

Important Information



Park Permits

If you are planning an event in a park in Oak Park, you may need to secure a park permit in order to proceed with your event. Certain activities that require a permit include, but are not limited to:

- gatherings/events with 10 or more participants
- professional filming or photography
- use of any amplified sound, including microphones or radios
- bringing outside equipment into a park
- food or merchandise sales or sampling
- events requiring a specific location within a park

To apply for a permit or determine if your activity requires a permit, please visit www.oakparkparks.com/parkpermits.htm. Fill out the appropriate permit request and submit it to the Park District at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed activity.

Join the GREEN TEAM

If you are interested in helping to care for a local park, we need you for the Park District Green Team, an initiative of the Park District's newly organized Greening Advisory Committee. Green Team members, under the guidance of volunteer park stewards, will donate a few hours per month to monitor and maintain biodiverse areas, monitor trees, remove invasive species from naturalized areas and help ensure green operations on all of our park lands while improving the overall quality of our parks. Interested steward candidates should have a working knowledge of or interest in horticultural practices which might include gardening, prairie restoration and perennial plant and tree care. For more details contact Henrietta Yardley at 708.725.2450 or henriettay@oakparkparks.com. Applications are available at www.oakparkparks.com.



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Facility Rentals Information

The Park District of Oak Park offers a variety of venues for your special occasions. Among them are Cheney Mansion, Historic Pleasant Home and the Oak Park Conservatory, which are unique historic properties well-suited for weddings, showers and corporate functions. Our recreation centers, located throughout the community, are great settings for birthday parties, showers and other family gatherings. Please use the contact information below for more information on specific facility rentals. For information on renting outdoor spaces, please see Park Permits at right.

Cheney Mansion

Linda Peterson (708) 383-2612

Historic Pleasant Home

Georgia Braun (708) 383-2654

Oak Park Conservatory

Henrietta Yardley (708) 725-2450

Ridgeland Common

Jenny Berni (708) 725-2301

Ice Arena (in season)

Trina Hartzog (708) 848-9661 ext. 2519

Birthday Parties/Comstock Room

Active Sport Area & 49 Lake Teen Center

Ezohn Smith (708) 725-2110

Community Centers

Rental Hotline (708) 725-2722

Andersen Center Field Center

Barrie Center Fox Center

Carroll Center Longfellow Center

Stevenson Center

Rental Requests for the community centers must be made a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the rental date.

Special Sport Facilities

Please note that the Sport Courts at Barrie, Longfellow and Stevenson Parks may be closed due to inclement weather, special events, program classes or for facility rentals. For the status of these special facilities, please contact the centers directly: Barrie Center (708) 383-6905, Longfellow Center at (708) 383-6909 or Stevenson Center (708) 383-6910.

Active Sport Area (ASA) at Stevenson Center

Closed for season, open again in spring 2010.

Weather permitting, the ASA will open for the 2010 season on Saturday, March 6. Located at Stevenson, Park, the Active Sport Area (ASA) features a 12,000 sq ft skate park and 3 half-court basketball courts. The ASA is free to the public. Helmets must be worn at all times in the skate park.

Spring Hours:
M-Tu: 3:30-8pm
W: 3:30-6pm
Th-F: 3:30-8pm
Sa-Su: 12-8pm

Spring Break Hours:
M-F: 2-8pm:
Sa-Su: 12-8pm

Barrie Park Sport Courts Closed for season, open again in spring 2010

The Barrie Park Sport Courts are a self contained area at Barrie Center with a unique all-weather surface designed to facilitate various sports (basketball, volleyball, tennis and in-line hockey). Look for details on the spring schedule in the next Park District brochure!

Longfellow Center Basketball Courts

Closed for season, open again in spring 2010.

Weather permitting, the Longfellow Center Basketball courts will open Monday, March 29. Check out Spring Break Basketball Camp for youth on page 39!



Important Information

Dogs in Our Parks

For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds but are allowed in our parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet at all times. Another alternative for your four-legged friend is to purchase a permit for the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located at Ridgeland Common Park. (see information below).

Dog Park & Dog Park Plus

Permit Required for access - limited permits available

Our four-legged canine friends have a designated place to run, roll around, meet new friends and even catch a ball or Frisbee here at the Park District of Oak Park. Opened in January 2006, the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located in Ridgeland Common Park, offers Oak Park dog owners the opportunity to bring their dogs to an open space and allow them to exercise off-leash. The Dog Park is a dedicated dog off-leash area located in the southeast corner of Ridgeland Common Park, in an area that covers approximately 8,700 square feet. Dog Park Plus encompasses the Dog Park as well as the fenced-in area of Ridgeland Common including the two ball fields and the sled hill. This is a multi-use area and is only available for off-leash exercise during select hours.

Dog Park Hours:

Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

Dog Park Plus Hours:

Nov 1 - Mar 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 7-9am

Apr 1 - Oct 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 6-8am

2009-2010 Permits

Valid August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010

On sale beginning August 1, 2009. The cost for a permit is \$40 for the first dog registered, and \$5 for each additional dog thereafter, with a limit of three dogs per household (in keeping with Village restrictions on dog ownership). Permits are valid for one year from August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010. See "How To Obtain A Permit" below for more information.

How To Obtain A Permit

Permits are available for purchase by Oak Park residents only and must be purchased IN-PERSON ONLY at Ridgeland Common, located at 415 W. Lake Street in Oak Park (office hours 9am-5pm M-F, and Sa from 9am-Noon).

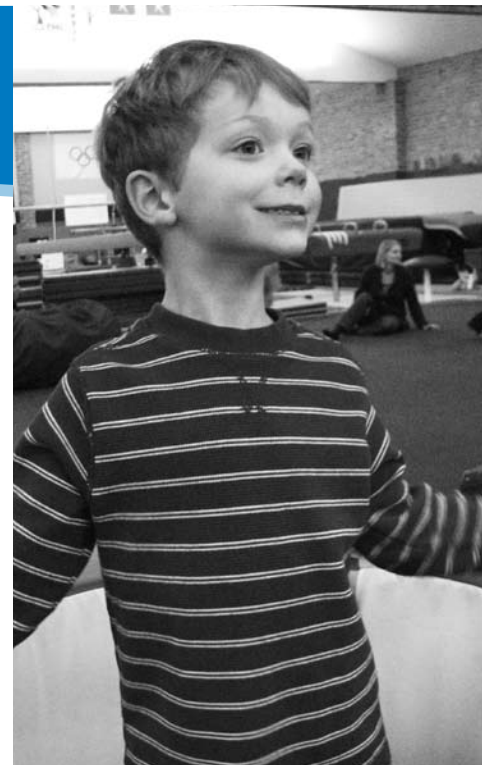
Requirements for Permit

Owners must provide a valid village dog license receipt, including the license number, and proof of current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, kennel cough/bordetella, para-influenza and parvovirus, as well as proof of a fecal test for internal parasites.

Please Note

Periodic monitoring and surveillance of the Dog Park/ Dog Park Plus will be conducted by the Village of Oak Park Animal Control Officer and the Village of Oak Park Police. Dog owners not complying with posted Dog Park/Dog Park Plus rules will be subject to fines of up to \$1,000.

Questions on Dog Permits? Please call (708) 848-9661 M-Sa, 9am-5pm.



Say Cheese!

Photos and videos are periodically taken of people participating in Park District programs and activities. All persons registering for Park District programs/activities, or using Park District property thereby agrees that any photograph or videotape taken by the Park District may be used by the Park District for promotional purposes including its electronic media, videotapes, brochures, flyers and other publications without additional, prior notice or permission and without compensation to the participant.

No Smoking

According to Park District Ordinance 7.22, no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other tobacco products) is allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

No Bike Riding

No person 15 years of age or older may ride a bike within any park property. This revised rule was adopted by the Park Board of Commissioners with the safety of all park patrons in mind. This ordinance mirrors the Village of Oak Park ordinance regarding bicycles on sidewalks.

No private tennis lessons allowed on Park District tennis courts at any time.

According to Park District Ordinance, no person shall conduct any private instruction, lesson, or class in any Park Facility at any time except as previously approved by the Park District.



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