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Employees at PPG in Oak Creek work with a state-of-the-art robotic sprayer that is housed in the liquid coatings application development center the global company added last year to its local plant. *Photo by Saturn Lounge Photography*

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Message from Dr. Mark Felsheim: Preparing Students for 21st Century Jobs

It's a brand new year – and MATC stands ready to help its students be successful in their chosen fields. The college takes its mission very seriously to enable its students to acquire occupational skills, job training and retraining, and to help them keep current with the demands of the workplace. To ensure success, our Oak Creek Campus partners with many of the City's local manufacturers to meet student training needs and to help them understand the prosperous career opportunities available in 21st century manufacturing.



For example, our annual Heavy Metal Tour allows high school students to experience welding, CNC machining and other manufacturing skills – and visit with potential local employers. Plus, the Oak Creek Campus Energy Conservation and Advanced Manufacturing (ECAM) Center is highly regarded regionally for its high-skill training.

Additionally, our Oak Creek Campus is the location for MATC's protective services programs, including law enforcement, fire science, EMS and the new paramedic program. Our protective services training facilities are also used by local/regional police and fire/EMS departments as well as federal agencies like the FBI and even military units. These training facilities allow high school students to experience what it's like to be a police officer, firefighter, and/or EMT/paramedic.

As an Oak Creek resident, I'm proud of the relationships our college has with the Oak Creek community, and the pride our employees take in providing exceptional service to our current and prospective students. Our Welcome Center offers a wealth of information and houses all student services in one location, including registration, financial aid, advising and more. Please stop by anytime for a personal tour and to find out more. And you can always ask for me by name!

– **Dr. Mark Felsheim, Vice President-MATC Oak Creek Campus**

P.S.: Read more about one of Oak Creek's great manufacturing companies, PPG, on page 24. And find out more about the MATC Oak Creek campus on page 26.



Emerald Preserve is located in the Drexel Town Square area.

MAIN STREET REKINDLES TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES

Prior to the development of Drexel Town Square, the City of Oak Creek lacked a traditional Main Street, the iconic component that defines a primary retail street of a village, town or small city. A focal point for shops and retailers in the central business district, in America the term “Main Street” typically refers to a place of traditional values.

Today, those values are evident as Oak Creek’s Main Street sparkles with a variety of restaurants and other retailers. Main Street is also the address for occupants of the Forge & Flare luxury apartments. Most importantly, perhaps, as you look south from Main Street, the City’s Civic Center, which includes City Hall and the Public Library, commands the view.

While the two Forge & Flare apartment developments on either side of Main Street provide comfortable living space for occupants, retailers on the street level offer a variety of dining options and other services (see page 6).

Beyond Main Street, Drexel Town Square also features Emerald Row luxury apartments west of the Civic Center, other dining options, Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin Health Center (under construction), Meijer food and general merchandise, Marriott Towneplace Suites (under construction), a wetlands park with walking trails, and more.

From a brownfield that was vacant for many years to today’s bustling 85-acre, mixed-use development, Drexel Town Square is a successful model for other urban developers to emulate. Transforming a former industrial site into a location where people live, work, dine, shop and more revitalizes not only the site but the surrounding area.

The foundation for Drexel Town Square started with an agreement between the City and We Energies, the utility subsidiary of WEC Energy Group, which has operated a power plant in Oak Creek since the 1950s. When the company needed to add more generation to meet growing demand in the region, it launched a plan to construct new generating units and retire older, less

efficient units. The plan also included environmental upgrades at its existing units, as well as the addition of renewable energy to its operating portfolio.

From 2000 to 2003, company officials worked with Oak Creek elected officials and staff to reach a mutually beneficial agreement for the addition of two new generating units at the Oak Creek site. The units adopted the latest technology for efficient and environmentally responsible operation.

The agreement inked by the City of Oak Creek and WEC Energy Group called for the company to invest \$20 million in the City. The \$20 million came from WEC shareholders, not We Energies customers. The investment in the City included development of Drexel Town Square, OakView Business Park at Oakwood and Howell Avenues, and the preparation of a site for development on the lakefront between the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District plant on the north and the Oak Creek power plant on the south.

Wispark and its development partners have transformed the 85-acre site into a place to live, dine, shop and conduct

business. “Our joint efforts led to the creation of a mutually beneficial public/private partnership to eliminate blight, create tax base and generate thousands of jobs,” says Wispark President Jerry Franke of Drexel Town Square’s success.

None of this would have been possible without a focused team. Each entity brought the highest levels of expertise and integrity to the project, to bring the shared vision of the City and Wispark, to fruition. The development partners included:

- **City of Oak Creek** In a true public/private partnership, the City helped to bring focus to the project, engaging residents for input and participating in joint planning to ensure optimal outcomes.
- **Zilber Ltd.’s Zilber Property Group** Responsible for master planning, working with real estate brokers, gaining commitments for the sale of various parcels within the site and securing approvals from a variety of governing agencies.
- **Zilber Ltd.’s KM Development Corp.** Served as general contractor for all “horizontal” infrastructure work such as site grading, paving, landscaping, etc.
- **Rinka Chung Architecture** Served as the master site planner to maximize the space and ensure the best visual appeal. Also designed the Town Square as well as the two Forge & Flare apartment developments including the retail buildings on the ground floor of Forge & Flare’s buildings.
- **Graef** Provided civil engineering expertise for the installation of utilities, roadways, wetlands, and the Emerald Preserve park and its walking trails.
- **Mid-America Real Estate Group** Serving as the marketing and leasing agent for all retail parcels, including the Main Street retailers.
- **Ramboll Environ** Provided guidance and expertise on how to address any environmental issues at the site in the early stages of the project, to transform it from a brownfield to a thriving, mixed-use development.
- **WiRED Properties and Phelan Development** Developed and marketed the Main Street properties as well as the parcels north of Main Street. Also developed and marketed Forge & Flare luxury apartments.
- **Barrett Visionary Development** Developed and marketed the Emerald Row luxury apartments.

With construction underway for some of the remaining large developments at the site – the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin Health Center along Drexel Avenue and Marriott Towneplace Suites hotel east of the Civic Center – the dream to transform the once vacant site at Drexel and Howell is now a reality. The future is indeed bright for Oak Creek.



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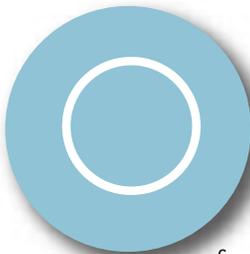
Welcome New Oak Creek Businesses!

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Pizza Man is now open at Drexel Town Square.

PIZZA MAN OPENS AT DREXEL TOWN SQUARE



Oak Creek's newest restaurant, Pizza Man, opened for business in December in the Flare building along Main Street at Drexel Town Square. The third Milwaukee area location for the iconic restaurant chain features a Rinka Chung Architecture design and seating for 150 diners in the winter (with an additional 100 seats available during the warmer months on a patio that will be adjacent to the public square). Pizza Man is located along the northern edge of the public square at the intersection of Main Street and Town Square Way.

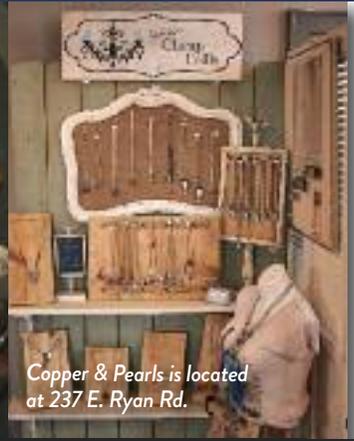
The restaurant's interior decor features reclaimed barn wood, wine bottle chandeliers, distinctive booths and a large wine bar, in addition to a private dining room that can be rented for special occasions. Pizza Man serves specialty thin-crust and deep-dish pizzas, pasta dishes, and has an extensive selection of wine and Wisconsin craft beers. One of the unique things you'll find in the restaurant is a large mural of the original restaurant location on the corner of North and Oakland Avenues in Milwaukee, that was destroyed by fire in 2010.

"Pizza Man Oak Creek is our newest home for the expansion of our restaurants," says Scott Lurie, restaurant manager. "Established on the east side of Milwaukee, our goal is to bring excellent food and a scratch kitchen to Drexel Town Square and Oak Creek. We're excited to be part of a community that shares our values, and we look forward to sharing memories, milestones and celebrations for years to come," Lurie adds, highlighting the restaurant's philosophy.

