



City of Oak Park Heights

Tree City USA

Spring 2015 Newsletter

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Changes to the City's Leash Law

The City of Oak Park Heights City Council has updated its Leash Law Ordinance effective March 1, 2015. All dogs and cats that are off the premises of the owner must be on a leash at all times and under control of the owner or another designated person.

The updated Ordinance is posted on the City's website. If you do not have your dog or cat on a leash, you will be in violation of the new Ordinance.

Also, when you are out walking your pet, please remember to bring a plastic bag. Pet owners are required by City Ordinance to clean up pet waste on public and private property. Removal and proper disposal of pet waste helps keep our City clean and healthy.

OAK PARK HEIGHTS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The City of Oak Park Heights will be hosting a Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 2, 2015 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, 14167 59th Street North in Oak Park Heights. Proof of residency such as a utility bill or driver's license will be required. Common items disposed of include appliances, brush, construction materials, furniture, cardboard, scrap metal, carpet, TVs, and computers.

Hazardous waste (such as paints, stains, oil, gas, pesticides, or other chemicals from your home), tires, stumps, and firewood will not be accepted at the City's event. The Washington County Environmental Center will be hosting a one-day hazardous waste collection and document shredding service for all Washington County residents at the Lily Lake Ice Arena on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information about that event and what types of items will be accepted, contact Washington County at 651-430-6655

If you have any questions about Spring Clean-up Day, please call City Hall at 651-439-4439 .

Parks Commission Vacancy

The City is seeking applications to fill vacancies on the City of Oak Park Heights Parks Commission.

The Parks Commission is a board of five members, appointed by the City Council, who meet regularly on the third Monday of each month, typically at 7:00 pm as well as on other occasions, when needed.

The objectives of the Parks Commission are to make recommendations to the City Council, which will guide the development of city parks, trails and related services and facilities. Commission terms are three years and run from January to December.

If you are a resident of Oak Park Heights and are looking for an interesting and rewarding opportunity to participate in development and governance of Oak Park Heights, please visit the City's website to download an application packet or stop by City Hall. Applications are due April 30.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Clerk Jennifer Pinski at (651) 439-4439 or via e-mail at jpinski@cityfoakparkheights.com.



Police Department offering Teen Parent Driving Education Course, June 18



The Oak Park Heights Police Department in conjunction with the MNDPS will be sponsoring a Teen Parent Driving Education Course – Point of Impact. The course is for parents of teens that are getting their driver's license. The course will help parents understand the new laws affecting themselves and their teens. The program will count toward the requirements to meet driver's education and behind the wheel practice for your teen to obtain a license. The Point of Impact program has an informational overview video that can be viewed on the Oak Park Heights Police Department Facebook page. Crashes are 100% preventable, there is no such thing as a vehicle "accident".

The Police Department will be holding the program at the Oak Park Heights City Hall on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Streetlight out in your neighborhood?

Your help in identifying street lights that are not working is very important, as we rely solely on your notification assistance. Once City staff is aware of a light out, we contact Xcel Energy immediately to help make sure the light is repaired in a reasonable amount of time. Xcel Energy Streetlighting Department strives to repair outages within two business days of notification that the light is out or not working properly. To report a City street light out, please contact City Hall at 439-4439.

If possible, have the following information available:

- Property address and/or nearest cross street to where the light pole is located.
- Whether the light is located on a corner, midblock, or in a cul-de-sac.
- The nature of the problem (i.e. light is out, light is blinking, light is broken).

Recycling incentive program

The City of Oak Park Heights has a recycling incentive program. The City awards a prize of \$25.00 or a fire extinguisher and/or smoke detector. Residents participating in curbside recycling are picked randomly twice a month.

Recycling benefits the environment in countless ways: it reduces the amount of natural resources used to make new products, it saves energy, it prevents water and air pollution including greenhouse gas emissions, and it reduces waste. This means that the simple act of recycling in your daily life provides significant protection for our environment and reduces global warming.

Thank you for recycling!

What's included in trash pickup?

