

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

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IS THE ALLEN S. KING PLANT CLOSING IN 2028?

There has been some recent discussion and announcements by Xcel Energy that the Allen S. King Plant, (a 511 megawatt coal-fired base-load electric facility constructed in 1968) will be closing. The King Plant underwent a major retrofit in 2004 to reduce emissions. But like many power plants—future costs of operations, maintenance and fuel can become more expensive when compared to alternative investments in new technologies such as wind and solar to generate energy. In May 2019 as part of Xcel Energy’s Integrated Resource Planning, Xcel Energy announced a preview of its plans to close the Allen S. King Plant facility in 2028.

With such an announcement comes some financial uncertainty but also opportunity for the City and our community. Uncertainty stems from what the financial impacts of the closure are to the City’s Tax Base

but also the related economic impacts throughout the area such as employment and other collateral investment that happens because of the King Facility. However, NEW Opportunity is discovered in so far as how might this large 140 acre-site (owned by Xcel Energy) be re-envisioned and utilized to both improve the St. Croix Wild and Scenic

River, but also create new jobs and new business opportunities.

On July 1, 2019, Xcel Energy formally submitted its Integrated Resource Plan to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) including the recommended 2028 closure of the King Plant. The PUC is charged with ensuring a stable energy grid for all



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Minnesotans as well as ensuring electric rates are fundamentally fair to both the consumer and the utility companies. If the PUC concurs with the Xcel Energy plan, such closure timeline is likely. If the PUC rejects the Xcel Closure plan, such timeline may be revisited. In either case, the PUC typically takes 18 months to perform this review and accept public comments.

Why is this important to the City?

Beyond the environmental discussions or base-load capacity elements it is vital to understand that when this power plant was originally sited there also was the commitment that the local community would realize a significant tax benefit to its residents in exchange for having this facility in the community. While there have been fluctuations, this tax benefit remains. At this time the City does receive 35% of its annual property tax revenue from the Allen S. King Plant or approximately \$ 1.7 million dollars. Consequently, it is vital that the City knows what is

occurring here and to remain engaged in the conversation.

What happens in 2019-2020?

For now, the City must largely wait until the PUC completes its review, but, like many other communities that host power plants (being coal, nuclear or natural gas) the City must begin to contemplate about how it will prepare for and respond when such closure happens. More specifically: What would happen to the Allen S. King Plant site? Will the site be clean? Can current facilities such as the railroad spur or cooling facilities be re-purposed to create jobs? Can repurposing be done in harmony with the Wild and Scenic River and/or in conjunction with a major site restoration? Who are the decision makers to all these questions?

As the City reported in Spring 2018, at this time there are not specific plans or reuses contemplated for the current site along the St. Croix River. However, the City has already to begun to en-

gage with Xcel Energy, community members and our governmental partners to begin to explore these elements so that when such closure timelines are better known that there is a reasonable plan in place that the Community can embrace. The City fully expects to take leadership role in this conversation to ensure that the resulting facilities in Oak Park Heights become a significant long-term asset.

More Background:

On May 20, 2019, the Pioneer Press reported on this story and which provides some further information and provides a general summary:

<https://twincities.com/2019/05/20/xcel-plans-to-be-coal-free-by-2030-allen-s-king-plant-to-close-in-2028/>

Source:

Devine, Mary. "Xcel plans to be coal-free by 2030; Allen S. King plant to close in 2028." Pioneer Press, 20 May 2019.

LOCAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Welcome New Business::

Panera Bread, 13535 60th St. N.

Construction Underway:

Oak Park Sr. Living 2nd Addition
72 Unit Sr. Apartment Development
13912 Lower 59th St. N.
Palmer Station—13 Single Family Housing Development
Oak Cove N. (south of City Hall)
Public Storage Expansion
5710 Memorial Ave. N.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION IN THE CITY OF OAK PARK HEIGHTS

Article Submitted by Kimberly Faurot, Oak Park Heights Resident

Summer has arrived at last in Minnesota and that means Minnesota's amazing state butterfly, the monarch, has arrived as well! Many folks are aware that monarch populations have suffered deep losses over the past several decades, with declines of more than 80% in our Eastern population. The Western population in coastal California has declined 99.4% in that time, from an estimated 4.5 million in the 1980s to 28,429 as of January 2019. (*Xerces Society*, xerces.org)



What has caused this alarming population decline, and what can we do collectively and individually here in Oak Park Heights to help support these iconic insects?

