



# Acorn



## Let's Celebrate An Oak Creek 4th of July

July - August  
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### Looking For Holiday Fun?

Look no further. Come celebrate with us here in Oak Creek. We've got an exciting line-up of activities the whole family will enjoy. (See Schedule on page 4)

If you like contests, ball games, rides, music, free soda & ice cream, and lots more, then this is the place to be. Start with the annual 4th of July Parade and end the day with Spectacular Fireworks.

This year we will have new inflatable rides and carnival games for the kids. We are featuring David Seebach, a nationally known magician who has opened for David Copperfield in Las Vegas. Come and hear a variety of music including Clyde Masten, "The Young Elvis."

Whatever your taste in food, music and fun, we've got it here. So come on out and celebrate with us!



Dale Richards

## Historic Moment

It has been a long time coming, but I am proud to announce that Oak Creek has finally convinced Milwaukee County that it needs its own paramedic service. On March 6, after about six months of intensive training, we put nine firefighters on the job as paramedic first responders. This is also known as ALS, or Advanced Life Support service. Prior to that, our firefighters were only allowed to provide BLS, or Basic Life Support service, and all ALS service was provided by the Zone E South Shore Paramedic Unit stationed in South Milwaukee. While that level of service was adequate in the past, it certainly was unacceptable in today's environment. The Milwaukee County standard for calls for ALS support is that 90 percent of all calls do not exceed a nine-minute response time on average.

Because of our rapid growth and the vastness of our city (28.5 sq. miles), we only met that standard 40 percent of the time in 1999. Since March 6, we are now enjoying response times that meet that standard 94 percent of the time. This is truly a historic moment and a huge improvement in the quality of life for our citizens. We owe many thanks to County Executive Tom Ament and County Supervisor LeAnn Launstein for their support on this policy change.

The Storm Water Committee and Council have finally agreed on the priorities for a number of local areas that are prone to flooding. Council has authorized staff to proceed with designing fixes for several of the top-ranked areas. The number one-ranked priority is already under construction, and that is the area on West Ryan Road under the railroad bridge.

This is a \$1 million project and is a joint venture with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), the Department of Transportation, and the City to resolve the constant flooding in that area. Hopefully, it will be close to completion by the time you get this newsletter.

As always, if you have anything bothering you, please give me a call or stop in.

### Outdoor Activities

increase as the weather gets warmer. So with more car windows down and house windows open please be courteous to your neighbors with regard to loud noise and music levels. The Oak Creek Police Department responds to complaints at all times of the day, but the main hours of enforcement for loud noise/music - per City Ordinance - is between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Lawn care equipment should not be operated between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Family pets are taken for more walks, so as a reminder, the City of Oak Creek does have Ordinances requiring animals to be licensed and leashed. It is also the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their animals during walks.

Skateboarding, rollerskating and rollerblad-

ing are popular summertime activities for both exercise and entertainment. However, be aware that City Ordinance prohibits the riding of such play equipment on privately owned parking lots, sidewalks or walkways without the owner's written consent. Don't forget your safety equipment!

## Transient Merchants

All persons going door-to-door soliciting must be licensed by the City of Oak Creek and must wear a photo ID badge. Non-profit and charitable organizations are not required to be licensed, but must be registered at the Police Department and wear ID badges as well.

If you are aware of someone soliciting without proper identification, please contact the Police Department at 762-8200.



# Oak Creek Public Library

## Sunday Library Hours (June, July and August):

The library will be closed on Sundays. Regular Sunday hours will resume September 10th.

## Books On Compact Disc:

Because of many requests, we have begun a new collection of books on compact disc. Enjoy these great books in your vehicle or home! Check one out soon.

## Book Discussion Group:

Our afternoon book discussion group has been a resounding success. Now those of you who are busy during the day can attend our upcoming evening book discussion group. For more information call the Library at 764-4400.

## Looking for Vacation Reading?

Check out the library's book sale cart (next to the Internet stations). There's a large selection of books at bargain prices, as little as 25 cents. At that price you don't have to worry about leaving them behind at a hotel or on the airplane. There's also a special six-week extended check out period for vacationers. Just ask the circulation aide.



## POLICE AUCTION

**The Oak Creek Police Department will be holding its annual auction on Saturday, July 8, 2000.** The auction will be held at the Police Department located at 7625 S. Howell Avenue. The items to be auctioned consist of unclaimed property from cases that have been resolved, lost property that was turned in and property from various City Departments. Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with bidding beginning at 9:00 a.m. The auction will conclude upon all items being sold.



**The Oak Creek Police Department enforces the curfew and the park closing laws.** Remember all County and City parks close at 10:00 p.m. and the curfew for children 16 and under in the City of Oak Creek is 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**LOOKING FOR BETTER AND FASTER SERVICE AT CITY HALL?** It's yours if you will just call ahead and make an appointment with the person you would like to see. We would like to address your concerns. Make it easier for us to do so by calling ahead and setting up an appointment.