In addition to the typical garbage and recycling pickup, the City also covers the disposal of yard waste, large household items, and 'white-goods' such as refrigerators, couches, chairs, desks, water-heaters, stoves, dishwashers, dryers, etc. for single family residences and complexes with four units or less in Oak Park Heights. In order to have these items picked up in a timely fashion, please contact Judy Tetzlaff at City Hall, 651-439-4439, at least three days prior to collection day so that the special truck may be dispatched to your home. If you receive a bill from Tennis Sanitation for these additional services, please call the City Administrator at 651-439-4439 as most, if not all, of these items are covered under the City's contract, and you should not be billed. If you have a question about whether you will be charged for the item pickup, please call us to ask.

Some items are not included in your monthly fee are extra bags of garbage not placed in your container. The City's waste hauler, Tennis Sanitation, will bill you \$1.50 per bag. Some other items that are picked up for a fee are sinks, toilets and construction debris. You will be billed by Tennis Sanitation at a regulated rate as monitored by the City.

REMINDER!!

Waste pick-up is every THURSDAY. Recycling pickup is every-other Thursday. However, if one of the six holidays—New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas—falls on a weekday, collection may occur on FRIDAY of that week.

Go GREEN: Pay & View Oak Park Heights Utility Bills Online



We accept...



Pay ONLINE

Go to www.CityOfOakParkHeights.com

1. Click "Pay Utility Bill"
2. You will go to our payment processor's website where you should register and make your payment

Or CALL

1-877-885-7968 (have your bill handy to provide your account number)

View Bills Online

Go to www.CityOfOakParkHeights.com

1. Click "View Utility Bill"
2. You will go to our payment processor's website to register
3. You will get an email each time your bill is ready

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

WHY?

Help save natural resources by viewing and paying online.

- Easy, fast and secure
- Pay immediately, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay
- Keep costs down; opt out of paper bills
- Print receipts, view payment history and more



City Meetings (subject to change)

City Council:

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission:

Typically the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Parks Commission:

3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Agendas and Minutes are posted on the City's website:
www.cityofoakparkheights.com

First quarter 2015 utility bills

Utility bills for the first Quarter of 2015 (January 1 – March 31) will be mailed to residents in April and are due May 9, 2015 .



Auto pay is available. With auto pay, there is no need to waste time writing and mailing a check. Paying your utility bill electronically allows you to save time and money on stamps and late fees. The amount you owe on your utility bill is automatically withdrawn

from the account you designate on the billing due date each month. You will continue to receive your bill so that you know the date and amount to be withheld from your account.

If you are interested in participating, please call or stop by City Hall to obtain an enrollment form. The form is also available on the City's website, under City Information, Forms & Handouts. Call Judy Tetzlaff at City Hall, 651-439-4439, if you have questions.

Tree City, USA 2014—Arbor Day Foundation

The City of Oak Park Heights has received the Tree City USA award for their work with trees and tree planting, maintenance and education for 2014. Oak Park Heights has been a Tree City for 32 years!

Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm Disease

DO NOT prune oak trees from April 1st to 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 Sept. 15th. If oaks are pruned or wounded 4/1-9/30 wounds should be painted immediately with latex house paint. It is best to prune oaks between Oct. 15th and Mar. 15th. Currently wilting oaks and elms (Dutch elm disease) will be removed by a contractor hired by the City at no cost to the property owner. Contact the Oak Park Heights Arborist if you think you have diseased trees on your property.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) has not yet been confirmed in Washington County. Check trunks and branches for “D-shaped” adult exit holes and “S-shaped” larval galleries. These galleries are under the bark and the bark may be 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. The Minn. Dept. of Agriculture website has images and symptoms of EAB: go to www.mda.state.mn.us. Click on Plants/Pests then Emerald Ash Borer. **If you see signs of EAB activity, please contact the Oak Park Heights Arborist who is also a MN**

Forest Pest First Detector. 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 Oak Park Heights Arborist.

Ash Removal: The City of Oak Park Heights is continuing to remove ash trees which are doing poorly, are interfering with power lines, competing with other trees, have storm damage, or are blocking sight lines along the street. If you have an ash tree that you think should be removed, contact the Oak Park Heights Arborist.

