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CITY MEETINGS
(subject to change)

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

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

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

City meetings are broadcast live on
cable channel 16.

Agendas and minutes can be
accessed on the City's website.

1. AUTUMN HILLS PARK

The idea of Autumn Hills Park began in 1997 when the concept of VSSA's Boutwells Landing was presented to the City Council for the City of Oak Park Heights. In 2001 the City obtained the land located at 5697 Norwich Parkway adjacent to Boutwells Landing for Autumn Hills Park.

In February 2006 the Parks Commission for the City of Oak Park Heights developed a concept plan for the shelter which was approved by the City Council in March 2006.

Work began on the 2,000+ square foot facility, which includes a covered gathering area with a small kitchen/serving area, men's and women's restrooms, and a water fountain, in July 2006. The shelter opened for regular use and reservations in early August 2007.

The park also contains meandering trails, trail access parking, and playground equipment.



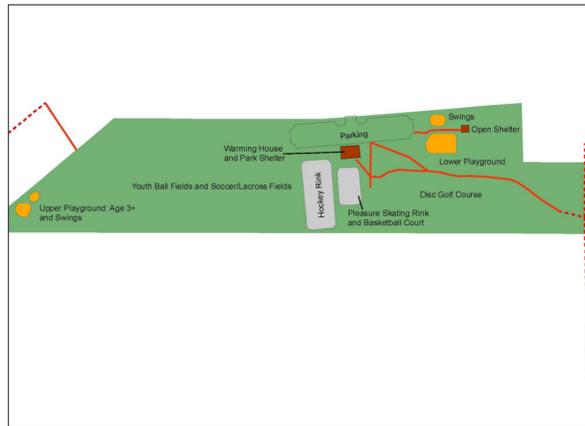
2. BREKKE PARK

Brekke Park is located on Omar Avenue south of the St. Croix Mall.

The park has a covered shelter building with restrooms as well as a tot lot, baseball diamonds, playground equipment, and barbeques.

There is an ice skating rink, staffed warming house, pavilion area and grills.

The shelter is available for reservations. There is no fee to reserve the shelter. For details, or to reserve the shelter for your next event, please contact City Hall.



DISC GOLF COURSE

A Disc Golf Course in Brekke Park is one of the City of Oak Park Heights most popular recreational attractions, and will be a prestigious venue for this growing sport for years to come. This short recreational course gives residents the chance to learn about the game of disc golf and with narrow fairways and plenty of obstacles it also provides a challenge to the veteran disc golfer.

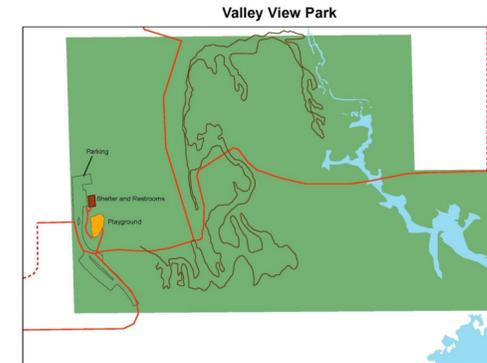
The City teamed up with local businesses that sponsored the course on a per-hole basis; the sponsors' logos can be seen on each of the nine tee signs placed at the start of each hole.

Disc Golf is a very popular sport that is affordable and easy to learn and thus provides entertainment and exercise for people of all ages. Many will play for fun and others could find a lifelong hobby in disc golf.

Involvement from the community is a main factor in maintaining and utilizing the course, and also in preventing vandalism. We welcome everyone to come out and try disc golf at least once; it is a great leisure sport and is also very fun when played competitively.

Visit the City's website, www.cityofoakparkheights.com. You will find various photos of the course, along with a link to the PGDA disc golf course directory where you will see Brekke Park listed with all the other courses in the country.

4. VALLEY VIEW PARK



Valley View Park is one of Oak Park Heights' hidden treasures. Located on Osgood Avenue at the edge of the city limits, this park has a covered shelter building, picnic areas, playgrounds and a beautiful passive park area with trails, a prairie restoration area and wetlands to explore.

With 57 acres, Valley View Park is the largest park in the City of Oak Park Heights. Originally a farmstead, it was donated to the City of Oak Park Heights and became a park in the 1960s.