# 4th of July Activity Schedule



8:00 am

**PARADE Assembles**  
at Edgewood Elementary School

8:45 am

**South Milwaukee  
Municipal Band**  
At Legion Area

9:00 am

**PARADE** proceeds to the  
Legion Grounds

10:30 am

**Free Ice Cream & Soda** at Upper  
Legion Grounds after Parade

10:30 am - Noon

**Contest Registration:**  
(Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike, Coaster,  
& Costume) at Officials' Tent

11:00 am

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

Noon

**Youth Races** (ages 6-13)  
at Upper Legion Grounds  
**Music** - "Al & Friends w/ Jeff  
Stoll" (50's, 60's & 70's Music)  
at the Lenny Weiss Pavilion

Noon - 2 pm

**Face Painting** at the Officials'  
Tent

1:00 pm

**Magician** David Seebach's  
"Wonder of Magic"  
at the Pavilion

**Judging of Contests:**  
at Officials' Tent

5:00 pm

**Music** - Clyde Masten III -  
"The Young Elvis"  
at the Pavilion

**Music** - Roadhouse Rod & the  
Real Deal Rock'n Roll Band  
at the Weiss Outdoor Pavilion

## Parks and Recreation Ballgame Schedule

11:00 am - Noon

East Middle School North  
**Tee Ball**

11:00 am - Noon

East Middle School Central  
**Elem. Girls' Softball**

Noon - 1:30 pm

East Middle School North  
**Rookie Ball**

Noon - 1:30 pm

East Middle School Central  
**Elementary Baseball**

## City of Oak Creek Softball Championship

Men & Women - Double Elimination  
(if interest warrants)

## Game Schedule

Sat. - July 1st - 11am to 6pm - 1st Round

Sat. - July 4th - 11am to 6pm - Final Round



# Community Development

## Home Improvement Loans

## ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT CLOSES OUT THE CENTURY



**Block Grant Program**

**Low or no-interest loans are available** to income eligible households for various improvements to their homes.

Based on the numbers in the following table, a household would be eligible if its total annual income is less than the maximum amount shown for that family size.

If you feel your household is eligible, please contact **Paul Milewski** with the Department of Community Development at **768-6527**, or stop in at the City Hall for more information and an application.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Total Annual Family Income</u>
1 .....	\$33,250
2 .....	\$38,000
3 .....	\$42,750
4 .....	\$47,500
5 .....	\$51,300
6 .....	\$55,100
7 .....	\$58,900
8+ .....	\$62,750

As has been the case since 1992, the City of Oak Creek has seen residential development dominate the construction activity in 1999. Of the various types of residential development, single-family construction continues to be the leader. Even though the single-family total of 206 permits was high, it was second only to Franklin among Milwaukee County municipalities and this is only the second time in seven (7) years that Oak Creek was not number one in the County.

However, the other major component of the residential construction activity, multifamily, placed Oak Creek in the number one position among County communities during 1999. Totally, residential construction activity accounted for approximately \$40.56 million in new property value, or about 58 percent of the value of all construction activity during 1999. It is anticipated that 2000 will see approximately the same level of residential activity as was seen in 1999.

The remaining 42 percent of the total new value was comprised of construction in the commercial, industrial, utility, institutional and miscellaneous categories. Of those categories, the commercial and industrial activity provided the largest increase in new property value of about \$16.6 million worth of construction. These categories will also add considerably to the tax base during 2000. They should be starting or completing over 600,000 square feet of building area, which could more than double the value they added in 1999.

Other information on the development activity of 1999 and its impacts can be found in the 1999 Annual Development Report prepared by, and available from, the Department of Community Development.



The Multiple Benefits of

# Woodchip Mulch

**Have you planted a new tree or are you seeking ways to improve upon an existing one ?**

Consider applying organic woodchip mulch. It is a wonderful way to mimic the rooting conditions of a naturally established tree. In a forest or natural area, a tree will establish under a blanket of leaf litter and other decomposing materials. It will grow in a cool, moist, structured soil that is rich in microorganisms. The factors limiting growth will be light and competition for space, water and nutrients.

In the urban landscape, the nutrient cycle is interrupted but there is often plenty of sunlight. Competition for space can be controlled but the top layers of soil are usually degraded during development activity. Although some topsoil is re-applied, soil structure, which can take hundreds of years to naturally regenerate, is lost.

Additionally, vehicle and foot traffic compresses soil particles and creates a dense soil condition known as compaction. Compaction is a serious and long-term problem in clayey soils such as those found in Oak Creek.

Applying woodchip mulch is perhaps the finest way to begin nurturing your trees and soil back to health. After only a few years beneath organic mulch, soil begins to noticeably regenerate. Mulching is the first step in a long-term plan to invigorate urban trees and restore degraded soils.

**NOTE:**

Oak Creek residents can pick up woodchip mulch, when available, at the Oak Creek Street Division. For a fee of \$10.00, residents can have approximately five yards of woodchips delivered. Contact the Streets Division at 768-6552 for further information.