Threats to the monarchs

The ONLY food that monarch caterpillars can eat is milkweed, so female monarch butterflies will only lay their eggs on milkweed plants. There has been significant loss of milkweed breeding habitat nationwide due to the widespread use of herbicide resistant crops. Pesticide use, which unfortunately often simultaneously kills non-targeted insects and further degrades habitat, is also an issue. Climate change and land development are further negatively impacting the monarchs' habitat and survival.



What can we do?

- Although in the past wild monarch raising and rearing was encouraged, this past September (2018) some significant new recommendations around monarch butterfly rearing were distributed. The *Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation* and *Monarch Joint Venture* (monarchjointventure.org) are asking monarch-loving folks to shift their conservation efforts toward habitat creation and preservation for the monarchs rather than continuing to raise them intensively as had been a past practice.
- The City of Oak Park Heights has embraced the pollinator-friendly practice of allowing portions of our city parks and trails to remain wild. Park staff have allowed monarch-essential milkweed plants to flourish and avoided them with the mowers when possible. It is important for this approach to continue in our city. It would be wonderful for us to be able to adopt additional targeted citywide habitat enhancements toward a goal of becoming even more pollinator friendly as staff and volunteer time permits.
- *Monarch Watch* (monarchwatch.org) advocates creating even small "Monarch Waystations" to support the insects, and gives the following guidelines for doing so as well as an opportunity to register as an official Monarch Waystation with *Monarch Watch*:



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"To offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources we need to create, conserve, and protect monarch butterfly habitats. You can help by creating "Monarch Waystations" (monarch habitats) in home gardens, at schools, businesses, parks...along road-sides, and on other unused plots of land. (Note: Make sure you have any necessary permits or permissions before starting!) Creating a Monarch Waystation can be as simple as adding milkweeds and nectar sources to existing gardens or maintaining natural habitats with milkweeds. No effort is too small to have a positive impact.

Size. A suitable Monarch Waystation habitat can be easily integrated into an existing garden. There is no minimum area requirement in order to certify your habitat; however, a truly effective Monarch Waystation will be at least 100 square feet. The total area may be split among several discrete sites at your location and there is no upper limit for the size of a Monarch Waystation habitat.

Exposure. Butterflies and butterfly plants need lots of sun; therefore, Monarch Waystations need to be located in an area that receives at least six hours of sun a day.

Drainage and Soil Type. Milkweeds and nectar plants will do best in relatively light (low-clay) soils. Good drainage is needed to avoid root rot and provide good aeration of the roots.

Shelter. To assure that the maximum number of monarchs survive in your habitat, the plants should be relatively close together. However, they should not be crowded - be sure to follow the planting guides specific to each plant. All monarch life stages need shelter from predators and the elements. Planting milkweeds and nectar plants close together contributes to this shelter for monarchs and other wildlife.

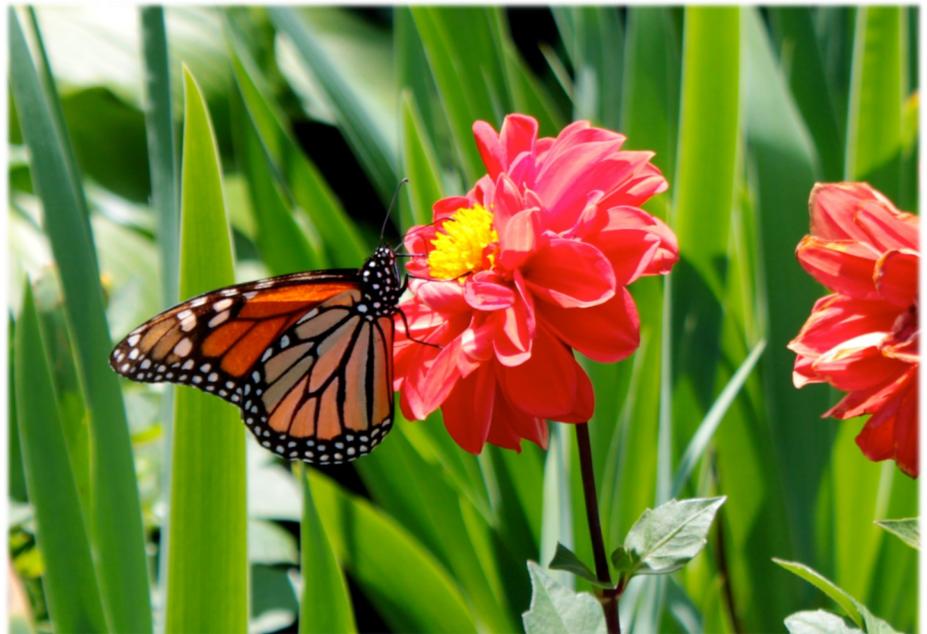
Milkweed Plants. To maximize the use of your habitat by monarchs, we recommend that you have at least 10 milkweed plants, made up of two or more species; however, a large number of plants (more than 10) of one species is sufficient. Milkweeds of different species mature and flower

