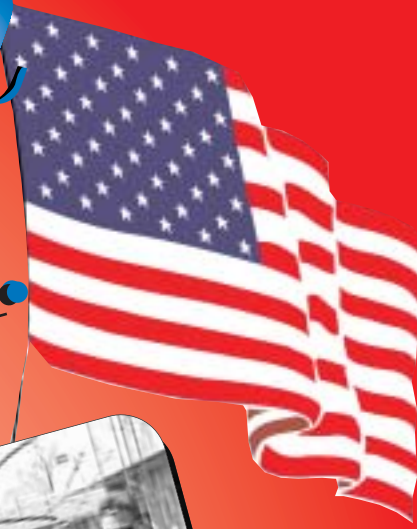


Acorn

July, August September 2001

Oak Creek Awarded Tree City U.S.A.



Bob Wadinski's Oak Creek High School Ecology Class



Mayor Dale Richards and John Perry - Vice President of Wauwatosa Savings Bank



Tree City USA recognizes communities that are committed to the improved management of their urban forests. Oak Creek has met the Tree City USA criteria and will continue to work to build, enhance and maintain its valuable asset.

Tree City USA Criteria:

1. Department responsible for the urban forestry program.
2. \$2 per capita annually on urban forestry.
3. Tree ordinance.
4. Yearly Arbor Day celebration - and boy did we celebrate!



Mayor Richards, Kim Gorenc Sebastian - DNR Forestry Coordinator, and Rebecca Lane - Oak Creek City Forester



Dale Richards

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Challenges

Thanks to the persistence of Thomas E. Christensen of East Bonnie Drive, we no longer have a requirement on the color of trash bags used for garbage. For the last couple of years, Mr. Christensen has challenged Council on our ordinance dictating the use of clear or transparent bags. The concerns over recyclables being thrown in the trash, when the state mandated the current recycling program, have never materialized and there is no data to suggest otherwise. Congratulations, Mr. Christensen. (see page 8)

Our City receives various revenues from the state based on our population. For a number of years, we have challenged the state on yearly estimates of our population. The 2000 census data have confirmed our suspicions and our population as of April 2000 was 28,456, which is almost 1,000 people higher than the state's estimate. The 1990 census indicated our population was at 19,513. This represents an increase of 45.8% in the last ten years and distinguishes Oak Creek as one of the fastest growing communities in the state.

The City and Milwaukee County have agreed to enter into a land swap deal for property they own on 4th and Ryan for a new police station. Council has also selected Zimmerman Design Group as the architect for the new building.

I have mentioned in the past that our Water Utility was test marketing the production of its own "Claire Baie" (Clear Creek) bottled water. Our

analysis has indicated a very strong demand for this type of product. As a matter of fact, we submitted an entry to the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Competition in February. Competition included participants from 70 countries throughout the world. We came away with the gold medal in the purified drinking water category.

Since then, we have entered into a tentative agreement with Black Bear Bottling of St. Francis. We will lease floor space to them and supply water not only for our brand of bottled water, but also for their other beverages, in return for a percentage of the sales. At this present moment, nothing is set in stone, but the Public Policy Forum has recognized this "to be a fine example of how innovative thinking and implementation can demonstrate that government works for its citizens and taxpayers".

The Public Policy Forum has accordingly selected us to receive an honorable mention as part of their 2001 Innovative Awards at their annual Salute to Local Government on June 21st.

In my opinion, local government needs to take more strides to emulate private enterprise and in this case the utility is doing exactly that. Good job, Steve Yttri and Dan Duchniak!

Congratulations to Wally Dickmann on Citizen of the Year.

Don't forget the 4th of July activities and the National Night Out program to be held at the Community Center on August 7th. Have a safe summer.

Dale

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Attention Local Businesses !
City Hall Display Cases are Available!

The City has three City Hall display cases available to Oak Creek area businesses free of charge. These cases are available on a quarterly basis for advertising products and services. Reservations are taken in the order in which they are received.

If you are interested, send a letter to Paul Milewski, Department of Community Development at 8640 S. Howell Avenue, Oak Creek, WI 53154 or a Fax to 768-9587.

Display Case Dimensions

Width: 29.5" Height-front: 42.25"
Depth: 21.75" Height-back: 41.0"

Cases are locked, illuminated with track lighting and the walls are surfaced with cork.