**Here are some of the interrelated benefits of woodchip mulch**

b **Soil moisture is retained** - directly by decreased evaporation and indirectly by reduced weedy competition. Organics also hold a great deal of water and oxygen.

b **Surface compaction is reduced** - Surface crust is a dense soil particle layer that forms on top of bare soil from repeat blasts of water or splash. Surface crusting does not allow for much water to infiltrate into the root zone.

b **Decreased runoff** - Bare soil, especially fine clay, is subject to runoff during heavy rains or watering. Mulch provides a barrier between water and an exposed soil surface.

b **Soil compaction** is decreased, over time - It takes many years to reverse soil compaction. Soil structure must first be rebuilt and the only way that can occur is through organic and weathering interactions with the soil.

b **Soil aeration** is increased - Soil pores that hold oxygen and water are slowly reconstructed.

b **Less Weeds** to compete for water and nutrients.

b **Beneficial microorganisms** are returned to the soil - Microorganisms help recycle nutrients that can then be taken up by trees and plants. They cannot be replaced by fertilizers which quickly breakdown to unusable forms, usually leaving a salt behind.

b **Increased soil fertility** - through organic interactions and undisturbed weathering activities.

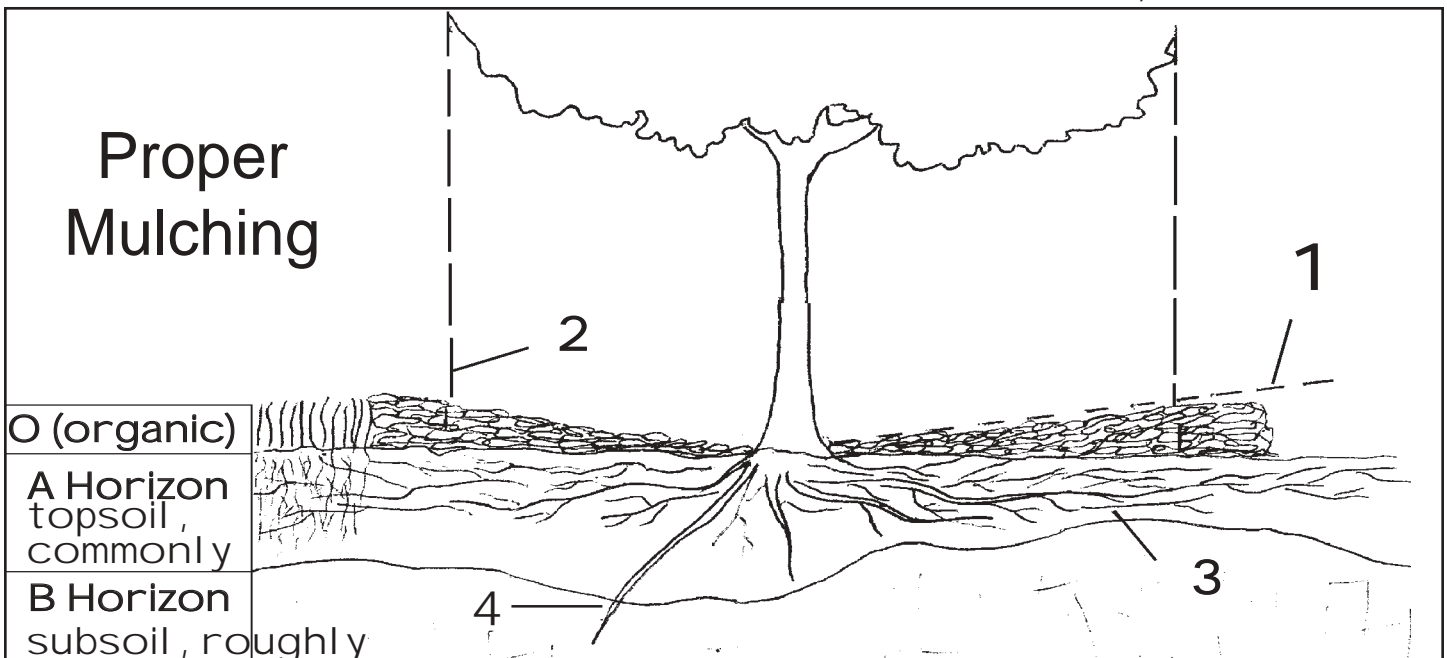
b **Decreased soil temperatures** - Tree roots like it cool! In a temperature-related tree growth study (Urbana, Illinois), urban soils

were found to be an average of 15 degrees warmer than outerlying woodland trees.

**b Increased root growth** - Tree roots cannot make their way through compacted soils very well. In one season mulch can create a friendlier area for roots to penetrate. Since most tree roots that take up water and nutrients are found in the top six inches of soil, mulch can make a big difference in tree vigor.

