	\$38/\$57

**Bring** a mat or towel for warm-up/cool-down & water bottle.

Instructor: HYPE instructor

## Fitness Ball

10 - 45 minute sessions

Stability ball training will balance your workout and increase your strength and flexibility. This class will help with core muscle strength, balance and coordination.

**Bring:** Mat or towel for warm-up/cool-down and a water bottle.

**Fitness balls are not provided.**

Instructor: Amy Hildebrandt

Location: St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.



Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461009-A1	1/20	Wed	9:00-9:45 am	\$28/\$42

## Pilates

10 - 1 hour sessions

Suitable for all ages, Pilates is a full body workout designed to strengthen and tone muscles. By increasing flexibility and balance, improving posture and reducing stress, Pilates will leave you looking & feeling great.

Please bring an exercise mat. Water bottle recommended.

Instructor: Kaye Kass

Location: OCHS Cafeteria

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461006-A1	1/19	Tue	7:15-8:15 pm	\$38/\$57
461006-A2	1/19	Tue	6:00-7:00 pm	\$38/\$57



# SHAPING UP (Adults & Teens 16+)

Children may not attend adult classes. Please make necessary childcare arrangements in advance.

## Middle Eastern Dance

10 - 1 hour sessions



Wanted! Women of any size, shape and fitness level who are interested in toning up and getting in shape through dance. Previous experience not necessary. The class will introduce the basic arm, hip and total body movements of belly dance while working on flexibility.

**NEW** Routine & **NEW** music for this session!

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461008-A1	1/20	Wed	7 - 8 pm	\$38/\$57

**No class on January 27**

**Bring** a mat or towel for warm-up/cool-down & water bottle.

Instructor: Estelle Wolters

Location: OCHS Cafeteria



## Doctor Says--

Those who are over 40, overweight, or who haven't exercised recently should consult their doctor before beginning any exercise program.

## Aerobics-Step

10 - 1 hour sessions

Shape all those under worked thigh, hips and abdominal muscles without high impact stress. Steps are provided.



Participants should wear aerobic/fitness shoes and comfortable clothing.

**Bring** mat or towel for warm up/cool down

Instructor: Bradley Uelmen

Location: OCHS Cafeteria

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461001-A1	1/18	Mon	7 - 8 pm	\$38/\$57

## Zumba

10 - 45 minute sessions

Zumba fuses Latin and global music, using dynamic & energetic dance themes to give you a dose of fun and fitness. You'll dance like you've never danced before, all the while gaining the benefits of an aerobic workout. Join us and sweat it out with Zumba!



**Bring** a towel & a water bottle.

Instructor: Vickie M. Strachota

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461012-A1	1/21	Thu	6-6:45 pm	\$38/\$57



## NORDIC POLE WALKING

Turn your regular walking routine into an energy burning, calorie using workout, with less stress to your joints, and a lower perceived level of effort. Nordic Pole walking improves the condition of all your major muscle groups & improves cardiovascular fitness. It can be done almost everywhere, by persons of any age or fitness level.

**BRING TOWEL AND WATER BOTTLE.**

**Poles** are available for use during the try-it. Those interested in continuing may order the 2 piece poles with interchangeable feet and a tote bag for approximately \$47 (regular price approximately \$98)

Instructor: Vickie M. Strachota

Location: OCHS Cafeteria

### FREE! TRY IT DAY! REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Activ/Sect#	Date	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461010-A1	1/11*	Mon	6 - 7 pm	<b>Free Try It</b>
161010-A1	3/8	Mon	6 - 7 pm	<b>Free Try It</b>

### 6 SESSIONS

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
461010-B1	1/25	Mon	6-7:15 pm	\$22/\$33
161010-B1	3/22	Mon	6-7:15 pm	\$22/\$33

**\*Non-Resident Registration opens IMMEDIATELY for 1/11 Try-it class ONLY!**

# Adults 50+

ALL activity registrations from *this* page are first-come, first-serve  
 Non-Resident Registration opens January 8<sup>th</sup>

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## ZUMBA GOLD

10- 45 minute sessions

**ZUMBA** Enjoy Zumba geared for active adults ages 50 and better. Enjoy dancing to Latin and global music while getting the benefits of an aerobic type workout.

Instructor: Vickie M. Strachota

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/ NR
461112-A1	1/14	Thu	9-9:45 AM	\$24 / \$28 / \$32
161112-A1	4/1	Thu	9-9:45 AM	\$24 / \$28 / \$32

## TAI CHI 50+

6 - 50 minute sessions

Enjoy improved balance, flexibility and calmness and reduce pain and stiffness associated with arthritis. Tai Chi's slow seated or standing movements generate a sense of serenity and renewed energy.

Instructor: Cathy Stocker

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492003-A1	1/13	Wed	9-9:50 AM	\$30 / \$34 / \$37
192003-A1	3/3	Wed	9-9:50 AM	\$30 / \$34 / \$37

## FIT FOR THE 50'S

12 - 1 hour sessions

Adults age 50+  
 Light strength training, chair exercises and standing warm up and cool downs for the mature adult who wants to begin exercising.

Instructor: David West

Location: Oak Creek Community Ctr., 8580 S. Howell Ave.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/ NR
461902-A1	1/12	Tue,Thu	11-Noon	\$12 / \$14 / \$21
161902-A1	3/2	Tue,Thu	11-Noon	\$12 / \$14 / \$21

## NO PRETZEL YOGA

6 - 45 minute sessions



Relax your mind and increase your strength and flexibility with Yoga. Exercises may be done in a chair or standing, accommodating any fitness or ability level. Learn basic breathing techniques and a variety of postures that will get you started on a path of healthy living.

Instructor: Cathy Stocker

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492003 A3	1/13	Wed	10-10:45 AM	\$30 / \$34 / \$37
192003-A2	3/3	Wed	10-10:45 AM	\$30 / \$34 / \$37

## EYEGLOSS CHAIN & BRACELET

1 CLASS

Keep track of your glasses and look good doing it. Make this matched eyeglass chain and bracelet combo and you'll always be able to read that menu! Sample available in the Parks and Rec office. Suitable for beginners and above.

Instructor: Dawn Leys

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492003 A4	1/21	Thur	10-11:30 AM	\$7/ \$ 9 / \$11

## NECKLACE SET

1 CLASS

Tired of expensive jewelry parties? Try making your own! But, be prepared! Your friends aren't going to believe you when you tell them you made this jewelry yourself. Your set will include a necklace, earrings and a matching bracelet. A sample is available in the recreation office. Project is suitable for beginners and above.