BLOCK PARTIES



If you are planning to hold a "block party", please be aware that City officials require approval. You will need to stop by the City

Clerk's office approximately two weeks (or more) in advance to fill out an application, along with a map detailing where the party is to be held.

The Police, Fire and Street Departments, along with the Alderperson of your district, require approval. No fee is required.

If barricades will be needed to block off a portion of the street, you will be responsible for pickup and delivery from the Street Division, 800 W. Puetz Rd., 768-6552 or 768-6553, before 3:00 p.m. Friday.



Weed Notice
PLEASE TAKE NOTE
THAT:

(a) In addition to the weeds mentioned to be noxious under s. 66.0407(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the following weeds are also declared to be noxious weeds within the boundaries of the City of Oak Creek: Bull Thistle, Wild Carrot, Sour Dock, Wild Mustard, Chickory, Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, Sow Thistle, Burdock.

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

The City Weed Commissioner may cause all weeds, grass and brush to be cut and removed, in accordance with this subsection and the cost thereof shall be charged to the property owner pursuant to Section 66.0627 Wis. Stats.

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

Please direct any questions or weed complaints to the City Clerks Office at 768-6590.

Home Improvement Loans

Low or no interest loans are available to income eligible households for various improvements to their homes. Based on the numbers in the table on the right, a household would be eligible if its total annual income is less than the maximum amount shown per 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 an application.

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



th of July Activity Schedule

Important Note !!!: Due to construction at the American Legion grounds most Activities (Except where noted) will take place on the Baseball Field south of the Oak Creek East Middle School.

8:00 am

PARADE Assembles
at Edgewood Elementary School

8:45 am

Gordon's
Music Makers
At the Legion Area

9:00 am

PARADE proceeds to the
Legion Grounds

10:30 am (until gone)

Free Ice Cream at the East
Middle School Ball field after
the Parade

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Contest Registration:
(Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike, Coaster,
& Costume) at Officials' Tent - East
Middle School

NOON

Fun Service Rides & Games
at the East Middle School Ballfield

NOON - 2 pm

Face Painting at Officials' Tent -
East Middle School

12:30 pm

Music - "Al & Friends w/ Jeff
Stoll" (50's, 60's & 70's Music)
at the East Middle School Ballfield

1:00 pm

Judging of Contests:
at Officials' Tent -East Middle School

5:30 pm

Music - Roadhouse Ross & the
Real Deal at the East Middle School
Ballfield

6:00 pm

Penny Scramble (ages 2-5)
at the East Middle School Ballfield

Rides & Games

at the East Middle School Ballfield

6:30 pm

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

9:15 or dark

Fireworks behind the East
Middle School

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



CELEBRATE OUR
HERITAGE

Men & Women Double
Elimination
(if interest warrants)
Game schedule
still to be determined



Health Department

Opportunities for Parents of 2½ - 3½ Year Olds

Development and Safety Fairs

Our Maternal/Child Health grant focus this year is on hosting development and safety fairs for children 2½ - 3½ years of age. The fairs include developmental screening, nutrition information and safety issues.

Our summer Development and Safety Fairs will be held at the Oak Creek City Hall on Thursday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 25 from 8:45-11:00. **A gift will be given to each child who participates.**



Call 768-6525 to reserve your child's place in this program.



Kindergarten Health Screening

Additional days have been added for Kindergarten screening. **Monday, July 16 from 9:00 - 3:00 and Thursday, August 16 from 12:45-4:00** All children who will begin Kindergarten this Fall are requested to complete this screening if

they have not done so already! Call 768 6525 for an appointment.

Screening will take 30-45 minutes. It will include a hearing test, a vision test, a colorblind test, a health consultation, and immunizations if needed.



Food Safety for Summer!

by Janet & Debbie

You practice food safety when you're at home,
But what about picnics when you roam?

Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot
Lest they begin to spoil and rot!

Bacteria are not your friends
They will get you in the end.

So watch out for that danger zone
And don't grow bacteria on your own!

Keep cold foods stored at under 40
And hot foods above 140.

"Safe" time in the danger zone
Is no more than 2 hours alone!