**b Buffer zone** - Mulch provides a buffer zone between the base of the tree and the lawn mower. Wounds at a tree base are an open invitation to disease and insects. If you find wounds, please do not apply wound dressings; a practice that is no longer thought to be beneficial.

It's terrific to see mulch becoming fashionable. Unfortunately, it is usually applied incorrectly. It should never be piled against the base of a tree because moisture will collect and encourage disease and insects. Please see the diagram (below) for the proper way to apply mulch.



1. Angle mulch up and away from base of tree to a depth of up to 10 inches.
2. Mulch at least out to dripline.
3. Water and nutrient-absorbing fine roots.
4. Structural support roots.

# ABENDSCHEIN PARK MASTER PLAN

Abendschein Park, named after Arthur Abendschein, the first Mayor of Oak Creek, is a 64-acre community park located on East Drexel Avenue. It is the only community park intended to serve the entire city with larger-scale recreational facilities.

At present, Abendschein Park is home to a baseball field, soccer field, and other grassed areas. The Oak Creek channel also runs through the park, creating an attractive natural setting. Much of the park remains "undeveloped".

By fall 2000, the City will complete a master plan to guide future recreational development. The City is actively encouraging public involvement to decide the future of the park. In May, a public workshop was held to discuss residents' interests, desires, and needs for recreational facilities in Abendschein Park.

A draft master plan map is being drawn up and residents will have an opportunity to provide more specific input on the preliminary layout at a second public meeting on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

For more information, call 768-6515.



# Fire Department



Tornadoes are known as nature's most violent storms.



They produce winds that exceed 250 mph and are most often accompanied by severe thunderstorms. Unfortunately, we are unable to determine exactly where a tornado will strike, when it will touch down, or exactly how much damage it will cause.

However meteorologists have the ability to identify weather patterns that are likely to create tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. When it is apparent that weather conditions are appropriate for severe storms, the National Weather Service will alert.

The system that the City of Oak Creek uses to advise citizens of severe weather is a group of three emergency warning sirens. They are activated in the event of a tornado warning. The emergency warning sirens are designed to alert people who are outdoors.

The City has three sirens that are strategically placed to alert the entire city to tornado activity. The sirens are located at 7625 S. Howell Avenue (by the Police Department), 2651 E. Ryan Road (between Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Avenue), and 150 W. Ryan Road (just west of Howell Avenue).

The Emergency Warning System can be activated one of two ways: (1) The Police Department receives notification from Milwaukee County Emergency Management that a tornado

warning is in effect for our area, or (2), there is a sighting of a funnel cloud and the 9-1-1 center is notified of the sighting.

We must stress that the Emergency Warning Sirens are only designed to notify people who are outdoors. Citizens who are inside during severe weather may not be able to hear the sirens.

During severe weather, turn on your radio or television to get the latest emergency information. Weather radios are also very effective, but make sure you purchase one with a battery back-up.

## Severe Weather

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch**- indicates the possibility of strong thunderstorms later in the day or night, with wind gusts up to 58 mph and/ or hail with a diameter of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or greater.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning**- indicates that a severe thunderstorm has formed and is moving toward or across the county. (Tornadoes can be formed by severe thunderstorms).

**Tornado Watch**- indicates the possibility of severe thunderstorms later in the day or night that may include tornadoes.

**Tornado Warning**- indicates that a tornado has formed and is moving toward or across the county.

In the event of a severe thunderstorm watch or warning, get out of water, stay away from trees and seek shelter (indoors if possible). During a tornado watch, prepare to take shelter in the basement under a solid object, or in the middle of your house away from any windows (if a basement is not available). Do not stay in a mobile home or a motor vehicle during a tornado.

After a tornado, be careful of structures which have been damaged. Do not use matches, lighters, appliances, or operate light switches until



you are sure there are no natural gas leaks. Shut off the electricity to avoid sparks that could ignite leaking gas, causing an explosion.

Prepare for a disaster, before it happens. Help your family understand the importance of recognizing bad weather. Put together a survival kit that you can take into your shelter.

Suggestions for the contents of your survival kit include food and water, first aid supplies, flashlights (not candles), blankets, cellular phone, etc. Practice taking cover so everyone knows their responsibilities and where they should meet.

### FYI

The emergency warning sirens are tested at noon on the second Wednesday of every month. To alleviate confusion, the sirens will not be tested during severe weather.



## TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) REPORT CARD

In 1994, the City of Oak Creek closed out Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 1, which was created in 1980. During its 14-year existence, it generated over \$120 million in new tax base for the City. TIF Districts are designated areas of the City that have potential for development, but need the infusion of public dollars to make it work. These public dollars, for public improvement costs, would then allow for new development to take place, thereby increasing the City's tax base.

However the taxes generated by the increased value between the vacant land value and the value of this new development is paid first to the City to retire its debt incurred on those public improvements before it becomes usable for the general tax levy.

However without the public involvement, this development would not have occurred. You have to spend some money to make some money. This new development continues to pay well after the debt is retired and the TIF District is closed out.

