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MATC students participate in a fire safety training drill as part of the school's innovative Protective Services Program. Students training to be emergency responders will graduate job ready with skills that meet employers' needs. Read more about another one of MATC's unique offerings, the Dual Enrollment Academy, on page 16. *Photo compliments of MATC*

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From Dan Bukiewicz-Oak Creek Mayor Oak Creek a Strong Community 365 Days a Year!

As we wrap up our third year of publishing the *Current*, it is the perfect time to look back at all of the great things our community has to offer its residents, businesses and visitors. This year has once again been full of vibrant events, new places to visit and positive news for our City.



I hope that you've all had a chance to visit the new Lake Vista Park, or attend a Saturday morning farmers market in the square. We're excited to keep bringing you reasons to gather in the spirit of community. Although we're heading towards winter in Wisconsin, we still have some great things planned for you! We invite you to begin your Thanksgiving morning with the annual Turkey Trek through Emerald Preserve at Drexel Town Square. Next, we're hosting the tree lighting in Drexel Town Square to get you into the holiday spirit. The airing of Oak Creek's episode of "Around the Corner" with John McGivern and our Winterfest celebration in Drexel Town Square will surely help to beat those winter blues in February! See the calendar on page 34 for complete details of these events and many more.

With the snowy season upon us, I ask you all to keep your community spirit strong by looking out for your neighbors. If someone in your neighborhood could use some help shoveling their driveway or sidewalks, please consider lending a hand if you're able. And don't forget to keep the area around fire hydrants clear of snow. This small act can save firefighters precious time in the event of an emergency.

In the same manner, as you plan your holiday shopping, don't forget to support the many great small businesses that make Oak Creek their home. Small Business Saturday falls on Saturday, November 24, and is a great opportunity to spend time exploring your City's own shops and restaurants. These businesses create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve that sense of community we're so proud of... so let's show them our support!

On behalf of the Common Council, and all of the City staff, we wish you all great health and happiness, and encourage you to discover and celebrate Oak Creek in 2019.

Dan Bukiewicz, Mayor-Oak Creek, Wisconsin

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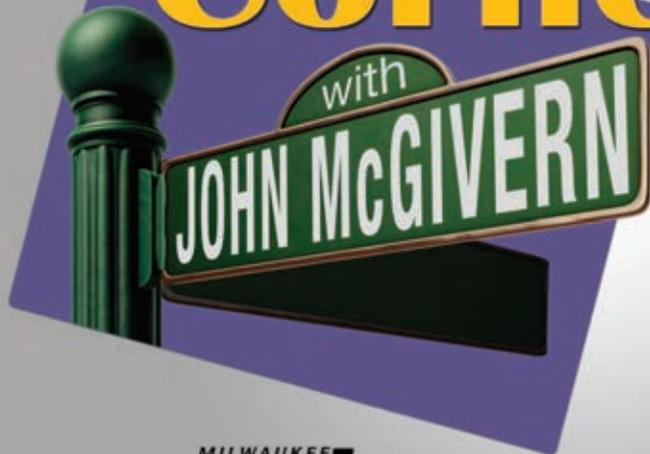
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CITY OF OAK CREEK TO BE FEATURED ON “AROUND THE CORNER” WITH JOHN MCGIVERN



Get ready, Oak Creek, for your celebrity status on “Around the Corner” with John McGivern that was filmed in our City last summer. “Around the

Corner” is an award-winning TV show that shares personal stories about Wisconsin people and locations as McGivern explores living, working and playing in the state’s unique communities.

Hometown boy McGivern is well-known as an actor, comedian and the hero of many popular one-man shows in the Milwaukee area. His “Around the Corner” series, beginning its eighth season, has garnered multiple

industry awards, including two Emmys. The series is seen on PBS stations throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as northern Illinois, Chicago, North Dakota and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Each episode of “Around the Corner” begins with historian John Gurda, host of the Milwaukee PBS documentary “The Making of Milwaukee,” providing a short history of the episode’s location, followed by McGivern’s exploration of the local community.