Instructor: Dawn Leys

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492003 A5	2/28	Thur	10-11:30 AM	\$11/ \$ 13 / \$15

# Adults 40+

ALL activity registrations from this page are first-come, first-serve  
Non-Resident Registration opens January 8<sup>th</sup>

## STAGE PRESENCE - Ages 40+

11 - 2 hour sessions

Come join the fun and amaze your friends in this spring's COMEDY production! Enjoy real theatre, smile, laugh, make lasting memories, and take a break from life's complexities by being someone other than yourself. This show will be directed by Dawn Leys, who really loves to laugh.

Class will not meet on: 3/31, 4/5, 4/7

Instructor: Dawn Leys

Location: East Middle School, Use door #7

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
161101-A1	3/8	Mon,Wed	6 - 8 pm	\$32/\$48	

## ADULT DRAMA FOR FUN - Ages 40+

5 - 1.5 hour sessions

Whether you are new to acting or have enjoyed drama as a student or adult, Adult Drama for Fun is the course for you! This course will include theatre games & the basics of acting technique, stage directions, character building & some script work. Class will finish with a short presentation for fellow class members, invited family & friends. It's low pressure, engaging, entertaining, and loads of laughs!


Class will not meet on: 2/18

Instructor: Dawn Leys

Location: East Middle School - 6A Common Area

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
461101-A1	1/21	Thu	6:30-8 pm	\$18/\$27	

### NORDIC POLE WALKING - 50+



Nordic Pole walking improves the condition of all your major muscle groups and improves cardiovascular fitness, with less stress to your joints. It can be done almost everywhere, by persons of any age or fitness level.

**PLEASE BRING TOWEL & WATER BOTTLE**

Poles are available for use during the try-it and those interested in continuing may order the 2 piece poles with interchangeable feet and a tote bag for approximately \$47 (regular price approximately \$98)

Instructor: Vickie M. Strachota

Location: St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

**FREE! TRY IT DAY! REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
461901-A1	1/14	Thu	10-11 AM	Free	Try It
161901-A1	3/18	Thu	10-11 AM	Free	Try It

**6 Sessions:**

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Club Mbr/Res/NR	Fee
461901-B1	1/28	Thu	10-11 AM	\$18 / \$21 / \$27	
161901-B1	4/1	Thu	10-11 AM	\$18 / \$21 / \$27	

### FITNESS WALKING - 50+

Daily fee at door--\$1 or register in advance and **SAVE!!**


Activ/Sect#	Dates	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492002 A2	1/19-3/30	Tues	10-11:30 AM	\$4 / \$5 / \$6

### OPEN BASKETBALL 50+

Daily fee at door--\$1 or register in advance and **SAVE!!!**

Activ/Sect#	Dates	Day	Time	Club Mbr/ Res/NR
492002 A3	1/20-3/31	Weds	10-11:30 AM	\$4 / \$5 / \$6

**Location:** St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Road



### KNIT / CROCHET / CHAT

**1st & 3rd Thursday of each month**  
**Beginners Welcome!**

Yarn provided for:  
\* baby blanket to be donated to "Children's Hospital" or  
\* comfort shawls for "Threads of Compassion" Southeast Transplant Program

Or bring your own yarn to work on your own projects

1 - 3 p.m. @ Oak Creek Community Center

**NO CLASS FEE! THIS IS A DROP-IN CLASS**

Call 768-6515 for information

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# FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 50+

## Join the-- Forever Young Club 50+

**New Members Welcome!**

Visit or call Georgene Gabelbauer, 50+ Activities Coordinator, during business hours listed below.

### Business Hours:

Monday - Thursday, Noon - 2:15 PM



**Phone:** (414) 768-5850. Calls returned from  
Noon to 2:15 PM,

*or*

Parks, Rec. & Forestry Office at (414) 768-6515

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Priority registration for activities
- Activities just for members
- Monthly newsletter
- Discounts on special events, classes & field trips
- Social Service reference materials and speakers

### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Oak Creek Resident (limited non-resident vacancies)
2. 50 years of age
3. Able to care for self or be accompanied by a caregiver

### To join the fun:

- ♦ Complete membership registration
- ♦ Submit payment of **\$7 for 2010 dues**

### ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Guest Speakers
- Red Hat Society
- Movies & Munchies
- Bingo
- Drama **and more . . .**

### CLASSES:

- Zumba Gold\*
- Aqua Fit\*
- Golf\*
- Nordic Pole Walking\*
- Fit for the 50's\*
- Tai Chi\*
- Tennis\*
- No Pretzel Yoga\*
- Craft Classes
- TaeKwonDo\*
- and more . . .**

\* classes marked with an asterisk are listed in this "Acorn."  
Registration/payment at the Recreation Office is mandatory



### PROGRAMS !

Here are just a few of our programs.  
Questions? Contact Georgene for details.



### "MAD HATTERS" RED HAT SOCIETY

"FYC Mad Hatters" are older, bolder and better at having fun. Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. Come check us out!

### BROWN DERBY GUILD

Gals have their Red Hat Society and now guys have the "Brown Derby Guild". Social & recreational opportunities where guys can be guys.

### ACTIVITIES are held unless otherwise noted, at:

Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Avenue



### Card Social & Business Meeting

Mondays, 10 AM to 2:30 PM at "The Center".

### Hot Lunches on Mondays - Members Only

\$2.50/person at "The Center".

### COMING SOON !

### February-Valentines Day Party - Thurs., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Come alone or bring a sweetheart to share in the fun. Details to follow.

### March - Racine Theatre Guild - "A Bad Year for Tomatoes"

A famous actress, trying to relax, moves to a small New England town. To shoo away nosy neighbors, she invents a violent, insane sister locked in an upstairs room; until the local handyman takes a liking to Sister Sadie. Dinner at the Old Country Buffet. Details to follow.

### April - Potawatomi Bingo & Casino

Bingo lovers' paradise . . . more varieties than you can shake a dauber at! No waiting in line plus reserved seating. Details to follow.

### May - Mitchell Park Domes/Miss Katie's Diner

Experience a desert oasis, tropical jungle and special floral gardens . . . all in one morning! Sit-down luncheon with your choice of entree.

### "WHAT'S HAPPENING" RESOURCE CENTER

Up-to-date information on activities and programs offered throughout the community for those 50+.