at different times during the season. By increasing the number of milkweed species in your habitat you will increase the likelihood that monarchs will utilize your property for a longer period during the breeding season. (Note: There are many varieties of milkweed, and it is important to cultivate varieties that are native to our area such as common milkweed, swamp milkweed, butterfly milkweed and showy milkweed. Consult *Xerces Society's* Regional Milkweed Guides and state-by-state "Milkweed Seed Finder" online at xerces.org)

Nectar Plants. Monarchs, other butterflies, and numerous pollinators need nectar. By providing nectar sources that bloom sequentially or continuously during the season (as many butterfly plants do) your Monarch Waystation can provide resources for monarchs throughout the breeding season and the migration in the fall. A Monarch Waystation should contain several annual, biennial, or perennial plants that provide nectar for butterflies.

(Note: See *Xerces Society's* "Monarch Nectar Plant List" online)

Management. You should have a plan to sustain a Monarch Waystation. Specific actions you take will depend on the features of your habitat; however, some general examples include mulching, thinning, fertilizing, amending the soil, removing dead stalks, watering, eliminating insecticide use, removing invasive plant species, and incorporating additional features."



OAK PARK HEIGHTS UNDERTAKING EFFORTS TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER

The City of Oak Park Heights has completed the development of their Wellhead Protection Plan. This plan is designed to protect the groundwater resources that supply the Oak Park Heights municipal wells. The plan is focused on identifying potential sources of contamination that could pollute local groundwater resources. The ultimate goal of this plan is to help ensure that Oak Park Heights continues to provide its residents and business community with a safe and abundant supply of clean drinking water for generations to come. Since Wellhead Protection planning is a cooperative effort between the City, the County, and local property owners, working together is essential to ensure that this goal is met.

What is Groundwater?

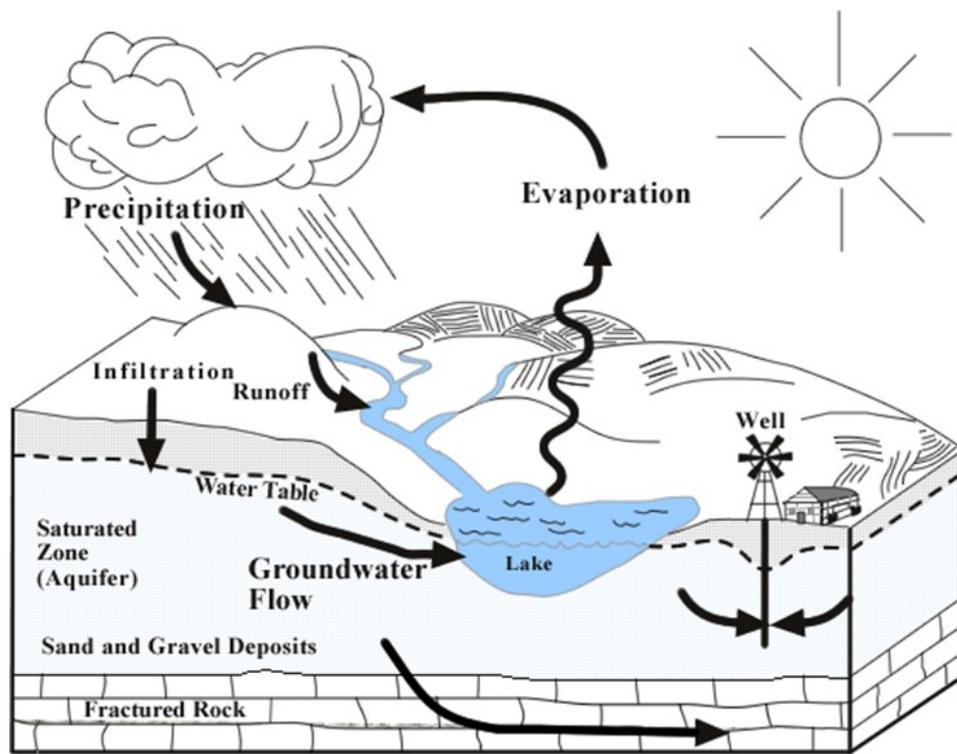
Groundwater is the water that fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc.) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, or surface water becomes groundwater by seeping into the ground and filling these spaces. The top of the water-saturated zone is called the “water table.” When water seeps in from the surface and reaches the water table, it begins moving towards points where it will either flow vertically to a deeper aquifer layer or it will flow horizontally to a place where it can escape, such as wells, rivers, or lakes.