The Forge & Flare buildings are a WiRED Property Development, featuring other eateries such as Bel Air Cantina, The Chocolate Factory and GiGi's Cupcakes; retailers Performance Running Outfitters and MoDE; and services such as Forward Dental, Roots Salon, Martinizing Green Cleaning and Ly Ly Nails and Spa. The buildings frame Oak Creek's new Main Street, beginning at Drexel Avenue south to the public square with the 92-ft.-tall Oak Creek Civic Center clock tower as a backdrop. Many community events will be scheduled in the square throughout 2017.

Pizza Man is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and until 9 p.m. on Sunday. Reservations are accepted for groups of seven or more, and there is a large private area available for rental. Visit pizzaman.com.

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Gigi's Cupcakes is located in the Flare building at Drexel Town Square.

CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN MAPS THE FUTURE



The City of Oak Creek is creating a strategic plan that will identify the key issues the City needs to address in order to ensure its fiscal health, as well as implementing strategies to accomplish the community's goals. Oak Creek has undergone significant expansion since 1989, when the City's last strategic plan was prepared and adopted. Having met the objectives outlined in the original plan, City leadership has decided that a new strategic plan is needed in order to position itself for future competitive advantage and opportunity.

The strategic planning process involves articulating a clear vision and mission for the organization, establishing goals and identifying priority strategies, and creating implementation plans. The City of Oak Creek's Strategic Plan is intended to further define the Mayor and Common Council's vision for the community, and to identify the specific initiatives that will help accomplish that vision.

The process of developing a strategic plan explores three specific questions:

1. What do we know to be true today? Where are we?
2. What do we hope will be true in the future? Where do we want to go?
3. What must go well in order to make it so? How do we get there?

In this way, the City of Oak Creek's strategic plan is a road map to move the community towards its intended vision using fundamental management tools that will help the organization improve its delivery of services to the community.

To date, significant progress has been made on establishing a framework for the new strategic plan. Comprised of City staff and an at-large community representative, a strategic planning team has worked with Novak Consulting Group to explore the three fundamental questions above. The team developed an environmental scan that included data on trends in local, regional and national demographics, as well as historical data about the government



STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK

Vision:
What we want to be.

Mission:
Why we exist.

Values:
What we believe in.

Critical Success Factors:
What we must get right in order to achieve our vision.

Vision

Oak Creek: A dynamic regional leader, connected to our community, driving the future of the south shore.

Mission

*We are a dedicated organization providing high-quality services that positively **IMPACT** Oak Creek residents, businesses, and visitors.*

Values

- Integrity*
- Mutual Respect*
- Professional*
- Accountable*
- Commitment*
- Teamwork*

Critical Success Factors

-  *Safe, Welcoming and Engaged Community*
-  *Proactive Leadership*
-  *Inspired and Aligned City Government*
-  *Vibrant and Diverse Cultural Opportunities*
-  *Thoughtful Development and Prosperous Economy*
-  *Quality Infrastructure, Amenities and Service*
-  *Financial Stability*

K-9 PROGRAM INDISPENSABLE TO OAK CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Oak Creek Police Department takes pride in providing the community the highest-quality law enforcement services available. All officers receive comprehensive training so that they can effectively deal with any situation or emergency, and this includes the two four-legged members of the force, K-9 Nox and K-9 Stanley.

Oak Creek's K-9 program began in 1994, when the department acquired K-9 Putz from the South Milwaukee Police Department. He joined Officer Jim Antisdal on the streets as a patrol dog. A year later, narcotics dog Pasha joined the department and handler Officer Mike Berglund. Pasha, and the six dogs that have been a part of the Oak Creek Police Department since, have all come from Southern Police Canine in North Carolina.

Began	Name	Handler	Retired
1994	K-9 Putz	Officer Jim Antisdal	1996
1995	K-9 Pasha	Officer Mike Berglund	1999
1997	K-9 Ringo	Officer Steve York	2005
1998	K-9 Bear	Officer Brett Mendola	2005
2005	K-9 Kuno	Officer Paul Hernon	2013
2006	K-9 Bronco	Officer Mike Musa	2016
2013	K-9 Nox	Officer Dawn Hanizeski	ACTIVE
2016	K-9 Stanley	Officer Mike Musa	ACTIVE

Most of the dogs are some variation of Belgian Malinois (pronounced MAL-in-wah), sometimes mixed with German Shepard. Both breeds possess the physical capability and high intelligence that make them well-suited to police work, and are well-known for being extremely active, hardworking dogs.

The journey to become an Oak Creek Police K-9 begins early in the dog's life . . . and across the ocean in Europe, where the Southern Police Canine team evaluates each candidate for suitability. A thorough assessment of each dog's behavioral and physical traits is completed before the team makes the decision to purchase the canines and bring them back to the U.S. for training. Prior to meeting their handler, each dog receives 24 weeks of initial training. During this time, they work on obedience, agility and learning commands, as well as receive training in one or more areas of specialization. Oak Creek's K-9s are dual purpose, meaning they have been trained to do both patrol and narcotics work. Patrol functions include suspect apprehension, evidence and building searches, tracking and officer protection. Narcotics duty involves searching for a variety of drugs in vehicles, homes, schools and other facilities.

After initial training, the chosen departmental handler joins the K-9 in North Carolina for six weeks of training together before starting their partnership with the Oak Creek Police Department. However, that's only the start of their training. The handlers continue to train with their canines consistently for 12 to 16 hours per month for the rest of their career together. This training, done individually, as a unit and with other Milwaukee County K-9 units, prepares them for any situation they might find themselves in.

Most police K-9s join the department when they are between one-and-a-half and two-years old, and have an 8- to 10-year career. They live at home with their handlers, who are responsible for their 24-hour-a-day care, but they are not pets, nor are they treated as pets. Although handlers develop a strong bond with their canine partner, these dogs are treated as tools for the department. With their handlers, the dogs are used hundreds of times a year searching vehicles on traffic stops, helping look for lost children and searching buildings that have broken into, among other duties. When they are not fighting crime, the K-9s also perform demonstrations for schools, organizations and special events like the City's annual National Night Out celebration. There is a formal process to become a K-9 handler with the Oak Creek Police Department, but for most handlers, the dream begins long before the formal process begins.

K-9 NOX AND OFFICER HANIZESKI

Officer Dawn Hanizeski's love of animals began as a child, with dreams of becoming a zookeeper. Although her career path ultimately led her into law enforcement, her desire to work with animals persisted. As soon as she joined the Oak Creek Police Department in 2007, she set her sights on becoming a K-9 handler. That goal was met in 2013, when she became the handler of K-9 Nox. Building a solid relationship between officer and canine takes a lot of time and dedication, but Officer Hanizeski takes the challenge seriously. "I want Nox to be ready for any situation we might encounter, so I train him a lot," she notes.

All of that hard work has paid off. In their time together, Officer Hanizeski and K-9 Nox have found hundreds of drug stashes, tracked and located people that had fled from the police, and found evidence involved in crimes. Last year, during the execution of a search warrant, Nox indicated the smell of drugs in a house, even



Officer Dawn Hanizeski and her K-9 partner Nox.



Officer Mike Musa and his K-9 partner Stanley.

from behind a fence, 30 feet away. When an additional search warrant was issued for entry into the house, a marijuana grow operation was discovered in the basement. During another search warrant execution, Nox's expert nose also led Officer Hanizeski down a parking lot, straight to the storage locker that was the target of the investigation. Inside the storage unit was a very large amount of marijuana, marijuana wax and illegal mushrooms.

Their special relationship has taught Officer Hanizeski the value of extreme patience. "Some of our work and training can be very frustrating and challenging," she says. "I can't talk to Nox and ask him why he is doing something in particular. But he has taught me to be patient – to trust in our bond and his ability to do awesome things."

K-9 STANLEY AND OFFICER MUSA

Officer Mike Musa has the unique distinction of being the handler for two of the OCPD's K-9s, Bronco and Stanley. Three days after Bronco's retirement in March of 2016, Officer Musa began his training in North Carolina with Stanley. Bronco spends his retirement with Officer Musa and his family in their home after a successful 10-year career with the department. While he now has the run of the house, his former kennel is occupied by Stanley. Officer Musa explains that although the two dogs do spend some time together, they are generally kept apart. "They are both alpha males, after all," he says, "Besides, Stanley is a young dog, full of energy, and Bronco is older, with some hip problems. We don't want him to overdo it!"

When the alarm clock goes off in the morning, and Officer Musa gets dressed for work, Bronco springs into action, as if he's ready for another day at the Police Department. But his days now are spent playing with Musa's children as the family pet. K-9 Stanley now accompanies Officer Musa to work each day, a role they're both still getting used to. "Bronco understands commands in Slovak, and Stanley's are in Dutch, so there was a bit of a learning curve for me," explains Officer Musa. The dogs were deliberately taught commands in different languages, to avoid Musa accidentally summoning both dogs for a task.