# Kids thru Adults

## TaeKwonDo-Beginner (Ages 6.5 - Adults)

8 - 1 hour sessions

TaeKwonDo is truly a Way of Life sport that isn't just about punching and kicking. It teaches the age old values of honor, respect and perseverance. Beginner-for new students, white & high white belts.

It is recommended but not required, that beginners take classes twice per week.

Testing for color belts is available, however, additional fees will apply. Protective sparring gear will need to be purchased as students advance.

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
446001-C1	6.5-17	1/19	Tue	6:30-7:30 pm	\$24/\$36
446001-C2	18 & up	1/19	Tue	6:30-7:30 pm	\$32/\$48
446001-C3	6.5-17	1/21	Thu	6:30-7:30 pm	\$24/\$36
446001-C4	18 & up	1/21	Thu	6:30-7:30 pm	\$32/\$48
146001-C1	6.5-17	3/23	Tue	6:30-7:30 pm	\$24/\$36
146001-C2	18 & up	3/23	Tue	6:30-7:30 pm	\$32/\$48
146001-C3	6.5-17	3/25	Thu	6:30-7:30 pm	\$24/\$36
146001-C4	18 & up	3/25	Thu	6:30-7:30 pm	\$32/\$48



## TaeKwonDo-Adv Beg (Ages 6.5 - Adults)

16 - 1 hour sessions  
Yellow belts and above

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
446002-A1	6.5-17	1/19	Tue,Thu	7:30-8:30 pm	\$48/\$72
446002-A2	18 & up	1/19	Tue,Thu	7:30-8:30 pm	\$64/\$96
146002-A1	6.5-17	3/23	Tue,Thu	7:30-8:30 pm	\$48/\$72
146002-A2	18 & up	3/23	Tue,Thu	7:30-8:30 pm	\$64/\$96

**Other fees:** Dobok (uniform) is required. Instructor will have sizing/ordering information at first class.  
Cost: \$40 youth / \$45 adult

**Instructor: Master John Wellstein, 3rd Degree Black Belt  
Instructor for USA TaeKwonDo**

**Location (all classes):** OCHS Wrestling Room



## Ski & Snowboard Lessons

Oak Creek Parks & Recreation and Crystal Ridge Ski area offering ski and snowboarding lessons this winter. Here's a great opportunity for the whole family to stay active & enjoy Wisconsin winters. Fee includes lift and 1 hour lesson and rental. Fee includes 3 lessons.

### Ski Lessons (Age 10 & Up):

3 - 1.5 hour sessions

**REGISTRATION OPENS  
IMMEDIATELY**

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
431001-A1	1/5	Tue	6-7:30 pm	\$75/\$75
431001-A2	1/7	Thu	6-7:30 pm	\$75/\$75

### Snowboard Lessons (Age 14 & Up):

3 - 1.5 hour sessions

**REGISTRATION OPENS  
IMMEDIATELY**

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
433001-A1	1/5	Tue	6-7:30 pm	\$95/\$95
433001-A2	1/7	Thu	6-7:30 pm	\$95/\$95

Fee includes lift and 1 hour lesson and rental.

**Location:** Crystal Ridge is located at 76th Street and Rawson Ave; one mile south of Southridge

In case of inclement weather, call:

**Crystal Ridge  
414-529-SNOW**

# Ice Skating

Ice Skating will be available at Henry Miller Park in Oak Creek (behind the Oak Creek High School) as soon as weather and ice conditions permit.

Call 299-9721, Press 1, after December 15 to see if skating is available.



# Kids Stuff



## Ages 3 - 5

5 - 45 minute sessions

Children will play games and activities relating to a different sport or sports each week. The class will emphasize fundamental skills of throwing, catching, kicking, and more while having fun and learning the basics of a variety of sports. Children should wear play type clothing and gym shoes. Parents do not accompany children in class, however there will be a waiting area available in the St John's school building. Children should be potty trained enough to make it through class without a diaper.

Instructor: Lindsay Allard

Location: St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
441203-A1	1/19	Tues	9:00-9:45 am	\$18/\$27	
141203-A2	3/2	Tues	9:00-9:45 am	\$18/\$27	

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### Oak Creek Residents & Oak Creek-Franklin School District Students!

ALL Oak Creek resident & Oak Creek-Franklin School District student registrations received **in the Oak Creek Parks & Recreation office by NOON on Monday, January 4**, will be included in the lottery.

## Mad Science-Science Fun Time

Ages 3.5-6 yrs

4 - 1 hour sessions

In these workshops, Junior Scientists will be introduced to basic scientific concepts in the Mixture Mania, Animal Friends, Adventures in Air, and Sea, Sand & Surf workshops.



To continue the fun, weekly take-home sheets that explain what was learned and additional experiments will be provided.

**Note:** Parents do not accompany children during classes.

Instructor: Mad Science Instructor

Location: St John's School, Rm. 1, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
443001-A1	2/3	Weds	9-10 am	\$49/\$51	



## Gymboree-Toddlers (Ages 12 - 24 months)

5 - 30 minute sessions

Enhance gross motor skills, increase self esteem and develop social skills with specially designed games, songs and activities. We'll top off the class with our signature parachute time and lots of our patented bubbles.



Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee*
449101-A1	1/20	Wed	6:40-7:10 pm	\$42/\$45	
149102-A1	3/10	Wed	6:40-7:10 pm	\$42/\$45	

## Gymboree-Explorers (Ages 2 - 3 years)

5 - 30 minute sessions

Your child's creative thinking skills, gross motor skills, and social skills will all get a boost in this class. We'll top off the class with our signature parachute time and, of course, lots of our patented bubbles.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee*
449103-A1	1/20	Wed	7:20-7:50 pm	\$42/\$45	
149103-A1	3/10	Wed	7:20-7:50 pm	\$42/\$45	

## Gymboree-Family Art (Ages 24 mths. - 4 yrs.)

5 - 30 minute sessions

We'll be inspired together and make colorful memories in the Gymboree on the Go Art Studio. Sculpt with a giant block of clay, design a family tree, paint a mural or make a creation of your very own. Projects are family centered and suitable for multiple age groups.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee*
449104-A1	1/20	Wed	6:00-6:30 pm	\$42/\$45	
149104-A1	3/10	Wed	6:00-6:30 pm	\$42/\$45	

### ALL CLASSES:

- \* Fee is for one child with parent(s)/guardian(s)
- \* Please bring ONLY the child/children registered to class!
- \* Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.
- \* Instructor: Gymboree Instructors



## Fitness Fun



5 - 45 minute sessions

Enjoy ball and bean bag activities, hula hoops, rhythm activities, games and fun! Improve fitness, coordination, social skills and more.