Pruning trees

Do not prune trees during leaf expansion in May. Fruit and ornamental trees should be pruned in late Feb.-early March. A good time to prune shade trees is January. Avoid pruning trees during wet periods in the summer and early fall, as spores of canker fungi can enter then enter fresh wounds. *** Hire a tree service if pruning needs to be done on large shade trees.

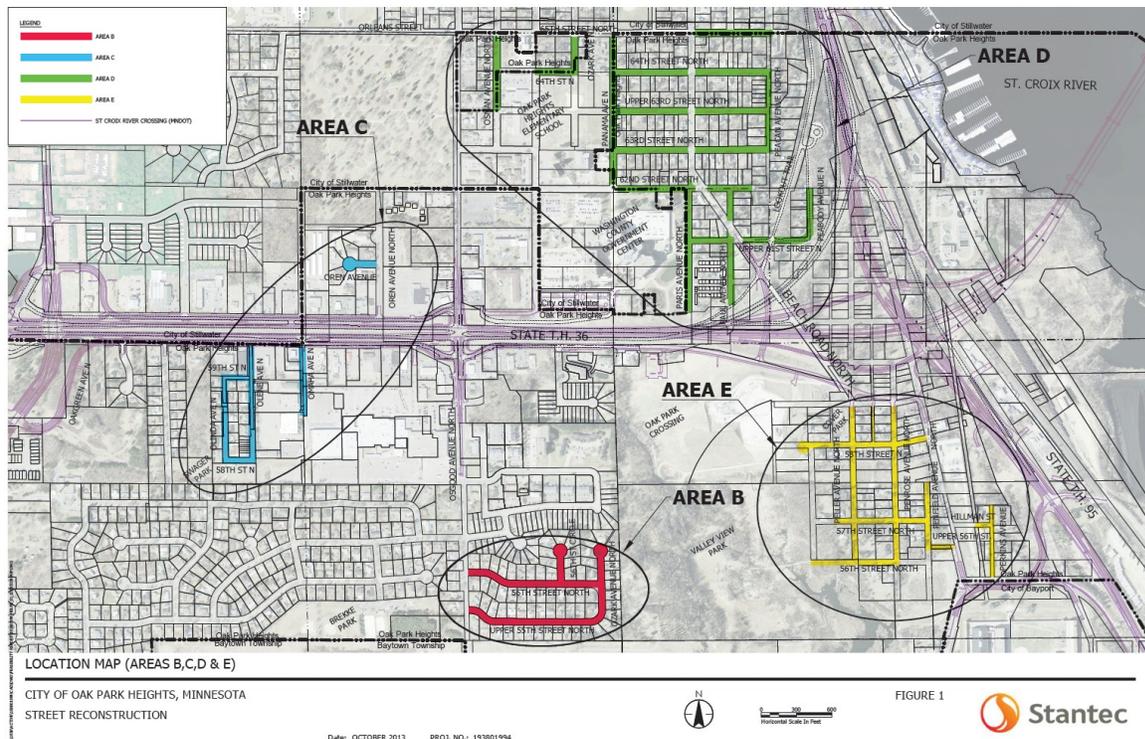
Tree Problems?

If you are an Oak Park Heights resident, and have a problem with a tree or shrub, such as an insect or a disease, have planting questions, or just want to have a plant identified, call Dr. Kathy Widin, the Oak Park Heights Arborist, at 439-4439 Ext. 1106. She can either answer your question over the phone or make an appointment for a site visit. This service is paid for by the City of Oak Park Heights.



Street Reconstruction—Area D

In addition to the continuing roadwork related to the St. Croix River Crossing and Highway 36, the City too will be undertaking significant street reconstruction work in Area D of the City in 2015 as shown in the map below. Areas B, C & E were completed in 2014.



Many of these streets are 40+ years old and are in need of reconstruction as well as a replacement of the underground utilities that serve these areas. The Project is also anticipated to improve drainage and preserve trees where possible but NOT widen any streets.

The City's Street Reconstruction Fund (funded through general property taxes) will be paying for approximately 60 percent of the street costs with the balance of the street costs being directly assessed to the adjacent property owner. This assessment is estimated to be \$3,500 for the typical owner-occupied home or approximately \$40+/- per linear foot for a non-homestead property. Utility replacements and upgrades are being funded through the various Utility funds, which receives its funding from water and sewer utility rate charges.