The differences between the dogs do not end there. While Bronco possesses the looks and stature of a German Shepard, Stanley displays the more athletic build of a typical Malinois. And their personalities are also distinct. "You could always hear Bronco in the back of the cruiser. He would make some noise to let me know he was there," says Officer Musa. "Stanley is very quiet, but as soon as you open the door, he jumps out with a big burst of energy." Regardless of their differences, Officer Musa notes that they are both great workers.

The funds to purchase K-9 Stanley came from Milwaukee philanthropist Stanley Kass, who generously funded the purchase of 28 police dogs in Southeastern Wisconsin in memory of his late wife Lee. With the cost to purchase and train a police K-9 reaching \$16,000, this donation was significant to the department.

In the Oak Creek Police Department, the handler gets to name the dog. Bronco was named after Musa's favorite football team. But when it was time to name his new canine partner, the choice was obvious: Stanley was not only the first name of the generous man who paid for him, but also of Musa's grandfather. Mike Musa is grateful to be able to honor them both.

Stanley Kass passed away at the age of 83 in January. The small decal found on the side of Musa's police SUV reading "In Memory of Lee Kass" will soon be changed to reflect the addition of Stanley's namesake.

Although K-9 Stanley and K-9 Nox are hardworking dogs with a serious job to do, they have another role as members of the police family. The entire staff enjoys having the canines in the station, often greeting them with a friendly pat on the head. Despite the stresses of the job, Officer Musa credits his own happy demeanor to the fact he has a dog with him every day. "It's very therapeutic," he observes. The therapeutic benefits of animals are now widely recognized, and therapy dogs are commonly used to comfort people in hospitals, retirement and nursing homes, schools, and universities. Although not in their original job description, this added benefit that Stanley and Nox provide makes them an even more indispensable asset to the department.



K-9 dogs often perform demonstrations at special events such as National Night Out.

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ABOVE-GROUND WATER-STORAGE TANK PLANNED

For almost 45 years, the Oak Creek Water Utility used an underground water-storage tank, the industry standard at the time. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) set new standards for water utilities eight years ago, and after years of planning, the Utility awaits final permitting to begin the construction phase of an above-ground water-storage tank. This will include two different pump stations, and advanced disinfectant technology at the treatment plant, projected to cost \$25 million.

After numerous plan alternatives were considered, the Utility presented a construction plan with zero ratepayer increases. In fact, the plan saves millions of dollars by combining requirements into a single construction project.

The Utility has proposed adding ultraviolet disinfection technology to prevent cryptosporidium and other illness-causing elements from entering drinking water supplied to homes and businesses. "People remember the 1993 crypto outbreak when people in our area became ill and even died," Water Treatment Plant Manager Patrick Francis says. "Our water remained safe, demonstrating the value of our investments in delivering the highest-quality drinking water possible."

The DNR approved the Utility's original water quality improvement plan in June 2015. Utility staff continue to work with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to obtain a construction permit. "Securing PSC construction approval can be a lengthy process," Utility Engineer Ron Pritzlaff says. "But we're confident the PSC will agree with the value of providing safe drinking water."

"If you're going to invest in a project, it makes sense to ensure you're doing everything possible to prevent the need for costly remodeling and investment down the road," Utility General Manager Mike Sullivan says. "Our focus always centers on providing the safest, cleanest, most reliable water supply for consumers at reasonable rates."

Oak Creek is renowned for its water quality and is known as one of the nation's most forward-thinking utilities. The Utility always seeks new ways to improve, which is why it remains committed to participating in a quality improvement program known as the EPA Partnership for Safe Water program. Utility employees, in fact, produce the highest-quality drinking water possible, and this leads to drinking water that meets and exceeds all federal and state drinking water health standards.

Mike Sullivan highlighted the Utility's commitment to clean, safe drinking water. "Our approach, which has contributed to decades of recognition for water safety,



financial stewardship and transparency, has successfully served communities who depend on us for their water," Sullivan explains. The Utility has received annual recognition by an international accounting organization for the last 23 years, based on continuous strength of internal controls, and transparency of accounting and financial reporting procedures.

"For decades, we've met the highest standards of fiscal responsibility by opening our books and practices to outside agencies and independent auditors," Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Ed Siira says. "We always want to ensure ratepayers remain confident in our financial decisions."

To learn more about this project, please read a detailed project description at oak-creek.wi.us/wwwroot/WaterQualityImprovementProjectReport.pdf. You may also contact Utility General Manager Mike Sullivan at (414) 570-8210 or msullivan@water.oak-creek.wi.us.



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ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHELL FIELD MAKES BIG IMPACT ON COMMUNITY



Above top: The King and Queen enjoy a dance at a prior Senior Prom held at the Oak Creek Community Center.

Middle: The Mitchell Field Rotary Club provides college scholarships to graduating seniors. Here Tom Schoenecker presents a \$2,000 scholarship to Diana Nunez from Thomas More High School.

Bottom: Thanksgiving boxes are assembled to be donated to deserving families in the area.



The Rotary Club of Mitchell Field serves Oak Creek, Franklin, South Milwaukee, Cudahy, St. Francis and Bay View. It is a part of Rotary International, an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a secular organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender or political preference. There are 34,282 clubs worldwide with 1.2 million members. Rotary International was founded in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a Racine, Wis. native.

The Rotary Club of Mitchell Field meets at General Mitchell International Airport every Wednesday at noon for lunch. This specific Club has been in existence for 58 years and was one of the original donors to the construction of the Oak Creek Community Center. Dick Hay, a long-time Rotary Club member who served as the City of Oak Creek's engineer and served on the Board of Directors for the Community Center, was instrumental in garnering support for the Community Center from the Rotary Club.

The service projects for the Mitchell Field Rotary Club include delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to 60 deserving

families on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each and every year. This is a project that has taken place over the last 50 years. In recent years, the project has been supported and sponsored by Meijer food stores, which has been a generous corporate supporter of community activities. In addition, the Club sponsors an annual Christmas party with music by the Salvation Army Band and appearances by Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus and his elves for developmentally disabled adults who work at Goodwill Industries. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by Goodwill's clients.

The Rotary Club also conducts bell ringing for the Salvation Army on a Saturday in December and sponsors a senior citizen prom in the spring held at the Oak Creek Community Center. The prom includes a swing band, a luncheon for seniors and plenty of raffle items. Many seniors in the area look forward to the prom every year.

Rotary also provides college scholarships to graduating seniors in the service area. And it provides cash grants to many local organizations including the Salvation Army, Interfaith, Badger Girls, the Girl Scouts, Project Concern, Rawhide, local high school robotics teams and more.

In addition, the Club supports a number of international activities. In the past, it has sponsored Shelter Boxes for victims of natural disasters around the world. The Shelter Box typically contains a tent

designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive after a disaster. The contents of a Shelter Box are tailored to the nature and location of the disaster.

A major focus of Rotary International's efforts has been the eradication of polio, an effort that began in 1980. Polio has now been eradicated in all but a few regions in the world.

In 2008, Rotary received a \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and committed to raising \$100 million. In January 2009, Gates announced a second challenge grant of \$255 million and once again Rotary raised another \$100 million. In addition, the Rotary Club has supported Rotary International's efforts to provide clean water throughout the world.

Major fundraisers for the Rotary Club of Mitchell Field include an annual golf raffle. Last year's first prize was a foursome for golf at Pebble Beach Golf Course in California including airfare and hotel. Other prizes included a foursome at Erin Hills Golf Course, site of the 2017 U.S. Open, and park hopper passes at Disney World. Their second fundraiser is "Milwaukappella" held in January of each year at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. This day-long event includes workshops for high school acapella groups. In the evening, each of these groups performs on stage along with a professional acapella group. Rotary receives a portion of the ticket sales for the event which is underwritten by Landaas and Company.

The Rotary Club of Mitchell Field has made a significant impact on the communities that it serves. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Mark Felsheim, Club president, at (414) 571-4616 or stop by the Milwaukee Room at the airport for lunch at 12 noon on Wednesdays.



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CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Milwaukee Business Journal Municipal Executive of the Year Announced

Oak Creek Mayor Steve Scaffidi was recently named the 2016 Municipal Executive of the Year by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. The magazine awarded him this honor for his tireless efforts to attract new businesses, such as Ikea, to Oak Creek, and for his overall commitment to the advancement of the city he leads.



"I'm very proud of the work we've done in Oak Creek, and winning this award is an acknowledgement that we're now viewed as a city that sets an example, and leads the way," says Mayor Scaffidi. "I'm honored to be a part of

that story."