Children must be toilet trained.

**Instructor:** Hope Goelz

**Location:** Shepard Hills Gym

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
441201-A1	3-4	1/21	Thu	6:00-6:45 pm	\$17/\$25.50
441201-B1	4-6	1/21	Thu	6:45-7:30 pm	\$17/\$25.50
141201-A1	3-4	3/11	Thu	6:00-6:45 pm	\$17/\$25.50
141201-B1	4-6	3/11	Thu	6:45-7:30 pm	\$17/\$25.50

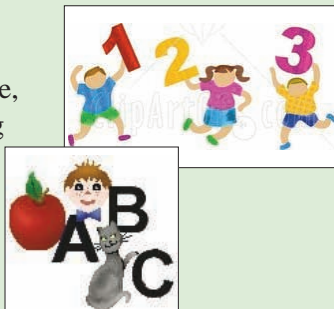
**No class on April 8**

## Little Learners - Ages 2.5 - 4 years

6 - 45 minute sessions

Boost your child's language, coordination, and listening skills through active games, stories, and songs.

The class will integrate a variety of learning ideas with a big helping of fun to promote important pre-school concepts and social skills. Parents do not accompany children during this class.



Children in diapers may attend, however parents of children in diapers must remain in the building in case the child needs changing. A waiting area will be available.

**Instructor:** Amy Hildebrandt

**Location:** St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
441205-A1	1/18	Mon	10:00-10:45 am	\$20/\$30
141205-A1	3/8	Mon	10:00-10:45 am	\$20/\$30



**Ages 2.5-4 with parent or other adult**

4 - 45 minute sessions

Have fun making creative, child friendly snacks requiring minimal preparation and little or no cooking, then enjoy taste testing your creation. Our little chefs will color a page in their "cookbook" for the recipes used in class.



**Instructor:** Deborah Chvilicek

**Location:** St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
441204-A1	1/19	Tue	10:00-10:45 am	\$24/\$36
441204-A2	2/23	Tue	10:00-10:45 am	\$24/\$36
141204-A1	3/30	Tue	10:00-10:45 am	\$24/\$36

## FAMILY OPEN GYM

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BEGINS / ENDS</u>
Sunday	3:30-5 PM	Jan. 10 - March 28

**Location:** West Middle School Gym

**Fee:** \$5 per family-Residents with ID\*  
\$7.50 per family-Non-resident\*

(\*fee paid at the door per session)



**Residents must have identification available when arriving.**

**ENTER:** southwest doors at back of school by dumpster

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

**Cancelled Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010**

# Kids Stuff



## Tumbling

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

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

### Beginners (Ages 5 & Up)

5 - 45 minute sessions

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
445002-A1	1/18	Mon	7:30-8:15 pm	\$18/\$27
145002-A1	3/15	Mon	7:30-8:15 pm	\$18/\$27

### Tails over Whiskers (Ages 4 & 5)

5 - 45 minute sessions

Beginning tumbling & balance skills for children ages 4 & 5.



**Reminder:** Students are not accompanied by parents during class sessions. **Children must be toilet trained.**

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
445001-A1	1/18	Mon	6:00-6:45 pm	\$18/\$27
445001-A2	1/18	Mon	6:45-7:30 pm	\$18/\$27
145001-A1	3/15	Mon	6:00-6:45 pm	\$18/\$27
145001-A2	3/15	Mon	6:45-7:30 pm	\$18/\$27

Instructor: Andrea Chasin

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.



## Toddler Playtime

The gym at St. John's School will be open for Toddlers and Preschoolers to play while mom, dad or other adult caretaker supervise and enjoy social time with other adults.

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Road

Day	Time	Begins/Ends
Monday	9 - 11:00 am	1/18 - 3/29
Thursday	10 - 11:30 am	1/21 - 4/1

**FEE: PAY AT THE DOOR PER SESSION:**  
\$2 per adult with child(ren)

## Dance Combo (Ages 4 & 5)

8 - 30 minute sessions

Dance fundamentals geared toward the young student. Combo classes will include basic dance steps and rhythms used in ballet, tap and jazz. **Children age 4 MUST take the combo class.**

**Wear:** T-shirt & shorts, plain leotard/tights, or sweatshirt & pants. Dance shoes are not required for combo classes.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
449001-A1	1/21	Thu	6:00-6:30 pm	\$17/\$25.50

## Tap / Ballet / Hip Hop (Age 5 & Up)

8 - 30 minute sessions

Let's move to the beat! Dance fundamentals geared toward the young student. Students age 5 and up who have previously taken combo class or other prior classes may focus on the dance style they prefer in these classes. **Children age 4 MUST take a combo class.**



**WEAR:** T-shirt & shorts, sweats or plain leotard & tights. Dance shoes are recommended for the tap, ballet & hip hop classes.

**Classes: Thursdays, begins January 21**

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Class	Time	Res/NR Fee
449003-A1	5-15	Ballet	6:30-7:00 pm	\$17/\$25.50
449002-A1	5-15	Tap	7:00-7:30 pm	\$17/\$25.50
449004-A1	5-15	Hip Hop	7:30-8:00 pm	\$17/\$25.50

Instructor (all classes): Samantha Gordon

Location (all classes): OCHS Cafeteria

**No classes on January 28, February 11 & March 4**

## Hype Dance

Ages 6-10

6 - 45 minute sessions



Start your year in motion with the HYPE Energy Dance Class. Learn up to three Hip-Hop, Jazz, or Pom dance routines and develop the proper skill and technique associated with each style.

**No class on 1/27**

Location: OCHS Cafeteria

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
449201-B1	1/20	Wed	6:00-6:45 pm	\$21/\$23.50

## Mite Sports



Players learn basic skills and play in "just for fun" scrimmages. Rules and proper play are introduced & everyone gets an equal chance to play. Fun, learning & sportsmanship are stressed at all times.