As with any major street reconstruction, there are expected to be some delays, dust, noise, etc. The City and its contractors will work hard to keep these disturbances to a minimum. It is expected that at all times vehicular access to homes shall be preserved. Should any questions or concerns arise, please contact Eric Johnson at the City Hall at 651-439-4439 or email at eajohnson@cityfoakparkheights.com. Additional pre-construction neighborhood meetings will also be held. Residents in impacted areas will be receiving direct mailings about these dates.

At the conclusion of the Project, the anticipated results are to be quieter and safer streets, reduced and better managed surface drainage, and more reliable public utilities for decades to come.

Natural gas leaks

We often think of heat, hot water, and cooking when we consider the many benefits of natural gas. Natural gas is reliable and safe as long as it is used properly and the related equipment is properly maintained.

Prevent potentially dangerous natural gas conditions by calling before you dig to avoid digging into or nicking a buried gas line. It also is a wise and effective safety measure to maintain gas appliances properly and hire a qualified contractor to routinely inspect them to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.



Learn to recognize a natural gas leak

It is important for you to know how to recognize potentially dangerous natural gas leaks, so use your senses:

1. **Smell:** Because natural gas has no odor in its natural state, we add a harmless odorant to it to help you detect a leak. The added odorant, called mercaptan, has a sulfur-like smell, similar to a rotten-egg.
2. **Hear:** Depending on its size and pressure, a natural gas leak may produce a noise that ranges from next to nothing to a slight hissing or blowing sound to a loud roar.
3. **See:** A leak also may cause dust, dirt or debris to fly, or create blowing or continuous bubbling movement in water. It also can cause a spot of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area.

Know how to respond to a natural gas leak

When an odor is persistent or seems to be everywhere, or it seems to linger longer than normal for your appliance's operation, these could be signs of a gas leak inside your home or with an outside line.

Upon detecting such an odor, immediately get everyone out of your home or building, move a safe distance away and then call for help. Because an electric spark can ignite an explosion, remember to follow these tips:

- Do not turn on or turn off electrical switches.
- Avoid using electric appliances such as garage door openers or telephones of any type.
- Do not start up or shut down motor vehicles or any other electrical equipment.
- Do not strike a match.
- Avoid open flames or other ignition sources.
- Move to a location a safe distance away from your home or building when the odor is outdoors.
- Call Xcel Energy at **1-800-895-2999** or **911** in an emergency.
- Stay away until Xcel Energy or the emergency responders have told you it is safe to return.

Oak Park Crossing Park Plan

The City of Oak Park Heights Parks Commission is considering three options for the park plan at the City's newest park, Oak Park Crossing Park. The Parks Commission is seeking feedback from Oak Park Heights residents as to which plan best fits the needs of the City. Please take a moment to review the following plans and complete the survey on the next page. You may submit the survey via mail, or by dropping it off at City Hall. Large format drawings of the images below are available at City Hall to view.

Please call City Hall if you have any questions or would like further information: 651-439-4439.



OPTION X (estimated cost: \$880,308):

- Expansion of current parking areas
- Installation of a splash pad
- Construction of a four-season park pavilion
- New trail connection

OPTION Y (estimated cost: \$1,806,387):

- Expansion of current parking areas
- Installation of a splash pad
- Construction of four-season park pavilion
- New trail connections
- New southerly trail connections
- New hockey rinks and pleasure rinks
- Cover Park parking improvements
- Two overlook pavilions
- One ball field and new parking areas



OPTION Z (estimated cost: \$2,107,347):

- Expansion of current parking areas
- Installation of a splash pad
- Construction of a four-season park pavilion
- New trail connection
- New southerly trail connections
- New hockey rinks and pleasure rinks
- Cover Park parking improvements
- Two overlook pavilions
- Athletic pavilion
- Two new ball fields and new parking areas





**CITY OF OAK PARK HEIGHTS
OAK PARK CROSSING PARK OPEN HOUSE
FEEDBACK FORM**

Your feedback is important in helping to increase the quality of the City of Oak Park Heights Park and Trail System. Please take a moment to provide us with your comments, questions, or suggestions. Completing your contact information is **optional** but helpful so the City may relay information back directly to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Overall, is there a particular Master Plan layout you find favorable? Please Circle One:

Option X Option Y Option Z None of Them All of Them

Comments on why you chose this Option:

What Element(s) of the Master Plan (any option) do find Most Attractive and Favorable to our City?