More than 10 separate interviews were recorded in summer 2018. McGivern toured Oak Creek businesses and schools, talking with residents, business owners, and school and government officials about the many reasons our City is such a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

You might have personally seen some of the videos being recorded throughout Oak Creek. McGivern and his crew visited Eder Flag, City13, IKEA, the Academy of Performing Arts, Redwall Screen Printing and Go Riteway Transportation Group, among others. They also attended the September 21 Oak Creek High School football game, filming the halftime performance of the state champion Marching Knights.

Interviews were conducted with City and School officials, including the show’s final segment, where John McGivern asked Mayor Bukiewicz to, in 30 seconds or less, tell viewers why Oak Creek is the greatest place on earth to live, work and play!

The air date for the Oak Creek episode is Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 7 p.m. on PBS station Channel 10.1. Don’t miss this fascinating Oak Creek spotlight as we rediscover all the great reasons to love our City!



Mayor Dan chats with John McGivern in the upcoming episode of Around the Corner with John McGivern, to air February 14 on PBS.



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COOKING UP JOB SKILLS AT OAK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



Twice a month the staff members at Oak Creek High School are invited to taste what's cooking in room 133

when the classroom is transformed into Cafe 133! The special education students that make up Cafe 133 work together with their teachers to prepare and serve lunch to the high school staff.

This unique culinary program was started in 2002 as a fun and practical way to introduce different job skills into the curriculum for students with special needs. Staying true to the School District's mission to engage, challenge and inspire every student every day, Cafe 133 provides an opportunity for students to learn independence and a variety of job skills in order to prepare them for a successful future after high school.

"We provide our students with a balance of maintaining academic skills and job skills into our daily lessons," explains Ms. Quillin, special education teacher at Oak Creek High School.

To keep Cafe 133 running smoothly, the students are responsible for completing various job duties including greeting the customers, rolling silverware, stocking beverages, assisting with food prep, cashiering, washing dishes, and cleaning the room, just to name a few.



"We are always revamping our cafe duties to assure we have jobs for all abilities as our population continues to change," Mrs. Quillin shares.

Oak Creek High School is also home to The School Grounds, a program where a select group of students deliver coffee, iced tea, cold-brew coffee and homemade cocoa to staff on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

"I started School Grounds in 2016 to give some of our students the opportunity to learn real-life job skills," says Mrs. Thorsen, the transition coordinator at the high school. Aside from making and delivering the coffee, the students also shop for inventory as a group, review orders, make the homemade cocoa and type up invoices.

Both programs have proven to be successful in helping students gain confidence and independence while learning a variety of job skills.



Top: A student serves guests at Cafe 133.

Bottom: Students greet guests as they arrive for lunch.

Top right: Cashiering is one of the job skills that students practice during Cafe 133.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE FIRST-TIME VOTERS

There are 19,154 registered voters in Oak Creek, and 16,393 voted in the November election (an 85.9% turnout). For some of those residents, it was their very first time at the polls. “I looked forward to voting for the first time in November,” says Morgan Stark, a senior at Oak Creek High School.

Morgan hosted a voter registration week during senior lunch during the month of October. After volunteering for a campaign over the summer, Morgan was inspired to do some research.

“I found out that young people, ages 18-29, have the lowest voter turnout,” Morgan shares. It was at that point that she came up with the idea to host a voter registration drive for students who were 18 years or older. “Voting is important and it’s a right afforded to you that not everyone in the world has,” Morgan adds. She hopes to hold another drive later in the school year before the spring election.



Top: Morgan Stark (right) helps an Oak Creek High School student register to vote.

Bottom: Morgan and Mckenzie at the voter registration table during senior lunch.

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“Smokey,” the fire-prevention dog, waves to the students below after being suspended in the air in the truck’s ladder bucket.

OC firefighters visited elementary schools to share fire safety tips and promote fire prevention.

