

NEWSLETTER

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THE OAK PARK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT — MORE THAN JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT



Your Oak Park Heights Police Department provides law enforcement services for the city and a whole lot more. The department consists of ten sworn officers and one non-sworn clerical person. The department has a combined years of service and experience of over 140 years. We have one Chief, two Sergeants (one patrol and one investigations), one full-time School Resource Officer/ Investigator, and five patrol officers. One officer also trains and

responds with the Washington County Multiagency SWAT team part time and another is assigned to the Washington County Multiagency Civil Disturbance Team part time. The department has 24 hour patrol operations with one or two officers on duty dependent upon time of the day. Annually we answer over 5,000 calls for service in the city, which does not include those officer initiated services such as crime alerts to residents and businesses and other

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general patrol duties. Our police officers provide those essential law enforcement services you would expect along with being the first response to medicals, fires, car accidents and other emergencies in the City. We have two investigators and a computer forensics lab to gather evidence from electronic devices such as cell phones. We have

certified instructors to provide our own training in firearms, hands on use of force, taser, and less lethal options. Officers attend hundreds of hours of training annually online and from outside classroom instruction. Combined, our officers average 650 hours or more of training every year to stay at the top of their profession.

We assist Lakeview EMS Paramedics in responding to medicals in the City. Most times our officers are first on scene and the ability to start care can be critical to saving lives and allowing Paramedics the ability to start advanced techniques when they arrive. Our Police Officers have been trained in first response medical practices including CPR using advanced technology with ResQ CPR chest compression devices and AED electronic shock devices. We carry these devices in all of our squads to be used immediately upon our arrival along with oxygen and other first aid equipment. We work with Lakeview EMS to provide high quality services to the community. Lakeview EMS has been crucial in providing training and recommendations to us and are an invaluable asset to the community with their high level of professionalism and advanced care they provide.

Hopefully you have had a chance to say “hi” at one or more of the other community outreach efforts we do also. There is more information on the Police Department section of the City of Oak Park Heights website. Look under City Departments, then police at www.cityfoakparkheights.com.



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

In total, the City expends over \$250,000 annually in solid waste disposal, recycling services, and spring/fall clean-up costs, and generally handles over 2,000,000 pounds of trash and 500,000 pounds of recycling annually. The City offers three solid waste container sizes: 35, 65, or 95 gallon containers. Solid waste is collected from approximately 1,100 households and is billed to the City based on container size.



Unfortunately, solid waste costs for disposal of this tonnage has regularly increased and the City’s ability to continue to fully fund these costs through the general property tax levy is declining. Therefore, the City must evaluate cost savings options where appropriate BUT MUST also ensure that a balanced solid waste collection system is kept in place.

Please look at your solid waste bin size and determine if you regularly fill it to capacity, OR if there is regularly some space remaining in it so that you could reduce your bin size to a smaller size. Also consider:

- That 35 gallon or 65 gallon solid waste container is what most households have in the City
- If you have the 95 gallon container, perhaps give a smaller size a try
- Residents may put out an unlimited volume of recyclables and may use any reasonable container
- Residents may use the Washington County Environmental Center to dispose of other items that may be eligible (visit: <https://recyclesearch.com/profile/wcdd> for the Washington County Disposal Directory)

HOW AND WHERE TO PLACE YOUR CONTAINERS IN WINTER

Do not place garbage cans in the street. It creates a hazard and problem for vehicles and snowplows. Garbage trucks are equipped with a hydraulic extending arm that grasps garbage cans. It is recommended that garbage cans be placed at least three feet off the edge of pavement, into your driveway, so they are out of the way of the snowplow or snow being pushed aside while the snowplow is going down the road.

Do not place garbage cans on top of snow piles. This placement might cause your garbage can to tip over and litter your garbage along the street, and it also makes it difficult for the garbage trucks to set the cart back down.