Dedication of Richard Bolender Plaza

On January 23, family and friends of the late Mayor Bolender met for the dedication ceremony of Richard Bolender Plaza, at the north entrance to the Oak Creek Civic Center.

The dedication plaque sums up Mayor Bolender's legacy: "His vision was to make Oak Creek an inviting city for all generations to visit and call home. This plaza



recognizes his tireless work and dedication to the City of Oak Creek, and embodies his commitment to make it a place where everyone is welcome."

We invite all who visit the Civic Center to check out this special place dedicated to the leader whose vision helped make the Civic Center and Drexel Town Square a reality.

CITY OF OAK CREEK LIBRARY NEWS

Library Summer Reading Program

Mark your calendars! The Oak Creek Public Library Summer Reading Program is right around the corner. Each year, libraries across the county celebrate the joy of reading with activities, reading programs and so much more during the summer months.

Oak Creek's annual reading program kicks off with a family celebration on Friday, June 16, from 4-7p.m. at the Civic Center.

Attendees of all ages can sign up for the summer reading club while enjoying refreshments, activities and entertainment by the magical duo Jester Fun.

Weekly summer reading activities for all ages begin the week of June 19 and run through July 27. For more information and to register for all the great programs offered at the Oak Creek Public Library, visit oakcreeklibrary.org or like the Library on Facebook at facebook.com/oakcreeklibrary.

Important Dates for Summer Reading @ the Library

May 17: Registration opens for Thursday World of Activities, Preschool Story Time and Teen Volunteer programs. These popular activity programs fill up fast, so be sure to register early.

June 11: Summer Reading begins!

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Library's Monday Movie Madness

Calling all movie lovers! Enjoy recent releases on the big screen each week at the Oak Creek Public Library's Monday Movie Matinees. Movies begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room. For more information and a complete listing of all scheduled movies (and ratings), visit oakcreeklibrary.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS AUXILIARY MEMBERS

The Oak Creek Police Department Auxiliary Officer Unit is looking to add a few qualified people to its team. The auxiliary unit is comprised of an all-volunteer force that assists the Oak Creek Police Department with many critical functions and events. This includes assisting with the operations of the Oak Creek Municipal Court, Lions Fest, holiday parades and festivities, and local sporting events.

Auxiliary officers receive police-style uniforms and training and must commit to attending monthly meetings at the Oak Creek Police

Department. Auxiliary officers are also required to commit to at least 25 hours of service per year. Successful applicants must interview with members of the OCPD Command Staff and pass a background investigation.

If you have a volunteer spirit and a desire to serve your community in a meaningful way, please contact Sergeant Ron Piojda at (414) 766-7636 and leave a message indicating your interest to join the unit. You can also visit the OCPD at the front desk of their main entrance (301 W. Ryan Road) to pick up an application.





OAK CREEK'S MILITARY HEROES HONORED WITH DREXEL TOWN SQUARE BANNERS



or the second year in a row, the City of Oak Creek will recognize its local men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces through its Military Banner Program. Banners that display the official military photo of a service person, as well as his or her name, rank and branch, will be located around the public square at Drexel Town Square this year to honor the military personnel that call

Oak Creek their hometown. City Clerk Catherine Roeske is spearheading the effort for the banners and noted that many residents of Oak Creek are currently serving in the military. In 2016, 10 local military hero banners were displayed, and after being taken down, they were officially presented to service personnel families at the Veteran's Day Remembrance ceremony held at Oak Creek Fire Station #3 on November 5.

Last year's featured local military heroes were:

- Second Lieutenant John Hammernik, U.S. Marine Corps
- Sergeant Andrew Job, U.S. Army
- Specialist Jordan Klauser, U.S. Army
- Corporal Kyle Kohnke, U.S. Air Force
- Senior Airman Jordan Kubenik, U.S. Air Force
- First Lieutenant Kyle Rau, U.S. Army
- Chief Master Sergeant Rodney Reyes, U.S. Air Force
- Private First Class David Runge, U.S. Army
- Specialist Christopher Schuerman, U.S. Army
- Airman Foster Sommers, U.S. Navy

“This is a tremendous way to honor our local heroes and to let them know that their community is supporting them back at home.”



Banners will be installed in the spring and hang throughout the year until the fall when they'll be taken down and presented to the honorees or their families. Measuring 45 x 18 inches, the banners are a wonderful addition to the public area at Drexel Town Square, and highlight the incredible sacrifice and bravery of our service men and women.

“This is a tremendous way to honor our local heroes and to let them know that their community is supporting them back at home,” says Mayor Steve Scaffidi.

If you or a family member would like to be considered for this year's banner program, please visit oakcreekwi.org/militarybanner to download an application, or contact City Clerk Catherine Roeske at (414) 766-7023 for more information. The deadline for consideration is March 31, 2017.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: OAK CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVING LIVES AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY



For more than 20 years, The Oak Creek Community Center in the heart of the City has been dedicated to improving lives, strengthening community and fostering civic engagement. It continually fulfills this three-fold objective through a variety of outstanding programs and services that truly add value to Oak Creek and surrounding communities. Distinct and original programming is the key to The Center's success in representing and serving the diverse population of the Oak Creek area.



For example, The Center and its professionally trained staff regularly open its doors to the community for business meetings, special events and milestone celebrations. Its 7,500+ sq. ft. of meeting room space and choice of catering options enable it to handle groups of 5 to 500. So it has become a popular venue for business events, weddings and receptions, showers and birthday parties, and more. And another feature is The Center's free onsite parking, with space for more than 150 cars.

The Center's beautiful meeting and banquet facilities are just a small part of its impressive story. Over the past 20+ years, since its founding in 1995, its services and programs have also served as valuable resources for community organizations at little to no cost. In 2016, for example, it made free meeting room space available to more than 40 local non-profit, church, school and civic groups. This perk was valued at more than \$120,000.



Serving food at the annual Thanksgiving dinner

According to Rick Duchniak, who retired after 17 years as executive director of The Center in January, The Center is

the base of operations for dozens of not-for-profit organizations. It provides meeting and program space for food pantries, after-school children's programs, military and military support groups, and health and wellness agencies (e.g., the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Foundation, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Wisconsin Blood Center). There is also an in-house Senior Center.

On the "programs" side, an estimated 15,000 people took part in The Center's free special events last year alone. These included an annual Thanksgiving dinner, annual community Christmas tree lighting, craft fairs, a summer concert series, movie nights, indoor and outdoor rummage sales, a bridal expo, and a senior citizen prom.

But perhaps one of the Center's most unique initiatives has been its "work-based learning program" for Oak Creek High School students with special needs. For the past 15 years, OCHS students have worked side by side with the Center's professional staff setting up for banquets, parties and events. Duties have included everything from stacking chairs, to folding napkins, to shining silverware, to vacuuming. For most, their work experiences at



Students with special needs benefit from the work-based learning program through Oak Creek High School.

The Center stages an annual, free concert series every summer.



Students with special needs get work training at The Center through an Oak Creek High School program.



The Center were their very first, and it enabled them to learn valuable skills helpful when seeking meaningful future employment.

According to Duchniak, "Working with the youth of our community was what I enjoyed the most and what really provided some of my fondest memories at The Center." Service groups such as the Oak Creek East Middle School Ambassadors, the Oak Creek High School National Honor Society and Renaissance Clubs were truly dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. "Their youthful energy and genuine willingness to help made every event at The Center a special one," he adds.

What is most amazing about The Center's wide array of special event and meeting offerings is the fact that The Center has been completely self funded from day one. It does not receive any local, state or federal dollars, except from grants. Monies raised from fundraising events, corporate and individual donations, and for-profit business/banquet/wedding services provide the revenue essential to The Center's mission of "improving lives and strengthening the community."

In sharing his final thoughts about The Center before his retirement, Duchniak says he is "honored to have had the opportunity to be part of this dynamic organization. And I am forever thankful to have worked with an incredibly committed staff and Board, and blessed by the strong support of our community." Duchniak intends to continue as a volunteer and as a member of the Board of Directors at The Center. He also hopes to put his business experience to work for the City of Oak Creek, either as an elected official or a member of one of its commissions/committees.

And as Rich Duchniak steps down as executive director, The Center welcomes Bryan Kwapil to this pivotal role. Kwapil has extensive experience working in the administration and management of a variety of non-profit organizations, including the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City, the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, and the Conner Prairie Museum in Indianapolis. He most recently served as director of guest experience at the Milwaukee Art Museum, where he oversaw food and

beverage services, catering, retail operations, security, and admissions and ticketing.