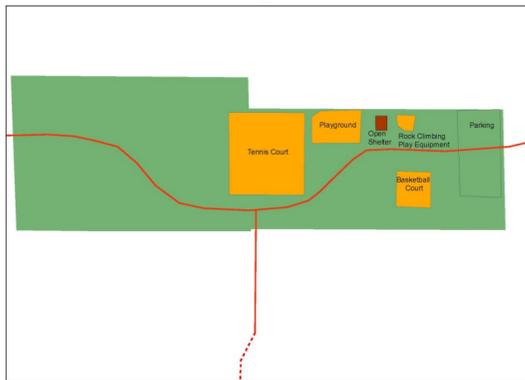
Walking Trail: The Valley View walking trail consists of two miles of paved surface which winds through the park, skirts the Xcel Energy ash landfill, goes through the village area of Oak Park Heights, and connects on the east end to the boardwalk over Perro Creek Pond. The trail and boardwalk were constructed in 2000 and are used by many area residents and visitors to the park.

Woodlands: Along the bluff grow upland tree species such as oak, hackberry, paper birch, elm, ash, cherry, and aspen. Ferns and wildflowers, as well as understory shrubs such as gooseberry and dogwood, grow under the trees. Also in the understory you may see an invasive woody plant with blue-black berries called European buckthorn. This large shrub or small tree was introduced to North America in the 1700s for landscape purposes. It escaped cultivation and now has invaded many of our woodlands in Minnesota, crowding out the native understory vegetation and preventing regeneration of overstory trees such as oaks. Management is difficult and involves pulling, cutting, and treating cut stumps with an herbicide. Future service projects in the park will involve removal of this unwanted plant.

Mountain Bike Trail: Valley View Park is the perfect setting for mountain biking! The Stillwater Area Scholastic Cycling Advocates (SASCA) built 3.1 miles of single-track mountain bike trails in the park. The trail features challenging descents and shorter climbs with three switchbacks per loop. Trees create a tight, twisty single-track experience with openings into prairie sections of tall grasses and meadows. The mountain bike trail officially opened in 2017.

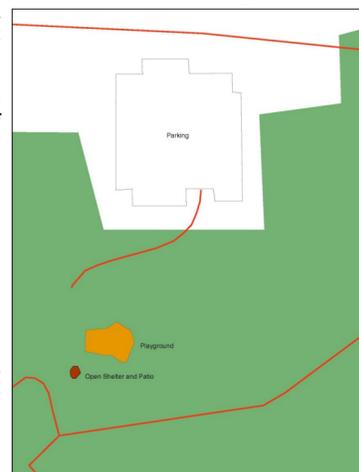
3. SWAGER PARK

Swager Park is located in the 5800 block of 58th Street tucked in between two neighborhoods. The park can be accessed off of Olene Avenue or by the footpath located at 57th and Oldfield Avenue. This park has tennis courts, a basketball court, a covered picnic shelter, and a playground.



5. OAK PARK CROSSING PARK

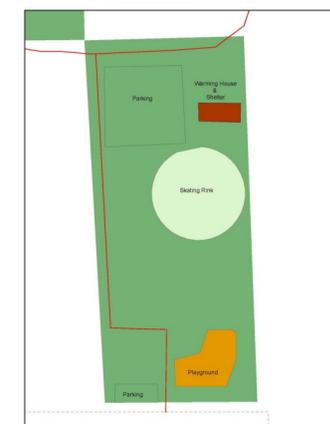
Oak Park Crossing Park is the City's newest park. It has a playground, park shelter, walking trails, prairie grasses, and plenty of parking. There is plenty of space in this 35+ acre park for more development. Plans include additional parking, possible ballfields, an additional shelter, and more fun amenities. This park was named by a resident through a park naming contest, and the grant opening/dedication ceremony was held in 2015.



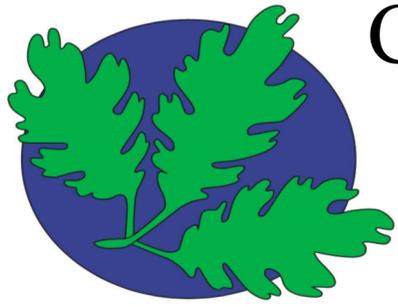
6. COVER PARK

Cover Park is in the 15000 block of 58th Street, in the village area of Oak Park Heights. It offers a lovely floral garden, playground area, and it is handicapped accessible. This is a great place to meet with family and friends.