In 1997, the City cooperated on its second TIF District with the Grunau Company on land they owned along 13th Street. Since its creation

and the construction of four buildings and a major addition to an existing building, TIF District No. 2 has added over \$ 5.5 million in value and is well on its way to generate enough tax revenue to retire the debt incurred in the District within the City's required 10-year payback.

In 1998, the City created TIF District No. 3 on some private and City-owned land south of Morris Material Handling between Puetz Road and Forest Hill Avenue. Since its creation, the City has accepted offers on all but one of the lots and construction began on the first building in May. So far the District has only grown in value by \$295,000, but an additional increase in the value of the land in this TIF District will be seen in 2001 to reflect the change from public to private ownership and the construction of buildings and additions.

In 1999, TIF District No. 4 was created in the 7400 block of South Howell Avenue. Since the improvements will just be starting to be installed during the summer of 2000, the change in property values will not start to be seen until probably 2002.

In May of 2000, TIF District No. 5 was created on land south of Farm & Fleet. This District will include a large addition to Milwaukee Steel Converting and the creation of an 11.5-acre building site next to it on a new road constructed by the TIF District. Its increase in value will also first be seen by taxes paid in 2002. The continued prudent creation of TIF Districts in the City will eventually help reduce the tax burden of the residential property owners of the City.



## BLOCK PARTIES

If you are planning to hold a "block party", please be aware that approval by City officials is required. Just stop by the City Clerk's office approximately two weeks (or more) in advance to fill out an application, along with a map detailing where the party is to be held. Approval is required by the Police, Fire and Street Departments, along with the Alderman of your district. There is no fee.

If barricades will be needed to block off a portion of the street, you will be responsible for pickup and delivery from the Street Department, 800 West Puetz Road, 768-6552 or 768-6553



# Police Department



## Citizens' Academy



### Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a police officer ?

Many residents from Oak Creek were able to answer this question after attending the Oak Creek Police Department's Citizens' Academy during the fall of 1999.

The Department started the Citizens' Academy in 1995 after realizing the importance of community involvement. Citizens who participate are able to experience first-hand what is involved in enforcing the law and find many of their questions about the Police Department addressed.

If this sounds like something that you'd be interested in, consider joining the Department's next Citizens' Academy which is scheduled to begin Thursday, September 14, 2000. Participants meet once a week for nine (9) weeks and are able to take part in various scenarios including traffic stops, domestic abuse intervention, officer safety, K-9 demonstrations, drug investigations and more. They also get the opportunity to ride along with an officer during their shift.

Applications for the fall academy are now being accepted. Applications can be picked up from the Oak Creek Police Department, 7625 S. Howell Avenue, and are due by September 1st. For more information, contact Lt. George Artka at 762-8200.

In its fight against crime and drugs, The National Association of Town Watch will be sponsoring its Annual National Night Out on Tuesday August 1, 2000.

National Night Out is a nationwide campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and the police/community partnership. Last year, over 9,250 communities participated from all 50 states. In all, 30.5 million people participated. Here in Oak Creek, a carnival-like event was held at the Community Center with an estimated attendance of 6,000 people.

This year, the Oak Creek National Night Out Committee is planning an even bigger event. Returning will be all the low-cost food items, rides, games and door prizes that were so popular in previous years. The grand prize for this year will again be a pair of plane tickets provided by Midwest Express. There will also be a flashlight walk to the Senior High School football field where our grand finale, a fireworks display by the famous Bartolotta Fireworks Company, will take place. All walk participants will receive a free flashlight.

Additionally, the committee has added two performances by a magician with a drug abuse prevention message, several new food items, new rides, and several other new features. Admission is free as well as participation in the many prize drawings. Come on out and join us.

# 2000 ELECTION UPDATE:



Major elections are scheduled this fall:

- e Fall Partisan Primary - Tues. September 12, 2000
- e Fall Presidential and General Election -Tues. November 7, 2000

For new residents, or new voters: Early voter registration is recommended to avoid long lines at the polling sites. If you are not already registered, you may register at:

**Oak Creek City Hall (City Clerk's office)**  
8640 S. Howell Ave.  
Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Oak Creek Public Library** 8620 S. Howell Ave  
Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 8:30 pm  
Friday . . . . . 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday . . . . . 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday . . . . . 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Note:The Library is closed Sundays in June, July & August)

You may also register at the polls on election day by providing one form of identification that shows your current place of residence, but early registration is preferred. Watch for special Voter Registration events at local supermarkets and other locations in the City during late summer and early fall! Further information will be provided in the next Acorn!

If you have any questions about elections or voter registration, call the Oak Creek Voter's Hotline at 768-6509.



**Several times a year, distressed parents bring their young children into the Police Department** requesting that an officer use scare tactics in order to get their children to conform to certain behaviors at home.

We feel this is unwise, as we don't want to teach young children to fear the police. This can be detrimental to their future safety.