Kwapil admits he was immediately attracted to the position at The Center because of the emphasis on community involvement and audience engagement. "I have a strong interest in developing audience programming and creating collaborative programs with other organizations," he shares.

According to Kwapil, it's apparent that The Center is an integral part of the Oak Creek community – one with a long history of successfully serving the interests of this region. "Our Oak Creek community is continuing to grow at an astounding rate, and my task is to see that The Center grows along with it," he says. "And, while continuing the programs and services that have been so successful in the past, I look forward to working with staff to develop new service opportunities and new programs that respond to the diversity and the needs of the community," he adds.

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or decades, the City of Oak Creek has been known for its industrial and manufacturing businesses, with interests ranging from engineering to automotive, agriculture to food and beverages and electronics industries.

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PPG has operated in Greater Milwaukee for more than 100 years. The plant in Oak Creek opened 42 years ago and today has 500 permanent employees, 68 of whom are Oak Creek residents. The Midwest in general and Greater Milwaukee specifically are home to many Fortune 500 manufacturing companies (PPG is ranked #182 on the Fortune 500 list), such as Harley-Davidson, Johnson Controls and Rockwell Automation. Being located in Oak Creek therefore situates PPG well to serve many industrial customers, offering good transportation and logistics options.

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PPG has probably touched everyone's lives in the City, without us even knowing. And what an impact this company has made, not only for Oak Creek but for dozens of countries worldwide, with its fascinating collection of products. According to Regional Plant Manager Jack Marshall, "PPG is a great company, from our ethical business practices to our hard-working employees. With more than 100 years of experience manufacturing paints and coatings, we can offer customers a wide array of reliable products backed by extensive industry expertise," he says.

Community engagement plays an integral role in PPG's business philosophy. PPG and its PPG Foundation support many organizations, schools and projects in both Oak Creek and Greater Milwaukee. Local PPG employees help support schools where they have an interest through the foundation's Innovative Classroom Grants. Each of these grants provides up to \$1,000 for hands-on activities and teaching materials

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related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning in grades K-12, benefiting both students and teachers.

Other PPG Foundation grants have helped the Knights Construction program at Oak Creek High School (OCHS), where students build residential homes from groundbreaking to completion, and the OCHS



Regional Plant Manager Jack Marshall stands in front of a PPG corporate timeline at the Oak Creek facility.

Roundtable Robotics team. In addition, PPG has established community partnerships with the Betty Brinn Museum, Discovery World and the Milwaukee Zoo to facilitate unique learning opportunities for local students and visitors.

In 2016, PPG also provided paint, materials and volunteers through its COLORFUL COMMUNITIES™ initiative to beautify the exterior of Oak Creek's iconic American Legion Hall Post 434. And its most recent local community partnership is with All Hands Boatworks, a Milwaukee non-profit organization helping to inspire youth through a teamwork opportunity building wooden boats. After

completion, participants row their boats on local rivers for an amazing educational and outdoors-focused experience.

"At the Oak Creek plant and in general, PPG focuses on 'three Cs:' customers, co-workers and community," adds Marshall. "We collaborate with customers to innovate the best solutions for protecting and beautifying their products and properties; we respect our employees and encourage their personal growth; and we partner with our communities to benefit our families and neighbors," he explains. "Overall, our positive culture and results-oriented nature make PPG a good and stable corporate citizen in towns like Oak Creek where we operate, and we continue to see a bright future here."

"As Oak Creek continues to exhibit growth and increased vibrancy, it's a great location for recruiting employees from nearby cities," says Marshall. "The City has a strong commitment to its schools and community, and we look forward to seeing how Mayor Scaffidi realizes his promise of more to come."

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"I couldn't believe it when they told me I had the job," Jarob commented. "I broke down and wept. I always do my best. I tried my hardest, but I never thought I'd land this job. It's a dream job for me. I will never leave."

He has been featured by CBS News, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 10thirtysix on Milwaukee PBS, WUWM Radio and Travel + Leisure.

Jarob paid his MATC instructors, namely John Glembin, Mark Saxon (now retired) and the late Duane Manthei, the highest compliment. "I give my MATC instructors the most credit," Jarob says. "This wouldn't

be possible without everything they taught me. They were a tough group of instructors. When you messed up, they let you know. I appreciated that."

Read more about Jarob at matc.edu/matc_in_action/january2017.cfm

Free Tax Assistance Offered at Oak Creek Campus

Taxpayers with a family income of \$54,000 or less are eligible for free help preparing their basic personal income tax returns at MATC's Oak Creek Campus, 6665 S. Howell Ave. on Saturdays now through April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Go to Room A120 in the A Building. Taxpayers will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis.

MATC accounting students provide the service in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs. Volunteers are trained by the Internal Revenue Service and supervised by MATC instructors and staff. MATC's VITA sites are sponsored by Guaranty Bank.

All returns are e-filed to ensure speed and accuracy. Now in its 35th year at the Oak Creek Campus, the program heightens awareness of Wisconsin's Homestead Credit, federal and state education credits, and the Earned Income Credit, an often overlooked federal tax break for low-income working people who are raising children in their homes.

For more information, visit matc.edu/matc_news/2017_VITA_MATC.cfm

Above photo: MATC alumnus Jarob Ortiz shows the view of the Statue of Liberty from a window in the Isolation Ward at Ellis Island.

MATC and Milwaukee PBS Hosting
"What Matters Most:



Your Child's First Five Years" • Saturday, March 4

Milwaukee Area Technical College and Milwaukee PBS are presenting "What Matters Most: Your Child's First Five Years" on Saturday, March 4, from 1-3 p.m., in the C Building Auditorium on the Downtown Milwaukee Campus, 1036 N. 8th St. The event is designed to help parents of young children and family caregivers understand the vital role they play in a child's development.

Keynote speaker Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, an advocate for early literacy, early child development, and other health related topics and the director of the University of Wisconsin's Pediatric Early Literacy Projects, will be joined by other experts who will share information and answer questions.

MATC Receives Grants from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation

MATC received two grants totaling \$373,000 from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates to support college completion and student internships.

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Programs will benefit from the College Completion grant.

"By identifying programs where completion and retention gaps are most prevalent and proposing tried-and-true intervention strategies, we can help our students

attain success," says Dr. Richard Busalacchi, School of Business Dean.

Funds for the student internships grant will cover internship wages and other expenses so more students can gain valuable internship experience. Participating in internships increases the likelihood that student will graduate and find good jobs following graduation.

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Emerald Row is a brand new, 167-unit luxury multifamily project set on the westside of Oak Creek's new downtown, anchoring a major portion of the Drexel Town Square redevelopment located at Howell and Drexel Avenues. This project, developed by Barrett Lo

Visionary Development, was completed in August of last year. Designed by Milwaukee-based architecture firm, Rinka Chung, Emerald Row will pioneer apartment design for years to come with its distinctively urban styling and amenities.

The project consists of one-, two- and three- bedroom apartments, and features a concierge, clubroom area, fitness center, zero-entry swimming pool and three separate theater rooms. Leasing has been met with an unprecedented rate of demand, largely due to the fact that Oak Creek has not seen new multifamily construction in more than 20 years.

Emerald Row is approaching full occupancy with only a few units left to be leased. Families, young professionals and empty nesters alike are moving in droves to be a part of this unique community found at Drexel Town Square.

Through a creative combination of uses, the City of Oak Creek and the private sector were able to create a uniquely urban environment in a suburban market. By blending the best of retail,

commercial, civic and residential space, Oak Creek can finally say it has a downtown where people can live, work and play.

Emerald Row announced an agreement last fall to bring Valentine Coffee Company to the community to open its second bricks and mortar store in Drexel Town Square later this spring. Located on the Town Square, the shop is sure to be a major draw for residents and coffee enthusiasts alike, as the popular brand continues to expand its presence in Southeastern Wisconsin, having recently been awarded the rights to serve its coffee at General Mitchell International Airport.

Barrett Lo Visionary Development recently closed on a \$1.25 million, seven-acre tract of land – the last remaining parcel in Drexel Town Square. The company has a busy year ahead as Phase II of the project is slated to begin construction in summer of 2017 bringing an additional 240 units to the neighborhood. Following the completion of these apartments, developer Rick Barrett will build an additional 250 units on the land he recently acquired, bringing the project total to 657.

Emerald Row would like to thank the City of Oak Creek for its leadership, its devoted staff for their tireless effort, and its new residents who now call Oak Creek home. Please stop by the leasing office at 7971 S. 6th St., or call (414) 622-0000 to schedule a tour and reserve your dream luxury apartment home today!