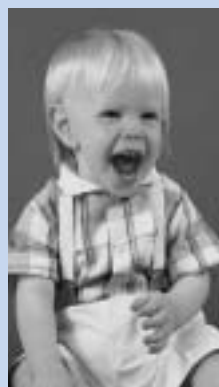
But if it's hot, above 90,
One hour is more than plenty.

So pack your coolers with that ice
If to bacteria you won't be nice

Enjoy your picnic time this summer,
As getting sick can be a bummer!

For further information contact the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555 or website @ www.fsis.usda.gov or the FDA Food Information Line at 1-800-SAFE FOOD or website @ www.fda.gov.

Positive Parenting Mini Class



Our Prevention Grant focus this year is on Positive Parenting skills. "Mini" classes will be held at the Oak Creek Community Center during the National Night Out celebration. (Aug.7th)

Stop by our display for a presentation on discipline for young children. There will be door prizes.



City Assessor's Office

CITYWIDE REVALUATION IS COMPLETED FOR 2001

The 2001 citywide revaluation has recently been completed. **On July 6th, property owners will be mailed a notification of the 2001 property assessment for their real and personal property.** If any property owner has not received notification by July 16th, they should contact the revaluation firm by calling (414) 768-5865.

The following are answers to property owners' most commonly asked questions:

WHAT DOES THE COMPLETION OF THE REVALUATION MEAN?

The firm of Cole-Layer-Trumble Co. (CLT) has spent over eighteen months in Oak Creek revaluing property. The results are a compilation of existing data and current market data. The new assessments indicate market value.

WHAT DOES MY NEW ASSESSMENT REPRESENT?

The assessment represents a value that a specific property could be expected to bring if offered for sale for a reasonable time. It is the amount that an informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property as of January 1, 2001.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH MY ASSESSMENT?

If a property owner finds that their assessment is different than the amount the property would sell for in the open market, or if the property owner disagrees with the established amount, the property owner is encouraged to contact CLT, the revaluation firm, to schedule an Open Book appointment. The direct phone number, after July 9th, is (414) 768-5865.

WHAT IS THE "OPEN BOOK" PROCESS?

The "Open Book" is the time period immediately after assessment notices are released, but before the Assessment Roll is considered final. During this time period, which will run from July 9th

through August 3rd, property owners are able to schedule appointments with the revaluation firm appraisers to discuss any concerns about their individual assessments. The use of such items as a recent appraisal, comparable sales, and photos of items of specific concern are most helpful to the appraiser during this appointment.

The property owner will receive notification by mail of the findings and results of the review, and the notice will include information regarding further appeal.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE OPEN BOOK FINDINGS, AND WANT TO FORMALLY APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT?

A formal objection form is available from the City Clerk's office. Upon receipt of a formal objection form, the Clerk's office would schedule the property owner for a formal hearing in front of the Board of Review.

WHAT IS THE BOARD OF REVIEW?

After the assessment roll is closed, no assessments can be changed except by action of the Board of Review. The board is a quasi-judicial body comprised of five citizens and two alternates appointed by the City to hear formal objections to property assessments. The Board meets only after the Assessment Roll is considered final or closed.

The Board is tentatively scheduled to convene in September. Notice of the exact date and time will be posted on the City Hall doors and published in the official newspaper, The Oak Creek Pictorial. Complete information and instructions for appearing before the Board of Review are available in the City Clerk's office.

WHERE CAN I REVIEW ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL PROPERTIES?

The assessments for all properties in the City are contained in a report called the Assessment Roll. All information in the Assessment Roll is available for public inspection. Beginning July 9th, copies of the Assessment Roll will be placed at the Oak Creek City Hall and the Oak Creek Library as a convenience to property owners during regular business hours.



City Forestry



Bob Wadinski's Oak Creek High School Ecology Class



Urban Forestry intern, Marisa Pankowski and Scot Bartels of the Park Maintenance staff, help plant an Arbor Day oak at Carrollton Park.

Tree City U.S.A. Arbor Day



Jessica Brandis and her teacher, Ms. Nowicki receive a certificate for the winning 5th grade Arbor Day Poster.