What Element(s) of the Master Plan (any option) do you not like?

Other Feedback / Comments:

From: _____

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Mail to: Oak Park Heights City Hall
14168 Oak Park Boulevard North
PO Box 2007
Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

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St. Croix Crossing Construction Update from MNDOT

The majority of Highway 36 roadwork was completed in 2014; however there are still some activities to be completed this year. Beginning in March, you may start to see construction crews addressing minor road work throughout the project area. Road construction will really get underway in April as the weather improves.

Remaining work and estimated schedule for completion:

- **Trails and landscaping (April-June)**
All remaining trail, sidewalk and landscaping work
- **Driveways and local road connections (April-June)**
Modifications to many business driveways throughout the project and local road connections on the S. Frontage Road
Work includes final grading activities and placement of remaining curb, gutter and top layer of asphalt
Business access will be available at all times
Communications staff will contact all businesses prior to the start of driveway work
- **Road surfaces (May-June)**
A final layer of asphalt will be placed on most road surfaces in the project area
Permanent lines will be painted on the pavement – called striping
- **Hwy 36/Hwy 95 ramp (Late 2015)**
The ramp from Hwy 95 to westbound Hwy 36 will be constructed in fall 2015
Traffic remains single lane east of Osgood Ave until the ramp is complete

Thank you in advance for your cooperation this spring as crews finish road work. We will do our best to complete all remaining construction as quickly and efficiently as possible.

2015 bridge construction schedule

- Complete river pier construction
- Begin segment installation on land and over the water
- Complete approach ramps on land in Minnesota

We're bringing back the boat tours. In response to last year's high demand, the project will offer three tours per month – an increase of one per month compared to the 2014 schedule. Wednesday tours will occur from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and again from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday tours will occur from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Events are tentatively scheduled for the following dates, rain or shine:

Wednesday, May 27	Saturday, May 30	Wednesday, June 17	Saturday, June 20
Saturday, July 18	Wednesday, July 22	Saturday, August 15	Wednesday, August 19
Saturday, Sept. 19	Wednesday, Sept. 23		

Go to www.stillwaterriverboats.com for reservation information and more details. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 4 to 12.

Stay connected

- Visit the project website: www.mndot.gov/stcroixcrossing (Sign up for weekly email updates)
- Call the hotline at 1-855-GO-CROIX (462-7649)
- Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintcroixcrossingmndot
- Follow us on Twitter @stcroixcrossing
- Stop by the office at 1862 Greeley St. S., Stillwater

Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 13-17

Communities in Washington County are susceptible to all different kinds of hazards! Because severe weather can threaten the lives and property of Minnesotans at any time, **April 13-17, 2015** is designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week. This week is intended to increase awareness and education about steps individuals, businesses, and families can take to better prepare for emergencies. Washington County will mark this week by participating in the Statewide Tornado Drill on Thursday, April 16. Check out their website for more information on how to be better prepared in an emergency and some interesting facts about weather: www.co.washington.mn.us/emergencymanagement and look “Severe Weather Awareness.”

Rain barrel sale

Spring is nearly here and it is an ideal time to start thinking about backyard gardening to get a jump start on waste reduction, gardening and water conservation efforts by setting up a compost bin or rain barrel at your home.



This spring, the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is partnering with cities and counties throughout Minnesota to bring residents affordable rain barrels and compost bins to Minnesota residents at greatly reduced cost. There are many economic and environmental benefits to using rain barrels and compost bins, a few are:

- When you use a rain barrel, you will conserve water by using the rain water rather than from the spigot (which you pay for).
- It can also help with storm water management on your property in conjunction with your neighbor!
- It can also reduce storm water runoff, which can be a major pollution contributor to waterways.
- By using a compost bin you can reduce more than 25% of your waste from going to a landfill which saves you money!