"We are excited to share our dedication to responsibly sourced, farmed and locally roasted coffee with Oak Creek. Our food, beer and wine menu will mirror our efforts in coffee with thoughtful, healthy and delicious offerings."

– Robb Kashevarof, founder of Valentine Coffee Co.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Robb Kashevarof and Joe Gilsdorf have been business partners since 2011, but little did they know that their life experiences were always building to the formation of Valentine Coffee Co. Both circled the globe throughout the course of their young lives, and one thing always remained paramount – coffee.

Born in Seattle, Wash., Robb moved to Milwaukee as a child with his family where he quickly fell in love with the city. He began drinking coffee in high school and the habit quickly carried over to his time at Marquette University. From there, he chased his lifetime dream of playing professional soccer in Europe where he had a stint competing in Poland. Returning stateside, Robb moved to Oregon where he discovered specialty coffee brewing, and then his work life took him to Hawaii where he began obsessing over the process and farming techniques. Ultimately he moved back home to Milwaukee.

Joe's love for coffee also began at a very young age. In fact, he claims to have on more than one occasion consumed his mother's leftover coffee as a toddler. He worked in the restaurant business throughout high school – always drinking coffee. When Joe stepped on campus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as a freshman it should come as no surprise that the first essay he wrote was on the burgeoning specialty coffee scene in America in the early '90s. Following his time at UWM, Joe took a job at a brewpub, eventually running his own bar and restaurant. It was during this time that Joe met Robb and their friendship was formed. But Joe wanted to pursue a dream of living in Napa Valley, and underwent three years of terroir training in wine country, while continuing to keep in touch with Robb.

In 2009, after much research Robb and his wife purchased a Diedrich coffee roaster, and Valentine Coffee Co. was born. Joe remained in sunny California, while Robb balanced his job of selling wine during the day and experimenting with coffee roasting in his garage at night. The first cup of Valentine Coffee was sold at a farmer's market to a gentleman who took a sip and remarked, "that's damn good coffee." The business quickly took off, prompting his partner Joe to return to Milwaukee.

Valentine is a family name, Robb's grandfather is from the Pribilof Islands near the Bering Sea, and it was always said if you were stuck on an island there, a good cup of coffee might be nice. Valentine

Coffee can be found in a growing number of restaurants and cafés throughout the city. However, if you are a true aficionado and want to get a glimpse of what the new Oak Creek location will look like, take a trip to their tasting room and roastery located at 5918 W. Vilet Street in Wauwatosa – it is well worth the drive.

Most recently, Valentine Coffee Co. was awarded the rights to serve its coffee in three locations at General Mitchell International Airport through a partnership with SSP America (a servicing provider). When the announcement was made in October, Paul Loupakos, vice president of business development for SSP America, said, "Valentine Coffee Roasters is one of Milwaukee's hottest coffee roasters . . . SSP America is excited to offer that same small-batch, bright and balanced coffee to the passengers of MKE."

The new storefront at Emerald Row has a target opening date of May 1. The space will feature two levels and serve coffee, beer, wine and a menu full of healthy eating options. For two Milwaukee men who took a leap of faith, they are certainly seizing the moment. The goal, as Joe puts it very succinctly, is "to sell our coffee to anyone who enjoys it."



*Robb Kashevarof
and Joe Gilsdorf of
Valentine Coffee.*



Fourth graders at Meadowview Elementary School pose with their Chinese teacher, Mr. Zhang.

WORLD LANGUAGES PREPARE STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN A DYNAMIC WORLD



ǐ hǎo. This is how the students in Mrs. Piper's first grade class at Deerfield Elementary School welcome their Chinese teacher, Mr. Zhang, at the start of their weekly Chinese class. As the class lesson continues, the students begin to practice counting:

Yī-one, èr-two, sān-three. By the time these six-year-olds leave Deerfield for middle school, they will be able to count to 999, write the alphabet and introduce themselves, all in Chinese.

Chinese is just one of three languages taught in Oak Creek-Franklin public schools. The District also offers programs in German and Spanish. "World language is an important part of our curriculum," says Mr. Chad Evenson, the District's coordinator of curriculum and assessment. "We want our students to learn the skills they need to thrive in our dynamic world," Evenson continues.

The District's World Language program is designed to expose students to different languages and cultures at an early age. "Learning a new language and culture early on can open up the minds of our students and therefore improve their critical thinking skills," says Mr. Qingli Zhang. Each elementary school in the School District is assigned one designated language. In middle school, sixth graders take a quarter-long introductory language class different than the language they previously learned in elementary school. This enables students to make an informed decision prior to committing to language study in 7th and 8th grade. Regardless of whether students continue with their elementary language or a new language, they are able to add to their proficiency. This proficiency growth is demonstrated by eighth grade level I German students who are able to use the language to describe their daily routine and

interview classmates about their school day.

Being proficient in the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in another language is a tremendous benefit for students going to college or entering the workforce after high school. Proficiency in a world language is a marketable job skill and is often required for admission to universities and colleges. "In college I hope to study abroad in Spain so I can learn medical terminology in Spanish," says Rebecca Olen. Rebecca is a senior at Oak Creek High School and will be attending college after graduation to study medicine and become a pediatrician or nurse practitioner. "Being able to communicate with my future Spanish-speaking patients is very important to me," Rebecca continues.

"I love the language and the culture," says Veralda Dimo, an Oak Creek High School senior. "English is not my first language. I am from Albania and I think it is such a beautiful thing to be able to



communicate with others in their native language,” Veralda continues. Veralda also plans to continue studying Spanish in college and hopes to some day have a career in the medical field.

German students have the opportunity to use their language in Germany by participating in the cultural exchange program with Oak Creek High School’s partner school Albert Einstein Gymnasium. Students from Oak Creek will be traveling to Frankenthal, Germany this June where they will live with German families and attend classes. At the start of this school year, 20 students from Albert Einstein came to live in Oak Creek and attend Oak Creek High School. The students spent three weeks with local families, visiting classes and bonding with Oak Creek High School students. Oak Creek German student Megan Horner says, “Hosting a student from Germany made me much more aware of my everyday life and the American lifestyle.”



Students who start a language early and continue with it have the opportunity to take an Advanced Placement (AP) college level course of a language. Students graduating from Oak Creek with multiple years of Chinese, German or Spanish routinely test out of college language classes. With placement tests, students have the possibility of earning up to 16 retro-credits. “When I graduate, I will already be so close to having a minor in Spanish,” says Allison Block, a junior at Oak Creek High School who is currently enrolled in the high school’s AP Spanish class.

The World Language program at the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District goes far beyond teaching students proper grammar and how to hold a conversation in another language. The program also focuses on cultural understanding and community service. Each year, Oak Creek High School AP Spanish students complete more than 500 hours of volunteer service hours using their Spanish skills. Students have gone to area schools to teach Spanish to elementary students and often volunteer to tutor other high school students. Spanish 4 students write children’s books in Spanish and send them to lending libraries in Nicaragua through the program Wisconsin/Nicaragua-Partners of the Americas.

Oak Creek-Franklin students are always encouraged to use their skills to give back to their community. If you have any community service opportunities for World Language students, please contact the World Language Department at Oak Creek High School.



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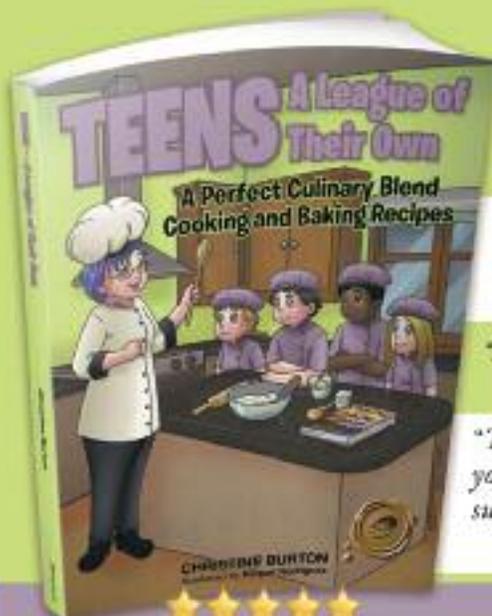
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Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education Stages Taste of Oak Creek-Franklin and Art in the Park

Did you know the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District has a foundation dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students? The Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education (OCFFE) received its 501(c)3 status in December 2001. The OCFFE provides funding toward educational grants for all schools and teachers in the District. Funding is supported through donations through the United Way (designated agency #1190), and two community events: the Taste of Oak Creek-Franklin and Art in the Park.