Rebecca Lane - Oak Creek City Forester

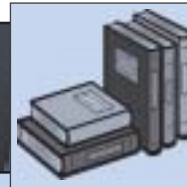
A very special thank you to those who helped celebrate the Millennium Arbor Day with the City of Oak Creek:

Mr. John Perry of Wauwatosa Savings Bank, for the generous donation of a lovely swamp white oak in honor of 80 years of service.

Mr. Bob Wadinski of Oak Creek High School, for taking the time to share his classes for an all-day conservation planting at Miller Park.

Ms. Janice Posda, Ms. Kristin Nowicki and Mr. John Mather the 5th grade teachers of Carrollton Grade School, for an enthusiastic afternoon of learning about trees and helping plant a beautiful bur oak.

Oak Creek Public Library



Vacation Book Loans Available

So you're leaving for that long summer vacation, but you're worried that you'll have overdue library books while you're away? No problem. *The library offers a six-week vacation loan period for most three-week items.* Just ask for a vacation loan when you check out, and in most cases, you can keep those items for six weeks.



Don't forget the library is also the place for travel guides, maps, pamphlets and videos. Be prepared on your next vacation. Visit the library first!

Celebrate Our Heritage



Book Lovers

Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Do you want to stretch your mind and go places you've never been before?

Then a book discussion group might be just what you're looking for. The library has an afternoon group meeting at 1:00 the third Tuesday of the month and an evening group meeting at 6:00 the first Tuesday of the month. Both groups meet September through May. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet new friends who love to read, too!

For more information call 764-4400.

Important Dates to Remember!

Summer Programs:

July 16

Reading Club Prize Handout Begins

August 20

Last Day for Reading Club Prizes!

Fall Programs:

September 8 Sign Up

for Parent/Child Workshop Begins

September 12 & 13

Parent/Child Workshop Begins
(ages 18 to 36 mo., w/ parent)

October 6 Sign Up

for Story Time

October 14 - 20 Teen Read Week!

Enter to win prizes!

October 24, 25 Story Time Begins

(ages 3 to 5, without parent)

November 12 - 18

National Children's Book Week

November 17

Children's Book Week "Fun Event"
at the Library

For more information call the library at 764-4400 !



Come on Hobbs, where going to the library!

THE REBIRTH OF CARROLLVILLE



A century ago, the little "company town" of Carrollville was a thriving development among the fertile fields of the Town of Oak Creek. This enclave continued to be an integral part of the City into the 1980's.

Gradually, for a multitude of reasons, the residential, commercial and industrial atmosphere of this area began to change. Gone were the businesses that supplied hundreds of jobs, as well as goods and services, to Oak Creek residents. Buildings, no longer needed by these businesses, were left vacant. They had served their usefulness and now these structures occupy land suitable for better purposes; valuable land located along the City's Lake Michigan shoreline.

Currently the City of Oak Creek is planning to reenergize this area through a proposed redevelopment district and plan prepared by a committee and the consulting firm of Vandewalle & Associates. This committee is comprised of the City's Community Development Authority and 10 property owners from within the redevelopment district. This plan, if approved and implemented, will bring about a rebirth of Carrollville through the joint efforts of the City and the private sector to clean up the area and then attract and construct a whole new Carrollville area, which has been named Lakeview Village.

The redevelopment plan was unveiled at a public hearing on May 14, 2001. This generalized conceptual plan will have to be approved by the Common Council and the Community Development Authority before it can be refined and implemented through the possible use of a Tax Increment Financing District. Depending upon the type of work the City would want to get involved in, the public and private cost to achieve this goal could be in the area of \$31 million. However the

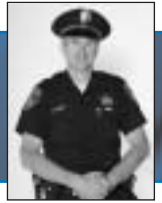
return on this investment could be in the area of \$238-400 million, if the proposed redevelopment plan can be implemented.

The County's development of a golf course at the adjacent Bender Park would have an impact on the redevelopment of this area. The better the quality of the golf course developed, the higher the quality of adjacent development. As there are a finite number of sites like Bender Park, the City should try to make the most of them.

As of the writing of this article, the Council was scheduled to consider the redevelopment plan at their meeting on June 5, 2001 and the County has not decided on the type of course to be developed or who would develop it. If anyone has any questions about this proposal, please call Paul Milewski, Director of Community Development, at 768-6526.