Retrieve your containers soon after collection. Garbage cans often sit at the roadside on collection



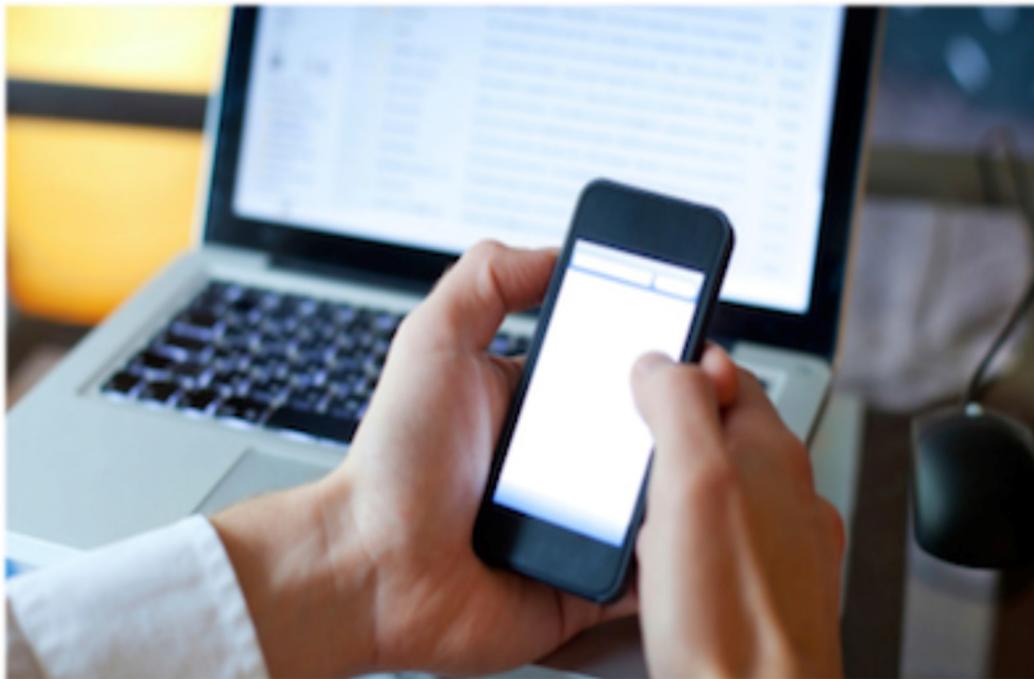
day until the evening. Empty cans are vulnerable to winds and snow removal operations and could cause a hazard if knocked into the roadway.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY CALLS FROM THE CITY

Does your family rely exclusively on mobile phone service instead of a landline telephone? If so – and if you want to receive important emergency messages from the City – you should sign up to receive emergency calls on your mobile phone.

The City of Oak Park Heights, in conjunction with Washington County, uses CodeRED, a high-speed telephone calling system, to notify local residents and businesses about emergency situations. The system allows the City to send critical communications to the entire City or to targeted areas within the City in a matter of minutes.

The system also can be used to send important “non-emergency” messages. The non-emergency messages are optional; residents can opt out of receiving them. However, in most instances, the sys-



tem is used in emergency situations where rapid and accurate information to residents are essential for life safety.

The system is **not** used for weather warnings, but may be used for follow-up information such as area



evacuations or shelter locations.

If you reside or own property, including a business, within the City of Oak Park Heights you are urged to sign up for CodeRED messages and ensure that you receive any emergency notifications.

You also can opt in to receive calls directly to your mobile phone, text messages, and/or email alerts. You can register as many devices as you wish to up to two addresses.

The CodeRED system uses the most recent information entered for an address and overwrites previous information associated with an address. It also automatically purges phone numbers that are no longer in use.

In addition, a free CodeRED app is available for many smartphones. You can use it to view alerts issued in different CodeRED service areas.

How to register

To ensure emergency notices reach residents and utility users, accurate and up-to-date information is essential. To add or change a number, including mobile phones, or to opt for a text message and/or email alert,

you should self-register by visiting the City of Oak Park Heights’ website, www.cityofoakparkheights.com or texting keyword “WashingtonMN” to 99411. You may register as many mobile phone numbers and email addresses as you desire.

POLLINATOR GARDEN GRANTS AVAILABLE

Minnesota is home to over 450 native species of bees, many of whose populations are declining. One of them, the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, was the first bee in the continental US to be labeled an Endangered Species. Globally, bees and other pollinators are responsible for at least a third of the food humans eat and are responsible for the pollination of key crops contributing over \$19 billion worth of services to U.S. agriculture. In addition, pollinator habitat plantings also provide habitat for birds and other wildlife and deliver water quality, carbon sequestration and other ecosystem benefits. To improved Pollinator Habitat and to incentivize the establishment of Pollinator Gardens that add environ-

mental and aesthetic value to City neighborhoods, the City Council for the City of Oak Park Heights has committed \$2,000 for the development and installation of residential pollinator gardens where up to one-half of the out-of-pocket investment to establish a garden can be reimbursed (up to \$250) to a homeowner after they demonstrate their construction and establishment of a Pollinator Garden. Please contact the City for details, requirements, and an application. If you need assistance in the development of a Pollinator Garden Plan, we



would encourage contacting Angie Hong with the Washington Conservation District at angie.hong@mnwcd.org or 651-330-8220, ext. 35.