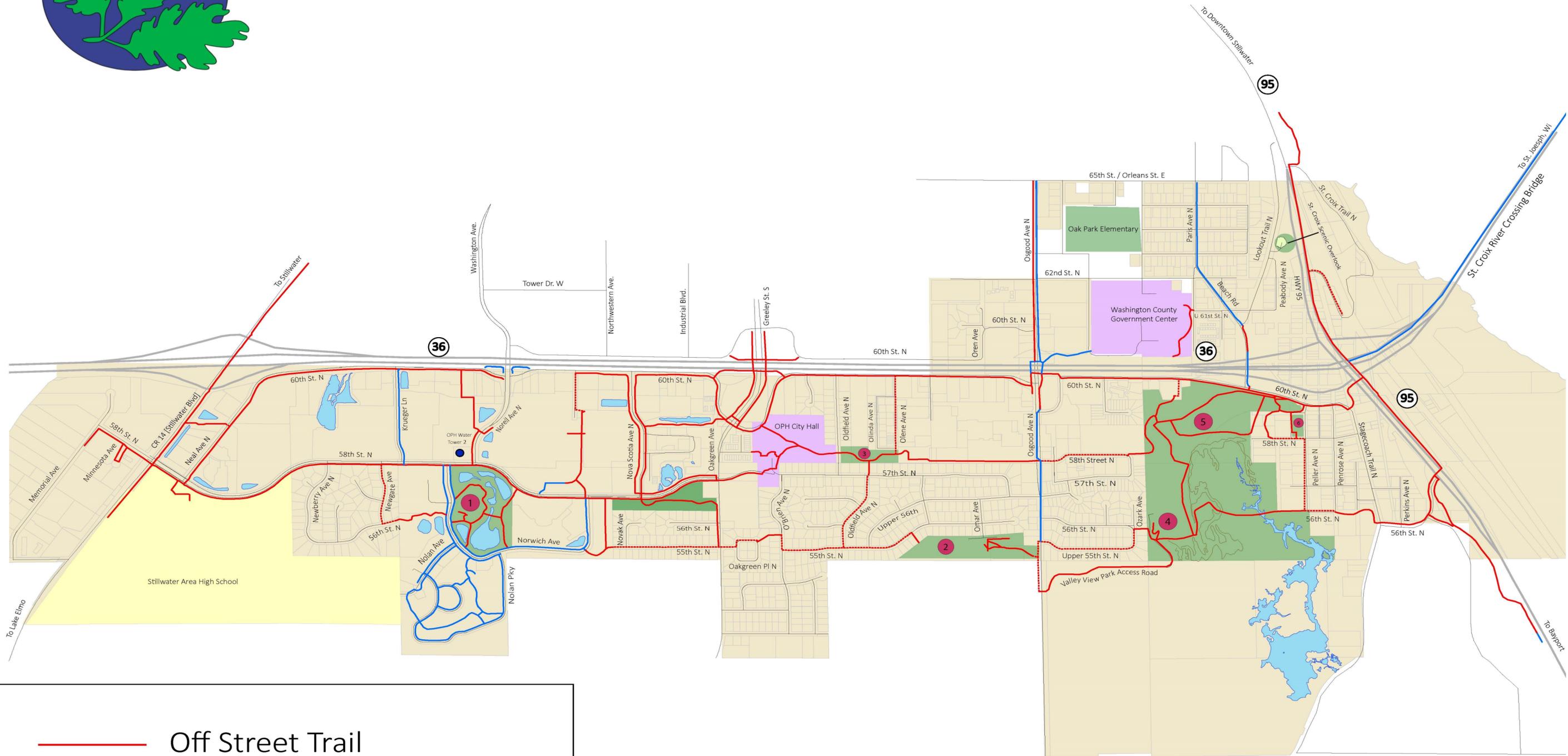
This park has tennis courts, a skating rink and playground equipment.



Off-Street Parking	Trail Access Parking	Playground	Tennis Court	Basketball Court	Shelter with Restrooms	Port-a-pots	Public Restrooms	Ice Rink	Baseball Diamond	Soccer Field	Drinking Fountains	
X	X	X			X		X				X	Autumn Hills Park
X	X	X	X	X								Swager Park
X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		Brekke Park
X	X	X			X							Valley View Park
X	X	X			X		X	X				Cover Park
		X		X								Oak Park Elementary
							X					County Government Center
X	X						X				X	City Hall
X			X	X					X	X		Stillwater Area High School
X	X	X				X						Oak Park Crossing Park



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