City of Oak Creek Redevelopment District No. 1



Police Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT

As stated in the last Acorn Newsletter, it is our intention to keep our citizens updated on the progress of the police department building project.

Since that time, a site for the new facility was identified on West Ryan Road. Negotiations took place with Milwaukee County, the owners of the parcel, in an attempt to acquire the land.

A tentative agreement was reached and a proposal was brought before the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The agreement met the approval of both the County Board and the Oak Creek Common Council.

The Future Needs Committee also presented their recommendation for an architect to the Common Council.

Goals for the next quarter

- E Finalize a contract with the architectural firm and bring it before the Common Council for approval.
- E Meet with the architectural firm, City and police staff to discuss the needs of the agency.
- E Begin schematic design work with the architectural firm.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Chief Bauer at 768-7443.

AUCTION

The Oak Creek Police Department will be holding its annual auction on Saturday, July 14, 2001.

The auction will be held at the Police Department 7625 S. Howell Avenue. The items to be auctioned consist of unclaimed property from cases that have been resolved, lost property that was turned into the Police Department and property from various City Departments. Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with bidding beginning at 9:00 a.m. The auction will conclude upon all items being sold.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Oak Creek National Night Out will be held on August 7, 2001, at the Oak Creek Community Center from 5-9 p.m.

National Night Out is a nationwide campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and the police/community partnership. Bring your entire family for a night of free rides, free entertainment, very inexpensive food and a valuable crime prevention message.

This year's program will feature a new obstacle course from Fun Services, Inc. for your children's enjoyment, a magic show from magician Pat O'Hearn, a t-shirt give-away sponsored by Wauwatosa Savings & Loan, many fantastic door prizes, free flashlights for the famous "flashlight walk" to the Oak Creek High School football field, and an exciting fireworks display to top off the evening. Remember to mark your calendar early for this exciting night of fun and community spirit!

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Ron Piojda at 768-7435.



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 that question after attending the Oak Creek Police Department's Citizens' Academy during the fall of 2000.

The Department started the Citizens' Academy in 1995 after realizing the importance of community involvement. Citizens who participate, 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 13, 2001. 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. and can be obtained from the Oak Creek Police Department, 7625 S. Howell Avenue. All applications are due by September 1st.

For more information, contact Lt. Artka at 762-8200.

Call
Oak Creek Crime
STOPPERS
570-2499

Oak Creek CrimeStoppers is now fully operational and ready to receive crime tips. Any citizen who wishes to share information regarding a crime will remain anonymous and may collect a reward of up to \$1,000.

Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated citizen Board of Directors and the very generous donations from Wauwatosa Savings & Loan and the Oak Creek American Legion Post 434, Oak Creek CrimeStoppers was able to get established in a very short period of time.

Please look for the Oak Creek CrimeStoppers newsletter in the Oak Creek Pictorial which will detail incidents of crime that the Oak Creek Police Department would like your help solving. We want your information, not your name! People who call the CrimeStoppers hotline will remain 100% anonymous! Nobody will ever ask your name. Earn up to \$1,000 for your tips. Call CrimeStoppers at 570-2499

direction, take the extra time to drive a little farther and make your U-turn safely and lawfully.

RIGHT TURN, LEFT TURN-DRIVER'S ED 101

How soon we forget the basic driving standards taught in driver's education. As a reminder, *when making a right turn, both the approach and actual turn should be made as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway.*

Similarly, left turns should be made by approaching in the lane farthest to the left, remaining in the left-most lane through the intersection and entering the left lane of traffic on the street into which you are turning.

Making your turn improperly can inadvertently cut-off another driver or cause an accident. Besides the hazards of turning improperly, your illegal turn could cost you \$74.90 and add 3 points to your driving record.

NEW POLICE EMPLOYEES

The Police Department is happy to announce the following appointments:



Dispatcher Julie Bline began full-time employment with the Department on March 15, 2001. She had previously held the position of part-time Clerk of Courts since September of 1999.

Officer David Stecker was appointed on April 23, 2001. David was a part-time Police Aide with the Department over the past two years and holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from M.A.T.C.



Officer Jonathan Luellen began employment on May 8, 2001. Jonathan was a five-year veteran with the Iowa City Police Department and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Common Traffic Violations U-TURN, U-PAY

Oops! I missed my turn. Oh well, I'll just make a U-turn and get headed in the right direction. Not a problem...unless you make that U-turn at a controlled intersection. State law prohibits a driver from making a U-turn at an intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic signals or by a traffic officer.