TEACHING OUR YOUTH ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

During Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13), local fire departments were out in their communities educating the public and students about fire safety. In Oak Creek, the Oak Creek Fire Department (OCFD) visited all seven Oak Creek-Franklin elementary schools to teach students in grades kindergarten through third about fire prevention and safety.

Oak Creek firefighters shared safety tips like escape route planning, the importance of having working smoke detectors, how to get out in case of a fire, and the importance of dialing 9-1-1 for emergencies. Firefighters also wore full gear so students would learn not to be afraid of noises associated with air tanks in the event they had to be rescued from a fire.

At the end of the presentation, students were invited to go outside and see one of the department’s fire trucks. Thank you, OCFD, for helping our students learn important fire safety tips!



OAK-CREEK-FRANKLIN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS



The Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District is among the schools and school districts that received grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Justice School Safety Grant program.

From July to October 2018, OCFSD was awarded a total of \$592,043 in School Safety Grant Funds. "As a District, our primary focus will always be the safety of our learners," states Assistant Superintendent Dan Unertl. "These funds will help us provide a safer environment for our learners, and bridge the cost of a number of great system upgrades."

With the funds from the first round of the School Safety Grant program, the District will:

- Reach full implementation of Treat-And-Go Safety Kits at all of our schools.
- Reach full implementation of our District camera system.
- Purchase and install hardening materials on entrances and other vulnerable glass applications across the District.
- Enact a strengthened visitor protocol utilizing the Raptor program.
- Install panic buttons linked to law enforcement at our sites.

The second round of Wisconsin Department of Justice Safety Grant funds will be applied toward two major training initiatives hosted by the Department of Justice, that fit perfectly into existing District focuses and practices:

- Adolescent mental health training
- Threat assessment training
- Upgraded radio systems
- Upgraded safety/security signage
- PA system upgrades
- Telephone system upgrades

The District continues to be deeply committed to safety. In fact, safety is one of the District's core values. We believe that schools and work sites must be safe and secure environments for students, parents and employees – emotionally as well as physically.

For additional information about the measures our District takes to keep our students safe at school, please see the safety blog post on knightvisionocfjds.blogspot.com.



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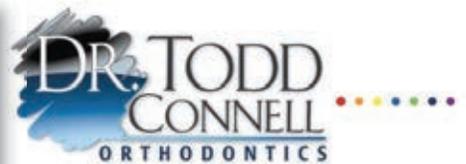
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BRINGING OUT THE BEAUTY OF CEDAR HILLS AND WEST MIDDLE SCHOOLS



edar Hills students, families and staff were welcomed into the 2018-19 school year with fresh new landscaping in the front of their school.

After reaching out to Principal Ruffolo to see how they could partner with the school on a project, Ridge Community Church donated \$1,500 for the Cedar Hills' beautification project. Bluemel's Home and Garden provided a landscape plan and a discount on all plants and materials. The designer from Bluemel's also met with the planning team to make sure the new landscaping plan was just right.

Once the initial planning was complete and the area was cleared and prepped, students, families and staff were ready to help "spruce up" their school. Everyone worked together to plant the new bushes and shrubbery, and spread mulch. The new landscaping even features tree log seating for students.

"It was nice to see our school community come together to create something beautiful. Our students are so proud to be a part of this project," says Principal Ruffolo.

The next time you visit Cedar Hills be sure to notice the vibrant colors of the rock garden outside of the entryway. Each Cedar Hills student painted a river rock, inspired by the book "Only One You" by Linda Kranz, to create a colorful rock garden. The book stresses how everyone is unique, and that each of us has something to contribute to the world.

Each rock is different and special in its own way and will serve as a reminder to students that no matter what, they are special. Each new kindergartener and new student will paint a rock and add it to the garden for years to come. We can't wait to watch the beauty of the rock garden grow over time.