Children should feel comfortable approaching an officer if they are lost or being followed by a stranger. They should also feel comfortable calling 911 in an emergency situation.

Therefore, we believe using a "positive approach" will prove more beneficial to all.

# SEATBELT / DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

**The Oak Creek Police Department has again received grants to enforce specific traffic laws.**



The first grant, focusing on seatbelt enforcement, began in November, 1999, and will continue through the summer of 2000.

This grant is federally funded, involving several southeastern Wisconsin jurisdictions, and targets those who don't buckle up or buckle up their children.

The second grant received is an Alcohol Saturation Patrol grant, funded through the Department of Transportation, which will provide for extra officers to be assigned to specified areas to target drunk drivers. Think twice the next time you get behind the wheel. The minimum fine for driving under the influence of alcohol is \$561 - not including damage fees, insurance fees and other legal fees - and a mandatory revocation of your driver's license and possible jail time. By providing extra enforcement, we hope to get more drunk drivers off the road making it safer for everyone. Please be responsible.



**The Department of Community Development has a new Planning Illustrator.** Bob Ropiak started this March. He has worked in the engineering department of PPG Industries as a CADD Operator for the past 5 years.

And for the last 12 years he has taught evening classes at Gateway Technical College in Racine.

Bob is very active in his church, The Racine Assembly of God, as a musician and a member of the choir. Bob says, "My relationship with God is very important to me."

His other interests include ballroom dancing, running, bicycling, and writing music.





# SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR

## **Pre-school** (3 and 4 years old):

4 DPT/DT/Td, 3 Polio, 1 Measles, 1 Rubella, 1 Mumps

## **Kindergarten:**

5DPT/DT/Td, 4 Polio, 2 Measles, 2 Rubella, 2 Mumps

## **Grades 1 through Grade 12:**

4 DPT/DT/Td, 4 Polio, 2 Measles, 2 Rubella, 2 Mumps

## **Grades K** (early childhood, 3 & 4 yr K):

1, 2, 3, 7,8, 9, & 10: 3 Hepatitis B



## KINDERGARTEN HEALTH SCREENING Fall 2000

Another day has been added for Kindergarten screening July 20, Thurs. 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. If your children will begin Kindergarten in the Fall we request you complete this screening if you have not already done so!

Call 768-6525 for an appointment lasting 30-45 minutes. This screening includes a hearing test, a vision test, colorblind test, health consultations, and immunizations if needed.

## 2001 REVALUATION UPDATE

The interior and exterior inspections have begun on residential properties. For the next six months we will be visiting properties from Puetz Road south to County Line Road.

The following information is a reminder of the procedure:

- E A notification letter will arrive approximately 30 days before we are in your area.
- E If you are not at home, a door hanger will be left asking you to call the office for an appointment at your convenience.
- E The data collectors will carry a letter of identification and be wearing City of Oak Creek Identification Badges.
- E Their vehicles will display the following sign:



If you are uncertain about their identity, before admittance, please call the City Assessor's Office at 768-6506 or the Oak Creek Police Department 762-8200.

Only data collecting is being done in the field. The actual assessed values will not be complete until the spring of 2001. Every property owner will be notified by mail of his or her new assessed value at that time.

As with the previous revaluation, we will have OPEN-BOOK appointments for you to come in and meet with one of the Assessors to discuss the value placed on your property. If you have any questions call the Assessor's Office at 768-6506.

## DISASTER PLANNING

Do you have enough food if your power goes out? You should store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food for each family member.

Select foods that require no refrigeration, or cooking, and little or no water. Include a supply of canned meats, fruits, and vegetables. And rotate your food supplies every 3-6 months.

The City of Oak Creek has adopted weed control ordinances. Briefly, all weeds and grass shall be cut to and maintained at a height not to exceed six (6) inches--

- y in subdivisions which have buildings on more than 50% of lots in the subdivision
- y in multi-family apartments and complexes
- y in planned developments
- y in mobile home districts

All weeds and grass shall be cut to a height not to exceed one foot (12 inches)--

- y in subdivisions which have buildings on 50% or less of the lots
- y in business and manufacturing zoning districts

If a property is not in compliance, a notice will be sent to the property owner. If the weeds still are not cut, the Weed Commissioner may cause all weeds, grass and brush to be cut and removed and the cost charged to the property owner. Contact the Oak Creek Weed Control Hotline (768-6590) if you need additional information.