Making that U-turn at such an intersection could cost you \$74.90 in fines with 3 points added to your driving record. So, when you need to change



Parks and Recreation

Explore Wisconsin



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

Familyland:

\$15.50 *-(under 2 free) Save \$9.89*

Discount Tickets!

Great America:

\$31.50 *(adult & 48" or taller) Save \$ 8.50*
July 8-14 only! \$24.25 *(adult) Save \$15.75*

House on the Rock:

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

Milw. County Zoo:

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

Noah's Ark:

\$21.50 - *(2 & under free) Save \$6.05*

Pirates' Cove Adventure Golf:

\$4.75 - *(5 & under free) Save \$1.74*

Tommy Bartlett Thrill Show:

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

Tommy Bartlett Robot World:

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

Upper Dells Boats:

\$11.00 *(adult) Save \$5.75*
\$7.00 *(6-11) Save \$2.00 (5 & under free)*

Wisconsin Ducks:

\$14.00 *(adult) Save \$2.00*
\$8.25 *(6-11) Save \$.50 (5 & under free)*

Riverview Park & Waterworld:

\$10.75 - *(5 & under free) Save \$7.25*

Shipwreck Lagoon:

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

Cash only - No Checks, Credit Cards or
Checkcards Accepted

RECREATION NEWS

The Oak Creek Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of instructional/recreational activities for all ages this summer. Please note our summer hours for Recreation Open Swim and new summer activities.

For more information call 768-6515.

Recreation Open Swim

The Oak Creek High School Pool will be open beginning Monday, June 25 through August 11 for Recreation Open Swim. Summer hours are:

Ages Two & UP -

Mon. through Sat. from 1:15 -3:30 p.m.

Adults Only -

Mon./Wed./Fri. from 1:15 - 3:30 p.m. (Ages 18+)

Tues./Thurs. from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Ages 50+)



Teen Line Up

Teen Adventure Camps (sports, games, swim, the Arts, each camp includes 2 or more field trips), Golf Leagues, Tennis Instruction, Golf Instruction, Guard Start, Lifeguard Training and more. Call for more details.



Spaces are still available for:

Playground
Swim Instruction
Golf & Tennis Instruction
& more.

Senior Citizens Club

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

Soccer & Flag Football

Registration for Oak Creek residents opens August 6th.

Be Wary of the "Chemical Lawn Fix"

Because yard care chemicals have come into widespread and routine use for many home owners, there is some danger that a "healthy respect" for them has faded.

In fact, the amount of fertilizers and pesticides sold for use in urban areas now exceeds that for agriculture in many parts of the state and country,

Unfortunately, what many people end up doing sometimes leads to more harm than good. Fertilizing without a soil test when the lawn really doesn't need it, using weed killers at the wrong time of year, spraying with insecticides "just to be on the safe side," even watering a little bit everyday . . . are all wasteful and environmentally damaging practices.

Here are 5 suggestions:

Do it in moderation

Determine the right timing

Handle chemicals with care

Buy only what you need

When in doubt ask for help.