These compost bins come with a 10 year warranty, are made from recycled content and are extremely affordable. Compost bins are only \$55 and rain barrels are \$69.

“Our goal is to increase education about how easy compost bins are to use for the average person. Organics recycled in a backyard compost bin have much less of an impact on our environment than they would if that same material would be landfilled. The methane produced by organic material breaking down in a landfill is a contributor to global climate change. Storm water runoff from homes is also an issue. Minnesotans highly value our lakes and other waterways, using a rain barrel to control storm water runoff is one way that Minnesotans can help protect local resources,” stated Maggie Mattacola, Executive Director of Operations for RAM.

RAM is hosting several rain barrel and compost bin distribution events throughout Minnesota which includes one right here in Washington County. Ordering is open, and pick up at the Washington County Fairgrounds will be on April 24 from 8:00a.m.-8:00p.m. and April 25 from 8:00a.m.-12 noon. Order online and for additional information go to: **RecycleMinnesota.org**.

Things to know about Washington County's Outdoor Warning Sirens



- **How many outdoor warning sirens are in Washington County?**

There are currently 93 sirens in Washington County.

- **How are these sirens tested?**

Washington County Sheriff's Office 911 Communication Center tests/activates all sirens in the Washington County at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, from March through October.

- **Whose responsibility is it to maintain these sirens?**

Cities/Township's that have sirens in Washington County purchases and maintains their own sirens. (Please note that not all cities/township have sirens.)

- **What are Washington County's policies detailing the circumstances under which the sirens would be sounded?**

The National Weather Service contacts the State Warning Point (Minnesota State Patrol), who is then responsible for disseminating all watches and warnings to Washington County, except warnings for conditions generated within the county itself.

- **For severe weather warnings, outdoor warning siren activation in Washington County is based on the following criteria:**

- When a Tornado Warning is issued for Washington County by the National Weather Service.

Sirens are activated for each Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service.

It is possible for a new Warning to be issued before a previous Warning expires.

- When the National Weather Service indicates sustained wind speeds of 70 miles per hour or more.

- When a City or County Public Safety Official (Police, Fire) requests activation due to imminent danger to life and/or property. In this situation, Washington County also notifies the National Weather Service Office in Chanhassen.

- **After a warning or siren activation request is received, Washington County Sheriff's Office 911 Communications Center determines which areas of the county are affected by warning: (Please note that some cities chose to have sirens activated in north and south zones).**

NORTH - All outdoor warning sirens located North of I94:

Bayport	Forest Lake	Grant	Hugo
Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Lake Elmo	Mahtomedi	Marine on St. Croix
Oak Park Heights	Oakdale	Scandia	Stillwater

SOUTH - All outdoor warning sirens located South of Highway 96 :

Bayport	Cottage Grove	Grant	Lake Elmo Park Reserve
Lake Elmo	Lakeland	Lake St. Croix Beach	Mahtomedi
Newport	Oak Park Heights	Oakdale	St. Paul Park
St. Croix Bluff Reg. Park	Stillwater	Woodbury	

COUNTY WIDE:

All outdoor warning sirens within Washington County

- **For Your Safety**

- Washington County does not issue an "all-clear" tone from the outdoor sirens. Such a signal may be confusing to residents in the event of additional warnings.

- Outdoor warning sirens are meant to be heard outside. When sirens sound, residents should always seek shelter and tune to local weather information on radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for more information.

- When the sirens are sounded, they will run for three minutes and then stop. The threat of severe weather does not stop when the sirens stop! Residents should continue to shelter and stay tuned to local weather information on radio, television or NOAA Weather Radios for the duration of the warning period.

- Many TV stations and internet sites also have tools that can send warnings to your computer and cellular phone. NOAA weather radios are also a good tool to warn residents of severe weather, whether indoors or outside.

Notes from Public Works

Locate Requests

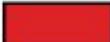
Remember to call before you dig. Call Gopher State One Call at (651) 454-0002 or visit the website: www.gopherstateonecall.org. Calling for a locate request is easy and takes less than five minutes of your time. After the initial locate request utilities have 48 hours to locate underground infrastructure.