# Parks and Recreation



## Explore Wisconsin

The Oak Creeks Parks and Recreation Department will be selling **discount tickets** for the following:

### Familyland:

\$14.00 *-(under 3 free)* Save **\$10.33**

### Great America:

\$30.00 *(adult 48" & taller)* Save **\$9.00**  
July 11-17 only! \$23.00 *adult* Save **\$16.00**

### House on the Rock:

\$15.25 *(adult)* Save **\$4.25**  
\$ 8.50 *(7-12)* Save **\$3.00**  
\$ 3.75 *(4-6)* Save **\$1.75** *(3 & under Free)*

### Milw. County Zoo:

\$ 5.50 *(adult)* Save **\$2.50**  
\$ 4.00 *(3-12)* Save **\$2.00** *(3 & under Free)*  
\$ 3.75 *(4-6)* Save **\$1.75**

### Noah's Ark:

\$19.75 - *(2 & under free)* Save **\$6.74**

### Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf:

\$4.00 - *(5 & under free)* Save **\$6.74**

### Tommy Bartlett Thrill Show:

\$9.00 *(youth & adult)* Save **\$6.30**  
*(5 & under free if held on adult's lap)*

### Tommy Bartlett Robot World:

\$5.50 - *(5 & under free)* Save **\$3.75**

### Upper Dells Boats:

\$10.00 *(adult)* Save **\$5.75**  
\$6.00 *(6-11)* Save **\$2.00** *(5 & under free)*

### Wisconsin Ducks:

\$12.00 *(adult)* Save **\$2.50**  
\$7.75 *(6-11)* Save **\$1.00** *(5 & under free)*

### Riverview Park & Waterworld:

\$10.25 - *(5 & under free)* Save **\$7.75**

### Shipwreck Lagoon:

\$3.50 - *(2 & under free)* Save **\$2.80**

### Bristol Renaissance Faire:

\$14.75 *(adult)* Save **\$1.75**  
\$7.50 *(child)* Save **\$1.00**

Cash or Check only - **No Credit Cards Accepted.**

Join us for a variety of instructional & recreational activities here in Oak Creek. Please note our summer hours for Open Swim and new summer activities. For more information call 768-6515.

## Recreation Open Swim

The Oak Creek High School Pool  
*Monday June 26 - August 12*

E Ages 2 & up - *Tues. & Thurs. eve. 7-8:30 p.m.*  
*Mon. through Sat. afternoons 1:15 -3:30 p.m.*  
E Adults ONLY - *Tues. & Thurs. eve. 8:30-9 p.m.*  
*Mon. through Fri. afternoons 12:45-1:15 p.m.*

E Family Fun Night (*Wed. July 19th*) - Cool off in our pool on a hot summer night. Pool toys will be provided or bring your own (no rafts, please). \$3.00 per family in advance. Children must be accompanied by a participating adult.

**Teen Line Up** - Teen Adventure Camps (sports, games, swim, the Arts, each camp includes 2 field trips), Quick Starts Speed & Development Camp, Golf Leagues, Volleyball Camp, Tennis Instruction, Golf Instruction, Guard Start, Competitive Swim and more. Call 768-6515 for details.

**All Sports Camp** - *July 31 - August 4.*  
Spend the week playing sports of all sorts!  
*Ages 6 to 8, 9-12 noon, ages 9 & up 1-4 p.m.*  
Spaces are still available for: Playground, Swim Instruction, Community Swim Meet, Tennis Instruction & more.

**Senior Citizens Club** - Broaden your horizons at the Oak Creek Senior Citizens Club. Plans are underway for fall special events and enrichment classes. New participants are always welcome.

**Soccer & Flag Football** - Registration for Oak Creek residents opens *August 7th.*



# Department of Public Works

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

### Collection Sites for 2000

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>August 5th</b>	Marquette University High School North 35th & W. Michigan Streets	Saturday ( 8 am - 2 pm)
<b>August 19th</b>	Oak Creek Senior High School 340 E. Puetz Road	Saturday ( 8 am - 2 pm)
<b>September 30th</b>	Wauwatosa City Hall Lot, 7725 W. North Ave.	Saturday ( 8 am - 2 pm)
<b>October 7th</b>	Brown Deer Village Hall 4800 W. Greenbrook Drive	Saturday ( 8am - 2 pm)
<b>October 20th &amp; 21st</b>	Gate 8 State Fair Park (Off of 76th Street)	Friday (11 am - 6 pm) Saturday (8 am - 2 pm)

(THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTES GENERATED FROM BUSINESSES)

## Permanent Collection Facilities

<b>All Year</b>	Onyx Environmental Services Northern Permanent Collection Facility W124 N9451 Boundary Rd (124th St.) Menomonee Falls	Mon. & Wed. (11 am - 6 pm) Saturday (8 am - 2 pm)
<b>All Year</b>	Waste Management/ AETS Disposal Facility 10712 S. 124th Street Franklin	Tues. & Thurs. (11 am - 6 pm) Saturday (8 am - 2 pm)

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Many products you use in your home and yard contain hazardous materials. Improper disposal of these products can cause fires, injuries to people and animals, and ground water contamination. This guide will help you identify hazardous products in your home.