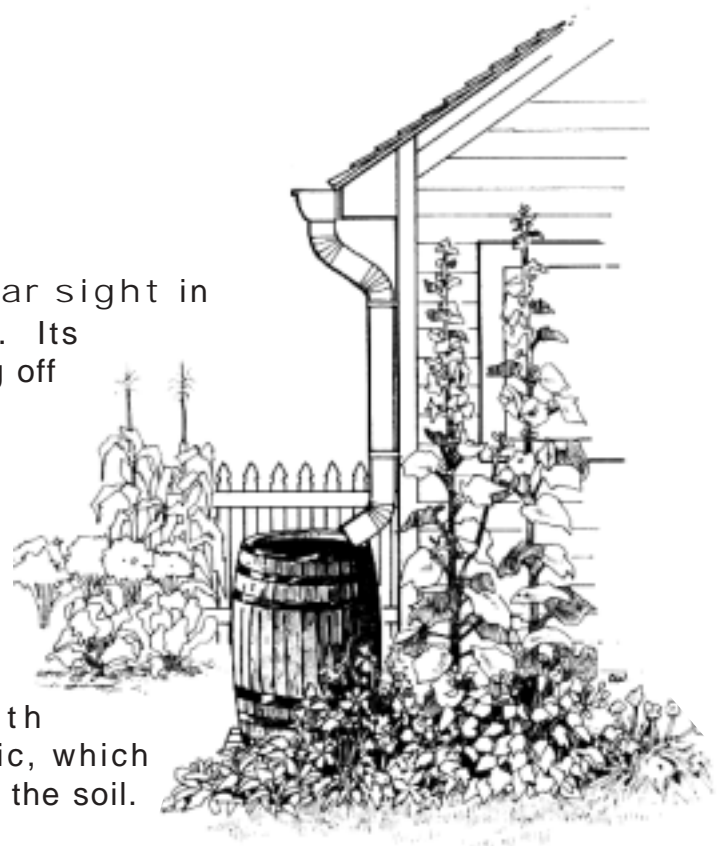
Rain Barrels

A wooden rain barrel was a familiar sight in many back yards at the turn of the century. Its purpose was simple - collect rainfall running off a roof and store it for future use.

Often, that use would have been the watering of flowers and garden plants when the weather turned dry.

These gardeners knew by experience what chemistry teaches us today: rain water can be better for plants than water pumped from the ground or piped through a city main.

It's not chlorinated or loaded with dissolved salts. And, rain water is mildly acidic, which helps plants take up important minerals from the soil.



What's new at the Oak Creek Inspection Department?

Our Division has become an agent for plan review of all commercial buildings (up to two stories). After being carefully screened and tested by the State Department of Commerce, where we received high ratings, we were certified in March of 2001. We are also certified for plumbing review plans.

We are very pleased to offer this service to the contractors and citizens of our community.

Transient Merchants

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

If you are aware of someone soliciting without proper identification, please contact the Police Department at [762-8200](tel:762-8200).



Fire Department

Summertime Fire Safety

Lt. Joe Pulvermacher

Grilling

Keep barbecue grills far away from anything that can burn- your home, cars, dry vegetation, etc. Stay with the grill when lit and keep children and pets well away from the area. When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high up over your forearm. If you get burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. (Tip: Do not use butter or salve on burns- they seal in heat, causing further tissue damage). If you receive a serious burn, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Barbecue grills must never be used inside the home. Not only are they a fire hazard, but also using a grill inside can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. When rainy or stormy weather presents itself, seek shelter and wait for the weather to pass... **DO NOT MOVE THE GRILL INSIDE.**

For charcoal grills, only use starter fluids designed for barbecue grills (never use gasoline). Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. If the fire is too slow, rekindle with dry kindling and add more charcoal if necessary. **DO NOT** add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire... flash fires could result. Leave the grill outside while you wait for the coals to cool down and soak the coals with water before you discard them.

For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside away from structures and turn off the valves when not in use. Check your connections frequently for leaks using soap and water (if a leak is present, bubbles will appear). Buy grills that bear the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listing. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for assembly and repair. If needed, have repairs made by a trained professional. Residents in multi-family dwellings, in units above the 1st floor, may only use 1-pound propane cylinders (COMM 11.2, NFPA 58). The standard propane tank normally found on grills is not allowed. Propane is heavier than air, so vapors from leaking cylinders endanger all of the building residents. With safety in mind, enjoy the grilling season.

Gasoline Safety



Store gasoline outside the home, preferably in a locked, detached shed, and store just enough to power your gasoline-fueled equipment. Keep gasoline inside a clearly marked container that's labeled and approved for gasoline storage. Make sure gasoline and all flammable liquids are well away from any heat source or flame.

Use gasoline as a motor fuel only- never as a stain remover or for other purposes. To transport gasoline in an automobile to and from the filling station, place a sealed, approved container in the trunk with the trunk lid propped open and drive directly to the fueling site. Take a direct route back home and never store gasoline in a vehicle. If your pick-up truck is equipped with a plastic bed liner, remember... plastic bed liners and fuel cans do not mix. Static charges can build up when the surfaces rub together and could possibly start a fire.