**Parents are invited to watch a game on the final day of class.**

### Floor Hockey (Ages 4 - 7)

6 - 45 minute sessions

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
441301-A1	4-5	1/23	Sat	9:45-10:30 am	\$20/\$30	
441301-B1	6-7	1/23	Sat	9:00-9:45 am	\$20/\$30	

**Location for Floor Hockey:** Shepard Hills

### Kickball (Ages 4 - 6)

5 - 45 minute sessions

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
141301-A1	3/13	Sat	9:45-10:30 am	\$18/\$27	

**\* Class will not meet on 4/3**



### Soccer (Ages 4 & 5)

5 - 45 minute sessions

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
141302-A1	3/13	Sat	9:00-9:45 am	\$18/\$27	
141302-A2	3/13	Sat	8:15-9:00 am	\$18/\$27	

**\* Class will not meet on 4/3**

### Mr. Peewee Tennis (Ages 6 & 7)

5 - 45 minute sessions

Players will learn basic skills using kid-sized equipment & nets. Fun, learning & sportsmanship are stressed at all times.



Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
141303-A1	3/13	Sat	10:30-11:15 am	\$18/\$27	

**\* Class will not meet on 4/3**

**Mite Sports Instructor:** Hope Goelz

**Location (Mar-Apr classes):**

St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

## Tennis

### Tennis Lessons - Beginner

5 - 1 hour sessions



Beginner classes for youth. Balls are provided by the department and tennis racquets are available for use during class time. Feel free to bring your own racquet.

**Classes begin on Saturday, May 15**

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Time	Res/NR	Fee
147001-A1	8-12	10:00-11:00 am	\$15/\$22.50	
147001-A2	8-12	11:00 am-12:00 pm	\$15/\$22.50	
147001-B1	10-17	12:00-1:00 pm	\$15/\$22.50	

**\* Class will not meet on 5/29**

**Instructor:** David Larson

**Location:** Oak Leaf Tennis Courts East (See Map Pg. 14-15)

### PROOF OF RESIDENCY

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### DATE OF BIRTH REQUIREMENTS:

- Proof of date of birth at a child's first registration.
- If the child's name does not match the parent who is presenting proof of residency, proof of residency will be required for the child at their "first" registration.
- Proof of residency/attendance in Oak Creek Franklin School District is required *once per year* beginning **August 1.**



### QUESTIONS?

**(414) 768-6515**



# Kids Sports Page

## Junior Basketball League Kindergarten K5 & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Mixed Boys & Girls League  
January 5 thru February 20**



### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5:

Practice, Team Selection & Schedule  
Distribution

Kindergarten (K5)-- 6:00 - 6:45 pm

1st Grade-- 6:45 - 7:30 pm

### PRACTICES--

Saturday, January 9 afternoon **AND**

Tuesdays, Jan. 12 thru Feb. 16

6:00-6:45 pm **or** 6:45-7:30 pm

Time to be assigned

### GAMES--

Saturday afternoons

January 16 thru February 20



### LOCATION--

St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.



### FEE (INCLUDES T-SHIRT)--

Resident & Oak Creek-Franklin  
School District students \$22.00

Non-Resident \$33.00

### NOTE--

■ Proof of date of birth is required if this is the  
child's first registration with Oak  
Creek Parks & Recreation.

■ Proof of residency or school  
district attendance required if not  
on file since August 1, 2009.



**Activity/Section # 459001 A1**

**REGISTRATION IS ONGOING  
FOR THIS PROGRAM**

## Bowling

### Bowling-South Park Lanes (Grades K5-8)

6 - 1.5 hour sessions



Beginners will learn to properly select, grip  
and throw a bowling ball under the tutelage of  
an on-lane coach. Returning students will  
refresh beginner techniques, then learn the 4  
step approach, spare shooting and scoring. Fee includes 2  
games of bowling and shoe rental.

**NOTE: End time is approximate. You must be registered at  
the Oak Creek Parks & Rec office prior to attending.**

Location: AMF South Park Lanes, 305 N. Chicago Ave.,  
South Milwaukee

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
441001-A1	1/9	Sat	10:30 am-Noon	\$35/\$35
441001-A2	2/20	Sat	10:30 am-Noon	\$35/\$35
141001-A1	4/10	Sat	10:30 am-Noon	\$35/\$35

**REGISTRATION FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE**

## Golf

### Golf Lessons-Beginner (Ages 10-16)

4 - 1 hour sessions

Class will cover the fundamentals of  
swing, stance, and golf terms. Clubs are  
available; participants bringing their own  
should bring a 7 iron to the first class.



**Additional fee:** An unlimited golf ball  
fee of \$24 payable to Gastrau Driving Range, 1300 W  
Rawson Ave. is required on the first night of class.

**If inclement weather** develops after 5 pm please call  
Gastrau's Golf Center (571-7002) for cancellation informa-  
tion.

Instructor: Gastrau Golf Range Instructor

Location: Gastrau Driving Range, 1300 W Rawson Ave.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
144001-A2	4/28	Wed	5 -6 pm	\$16/\$24

# Arts & Crafts

## Themed Crafts

Age 2.5 to 5 with parent/adult

Participants will be using a variety of craft materials. All supplies are provided.

**Wear** old clothes or bring a smock; dress for a mess. Paints and glues can stain.

Instructor: Deborah A. Chvilicek

Location: St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

### Winter Wonderland

Assemble a Winter Wonderland Frame using supplied kit, and a pair of laced mitten decorations.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
442101-A1	1/14	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Penguin & Snowman

Create a penguin and a snowman using pom poms and craft foam/felt.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
442101-A2	1/28	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Candy Hearts Train

Use boxes of candy hearts & other candies to create a decorative train engine. Sweet!

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
442101-A3	2/11	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Bird Feeder Crafts

Make a bird feeder using pine cones, peanut butter & seed and a second one using stale bread and cereal. Take them home & watch the birds enjoy their treat.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
442101-A4	2/25	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Lucky Leprechaun / Lucky Charm Lei

Make a construction paper/paper plate Leprechaun & string a Lucky Charm lei sure to bring you the Luck O' the Irish

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
142101-A1	3/11	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$4/\$6	

### Bumble Bee / Plant

Plant a seed in a pot you decorated yourself and make a Bumble Bee to brighten your spring.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
142101-A2	3/25	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

## Themed Crafts - Continued

### Rainbow & Sunshine

Spring brings lots of sunshine & rainbows! Celebrate the season by making a Sunshine thermometer and Rainbow Mobile.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
142101-A3	4/8	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Earth Day

This guy really is "green". We'll make a bald fellow in a pot you decorate to take home. Add water to the pot, then watch him grow green "hair".