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If you have any questions about the CodeRED system, contact the Oak Park Heights Police Department at 651-439-4723.

How it works

City or county staff accesses CodeRED via a secure portal on the internet. A “call area” is marked, identifying street addresses. Telephone numbers are matched up electronically to these addresses through the use of geographical information systems. A pre-recorded message is sent via the telephone with information about the incident and possibly instructions for action to be taken. The message is played when answered by a live person or an answering machine; the system makes three attempts to connect to each number.

The calling number for CodeRED emergencies will display as 800-419-5000 or “Emergency Comm” and the number for general notifications is 855-969-4636 or “General Comm.” If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the

number back. Users also may add these numbers as a “contact” in their phones, so they recognize the call is coming from the CodeRED system.

CodeRED is just one communications tool the City uses to share information with the public. Depending on the event, updates may also be available via the City’s website, the City’s Facebook page, the government access cable TV channel and local media.

Latest Alerts



General Alert
This is a reminder that the An ...
3/9/2020, 5:03:59 PM

This is a reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the town hall and are open to the public.

[LISTEN TO MESSAGE](#)
[VIEW EMAIL MESSAGE](#)
[SEE AREA AFFECTED](#)



General Alert
Hello, This is a message fro ...
3/4/2020, 12:00:18 PM



General Alert
This is a reminder that the Gr ...
3/2/2020, 1:00:08 PM



General Alert
This is a message from the Sti ...
2/21/2020, 4:48:45 PM



General Alert
The Bayport fire department wa ...
1/24/2020, 6:02:07 PM


[Sign Up](#)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

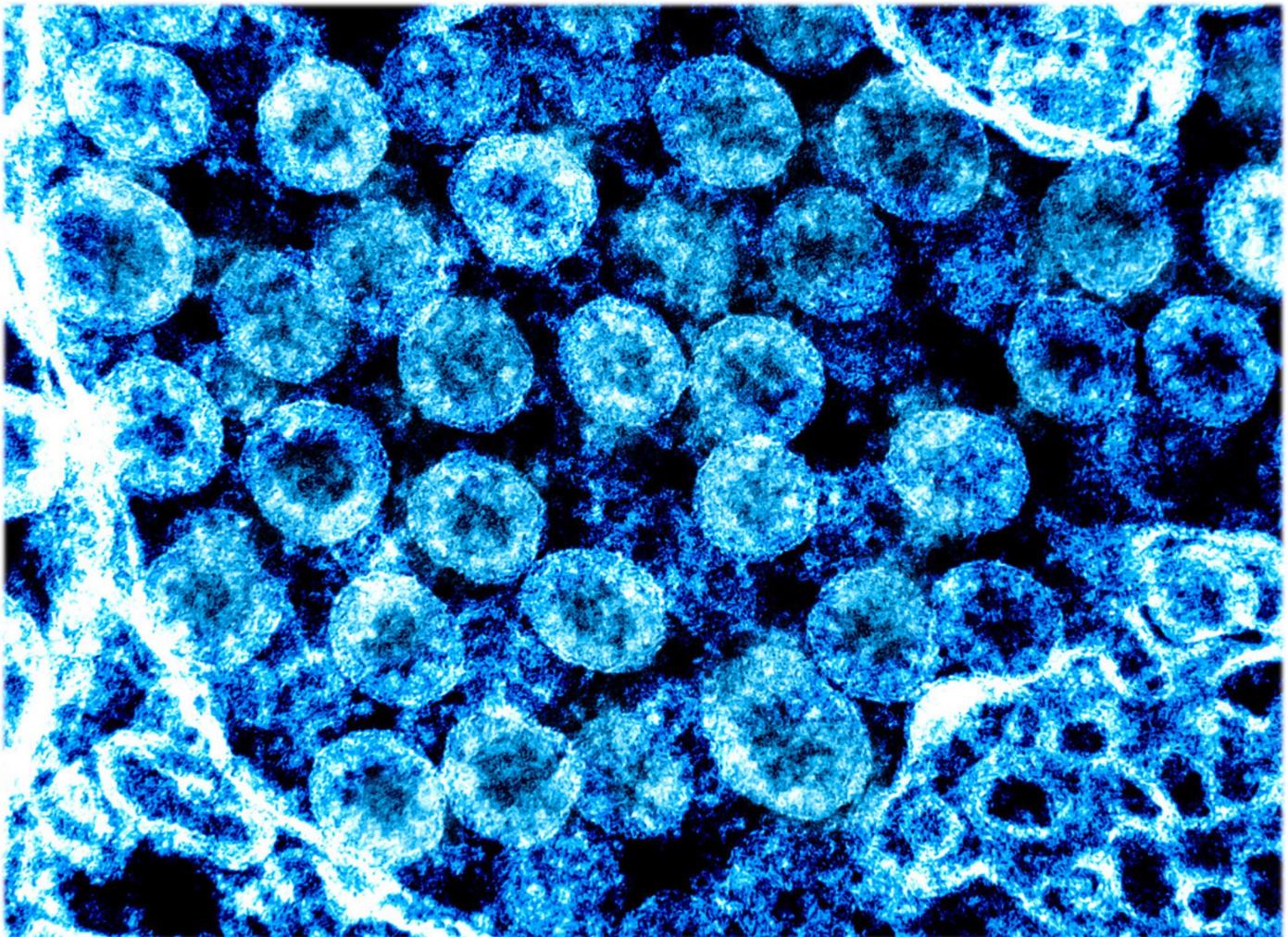
The City of Oak Park Heights is closely monitoring the national outbreak of the novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19. The City is working with our public health partners at Washington County Public Health and Environment and the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure the City has the best practices in place for the general public. It is important for all of us to help prevent the spread. Websites to consider for accurate and up-to-date information:

