

Village of Oakfield

~ ideal community living ~

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Spring Election- April 2, 2024

Village Trustee: Al Kamenski
(vote for not more than 3) Jim Eckberg
Chris Cook

School Board: John Totz
(vote for not more than 2) Heidi Kopf



Fire Department Cash Raffle

The Oakfield Fire Department is kicking off their annual Cash Raffle. Proceeds from this year's raffle will be reserved for Personal Protective Gear and Firefighter equipment.



Tickets will be available starting in May at a cost of \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Top prize is \$1,000.00. Many cash prizes will be awarded. The drawing will take place on Thursday, September 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Oakfield Community Center. Winners do not need to be present to win.

If you are interested in making a donation to benefit this fundraiser, we would greatly appreciate your generosity and thank you for your past donations!

Thank You!

Spring Brat Frys!

The Oakfield Fire Department will hold a delicious brat fry at the fire station on Saturday, May 18th from 10-3.



The Ladies Fire Auxiliary will also be sponsoring a brat fry at Festival Foods on East Johnson Street in Fond du Lac on Saturday, April 27th from 10-5.



Stop by both weekends to support your fire department!

New water meters & utility bills

Starting in 2024 the Village will begin a four-year changeover to cellular read water meters. Tony from MCO will be calling to schedule the changes. The new meters will put individual water consumption data in the hands of property owners. More information will be provided in the future and during your meter changeout.

Utility bills will also have a new look as the office changes to a new billing software this year. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

No Burning of Yard Waste



Spring weather is already here and this is a friendly reminder that the village has a burning ordinance; residents may NOT dispose of waste by burning it in yards.

Yard waste ONLY may be brought to the village garage and put in the appropriate bins; there is no curbside collection.

Disposal of yard waste at the village garage is for use by VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY.






Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness

2024 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill

Thursday, April 11th, 2024

1:45pm and 6:45pm

Please reserve these times to discuss and practice your tornado and severe weather safety and sheltering plans.



What will happen:

- NOAA Weather Radio Weekly Test
- Some municipalities will sound sirens.
- Some TV/radio stations will briefly cut into programming
- Social Media Posts

What will NOT happen:

- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Push notifications on phones
- Test Watch/Warning

Sidewalk Repairs

Many uneven squares of sidewalk have been observed in the village. These spots will be marked by a village employee in the near future as needing repair and a program will begin this year to fix them. Per village ordinance 12.04.100 "the cost of sidewalks shall be charged to the property."

Options for repairs will be presented to all properties affected once the project gets underway. More information will follow when available.

2024 Oaks Booster Club

21st Annual

Golf Outing

Saturday
August 24, 2024

Prescription Drug Take Back



The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient & responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The Village of Oakfield drop box is located in the lobby of the community center building and is available whenever the building is open. Please dump all pills in a Ziploc bag; it is not necessary to keep them in their original bottles. Liquid bottles should be placed in Ziploc bags and sealed to reduce the potential for leaking.

This year's Take Back is Saturday, April 27th. Please have items in the drop box by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 26th.

Library News

It is going to be an exciting spring at the library! We are working to increase our outreach so that you do not miss any of our programs or events. If you or your business can support the library by helping advertise with flyers, please let us know.

Our ongoing coffee hour will continue each Wednesday at 1:30. Stitching Circle meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Children are welcome for story time each Tuesday morning.

We are looking forward to adding more fun events as we get into summer reading incentive programs and special events to keep everyone reading and entertained as well as informed. Summer planning is well underway, and we want to offer you a peek at just some of the fun events being planned as spring gets underway and we head into summer mode.

We encourage you to visit our website for specific dates and times on any activities, follow us on Facebook, or stop in and find out what's happening!

Some activities coming up include...

- Lego Club - 4th Wednesday of each month. All ages.
- Family game nights
- Crochet Circle - grades 3-6
- Mellow out - meditation jars, sleep mist & more- for tweens.
- Escape Rooms- for teens & tweens
- Stay & play - socialization and play for the littlest library visitors.
- Guided assistance with Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy and more digital resources - by appt.
- Scavenger hunts - in library, around town, and on social media.
- Touch-a-Truck
- Birds of Prey presentation
- Speed Puzzling competition - older teens/adults
- Celebrate Earth Day - all ages
- Neighborhood Forest Tree Distribution
- Mommy & Me painting - 3 years to Pre-K
- DIY crafts - mug cakes, friendship bracelets, upcycled planter, journals & more- for tweens & teens.
- Adult Crafting - monthly. Required fee & registration

We will be adding some fun imagination stations to our children's area for the summer months as well.