Extinguish smoking materials before fueling, and take the equipment outside well away from combustibles. Wipe up any spills immediately and move the equipment at least 10 feet away from the fueling area to start the engine. Before re-fueling, turn off the equipment and let it cool completely.

New Assistant Fire Chief

We welcome Assistant Chief George Krudop to the City of Oak Creek. Since March 26th, A.C. Krudop has been in charge of the Fire Department's Bureau of Fire Inspection. Having been with the Austin, Texas Fire Department for 26 years, we stand to benefit from his fire fighting/ fire officer experience.

A.C. Krudop's skills will be a valuable asset to the City as we continue to grow.



Calendar of Events

July 2001

- 2 . . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
(Monday)
- 4 . . . **CLOSED** . . . **JULY 4TH HOLIDAY**
- 5 . . . **2:30-5:30pm** Immunization Clinic
- 10 . . **4:45 pm** . . . Library Board
7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**
- 11 . . **5:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
7:30 pm . . . Water & Sewer Utility
Commission
- 17 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
- 18 . . **6:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 19 . . **9-11:00 am** Immunization Clinic
- 24 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**
- 25 . . **5:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court

August 2001

- 1 . . . **6:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 2 . . . **2:30-5:30pm** Immunization Clinic
- 6 . . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
(Monday)
- 7 . . . **5:00 pm** . . . National Night Out
- 8 . . . **5:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
7:30 pm . . . Water & Sewer Utility
Commission
- 14 . . **4:45 pm** . . . Library Board
7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**
- 15 . . **6:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 16 . . **9-11:00 am** Immunization Clinic
- 21 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
- 22 . . **5:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 23 . . **7:30 pm** . . . Town Hall Meeting - County
Supervisor Launstein
- 28 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**

September 2001

- 3 . . . **CLOSED** . . . **LABOR DAY**
- 4 . . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
- 5 . . . **6:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 6 . . . **11:30 am** . . . Board of Health
2:30-5:30pm Immunization Clinic
- 11 . . **4:45 pm** . . . Library Board
7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**
- 12 . . **5:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
7:00 pm . . . Traffic & Safety Commission
7:30 pm . . . Water & Sewer Utility Commission
- 13 . . **6:30 pm** . . . Parks & Recreation Commission
- 18 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Common Council Meeting**
- 19 . . **6:00 pm** . . . Municipal Court
- 20 . . **9-11:00 am** Immunization Clinic
- 25 . . 7:00 pm . . . **Plan Commission**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring 2001

April

2	7:00pm	Common Council Mtg. (Mon.)
3	7am-8pm	SPRING GENERAL ELECTION
4	6:00pm	Municipal Court
5	2:30-5:30pm	Immunization Clinic
	7:30pm	County Supervisor LeAnn Launstein District Meeting
10	4:45 pm	Library Board
	7:00 pm	Plan Commission
11	5:00 pm	Municipal Court
	7:00 pm	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:30 pm	Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
12	6:30 pm	Parks & Recreation Commission
13	CLOSED	FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER
17	7:00 pm	Common Council Meeting
18	6:00 pm	Municipal Court
19	9-11:00 am	Immunization Clinic
24	7:00 pm	Plan Commission
25	5:00 pm	Municipal Court

May

1	7:00pm	Common Council Meeting
2	6:00pm	Municipal Court
3	11:30am	Board of Health
	2:30-5:30pm	Immunization Clinic
8	4:45pm	Library Board
	7:00pm	Plan Commission
9	5:00pm	Municipal Court
	7:00pm	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:30pm	Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
10	6:30pm	Parks & Recreation Commission
15	7:00pm	Common Council Meeting
16	6:00pm	Municipal Court
17	9-11:00am	Immunization Clinic
22	7:00pm	Plan Commission
23	5:00pm	Municipal Court
28	CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY

June

5	7:00pm	Common Council Meeting
6	6:00pm	Municipal Court
7	2:30-5:30pm	Immunization Clinic
	7:30pm	County Supervisor LeAnn Launstein District Meeting
12	4:45pm	Library Board
	7:00pm	Plan Commission
13	5:00pm	Municipal Court
	7:00pm	Traffic & Safety Commission
	7:30pm	Board of Waterworks & Sewer Commissioners
14	6:30pm	Parks & Recreation Commission
19	7:00pm	Common Council Meeting
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