The **Taste of Oak Creek-Franklin** will be held Thursday, March 9 at the Oak Creek Community Center from 5-8 p.m. Celebrating its 7th year, the Taste of Oak Creek-Franklin, is an adult event offering delicious samplings from area restaurants and specialty dessert items. It also serves as the inaugural event for the Knightro beverage flavor developed by Oak Creek High School students and distributed by Black Bear Bottling. This event is open to the public with tickets available at the Oak Creek Community Center, School District Office and Oak Creek High School.

Art in the Park is an event designed to bring together community members, art instructors, professional artists and students to support art education and programming. Art in the Park will be held on Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Henry Miller Park just north of Oak Creek High School. This event hosts area artisans, student artists, hands-on art activities, Kohl's Color Wheels and a school art program-created auction and raffle items. Since 2001 the OCFFE has funded nearly

\$100,000 in scholarships and grants. Recent grants have supported the Districtwide 5th grade Civil War re-enactment, Potency of Poetry (an American Players Theatre artist-in-residence program), Eric Samuel Timm anti-bullying program for secondary students and parents, school library renovations, fitness equipment, teacher professional development, and take-home literacy programs.

Kim Jankowski, OCFFE president, says, "One of the most noble causes is helping children find their way to success. By supporting the Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education and their programs, you will touch our children's lives and help them be the best they can be."

Consider attending one of these events, offer corporate sponsorship, designate the OCFFE for United Way giving or volunteer your time to serve on the OCFFE Board of Directors. There are many ways to make a big impact in our community.

Taste of Oak Creek-Franklin TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



OCFJSD CELEBRATES YOUTH ART MONTH

Art students have been hard at work preparing for Youth Art Month in March. The Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District will be celebrating Youth Art Month by hosting the 24th annual District art exhibit on Thursday, March 9, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Oak Creek High School. Selected student artwork from grades K-12 will be on display. Join us in celebration and view artwork created by Oak Creek-Franklin's talented art students.



EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 16

East Middle School Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive through the American Red Cross on Thursday, March 16, from 1-6 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. The need for blood is constant, but especially during the winter months. You may schedule your appointment online at redcrossblood.org and search for Oak Creek East Middle School, or enter the school's zip code 53154. Each blood donation can save up to three lives!



Girls Rugby has grown more than 50% over the past three years to nearly 50 members.



The Drama Club's production of "It's Murder in the Wings" was a huge hit!

Photo by Meg Strobel

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Activities, Clubs and Athletics at Oak Creek High School



With 38 different activities and clubs, and twelve sports for both boys and girls, it's no surprise nearly 75% of the student body at Oak Creek High School participates in extracurriculars. Statistics show that students involved in extracurriculars display better academic performance, behavior and attendance. Extracurriculars also aid in the development of important social skills such as teamwork and empathy. "The activity program at the high school is always evolving and developing," says Athletics & Activities Director Scott Holler. Several clubs have also shown substantial growth in participation in recent years.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) grew from 55 members last year to 85 members this year – an increase of 55%! "I think students are realizing how beneficial a club like FBLA can be to their future," says FBLA Adviser Danielle Stiebs. "FBLA gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, develop leadership skills and collaborate with other students," Danielle continues. As the largest business organization in the world, with chapters all around the globe, FBLA is also a great way for students to stand out on college applications and resumes.

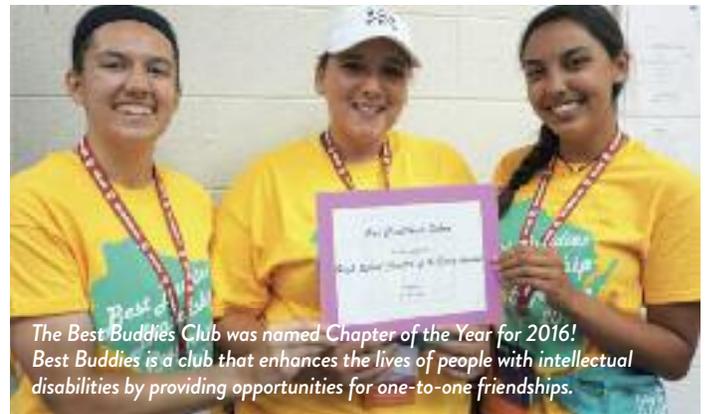
Students are able to put their knowledge to the test when working to prepare for regional, state and national competitions. There are more than 70 competitive events students can participate in including mobile app development, sports entertainment marketing, and eBusiness, an event where students create a fully functional online business. Students also get the opportunity to work collaboratively, network with other students and businesses, and gain exposure to different career paths.

HOSA-Future Health Professionals

Since 2011, HOSA-Future Health Professionals has grown from 89 members to more than 170 members at Oak Creek High School.

HOSA is a career and technical student organization that works to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality healthcare by providing a variety of opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development to its members. At Oak Creek High School, the organization focuses on promoting career opportunities in the healthcare industry, as well as helping members set realistic career and educational goals, and develop workplace readiness skills.

"HOSA-Future Health Professionals is an amazing organization for students interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field," says HOSA Adviser Julie Williams. "Through education, students are aware of the wide variety of careers in order to meet the needs of southeastern Wisconsin," Julie explains.



The Best Buddies Club was named Chapter of the Year for 2016! Best Buddies is a club that enhances the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships.

HOSA members have the opportunity to apply for HOSA scholarships and recognitions, build their resume, collaborate with local health professionals and future employers, and seek internships, including opportunities in the Office of the Surgeon General. Members also have the opportunity to travel to state and international conferences. Last year, Oak Creek High School had 22 members qualify for the International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. – 15 of which were able to make the trip. It was a special conference as the National HOSA organization celebrated

its 40th anniversary. Students competed in various health science events and attended educational symposiums where they heard first hand from a variety of health care professionals, including the youngest U.S. Surgeon General.

Community Involvement

Studies have shown that participation in extracurricular activities can benefit not only students, but schools and the community as a whole. The Oak Creek and Franklin communities continue to support Oak Creek High School clubs and activities. Business owners have shared their unique stories with FBLA students, attorneys have worked with Mock Trial students to prep them for competitions, and health care professionals have volunteered to provide job shadow experiences for HOSA members.

These are just a few examples of the many ways our communities get involved. For more information about getting involved with an activity or club at the high school, please contact Athletics & Activities Director Scott Holler at s.holler@ocfsd.org or (414) 768-6210.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

- 1 Anime Club
- 2 Band
- 3 Best Buddies
- 4 Bowling
- 5 Chess Club
- 6 Comic Book Club
- 7 Computer Club
- 8 Drama/Musical
- 9 Forensics
- 10 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- 11 German Club
- 12 Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

- 13 HOSA-Future Health Professionals
- 14 Key Club
- 15 Lacrosse (Boys)
- 16 Marching Band
- 17 Mu Alpha Theta (formerly Math Club)
- 18 Mock Trial
- 19 Model U.N.
- 20 Multicultural Club
- 21 National Art Honor Society
- 22 National Honor Society
- 23 Neolithic Society
- 24 Powerlifting
- 25 Renaissance

- 26 Robotics
- 27 Club Rugby (Girls)
- 28 Sceptre-Yearbook
- 29 Cuba Club
- 30 Show Choir
- 31 Ski Club
- 32 Skills USA Club
- 33 Spanish Club
- 34 Student Council
- 35 Sword & Shield School Newspaper
- 36 Knight Vision Productions Video Club
- 37 Weight Training
- 38 Writing Club

WIAA SPORTS (Girls)

- 1 Basketball
- 2 Cheerleading
- 3 Cross Country
- 4 Golf

- 5 Gymnastics
- 6 Poms
- 7 Soccer
- 8 Softball
- 9 Swim and Diving

- 10 Tennis
- 11 Track and Field
- 12 Volleyball

WIAA SPORTS (Boys)

- 1 Baseball
- 2 Basketball
- 3 Cross Country
- 4 Football

- 5 Golf
- 6 Hockey
- 7 Soccer
- 8 Swim and Diving
- 9 Tennis

- 10 Track and Field
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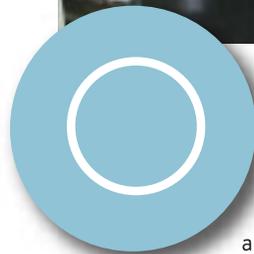
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SHARING FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS BEYOND SCHOOL WALLS

Carrollton Elementary Students Write Letters to Service Personnel



Mrs. Timm helping third and fifth grade students write their letters.



ak Creek-Franklin students from Carrollton Elementary have been working on a very special, all-school

project. Every student at Carrollton has been sharing friendship and kindness by writing letters to the service men and women aboard the USS Somerset. The USS Somerset was built in honor of the 911 victims of the plane that crashed in Somerset County, Penn. The ship left on its maiden deployment in October and carries 600 special ops marines, 300 enlisted sailors and about 45 officers.