## Key:

**n** = Place in Trash

**S** = Pour down the drain

(if connected to sanitary sewer)

**N** = Take to a hazardous waste collection site

-- Latex paint needs to be dried before disposal in municipal

*Keep your home safe by disposing of hazardous products properly.*

## GARAGE AND WORKSHOP

Acetone **N**  
 Artists' paints & media **N**  
 Auto body repair products **N**  
 Battery acid **N**  
 Brake fluid **N**  
 Car wax, solvent-based **N**  
 Contact cement **N**  
 Driveway sealer **N**  
 Fiberglass epoxy **N**  
 Gasoline & other fuels **N**  
 Glue, solvent/water-based **N**  
 Joint compound **N**  
 Kerosene **N**  
 Latex paint (dry)**n**  
 Lighter fluid **N**  
 Non-automotive oils **N**  
 Paint, oil-based **N**  
 Paint thinner **N**  
 Paint stripper **N**  
 Parts cleaner **N**  
 Photographic chemicals **N**  
 Rust remover **N**  
 Shellac or Stain **N**  
 Transmission fluid **N**  
 Turpentine **N**  
 Varnish **N**  
 Windshield washer solution **S**  
 Wood filler or Preservative **N**

## KITCHEN & BATHROOM

Alcohol-based lotions  
 (perfume, aftershave) **S**  
 Bleach **S**  
 Cleaners, ammonia-based **S**  
 Cleaners, solvent-based **N**  
 Cosmetics **n**  
 Disinfectants **N**  
 Drain cleaner **S**  
 Floor care products **N**  
 Hair remover **N**  
 Medicine **S**  
 Nail polish **N**  
 Nail polish remover **N**  
 Oven cleaner **N**  
 Permanent wave solution **S**  
 Skin cream **n**  
 Toilet bowl cleaner **S**  
 Tub and tile cleaner **S**  
 Window cleaner **S**

## HOME AND GARDEN

Aerosol cans, empty **n**  
 Aerosol cans, full **N**  
 Batteries, alkaline **n**  
 Batteries, button **N**  
 Dry cleaning solvent **N**  
 Fertilizer (without pesticides) **n**  
 Fertilizer (with pesticides) **N**  
 Fungicide **N**  
 Furniture polish **N**  
 Insect spray **N**  
 Light ballasts **N**  
 Metal polish, solvent-based **N**  
 Mothballs **N**  
 Pesticides **N**  
 Pool chemicals **N**  
 Rat poison **N**  
 Rechargeable batteries **N**  
 Shoe polish **N**  
 Spot remover **N**  
 Stump remover **N**  
 Weed killer **N**

### Proper Disposal

- Stores that sell car batteries must accept them back for recycling. **Call your local city government for automobile oil & anti-freeze drop-off locations.**
- Give leftovers to someone who will use them up for their intended purpose. Reuse products such as paint thinner & paint.
- Never pour oil, antifreeze or other hazardous materials on the ground, into storm sewers or down the drain.
- Bring hazardous products that you cannot use up or give away, to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection site. Call MMSD for a site listing.

### Buying Smart

- Think twice before you buy! Switch to safe substitutes.
- Follow label directions for safe usage, storage and disposal.
- Purchase only the amount you need and use up what you buy.
- Avoid aerosols. Choose pump sprays over other alternatives.
- Select water-based over solvent-based products when available.



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Have questions? call MMSD at 225-2066



**July 2000**

- 4    *CLOSED* . . . . . JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
- 5    6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 6    2:30-5:30 p.m. . . . Immunization Clinic  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting (Thursday)
- 11   4:45 p.m. . . . . Library Board  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission
- 12   5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Traffic & Safety Commission  
7:30 p.m. . . . . Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
- 18   7:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting
- 19   6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 20   9-11:00 a.m. . . . . Immunization Clinic  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Parks & Recreation Commission
- 25   7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission
- 26   5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 31   7:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting (Monday)

**August 2000**

- 1    5-9:00 p.m. . . . . National Night Out
- 2    6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 3    2:30-5:30 p.m. . . . Immunization Clinic

- 8    4:45 p.m. . . . . Library Board  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission
- 9    5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Traffic & Safety Commission  
7:30 p.m. . . . . Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
- 15   7:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting
- 16   6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 17   9-11:00 a.m. . . . . Immunization Clinic
- 22   7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission
- 23   5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 31   7:30 p.m. . . . . Town Hall Meeting  
County Supervisor Launstein

**September 2000**

- 4    *CLOSED*. . . . . LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- 5    7:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting
- 6    6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 7    11:30 a.m. . . . . Board of Health  
2:30-5:30 p.m. . . . Immunization Clinic
- 11   7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission (Monday)
- 12   7:00 a.m. to    PARTISAN PRIMARY  
8:00 p.m. . . . . ELECTION
- 13   5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Traffic & Safety Commission  
7:30 p.m. . . . . Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
- 14   6:30 p.m. . . . . Parks & Recreation Commission
- 19   7:00 p.m. . . . . Common Council Meeting
- 20   6:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court
- 21   9-11:00 a.m. . . . Immunization Clinic
- 26   7:00 p.m. . . . . Plan Commission
- 27   5:00 p.m. . . . . Municipal Court

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS