



# City of Oak Park Heights

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COVID-19 Update – City of Oak Park Heights –  
RE: Public UPDATE #3 – **March 22, 2020**  
From: Eric Johnson, City Administrator

The City is continuing is CORE SERVICES and we remain largely operational; Here are some updates the City:

**1. An update from Local Community Leaders – CABLE ACCESS.**

In response to COVID-19 in Minnesota and Washington County, community television station Valley Access Channels (VAC) will be producing two roundtable discussions on Oak Park Heights and surrounding communities' response to the virus. The community leaders in the conversation about the pandemic in the first program, starting at 4:30 p.m., will include Denise Pontrelli, Superintendent of Stillwater Area Public Schools; **Oak Park Heights Mayor Mary McComber**; Stillwater Mayor Ted Kozlowski; and Robin Anthony, Executive Director of the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce. A second program will begin at 6 p.m. and include Ted Wegleitner, President of Lakeview Hospital; Dr. Andy Dorwart, President of Stillwater Medical Group; and Lowell Johnson, Director of Washington County's Public Health and Environment department. **The live broadcasts on Monday, March 23, can be viewed on Xfinity Channel 14, streaming online at [www.vactv.org/live](http://www.vactv.org/live) as well as the Valley Access Channels Facebook and YouTube pages.**

**2. City Parks and Trails Remain Open. Yes, follow the "social distancing" protocols**

The City Parks and Trails systems remain open and we encourage the community to continue to stay physically active and enjoy the days as they warm up. Yes, follow the "social distancing" protocols of course. Attached is a link to the City's website for trail maps. <https://www.cityofoakparkheights.com/index.asp?SEC=0C548C4B-286B-4D32-8609-BB98F5E2CC1A>. If you haven't walked the City's Trails, now is a great time to explore these wonderful assets!

- Another activity for families who are staying together is to go visit the Brekke Park DISC GOLF COURSE and can be played with any frisbee; Staff will place a bin of the discs we have outside the front door at City Hall. Please return these if you can later this summer if possible or after you use them. Hand wipes will be placed with these discs as well. More information can be found here: <https://www.cityofoakparkheights.com/index.asp?SEC=0C548C4B-286B-4D32-8609-BB98F5E2CC1A>
- We understand that many local parks, including the City's, also contain various GEOCACHE locations and can be found on this external link: <https://www.geocaching.com/play>

**3. The City's CORE FUNCTIONS of public service delivery regardless of the situation shall be maintained:**

1. Ensuring water is delivered to homes and hydrants,
2. That sanitary sewers and sanitary sewer lift stations remain operational,
3. Streets remain plowed, and
4. Police/EMS/FIRE services remain intact and functional.
5. We expect regular building Permit Issuances and Garbage and Recyclable pick-up to continue.

Should there be any changes related to the City's ability to deliver these CORE SERVICES we will post them on the City's Website which can be found at [www.cityofoakparkheights.com](http://www.cityofoakparkheights.com) and links will be placed on Facebook. One can always call City Hall at 651-439-4439 if you have any specific questions or need guidance on securing other aid. We will do our best to respond.

**There are several links to related to the COVID-19 and can be found here:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>  
<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=1>

The MDH has established a COVID-19 Hotline that will run from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm: 651-201-3920.