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
142101-A4	4/22	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

### Thinking Summer

Summer is coming! Be sun safe by wearing the hat and sunglasses you decorated yourself.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
142101-A5	5/6	Thu	9:00-10:00 am	\$6/\$9	

## Arts & Crafts (4.5-8 yrs)

8 - 45 minute sessions

Participants will be creating a variety of arts & crafts activities. All supplies and materials are provided.

**Wear:** old clothes or bring a smock.

Instructor: Rebecca Riddle



Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Ages	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR	Fee
442001-A1	4.5-6	1/19	Tue	6:00-6:45 pm	\$26/\$39	
442001-B1	6-8	1/19	Tue	7:00-7:45 pm	\$26/\$39	



## Is she/he Old Enough?

For all programs, **age requirements will be as of the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Thank you!**

# Teen Activities

## Babysitting – Age 11-16

2 - 3 hour sessions

The Red Cross Babysitting Course helps you learn the responsibilities of a babysitter. 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.

**Make up classes are not available.**

**Bring:** Pen or pencil and a snack if you would like one

**No refunds after 4:45 PM one day prior to class**

Instructor: Susan Stadler

Location: St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Meets	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
440001-A1	2/4 & 2/11	Thu	6-9 pm	\$37/\$55.50
140001-A1	3/9 & 3/16	Tue	6-9 pm	\$37/\$55.50
140001-A2	3/22 & 3/29	Mon	6-9 pm	\$37/\$55.50
140001-A3	5/19 & 5/26	Wed	6-9 pm	\$37/\$55.50



## Teen Open Basketball

AGES 11-16

DAY	TIME	DATES
Sunday	2 - 3:30 PM	January 10 - March 28

**PLACE:** West Middle School Gym

**ENTER:** Southwest doors at back of school by dumpsters

**FEE PAID AT THE DOOR PER SESSION:**  
\$1 Residents with ID / \$2 Non-resident

**Residents must have identification available when arriving.**

**Cancelled Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010**

Coming in--

# Summer

Don't Miss Out!!

Teen Adventure Camps



Summer Acorn available  
Mid-May

Employment  
Opportunities  
for older teens



## 2010 COMMUNITY BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



Coming Soon!

- \* For Grades 3 thru 8
- \* Watch for flyers or check online for date
- \* Date/time & location to be determined



# Adult Sports Page

## KICKBALL LEAGUE-Adult Co-Rec 14 GAME SEASON - Tuesday Evenings

**League Play Begins:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010

**Team entry fee:** \$140.00 per team

**Player Fee:** \$7 per player

**RESIDENT TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

Resident teams require 51% Oak Creek residents

**LOCATION:** Shepard Hills Lighted Diamonds

Eligibility policies/procedures are contained in team packets. Please call 768-6515 for details.

**TEAM REGISTRATION DATES:**

**\*RETURNING RESIDENT TEAMS (SUMMER 2009):  
Monday, February 1, 2010**

**NEW Resident teams: Monday, February 8, 2010**

**NON-RESIDENT: Monday, February 15, 2010**

**\*\* There will be a 7-game fall league offered for 2010 \*\***

## SOFTBALL LEAGUES-Adult 14 GAME SEASON

**League Play Begins:** Week of April 26, 2010

**Team entry fee:** \$175 for outseam  
\$195 for inseam

**Player Fee:** \$13.50 per player



**RESIDENT TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

Resident teams require 51% Oak Creek residents

LEAGUE	EVENING	LOCATION
Men's Recreation-Inseam	Monday	Shepard Hills
Men's Open-Inseam	Wednesday	Shepard Hills
Men's Gold-Inseam	Thursday	Shepard Hills
Adult Co-Rec-Outseam	Friday	Shepard Hills

Eligibility policies/procedures are contained in team packets. Please call 768-6515 for details.

**RETURNING RESIDENT TEAM REGISTRATION  
Monday, February 1 (51% residents at end of 2009 season)**

**NEW RESIDENT TEAMS: Mon., Feb. 8, 2010**

**NON-RESIDENT TEAMS: Mon., Feb. 15, 2010**

### Golf Lessons

4 - 1 hour sessions



Learn the game or improve your score. Beginner classes focus on the fundamentals of swing, stance, and grip.

Advanced Beginner classes improve on the students current skills.

**Additional Fee:** A \$24 fee for unlimited golf balls, payable to Gastrau Driving Range, is required on the first night of class.

**Bring** a 7 iron, or use one of ours!

Instructor: Gastrau Golf Range Instructor  
Location: Gastrau Driving Range, 1300 W Rawson

**Lessons begin Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

Activ/Sect#	Level	Time	Res/NR Fee
164001-B2	Beginner	6 - 7 pm	\$28/\$42
164002-B1	Adv. Beginner	7 - 8 pm	\$28/\$42

### Tennis Lessons-Beginner

**Bring** your own racquet or use ours. Balls provided.



#### Tennis 5 - 1 HOUR SESSIONS

Instructor: David Larson  
Location: Oak Leaf Courts East

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
167001-A1	5/15	Sat	9-10 am	\$24/\$36

**NO CLASS 5/29**

# 1st Aid & CPR-Ages 16+



American Red Cross certification will be issued upon completion of class, including successful completion of all skills and multiple choice test.

## First Aid - Thursday, March 18, 2010

Activ/Sect#	Time	Res/NR Fee
162001-A1	5:30-9:00 pm	\$16 / \$24

## CPR-Child/Infant - Thurs., January 21, 2010

Activ/Sect#	Time	Res/NR Fee
462002-A1	5:00-9:30 pm	\$29 / \$43

## CPR-Adult - Thursday, February 18, 2010

Activ/Sect#	Time	Res/NR Fee
162003-A1	5:30-9:00 pm	\$16 / \$24

**Additional Fee:** You MUST purchase one book (\$2.50 fee) with your first First Aid or CPR class each year.

**Instructor:** Mary Jane Trate

**Location:** St. John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

**Bring:** Pen or pencil and a snack if you want one

**Note for CPR Class:** ALL LIPSTICK, CHAPSTICK, GLOSS MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE USING MANIKINS!

**Cancellations:** Cancellations must be made by 4:45 pm one day prior to class to receive a refund (minus \$3 fee)

### ESCAPE THIS WINTER!

- ☺ Milwaukee Bucks games
- ☺ Spring Water Park
- ☺ Mountain Resort
- ☺ County Zoo
- ☺ Hotel Rome & Mt. Olympus Water Park

See Page 18 for details

# Pet 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

## Pet 1st Aid (1 class)

Ages 16 and up

Have you ever wondered what to do if Fido or Tabby became ill or injured? Learn what you should do for your pet when they are sick or hurt.



**Optional,** but nice to have! Dog or Cat first aid book/DVD sets are available for a **\$16 fee. Must be pre-ordered.** Order with your online registration or contact the office prior to class start.

**Book/DVD fee not refundable.**

**Class fee refundable until 4:45 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Instructor:** Mary Jane Trate

**Location:** St John's School, 2525 W. Oakwood Rd.

Activ/Sect#	Begins	Day	Time	Res/NR Fee
162004-A1	5/6	Thu	6:00-8:30 pm	\$12 / \$18



**Check out the sledding & ice rink locations**



**Map on pages 14-15**

# Open Basketball & Fitness Walking

## OPEN BASKETBALL PROGRAM-18+

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGE(S)</u>	<u>BEGINS / ENDS</u>
Sunday	6-7:30 PM	35 & Up	Jan. 10- March 28
Sunday	7:30-9 PM	18 & Up	Jan. 10- March 28

**PLACE:** West Middle School Gym

**ENTER:** Southwest doors at back of school by dumpster

**FEE PAID AT THE DOOR PER SESSION:**

- \$3 Residents with ID
- \$5 Non-residents

**Residents must have identification available when arriving.**

**Cancelled Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2010**



*We're Sorry:*

Children are not allowed to attend adult programs! 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.



# Fitness Walking

**January 4 - April 1, 2010**  
**Monday thru Thursday 6 - 8:30 PM**  
**Saturdays 9 AM to Noon**

**REGISTER** for the Fitness Walking Club. Reap the benefits of staying in shape while enjoying the motivation of belonging to a group.

\* All walkers **must** wear the Fitness Walking T-shirt to identify them as a walker.

\* **Option:** Earn milestone certificates starting at 10 miles

**REGISTRATION:** Daily registration accepted at Rec. Office or at check-in desk, semester registration info. below.

**Location:** OCHS 1st floor hallways

Activ/Sect#		Res/NR Fee
522101 F2	Semester Registration	\$9.00/\$14.00
522101 DW	Daily-at door/ID required	\$1.50/\$2.00

**Shirt fee:** \$6.50 **required** at first registration

**Only currently registered walkers wearing t-shirt or wristband will be permitted to walk**

**Class will not meet February 11 & March 4**

**First-come, first-serve REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



# REGISTRATION MADE EASY!

REGISTRATION MADE EASY!

**LOTTERY DEADLINE**  
Noon on  
Mon. Jan 4

## Oak Creek Residents & Oak Creek-Franklin School District Students!

**IMMEDIATELY MAIL, FAX, DROP OFF or REGISTER ONLINE**

**ALL** registration received in the office by mail, drop box, online or fax by **NOON on Monday January 4**, will be **included in the lottery**.

Registrations received after that time will be processed at random beginning on **Fri. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, January 8:** Registration received after noon on January 4 will be processed at random with Resident & Oak Creek-Franklin School District students **walk-in, fax, mail, online, & phone-in registration for available spots.**

**Monday, January 11: NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION** for available spots (walk-in, on-line, mail, fax or phone-in)

### AM I A RESIDENT?

Resident fee applies to any person whose primary residence is within the Oak Creek city limits & children attending the Oak Creek-Franklin School District at the time of registration. All persons registering for activities must show proof of current residency as stated above. If proof of residency cannot be validated, the non-resident fee will apply.

### PROOF OF RESIDENCY & DATE OF BIRTH REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Proof of date of birth at a child's first registration.
- ✓ If the child's name does not match the parent who is presenting proof of residency, proof of residency will be required for the child at their "first" registration.
- ✓ Proof of residency is required once per year (August to July) to receive the resident fee.

**QUESTIONS? CLARIFICATION NEEDED?**  
414-768-6515

### NOTES!

- ▶ Receipts will be mailed or given to all registrants. Please check them carefully!
- ▶ You **WILL** be notified if your class is filled.
- ▶ The Department is not responsible for registrations not received on time.
- ▶ **ONLY** cash, check, VISA or MasterCard are accepted for payment in person, fax or mail.
- ▶ \$3 service fee will be charged on refunds.
- ▶ Instructors will not accept registrations &/or payments at class site.
- ▶ **Registrations received without payment &/or required documentation will be returned without processing!**

### WAITING LISTS

- ▶ Waiting lists are available if the class you want to register for is filled.
- ▶ Waiting lists do not carry over from one season to the next.
- ▶ We call off the waiting list until 1/3 of the class has been completed.

### WAYS TO REGISTER



**DROP BOXES:** located at the east and south entrances to Oak Creek City Hall, and the east end of City Hall parking lot.



### MAIL IN OR WALK IN:

Oak Creek Parks, Recreation & Forestry,  
8640 S. Howell Avenue (inside City Hall),  
P. O. Box 27  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

NOTHING BUT THE

**FAX** FAX: 414-768-6518

Fax your completed form, Credit card information, proof of residency or Oak Creek-Franklin School District attendance, & date of birth (if not on file) must be included with fax-in registration.



### ONLINE using WEBTRAC:

<http://city.oakcreekwi.org/webtrac/>

You must have a User Name & Password.

Call to find out how to get yours by calling:

414-768-6515. Webtrac accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

There is a **\$3.50 convenience fee** charged by the credit card carrier for web registration. Subject to change without notice.