We will offer community service options for teens throughout the summer, assisting staff with various projects. Some of these may include:

- Childrens room cleanup
- Reading buddies
- Teen Advisory Board
- Book or movie reviews
- Birthday bags
- Story time kits



*Earn community service hours and accreditation. Community service is **highly** recommended for college or job applications. If you are interested in learning more, please stop in for information.

A complete summer activity calendar will be available around mid-May as dates and performers are finalized. Pick up a copy or visit us online. If you have ideas or talents to share, let us know! Other ways to be involved and support your library include donations of new or used books and materials, volunteering, or becoming an official "Friend" through our Friends of the Library group.

Reminder of our homebound delivery service...we offer delivery and pick up service to residents who are physically unable to come to the library due to illness, age, or disability. If you are interested in applying for our homebound program, referring someone, or would like to learn more, please contact us.

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday 1-7 p.m. Tuesday & Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.oakfieldlibrary.org 920-583-4552

Ordinances

6.04.010 Keeping of animals and fowl

A. No more than three dogs, three cats or a combination of three dogs and cats shall be kept on any premises without the approval of the village board.

B. No person shall keep, harbor, or raise at any one time more than six rabbits of any age.

C. No person shall keep, harbor, or raise any poisonous snake.

D. The species...may not be kept by any person within the village limits...

1. Livestock, including all cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats and swine.

2. All mink, foxes, skunks, raccoons, ducks, geese, and bees or other wild animals.

6.04.020 Animal waste and removal

A. No person shall allow or permit any animal owned by the person or under the person's control to defecate or urinate upon the private property of another without the consent of such other property owner.

B. The owner and person in charge of any...animal shall not permit fecal matter...on any street, alley, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other public property or on any private property, unless...immediately removed...

8.28.020 Public Nuisance Prohibited

A. A public nuisance is a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length time as to:

4. ...interfere with, obstruct, or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for any passage any street...or other public way or the use of public property.

B. 7. All animals running at large.

D. Public nuisances affecting peace and safety

4. All trees, hedges...or other obstructions which prevent persons driving...from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk;

5. All limbs of trees which project over and less than seven (7) feet above the surface of a public sidewalk or street...;

9. All loud and unnecessary noises.

c. ...No person shall do construction work or operate any chain saw, lawn mower or any other loud machinery...between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except for snow removal and emergencies...

10. The keeping or harboring of any animal...which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking...or making of other noises shall greatly annoy or disturb a neighborhood or considerable number of persons...

8.28.24 Storing junked, discarded material.

No person shall, for more than 72 hours, store junked or discarded property including automobiles, automobile parts, trucks, tractors, boats...or other unsightly debris...except in an enclosure which houses such property from public view...

13.08.040 (L) Connection to stormwater and groundwater drains

1. No person shall allow the discharge...into any sanitary sewer, any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff... if no storm sewer is available, in no event shall any such waters be discharged into any sanitary sewer.

2. All sump pumps installed for...discharging clear water...shall discharge into a storm sewer, and, if no storm sewer is available, shall discharge into an underground conduit leading to a drainage ditch, drywell or onto the ground at a point which is not less than three feet from the building and is above permanent grade. **No sump pump is allowed to flow on or across a public sidewalk.**

**All Village Ordinances are posted on the
Village website!**

Village Officials

Dan Redman, President.....920-583-3495
Jim Eckberg, Trustee.....920-527-8644
Jody Marcoe, Trustee.....920-517-0500
Julie Henke-Franke, Trustee.....920-583-3476
Chris Cook, Trustee.....920-375-0839
Al Kamenski, Trustee.....414-313-6537
John Cedar, Trustee.....920-948-3776