An *aquifer* is any type of geologic material, such as sand or sandstone, which can supply water to wells or springs. Some

areas may have multiple aquifers at different depths, if the local geology contains several layers of sand or bedrock that can store and transmit water. Contrary to popular belief, an aquifer is usually not an “underground river.” A better analogy is that an aquifer is an underground sponge, with water stored in the pore spaces between grains of rock or sand. Wells work by extracting water from those pore spaces and pumping that water to the land surface.

Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

Most cities in the State of Minnesota obtain their drinking water from underground aquifers. The City of Oak Park Heights owns and operates two large capacity water supply wells. These wells draw water from groundwater aquifers located 300 feet underground. Despite these depths, the groundwater aquifers that serve the Oak Park Heights wells are



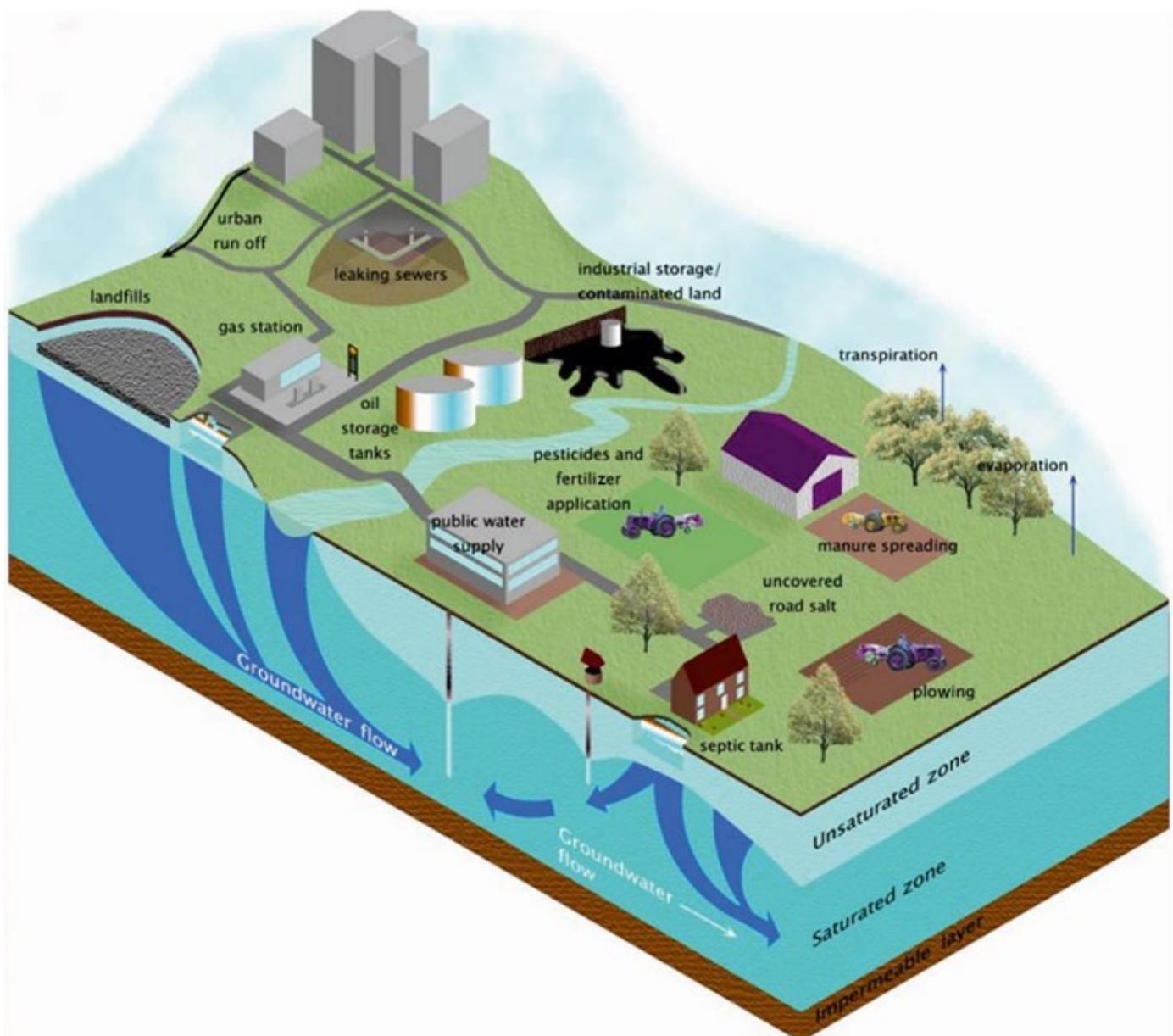
The Water Cycle

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vulnerable to contamination from human activities at the land surface. Because it is cheaper to prevent contamination than it is to treat contaminated water, Oak Park Heights is looking for help from its residents to protect our water supply aquifers.

Wells can become polluted when substances that are harmful to human health get into the groundwater. Water from these wells can be

dangerous to drink when the level of pollution rises above health standards. The City of Oak Park Heights regularly samples the water from the wells and provides an annual Consumer Confidence Report to residents. The most recent report can be located on the City of Oak Park Heights' website under City Information. Click on Water Quality Report.



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There are many ways that groundwater can become contaminated. Here are some common examples of contamination sources:

- A storage tank develops a leak and drains its contents into the soil
- Contaminants enter an old, unsealed well and drain into the aquifer
- A septic system is not properly maintained