### DON'T WAIT TO ENROLL!



**Don't wait!** Some classes fill before fax, online, walk-in, phone-in and non-resident registration begins.

**Classes with insufficient registration will be cancelled at the Department's discretion.**

**Proof of residency/attendance in Oak Creek-Franklin School District is *REQUIRED* every year *beginning August 1.***

# Oak Creek Recreation Activity Registration Form

~ Please Print ~

HOUSEHOLD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home # Work #  Mom or  Dad Cell #  Mom or  Dad Emergency Contact Name / Phone #

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live within the Oak Creek-Franklin School District?  Yes  No

### RELEASE 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. 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. **I have read and fully understand the above waiver of liability statement.**

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant First/Last Name	Sex	Age	Birth Date	'09-'10 Grade	Activity Name Required (Jr. Bskt T-shirt Size only)	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Activity/Sect#	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Activity/Sect#	Fee
<b>Registrations received without payment will be returned <u>without</u> processing!</b>								Total Fee: \$

Special Information: (ie: medical, physical, allergies) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK PAYABLE TO:** OCPRF or Oak Creek Parks, Rec & Forestry

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**Did you----**

include proof of date of birth at child's first registration

Current proof of residency after Aug. 1 of each year

include payment

MasterCard  VISA Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof	Need	Have
DOB		
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Child Res.		
Receipt #		
Initials		
Date		

Office Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Feel free to photocopy this page if you need more room or another registration form

REGISTRATION FORM

# Buddy Carpool Request

(Adult Buddy Requests - Information on Pg. 22)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ✓ Siblings will be placed together-*no form is required*. Notify the office if you **DO NOT** want siblings placed together.
- ✓ All other requests are limited to a maximum of 3 persons.
- ✓ We prefer to accommodate your requests, however any request may be denied at the department's discretion.
- ✓ **NO requests** are accepted for girls softball or elementary baseball.
- ✓ If one member of a group is placed on the wait list, the entire group will be placed on the wait list.
- ✓ If you request a buddy link and the "buddy" does not register by lottery deadline, you will be wait listed for the class.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW ~ PLEASE PRINT~**

Participant #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

In class/activity (list class name & activity/section#): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant #1 Parent/Guardian (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Signature of Participant #2 Parent/Guardian (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## HELP KEEP **OAK CREEK** SAFE FROM VANDALISM

Report vandalism & graffiti to the  
Oak Creek Police Department  
762-8200 or 911

(if the vandalism is in progress)



- ▶ 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

**Keep our parks free of vandalism & graffiti**



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REGISTRATION FORM

Henry Miller Park Pavilion Rentals

# Henry Miller Park Pavilion Rentals

Oak Creek residents may rent Henry Miller Park Pavilion for your special events. Proof of residency required.

- Miller Park can be reserved 1 year in advance
- \$80 rental fee plus \$40 security deposit for Friday thru Sunday *including holiday rentals*. (\$40 refund if cancelled prior to 30 days of the event.)
- \$40 rental fee for Monday thru Thursday plus \$40 security deposit (non-refundable if cancelled)
- Pavilion rental hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM
- Rest rooms are handicap accessible & can be accessed from inside or outside the building.
- “L”-shape counter
- Six picnic tables (one is wheel chair accessible) inside the building
- Maximum indoor capacity 60 persons
- Approximately 25 picnic tables are outside
- Refrigerator/freezer for your use
- The shelter **does not** have cooking appliances such as a microwave or stove
- Beer permit available for an additional fee
- Requests for the use of tents/canopies on the grounds must be preapproved by the Director of Parks & Recreation

To reserve Henry Miller Park Pavilion, phone--

**414-768-6515**



## HENRY MILLER PARK



### ICE RINK & SHELTER

Ice skating will be available as soon as weather & ice conditions permit. The warming shelter will be open subject to staff availability, ice and weather conditions.

Please call the activity tape at 299-9721, Press 1, after December 15<sup>th</sup> for updates on ice conditions.

# SUMMER PREVIEW

Summer "Acorn" delivered mid-May

Program Coordinator: John Keane

## TEE BALL PROGRAM

YOUTH AGES 4 1/2 BY APRIL 1, 2010 THROUGH GRADE 1 ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

BEGINS: Week of June 14

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

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

TIME: 9 AM - 10:15 AM

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

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

## ROOKIE BALL

(PITCHING MACHINE)

BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 1, 2 & 3

BEGINS: **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, June 14 - 16**

TIME: 10:30 - 11:45 AM

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

**PRACTICES/GAMES**  
Begin the week of June 14

## ELEMENTARY BASEBALL PROGRAM

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

BEGINS: 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

BEGINS: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, June 15 - 17**

TIME: 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

PLACE: Senior High Ballfields

## KICKBALL!!!

10:30 - 12 Noon      **Thursdays**

2:45 - 4:00 PM      **Mondays**

Watch for details and registration information in the **SUMMER "Acorn"**.

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE OFTEN

You will find our latest and most up-to-date registration information and flyers on our website as soon as the information is available at:

[www.oakcreekwi.org](http://www.oakcreekwi.org)

Visit us  
often!



**REGISTRATION information will be available:**

**In the Summer 2010 "Acorn"  
Delivered in mid-May  
DO NOT REGISTER NOW!**

# Summer

RECREATION GUIDE - SUMMER PREVIEW- Summer "Acorn" delivered mid-May





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## CITY PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessor	768-6506
City Clerk	768-6500
TDD Telephone	768-6513
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Engineering	768-6541
Fire (non-emergency)	570-5630
Forestry	768-5861
General Information	768-6500
Health	768-6525
Inspection	768-6547
Library	764-4400
Personnel	768-6591
Planning (Community Development)	768-6527
Police General Information	762-8200
Open Records Requests	766-7658
Municipal Court	766-7621
Community Resource Bureau	766-7624
Crime Stoppers	766-7699
Parks, Recreation & Forestry	768-6515
24 hr. Activity Tape	299-9721
Press 1 General Info.	
Press 2 Team Sports Info	
Press 3 Registration Info.	
Fax	768-6518
Forever Young Club	768-5850
Streets (Recycling/Rubbish)	768-6552
Treasurer	768-6501
Water & Sewer Utility	570-8210

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Mayor Richard Bolender** 768-6548

### Alderpersons:

District 1: Daniel Jakubczyk	764-6752
District 2: Daniel Bukiewicz	788-4565
District 3: Steve Scaffidi	234-0635
District 4: Mike Toman	762-9009
District 5: Ken Gehl	570-0801
District 6: Tom Michalski	745-1558

## UTILITY DIRECTORY

<b>Water Utility</b>	570-8210
Emergency	768-7060
<b>Ameritech Repair</b>	1-888-611-2344
<b>WE Energies</b>	
Customer Service	1-800-242-9137
Gas Leak or Emergency	1-800-261-5325
Power Outage Hotline	1-800-662-4797
Diggers Hotline	1-800-242-8511
<b>Wisconsin Natural Gas</b>	1-800-236-9874



### Oak Creek Historical Society

"Pioneer Village" Corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave & Forest Hill

Nancy & Elroy Honadel 414-529-0196  
Judy Salchow (archivist) 414-762-4952  
website: <http://ochistorical.freesevers.com>