- www.cdc.gov
- www.ready.gov
- www.health.state.mn.us
- www.co.washington.mn.us

We strongly urge residents to follow the advice of health experts. Please stay home if you don't feel well, try not to touch your face, and wash your hands regularly, using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

The City of Oak Park Heights uses Code Red (see Page 4 of this newsletter) for emergency messages, and please follow the City of Oak Park Heights on Facebook to stay up to date on happenings in the City.

As always, our priority is the health and safety of our citizens, and we will continue to keep City systems and services operational.





Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT
1**

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

**FACT
2**

Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

**FACT
3**

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT
4**

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT
5**

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

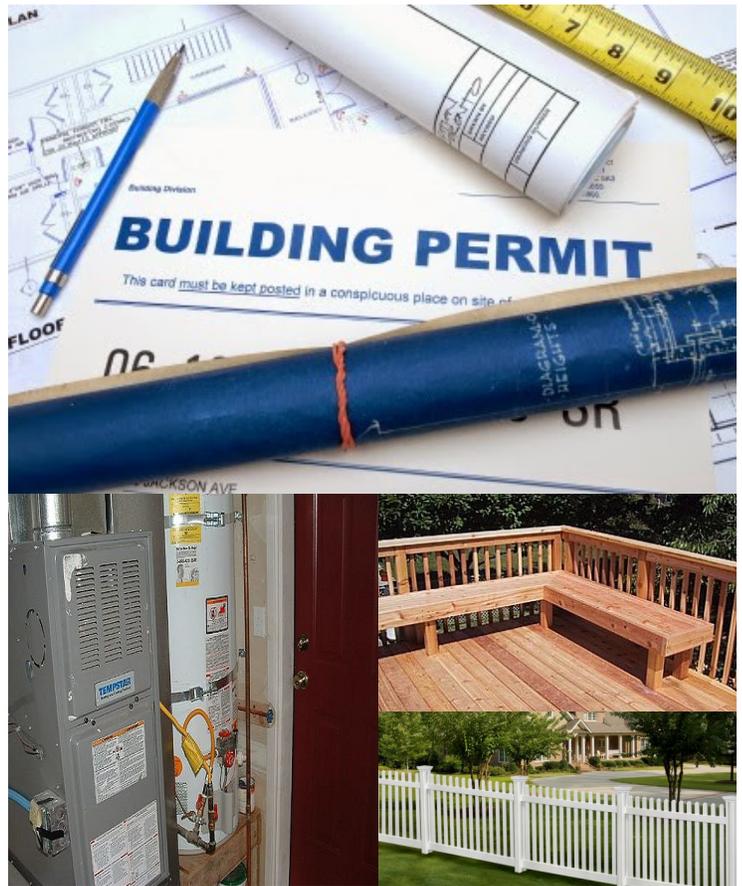


WHAT DO DECKS, FENCES, WATER HEATERS AND FURNACES HAVE IN COMMON?

Typically, these projects and others will require a work permit to ensure compliance with adopted construction and local ordinance codes. Many projects will require property line verification.

If you are hiring a contractor for your project, make sure they are licensed, have obtained a permit for the work you that you have hired them for, and that the inspections appropriate to your project are being scheduled while they are working.

Building permit applications and information on a variety of projects are available at City Hall and can also be found on the City webpage at www.cityofoakparkheights.com. Contact us anytime if we can be of assistance – we are happy to hear from you! Contact Building Official Julie Hultman via email at jhultman@cityofoakparkheights.com or by phone 651-439-4439.



PARKING PADS

City Ordinance state that cars, trucks, trailers, boats, snowmobiles, water-skis, four-wheelers, motor homes and other similar items shall be parked in your garage or other accessory building, upon your driveway or an approved parking pad. Parking on grass is prohibited.



What is an approved Parking Pad?

An approved Parking Pad is a parking pad that is hard surfaced constructed of asphalt, concrete, cobblestone, paving block or crushed rock that meets minimum Class 5 material specifications and has at least a 4 inch deep base.

Designated parking pads shall extend directly from the driveway, away from the house and may be located within the front, side or rear yard setback. Parking pads must be set back at least 5 feet from rear yard property lines.

LOCAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

You've probably noticed the construction happening around town. It's been an exciting time for the City, with a number of new commercial and residential projects.

Welcome New/Relocated/ Remodeled Businesses:

St. Croix Soccer Club
5525 Memorial Ave N, Suite 6

The Lived In Room Expansion
5620 Memorial Ave N

Trove Marketplace Relocation
5638 Memorial Ave N

Wendy's Restaurant Remodel
14560 60th St N

Construction Underway:
Health Partners Call Center
5803 Neal Ave N

Walmart Remodel
5815 Norell Ave N



*If you are interested in learning about what is coming or happening in the City, give us a call at City Hall.
651-439-4439*

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There are Limitations to What You Can Place on a Parking Pad

Your parking pad may be used for the placement of:

- No more than a total of two (2) recreational vehicles (boats, snowmobiles, etc.) or pieces of equipment (trailers, etc.), not including racing cars.
- Registered and operable passenger vehicles.
- No more than one (1) truck and/or trailer not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds, except when loading, unloading or rendering a service.
- Construction and landscaping materials currently being used on the premises.
- No firewood.



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.



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 via email ldanielson@cityofoakparkheights.com or by phone at 651-439-4439. 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.

SPRING LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

- Fertilize your lawn and apply crabgrass pre-emergent
- Complete any pruning before new growth starts
- Cut back ornamental grasses to new shoots
- Spread a two inch layer of mulch in planting beds to preserve moisture and maintain an attractive appearance
- Have hazardous branches or dead trees removed by a licensed tree worker



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.

PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA MAINTENANCE

The two prairie restoration areas within the City (located to the north behind City Hall Building which runs east to Oldfield Ave N and the Valley View Park prairie restoration area located on the east side of Valley View Park on the west side of the wetland) will both be mowed this spring and have three timed weed control visits during the growing season. It is important that all of these prairie management tasks are done on a cycle to maintain quality vegetation. The City has contracted this year with Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. for the 2020 vegetation maintenance.



OAK WILT

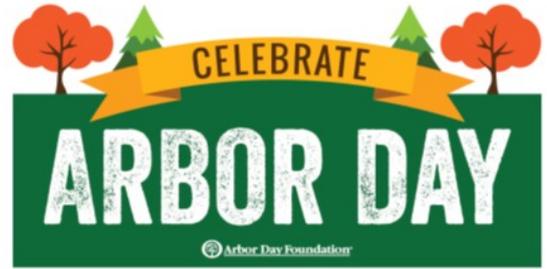
DO NOT prune oak trees from April 1st - July 1st (high risk period).

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.

ARBOR DAY FUN!