- Residents over apply lawn and garden chemicals
- Hazardous wastes are not properly stored or disposed of
- Spills occur along roadways or other transportation routes

The City of Oak Park Heights is working with citizens to protect drinking water supplies by implementing our Wellhead Protection Plan. This plan has been prepared in conjunction with several local, county and state agencies. The Minnesota Department of Health is the lead agency for the State's program and will assist communities with defining wellhead protection areas and developing plans to protect wells.

What Can You Do?

In order for the Wellhead Protection Plan to be successful, the citizens of Oak Park Heights need to remain environmentally aware. There are several steps that you can take to help our planning efforts succeed:

- Help identify land uses and possible sources of contamination on your property (wells, tanks, septic systems, hazardous wastes, etc.)
- Make sure any potential sources of contamination under your control meet local, state, and federal regulations
- Use hazardous products only as directed and dispose of them properly when done

- Practice proper turf management techniques and avoid over-fertilization of your lawn
- Seal any unused wells on your property, according to Minnesota Well Code
- Conserve water whenever possible
- Report any spills or illegal dumping you observe to local law enforcement.
- Cooperate with groundwater protection efforts

Household Hazardous Wastes

Household hazardous wastes can be a source of contamination to local water bodies and groundwater when they are improperly handled or disposed of. The City of Oak Park Heights encourages all residents to utilize Washington County's Environmental Center for disposal of waste products. More information about this facility may be viewed on their website:

<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center>

Private Wells

The City of Oak Park Heights has also identified private wells that fall within the wellhead protection area. A side benefit of the Wellhead Protection Plan is that it not only protects the municipal water supply wells, but it will also help protect private wells.