Helpful Phone Numbers

Clerk/Treasurer, Miriam Thomas.....920-583-4400
Police Dept, Chief Schuster.....920-517-1570
Fire Dept, Chief Kevin Baker.....920-583-2511
Building Inspector, Rob Froh.....920-382-6202
Public Works, Earl Norenberg.....920-948-7007
Public Library.....920-583-4552

Oakfield Police Department

Police cell: 920-517-1570

Chief Renee Schuster:

rschuster@villageofoakfield.com

Fond du Lac County Non-Emergency: 920-929-3390

If the matter is an emergency, call 911. If you want to speak with an Oakfield Officer, call the phone number above and leave a message. When an officer is on duty they will return your call as soon as possible. If you need to speak with an officer right away, call the Fond du Lac non-emergency number above.



2024 Dog Licenses

Village ordinance 6.08.020 and Wisconsin Statute 174.05 require you to license your dog(s) by April 1st of each year. Dogs must be at least 5 months of age and have a current rabies vaccination. Licenses purchased after April 1st will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. For dogs that become 5 months of age during the year or for newly acquired dogs, you are required to purchase a license within 30 days of acquiring such animal (late fee does not apply). **The law also applies to renters.**

Licenses can be applied for at the Village Office. Please include a SASE if you would like your license mailed to you.

Fees are as follows:

Spayed/Neutered \$5.00

Unaltered Dogs \$10.00



Save the Date!

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**Celebrate
Oakfield**

AUGUST 10TH, 2024

OAKFIELD VILLAGE PARK

Problems with trash or recycling cans?

Please call GFL at 920-387-0987 if you have any issue with your trash or recycling containers; the Village no longer fields calls for resident collection containers.



Park & Community Center Rental Information

The shelters at the Village Park, located at North Second and East Church Streets, Acorn Park, off of South Main Street and Filby Street, and the Community Center room at 130 N. Main Street are all available to rent for a fee. All facilities are rented on a first come, first serve basis.

Call the Village Office at 920-583-4400 to reserve the spaces and/or for questions.

Water & Sewer bills enclosed

Payments are due by April 30, 2024. Late charges are applied to unpaid bills on May 5th.

**Please take a moment to verify your phone number, PO Box number (if applicable) and any other relevant information so we may keep your profile up to date. Mark any changes on your payment stub.

Pay your bill online! - See the village website homepage for more info (scroll to the very bottom of the page & click on the Point & Pay logo). Third party fees do apply.



History Corner

submitted by Owen Stoppleworth

History of the Burns Brothers Drug Store



In 1878, Dr. Jay William Burns and his brother, Thomas Burns Sr., purchased a drug store formerly owned by John Allen Steen on the corner of Main and Booth Streets. It is believed Steen had built this drug store. Before operating the store, Dr. Burns attended and graduated Rush Medical University of Chicago and worked in Oakfield with Dr. William Moore from 1872 to 1876. The Burns Bros Drug Store sold medicine, paints, and other confectionery items. Dr. Burns was one of the first men to be born in Oakfield in 1845. Additionally, Dr. Burns was a physician and surgeon for Oakfield and the surrounding areas. In the early 1900s, the drug store was known for selling many of the Oakfield postcards often stamped "Burns Bros. Druggists" in the bottom corner. The early post office and telephone office were also housed in this building as it was convenient for travelers arriving at the train station down the road to walk there. After graduating from Madison, Dr. J.W. Burns' son, Walter, worked at the store. Dr. J.W. Burns retired in 1914 and moved to Minnesota, leaving the business with his son, Walter, and brother Thomas. Thomas Burns Jr. returned from out west to help out at the store after Walter passed away at a young age in 1918. Eventually, Thomas became the sole owner and he sold the building on October 17th, 1934 to Mr. McKnight after 60 years in the Burns name. The building would continue as a drug store and a food store for years until being converted to apartments in the 1970s which remain today.



Open Book & Board of Review

Open Book:

Monday, May 6, 9am – 11am

@ Oakfield Community Center

Board of Review:

Wednesday, May 22, 5pm - 7pm

@ Oakfield Community Center

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Planning for the treatment plant upgrade continues. The preliminary site design is expected to be completed within the next month. Another public informational meeting will be scheduled this spring; please watch bulletin boards and social media for info once it is scheduled. The Village continues to seek funding opportunities to offset the cost of the project.