Arbor Day is recognized in all 50 states as well as in many other countries. During Arbor Month the benefits of tree care and the importance of tree plantings are expressed. Arbor Day and Arbor Month are a great way to get the community active outdoors and make a difference in the appearance of their property and city parks. The City of Oak Park Heights has been named a Tree City USA for 38 years and the award is valued greatly by the community. Arbor Day is April 24 and the month of May is Arbor Month in the City of Oak Park Heights.

City of Oak Park Heights



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- MULCH
- NEEDLES
- OAK
- PARKS
- PINE
- PLANT

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- SPRING
- SPRUCE
- SUN
- TREES
- TRUNK
- TWIG
- WATER

COMMUNITY THREAD IS HOSTING A BLACK TIE BINGO FUNDRAISER

Community Thread invites you to its 4th Annual Black Tie Bingo fundraising event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 6-10pm at Grand Banquet Hall in Stillwater.

This fundraiser will feature 5 games of bingo, along with other activities and raffles. The event will feature Peter Clements, President/CEO of First State Bank and Trust, as emcee, along with five local celebrity bingo callers: Dan Starry, Washington County Sheriff's Office; Robin Anthony, Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce; Annette Sallman, Stillwater Area Public Schools; Kelly Stenson, United Way of Washington County – East; and Timothy Safe, Pathfinder Insurance Brokers.

Proceeds from the event will support Community Thread's volunteer center - a program



that engages volunteers for activities including flood response, river cleanup, lawn raking and more.

Tickets can be purchased at www.communitythreadmn.org or in person at Community Thread's Stillwater location. Tickets are \$75 per person and include heavy appetizers and 4 games of bingo. Additional bonus games will be available for purchase.

For over 50 years, Community Thread has been connect-

ing people, neighborhoods and lives together to strengthen the community. The nonprofit's mission is to leverage resources and volunteers to improve the quality of life for adults and their families in our local community. The vision of Community Thread is a community where all people are engaged, enriched and connected. To learn more visit www.communitythreadmn.org or call 651-439-7434.

A graphic for the Black Tie Bingo fundraiser. It features a large black bow tie in the center with the words "Black Tie Bingo" written in white cursive across it. Above the bow tie, the text "You are invited to..." is written in a simple black font. Below the bow tie, the text "A fundraiser to support Community Thread" is written in a smaller black font. At the bottom, the event details "APRIL 4, 2020 ♦ 6-10PM ♦ GRAND BANQUET HALL" are displayed in white text on a black background. The graphic is decorated with red and white checkered patterns at the bottom corners and several red starburst shapes.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

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



The Planning Commission is a board of five members, appointed by the City Council, who meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month, typically at 6:00 pm as well as on other occasions, when needed. The objectives of the Planning Commission are to make recommendations to the City Council on matters affecting zoning, subdivision and building regulations, land use development and comprehensive planning. Commission terms are three years and run from June to May.

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, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact City Administrator Eric Johnson by phone at (651)439-4439 or by email at eajohnson@cityof oakparkheights.com.

BROWN'S CREEK OPEN YARDS SERIES

Brown's Creek residents invite you to join them in learning more about the Brown's Creek Watershed and all its natural wonder!



- Migratory Bird Watching Event, April 25, 7-10am, 2962 Marine Circle, Stillwater
- Brown's Creek Nature Preserve Tour, June 3, 6-8pm, Brown's Creek Park, Neal Ave, Stillwater
- All Things Raingardens, July 15, 6-8pm, 2421 Croixwood Blvd, Stillwater
- South Twin and Heifort Pond Walking Tour, August 15, 10am-12pm, Brown's Creek Park, Neal Ave, Stillwater
- Buckthorn Brigade, September 27 and October 3, 9am-12pm, Long Lake Walking Path, Stillwater

To RSVP, please contact Cameron Blake, cblake@mnwcd.org or 651-380-8220 x34. For more information on these events, please visit mnwcd.org/events.

NEW ORGANICS DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Organics are a resource, not a waste! More than one-third of our trash is organic material that can be recycled into compost. Recycling organics, such as food scraps and paper towels, is an easy way to reduce your trash and make a difference!

Washington County has started a new organics drop-off program for residents.

How to Get Started: sign up online (see web address below) and pick up a free starter kit. Start collecting at home, then bring bagged organics to the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Dr. in Woodbury. Call for details and hours: 651-275-7475.