Private well owners are encouraged to obtain educational information about



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how to best manage their wells. The Minnesota Department of Health has a website that contains much useful information for well owners. A Well Owner's Handbook is provided at the following site: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/construction/handbook.pdf>

If you are interested in having the water in your private well tested, more information can be found on [Washington County's website](https://www.co.washington.mn.us/637/Water-Tests): <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/637/Water-Tests>

Even if your well is part of the regular sampling that takes place for PFAS contamination, there are several other compounds that well owners are encouraged to test for periodically. These compounds include coliform bacteria, lead, arsenic, and nitrates.

If you currently have a well on your property that is not being used, you are required by law to seal that well or obtain a special permit to keep it open. If you need to seal your well, it must be done by a well contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota. There are numerous grant and cost-share opportunities to pay for well sealing costs. Visit Washington County's website for more details: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/640/Abandoned-Wells>

Residential Turf Applications

Another potential source of contamination to local water bodies and groundwater supplies is from the over-application of fertilizers and other lawn/garden chemicals. Not only do these materials pollute local waterways, but excessive application is both unnecessary and costly to home owners. While it is unlikely that no single residential property is entirely responsible for contamination to local waters, the cumulative impacts of hundreds of properties

applying excessive fertilizers can be detrimental to the local environment.

The University of Minnesota's website contains useful information about lawn fertilization:

<https://extension.umn.edu/lawn-care/fertilizing-lawns>

By following these guidelines, residential property owners can work together to ensure that our local waters are safe and clean for future generations to enjoy.



**CLEAN
WATER
LAND &
LEGACY
AMENDMENT**

SUBMIT YOUR OAK PARK HEIGHTS PHOTOS

The City is seeking your photos that have been taken in the City of Oak Park Heights. Photos could be of landscapes, nature, people, places, events, or anything that captures the beauty of our City. By submitting a photo, you will be granting the City the right to use it on the website, Facebook, in the City newsletter or annual calendar, and on other informational and marketing materials.

Please send your photos to City Clerk Jennifer Pinski: jpinski@cityofoakparkheights.com. Information about your photo, such location and date, is appreciated. Include your name for photo credit.



Growth is good, right?



A growing business is usually the goal, but growth can present a number of challenges, including:

- Adding and managing employees
- Keeping up with inventory and production demands
- Managing the cash flow challenges of growing receivables.

Open to Business can help! Our team of free, confidential nonprofit business advisors works one-on-one with entrepreneurs to create a personalized plan for future growth.

For more information:
www.opentobusinessmn.org
 OR call the Washington County CDA at 612-789-8838



PAY & VIEW OAK PARK HEIGHTS UTILITY BILLS ONLINE

PAY ONLINE

Go to www.cityof oakparkheights.com

1. Click "Utility Payments Online"
2. Scroll to bottom and click "Pay Online"
3. You will go to the payment portal website

OR CALL

877-885-7968

Have your bill handy to provide your account number

VIEW BILLS ONLINE

Go to www.cityof oakparkheights.com

1. Click "Utility Payments Online"
2. Scroll to bottom and click "View Bill Online"
3. You will go to the payment portal website
4. You will get an email each time your bill is ready

You don't have to pay online to view your bills online.



RESERVE A CITY PARK SHELTER

Are you thinking about having a get-together, graduation party, or a family reunion? The Brekke, Cover, Valley View, and Autumn Hills Park shelter buildings can be reserved free of charge for your event. The Autumn Hills Park Shelter does require a refundable \$100 deposit. Oak Park Heights typically opens the park shelters by Memorial Day weekend.

Visit the City's website to learn about the parks and to print the reservation form. Call or visit City Hall to check availability for your next event!



City Meetings (subject to change)

City Council:
2nd and 4th
Tuesdays at 6:00
p.m.

Planning
Commission:
2nd Thursday at
6:00 p.m.

Parks Commission:
3rd Monday at 6:00
p.m.

Agendas and
Minutes are posted
on the City's
website:
[www.cityof oakpark
heights.com](http://www.cityof oakpark
heights.com)

HIRING A TREE SERVICE/LANDSCAPE COMPANY



When hiring a tree service and or landscape company for tree pruning, chemical treatment or tree removals contractors are required to have a current Tree Worker's License with the City of Oak Park Heights as required by City Ordinance 1307. A current list of licensed tree workers can be obtained from City Hall.