This unique and very special school-wide project was led by third grade teacher Christie Timm. Mrs. Timm's daughter, Megan, served in the Navy as a lieutenant and was the navigator of the USS Somerset. "It has been incredible to see our entire school come together," says Mrs. Timm. "Having students participate in a project like this helps create a real feeling of patriotism," she adds.

Some students have family in the military and understand how wonderful it is for deployed service men and women to receive mail, especially from some of our nation's youngest residents! Other students were fascinated to learn what life on ship entails. "I wonder how it would feel to be on a big ship. It would

be hard to not watch TV or sports," Carrollton student, Azi, wrote in his letter. "This project shows our students that sharing friendship and kindness really isn't about what we do to make ourselves happy, but we do to make others happy. We give of ourselves 'selflessly' just like these service men and women are giving of themselves," Mrs. Timm points out.

After learning all about the USS Somerset and seeing pictures of the service men and women aboard the ship, the students were excited to get started and write their letters. So far, the students have written holiday letters and sent valentines. Carrollton students plan to write the service men and women at least one more time before the end of the school year.

Excerpts From the Letters Written by Carrollton Students:

Breanna: "I've always wanted to know what it would be like to be on a big ship. We learned lots of cool facts about the Somerset. My favorite is that the old beams from the Twin Towers were used to make this ship strong!"

Ani: "You're our EVERYDAY heroes!"

Ava: "As an American I am proud to call you my hero! I hope this letter makes your day!"

Cameron: "I hope you know I'll be thinking of you."

Gabe: "Thank you for being a shield! I mean . . . you are the border between war and peace."

Ajla: "Thank you for protecting and saving our USA."

Delilah: "My dad is in the military. When I was 2 he got back home. I hope you marines can send me a note one day. I'm happy that every day you protect our country and you risk your lives for people like us all the time. I am thankful for you! That is a miracle! Thank you for your service!"



Third and fifth grade students paired up to help each other write letters to the USS Somerset.



4K AND 5K REGISTRATION

Time to register the next class of future Knights!

Registration for 4K and 5K will take place Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17, at the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Office located at 7630 S. 10th St. in Oak Creek. Parents and guardians may stop in any time between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to register their children. You need to provide proof of residency (e.g., utility bill, lease agreement, etc.), the child's birth certificate, and the child's immunization record. For questions regarding 4K and 5K enrollment, please call Joyce at the District Office at (414) 768-5884.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K)

- OCFJSD offers a half-day, 4-year-old kindergarten program.
- Enrollment in the District's 4K program is not on a first-come first-served basis, so parents should feel free to come to registration whichever day and time is most convenient for them.
- Students enrolling in the 4K program must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017.

5-Year-Old-Kindergarten (5K)

- 5K registration is only for students not currently enrolled in the School District (not currently attending the District's 4K program or Early Childhood program).
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1. The Oak Creek Franklin Joint School District announces fall registration for 4K and 5K (see page 37). **2.** A new Valentine Coffee location will be opening this spring in the Emerald Row mixed-use development in Drexel Town Square (see pages 30-31). **3.** David Stecker (left) was promoted to the position of captain with the Oak Creek Police Department in a ceremony held on January 5. He is being congratulated here by Police Chief Steve Anderson. **4.** The Richard Bolender Plaza was dedicated on January 23 (see page 19) **5.** Groundbreaking for the new Azura Memory Care facility, located at 8870 S. Mayhew Dr., took place last November. The new facility is scheduled to be completed by July 2017.



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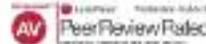
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FEBRUARY 2017

- **Tue., Feb. 21: Spring Primary Election.**
Visit oakcreekwi.org/elections for more information.
- **Thur., Feb. 23-Sat., Feb 25: Oak Creek High School Musical, 7 p.m.** Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd.
- **Sun. Feb. 26: Oak Creek High School Musical, 2 p.m.**
Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd.
- **Mon., Feb. 27: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Cedar Hills Elementary School, 2225 E. Sycamore Ave.

MARCH 2017

- **Thur., Mar. 9: Taste of Oak Creek, 5-8 p.m.** at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Presented by the Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education. Contact Heather Ryan at OCFJSD. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (see page 33).
- **Thur., Mar. 9: District Art Exhibit, 5:30-7 p.m.** at Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd. (see page 33).
- **Sun., Mar. 12: St. Patty's Dinner, 1-4 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Tickets available at The Center, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door.
- **Mon., Mar. 13, School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at East Middle School, 9330 S. Shepard Ave.
- **Mon.-Fri., Mar. 13-17: 4K/5K Registration, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** at District Office, 7630 S. 10th St. (see page 37).
- **Thur., Mar. 16: Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.** at East Middle School, 9330 S. Shepard Ave. (see page 33).
- **Thur., Mar. 16: Lions Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Contact Peter Hillringhouse, OC Lions Club at (414) 764-2741.
- **Sat., Mar. 18: Women's Basic Danger and Self Defense Class, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Oak Creek Police Department, 301 W. Ryan Rd. Registration forms available at Police Dept. or at oakcreekwi.org.
- **Fri., Mar. 24: Comedy Night, 7-9:30 p.m.** at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. With entertainer Mike Toomey Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at door.
- **Mon., Mar. 27: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at East Middle School, 9330 S. Shepard Ave.

APRIL 2017

- **Sat., Apr. 1: Winter Parking rules end.**
- **Tue., Apr. 4: Spring General Election** Visit oakcreekwi.org/elections for more information.
- **Thur., Apr. 6: Oak Creek Health Department's Stepping On Program** begins. This fall-prevention workshop meets for seven consecutive Thursdays. For more information, call the Health Department at (414) 766-7950.
- **Sat., Apr. 8: Annual Fundraising Auction and Super Cash Raffle, 6:30-10:30 p.m.** at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Raffle tickets available now at The Center, \$10 each or 3/\$25. Silent auction, voice auction, 50/50 raffles, OC Lions Meat

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- **Sun., Apr. 9: Lunch with the Easter Bunny, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Lunch served from 11 a.m.-Noon Kid- friendly meal. Baskets for every child and entertainment. Tickets: \$3.75 kids 2 and under, \$8 all others.
- **Mon., Apr. 10: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Carrollton Elementary School, 8965 S. Carrollton Dr.
- **Fri.-Sat., Apr. 14-15: City Offices, Library and Recycle Yard Closed for Spring Holiday.**
- **Sat., Apr. 22: Oak Creek Community Cleanup, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. Get outside, meet other residents, and do a little spring cleaning of the Civic Center grounds and surrounding area. Volunteer service hour forms will be available.
- **Mon., Apr. 24: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Carrollton Elementary School, 8965 S. Carrollton Dr.
- **Sat., Apr. 29: Shred Day, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Oak Creek Street Department, 800 W. Puetz Rd. Bring your sensitive and private documents for FREE, secure destruction provided by Shred-It. Limit of 6 boxes per vehicle.
- **Sun., Apr. 30: Senior Citizen Prom, 12-4 p.m.** at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. presented by Rotary Club of Mitchell Field. Music by Village Swing Band. Tickets \$4/person includes a box lunch, dancing and door prizes.

MAY 2017

- **Mon., May 1: Branch Pickup Begins**
- **Sat., May 6: Rummage Sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. \$20 per rummage date, registration forms online (occenter.com) or at The Center.
- **Mon., May 8: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Forest Ridge Elementary School, 2200 W. Drexel Ave.
- **Sun., May 14: Mother's Day Brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Sponsored by The Center and Oak Creek Kiwanis Club. Tickets will be available March 13.
- **Mon., May 15: Spring Cleanup Begins** No charge for pickup of items from residential homes and condos that have City-provided garbage and recycling pickup. Visit oakcreekwi.org/cleanup.
- **Wed., May 17: Registration Opens for Summer Reading Programs at Oak Creek Library** (see page 19).
- **Sat., May 20: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. \$20 per rummage date, registration forms online (occenter.com) or at The Center.
- **Sat., May 20: Oak Creek Community Bike Rodeo, 12-3 p.m.** Location TBD. Visit oakcreekwi.org for more information.
- **Mon., May 22: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Forest Ridge Elementary School, 2200 W. Drexel Ave.
- **Sat., May 27: Art in the Park, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Henry Miller Park (see page 33).
- **Mon., May 29: City Offices and Library Closed for Memorial Day Holiday.**

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