Accepted Items:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat, fish, and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Bread, pasta, rice, and beans
- Nuts and shells
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags,
- Paper towels, napkins, and tissues
- Pizza delivery boxes
- Certified compostable paper and plastic cups, bowls, plates, utensils, and containers



Organics Drop-off

AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Sign up at www.co.washington.mn.us/organics



CLIP AND SAVE!
2020 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 2 - Craft in the Park—Sand Art: Oak Park Crossing Park from 10 am to noon

June 4 - Party in the Park: Brekke Park from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

June 9 - Craft in the Park—Wood Signs: Valley View Park from 10 am to noon

June 16 - Craft in the Park—Suncatchers: Brekke Park from 10 am to noon

June 18 - Kids Bingo in the Park: Autumn Hills Park from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

June 23 - Craft in the Park—Hanging Plants: Brekke Park from 10 am to noon

June 30 - Craft in the Park—Watercolor Painting: Autumn Hills Park 10 am to noon

July 7 - Craft in the Park—Candleholders: Autumn Hills Park from 10 am to noon

July 14 - Craft in the Park—Decorate Umbrellas: Autumn Hills Park from 10 am to noon

July 21 - Minnesota Zoo Mobile Presentation: Autumn Hills Park at 10:30 am

July 23 - Craft in the Park—Galaxy Tubes: Autumn Hills Park from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

July 28 - Turtle Presentation: Autumn Hills Park at 10:30 am

August 4 - Magic Show: Autumn Hills Park at 10:30 am

August 11 - Raptor Center Presentation: Autumn Hills Park at 10:30 am

August 18 - Craft in the Park: Autumn Hills Park from 10 am to noon

August 20 - Craft in the Park—Bird Feeders: Autumn Hills Park from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

August 25 - Snake Presentation: Autumn Hills Park at 10:30 am

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PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS WANTED! CITY OF OAK PARK HEIGHTS ALLEN S. KING PLANT DECOMMISSIONING AND REUSE ADVISORY PANEL

As our community knows, Xcel Energy has announced that the Allen S. King Plant will close in 2028. At 179 acres with 4,000+ linear feet along the St. Croix River, this is a premier property and the re-purposing of this property will have a profound impact on the City, the St. Croix Valley and beyond.

The City of Oak Park Heights is the primary land-use authority, it has begun to study the issues and explore ideas relating to how the Allen S. King Plant Site could be repurposed. Any decisions will of course have impacts well into the 21st Century.

To begin to explore and analyze some of these questions, the City has established the “**City of Oak Park Heights Allen S. King Plant Decommissioning and Reuse Advisory Panel.**” This Panel has been devised to facilitate and educational and visioning process that will consider a broad spectrum of opportunities and constraints, including physical, environmental, economic, social, scenic, recreational and more. This process will be moderated by a professional planning firm (STANTEC) and will also include the preparation of very preliminary conceptual master plans that can visually demonstrate options for future concept discussions.

The City Council intends that the Panel should be representative of a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including local, regional, state and federal interests. The objective is for all parties regardless of their affiliations to better understand the complexity of the issues and the magnitude of the opportunities that are presented by this transformation and NOT to determine a final use. The Panel is intended to help inform the City’s actions at every step in the decommissioning process and to contribute to the creation of a vision that is worthy of this opportunity.

Accordingly, the City is seeking THREE PUBLIC MEMBERS (City residents) to serve on the City of Oak Park Heights Allen S. King Decommissioning Advisory Panel. The Panel members will be asked to participate in approximately one meeting per month for twelve months to gain information from various experts and interested voices.

IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERD FOR THIS PANEL, please complete the following Application Page and return it to the City Hall by April 10, 2020, attention:

Eric Johnson, City Administrator
City of Oak Park Heights
14168 Oak Park Blvd N
Stillwater, MN 55082





**City of Oak Park Heights
Allen S. King Plant
Decommissioning and Reuse Advisory Panel**

APPLICATION PAGE

NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

To provide the City Council with an understanding of you, your background and your interests, please answer the following questions (you may attach an extra sheet if necessary):

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN OAK PARK HEIGHTS? _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PRIOR EXPERIENCE ON CITY COMMISSIONS, CITY BOARDS, ETC:

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY PANEL?

IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER REGARDING THIS APPOINTMENT?

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OAK PARK HEIGHTS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The City of Oak Park Heights will be hosting a Spring Clean-up on
Saturday, May 2, 2020 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.