OAK WILT

DO NOT prune oak trees from April 1st - July 1st (high risk period).

There is also a slight risk of oak wilt being spread via insects to fresh wounds from July 1st to September 15th. If oaks are pruned or wounded



April 1st through September 30th, wounds should be painted immediately with latex house paint. It is best to prune oaks between October 15th and March 15th.

SUMMER LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

- Water lawns deeply and infrequently
- Prune hedges and non-flowering shrubs
- Hand prune spring flowering shrubs
- Keep all trees watered and nourished



EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)



Emerald ash borer (EAB) was identified in Washington County during the Fall of 2015. Check trunks and branches for “D-shaped” adult exit holes and “S-shaped” larval galleries. These galleries are under

the bark and the bark maybe cracked open over the gallery and wound tissue. There may be a lot of woodpecker activity, particularly in the top half of the tree, seen most easily in the winter. If you see signs of EAB activity, please contact the Oak Park Heights City Arborist. Do not move ash wood with intact bark from one area to another, to avoid spreading EAB to new areas. If you would like information regarding insecticide injection to protect ash trees in your yard, contact the City Arborist. There are EAB handouts with images on the Arborist’s page of the City’s website and copies are also available at City Hall.

LEAF SPOT DISEASES OF TREES

In wet spring and summer weather, fungal leafspot diseases can be common. These diseases cause rounded black to brown spots on leaves. Fungal leafspot diseases can also cause leaf fall and leave trees thin or bare of leaves. Some leafspots, such as oak anthracnose on white and bur oaks, can cause the leaf edges to brown and curl, progressing to large blotches and wilting of leaves. Most leafspot diseases are short-lived during the spring and cause little damage to trees and shrubs. A fungal disease which can continue to infect trees in summer and cause leaf loss on susceptible varieties, is apple scab on apples and crabapples. If choosing a new flow-



ering crabapple, there are many cultivated varieties which have good scab resistance.

TREE QUESTIONS?

If you have a problem with a tree or shrub, such as insects, diseases, site factors, or just want to have a plant identified, call Lisa Danielson, the City Arborist at 651-439-4439 or via email ldanielson@cityofoakparkheights.com

She can either answer your question over the phone or make an appointment for a site visit. This service is free for residents of Oak Park Heights.

SUPPORT LOCAL KIDS—DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES OR VOLUNTEER FOR STUFF THE BUS

To promote a great start to the school year, Community Thread and United Way of Washington County-East are collecting school supplies for Stillwater Area School District students through their annual Stuff the Bus campaign.

Community members can donate supplies now through August 2 at a number of locations throughout the community including Community Thread, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Cub Foods, Eckberg Lammers P.C., First Resource Bank, First State Bank and Trust, Keller Williams Premier Realty, Lake Elmo Bank, Menards – Stillwater, Mid-WestOne Bank, Sletten and Brettin Orthodontics, Stillwater Motors, The Zephyr Theatre, and United Way of Washington County-East.



Volunteer support is also needed at Community Thread on August 6 from 5-6:30pm, August 7 from 3-6pm and August 8 from 9:30am-Noon. Volunteers will help sort school supplies, pack kits and help families shop for school supplies.



Top supplies needed include: headphones, calculators, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer. To see a complete list of requested school supplies, please visit United Way of Washington County-East at www.uwwce.org or Community Thread at www.CommunityThreadMN.org. Cash donations can also be made online at www.uwwce.org/donate.

If your child is in need of school supplies, please contact your child's school. New this year, families may also shop for school supplies with a volunteer at Community Thread on August 7 from 3-6pm and August 8 from 9:30am-Noon.