Underground utilities are marked with paint and flags and are universally color coordinated to represent respective utilities.

Warning signs of a leak:

- blowing dirt or water,
- pipe or cable exposed from erosion,
- liquid spill,
- white vapors,
- dead vegetation,
- flames,
- hissing or roaring sound,
- strange or unusual odor near a pipeline

Uniform Color Code for marking underground utilities

	Proposed Excavation
	Temporary Survey
	Electric
	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum
	Communication, Telephone, TV
	Potable Water
	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
	Sewer, Drain Lines

Spring Street Sweeping

Spring street sweeping begins when all snow is melted and temperatures remain warm enough to prevent the water lines on the sweeping equipment from freezing. Sweeping will likely begin in early April this year.

Park shelter restrooms

Oak Park Heights Park shelter restrooms typically open at the end of May, but may be sooner if weather permits. Public Works will open restrooms when the vulnerability of possible damage due to freezing water pipes has passed. Each park does have portable restrooms available for use when shelter restrooms are not available.

The City of Oak Park Heights is on Facebook!

“Like” the City’s Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Oak-Park-Heights/501816333214972>
to receive up-to-date information on events, meetings, programs, and city news.



CLIP AND SAVE!

2015 Summer Park Activities Schedule

All events are free! Look over the following schedule, and mark the dates on your calendar. Please check the City's website for further updates on summer programming in the parks.

All ages are welcome to attend the activities.

Children under six must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is appreciated for the craft activities.

E-mail Gina at gzeuli@q.com with number of children attending and their ages.

June 9: Playful City Playday – Sand Art and other activities: Autumn Hills Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

June 16: Animal Talks Presentation: Autumn Hills Park, 10:30 a.m.

June 19: Family Movie in the Park (now moved to Fridays): Autumn Hills Park. Movie begins at dark (approximately 9:30 p.m.). Popcorn/beverages available for purchase.

June 23: Craft in the Park—Fuzzy Art: Valley View Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

June 30: Craft in the Park—Crayon Art: Valley View Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 7: Kids Bingo in the Park: Brekke Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 14: Minnesota Zoomobile Animal presentation: Autumn Hills Park, 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 21: Craft in the Park – Clay and Sculpture: Brekke Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 28: Magic and Balloons: Autumn Hills Park, 10:30 a.m.

July 31: Family Movie in the Park: Autumn Hills Park. Movie begins at dark (approximately 9:30 p.m.). Popcorn/beverages available for purchase.

August 4: Craft in the Park – Candle Art: Autumn Hills Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

August 4: Party in the Park:: Brekke Park, 4:30 p.m.

August 11: The Ridiculous Puppet Company Show: Autumn Hills Park, 10:30 a.m.

August 18: Craft in the Park – Mandalas & Mosaics: Oak Park Crossing Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

August 21: Family Movie in the Park: Autumn Hills Park. Movie begins at dark (approximately 8:45 p.m.). Popcorn/beverages available for purchase.

August 25: Craft in the Park – Surprise!! Come to the park for a surprise activity. Oak Park Crossing Park, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

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Police Emergency: 911

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excluding legal holidays

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Spring 2015 Newsletter

Reserve a City Park Shelter

Are you thinking about having a get-together 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.

Brekke Park is located on Omar Avenue south of the former St. Croix Mall. The park has a covered shelter building with restrooms as well as a tot lot, baseball diamonds, playground equipment, and barbeque grills.

Valley View Park is located on Osgood Avenue at the edge of the city limits. This park has a covered shelter building, picnic areas, play-grounds and a beautiful passive park area with trails, a prairie restoration area and wetlands.

Autumn Hills Park is located at 5697 Norwich Parkway off of 58th Street adjacent to the Boutwells Landing campus. The park contains meandering trails, trail access parking, and playground equipment. It has a 2,000+ square foot shelter, which includes a covered gathering area with a small kitchen/serving area, men's and women's restrooms, and a water fountain.

You may use the City's online reservation form to reserve either the Brekke Park or Valley View Park shelters. You may obtain the Autumn Hills Park Shelter reservation documents and information online as well. Or, you may call or visit City Hall anytime to reserve any of the shelters for your next event!