The vision for United Way of Washington County-East is a caring, engaged and vibrant community, a place where each person has a stable foundation for today, and a hopeful future. To learn more, visit www.uwwce.org or call 651-439-3838.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage pickup in Oak Park Heights is every Thursday (on the weeks containing a holiday, pickup will be on Friday). Recycling pickup is every-other-Thursday (recycling follows the same holiday schedule as garbage). What happens to your recycling? Recycling is delivered to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). At the MRF, all materials are separated, baled, and shipped to markets for recycling. Aluminum cans are shipped to mills in the southern U.S. and made into new cans. Glass is taken to Anchor Glass Container Corporation (Shakopee) and made into new glass bottles and jars. Paper is sent to Liberty Paper (Becker) and West Rock (St. Paul) to be recycling into boxboard and cardboard. Plastic soft drink bottles are made into carpeting and fabric at textile mills in the southeastern U.S. Plastic milk and detergent bottles are sent to Bedford Technology (Worthington) and Master Mark (Paynesville) and made into plastic lumber and lawn and garden products. Tin cans are taken to Gerdau Ameristeel in St. Paul to be recycled into rebar for construction products. Recycling is very important and helps keep our garbage costs low.



Food & Beverage Cans



Newspaper & Magazines



Office Paper & Mail



Cardboard



Food & Beverage Boxes



Glass Jars & Bottles



Plastic Bottles & Containers
(#1, 2, 5)



Cartons



Plastic Bags



Shredded Paper



Tanglers
(hoses, extension cords, holiday lights, etc.)



Diapers & Pet Waste



Hazardous Materials
(sharps, motor oil, propane, etc.)



Styrofoam Packaging



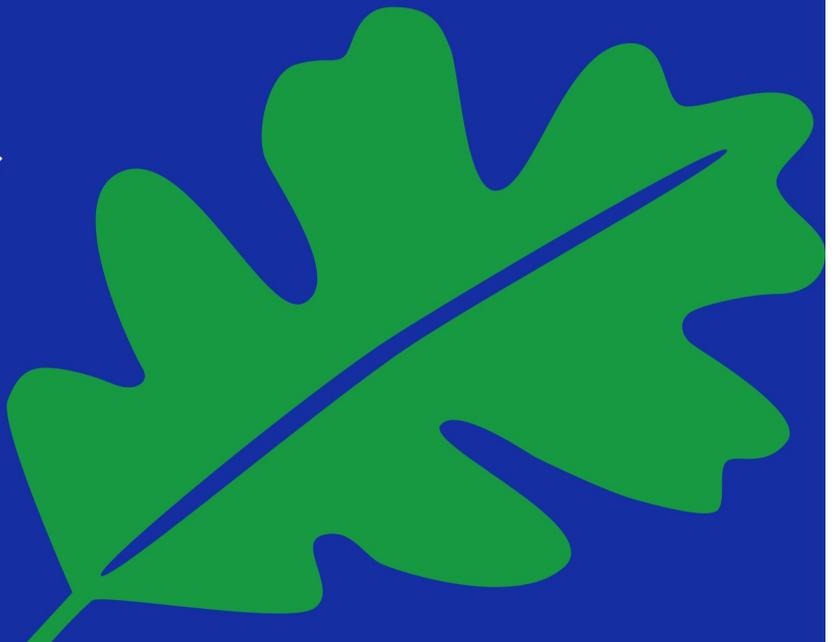
Chip Bags & Juice Pouches



*Join us for the
Oak Park Heights
60th Anniversary
Celebration*

*August 15, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Autumn Hills Park*

- refreshments*
- history presentation*
- children's activities*
- face painting*



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excluding legal holidays

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Comments are welcome.*

OAK PARK HEIGHTS FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

The City of Oak Park Heights will be hosting a Fall Clean-up on
Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Clean-up will be in the southwest corner of the former St. Croix Mall (Andersen Corporation) parking lot in Oak Park Heights. Proof of residency such as a utility bill or driver's license will be required.

COMMON ITEMS DISPOSED OF:

- Appliances such as washers, dryers, ovens, and water heaters
- Brush and yard waste (please use compostable bags)
- Construction materials such as doors, windows, and lumber
- Furniture such as sofas, chairs, and tables
- scrap metal
- carpet
- Electronics such as televisions and computers
- Lawnmowers (please drain all gas and oil)



THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT ACCEPTED:

- Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this event, but can still be picked up curbside for no charge—please call City Hall to schedule)
- Hazardous waste (such as paints, stains, oil, gas, pesticides, or other chemicals from your home)
- Tires, stumps, and firewood

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 651-439-4439.