The exterior of West Middle School was also improved this summer with some beautiful landscaping. Lowe's in Franklin partnered with West Middle School to donate all the plants and materials, and Lowe's employees volunteered their time to complete the project. We are also grateful for the West Middle School staff members who helped complete the project.



Thank you to Bluemel's and Lowe's for their support in making both these projects possible –and helping to bring out the beauty of Cedar Hills and West Middle Schools!

What To Do?



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The "What To Do?" Activity Guides contain information about regular programming including sports camps, instructional programs, child care and other fun activities. Activity Guides may be found in any School Office, OC Library, District Office, Oak Creek Community Center, or online at www.ocfsd.org/youth-programs.

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Lap Swim \$1.00 per person

Mondays - Thursdays 8pm - 9pm
Jan 28 - May 9
(Check website for list of non swim dates)

Saturday Mornings 8am - 9am
Feb 2 - Apr 6
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Open Gym

Saturday Evenings \$2.00 per person

Nov 3 - Dec 15
Jan 5 - Apr 13
(No Gym Feb 16)

East Middle School
(Grades 6 and Up) 6pm - 8pm

Forest Ridge School
(Grades K - 5) 6pm - 8pm



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Forest Ridge School

Grades K - 5
Saturday Evenings
4pm - 6pm

East Middle School

Grades 6 and Up
Saturday Evenings
4pm - 6pm

Oak Creek High School Pool

Saturday Late Mornings
11am - 1pm

WINTER/SPRING 2018 Registration Opens December 10

Youth Programs Mission Statement:

"Delivering high quality programs in safe and engaging environments for students and families to learn and grow outside the school day."

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SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Oak Creek High School Open House for Incoming Freshmen

Oak Creek High School is hosting an open house for incoming freshmen (current 8th-grade students) on Thursday, January 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the 9th Grade Center. The welcome address will begin in the gym at 5:30 p.m. During the open house, guests will be able to tour the building and meet members of the high school staff. For more information, visit ocfsd.org.

Oak Creek High School To Host Career Expo

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Oak Creek High School Main Gym
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Oak Creek High School is offering a second annual Career Expo for students to explore careers, educational pathways and support our students' career goals. The event is open to students and their families. If you are a local business representative interested in participating, please e-mail h.ryan@ocfsd.org or call 768-6210.

Our mission is to offer a forum for our students to interact with local business contacts, which in turn can help focus our students' career pathways and post-secondary goals.



Congratulations to the Oak Creek Marching Knights!

Congratulations to Ms. Fuchs, Mr. Gregg, and the Oak Creek Marching Knights on winning their 5th straight WSMA Class AAAA State Marching Band Championship. Go Knights!

4K and 5K Enrollment in March

It's time to enroll the next class of future Knights! Enrollment week for the District's 4K & 5K programs will take place Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oak Creek Franklin Joint School District Office (7630 S. 10th St. in Oak Creek).

Parents and guardians are encouraged to begin the enrollment process online (ocfsd.org) beginning February 11. To finish the enrollment process, parents and guardians are asked to stop in the District Office during enrollment week to provide proof of residency (e.g., current utility bill, signed lease agreement, property tax bill), the child's birth certificate, and the child's immunization record. There will be computers available during enrollment week if you wish to complete the online portion at the District Office.

Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2019 to participate in the District's half-day 4K program. 5K enrollment is only for students NOT currently enrolled in the District. Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019 to participate in the District's full-day 5K program.

For more information visit ocfsd.org.



HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to our OC Knights football team, that captured a Homecoming win against Kenosha's Tremper High School on Friday,

October 5. Great job, Knights! We also recognize all of our Homecoming Kings and Queens (see photos):

- Homecoming King and Queen: David C. and Ciera L.
- Best Buddies' King and Queen: Nader B. & Megan K.
- Staff King and Queen: Mr. Holterman and Mrs. Schmidt

Homecoming King and Queen:
David C. and Ciera L.



Staff King and Queen:
Mr. Holterman and
Mrs. Schmidt



The OC Knights football team celebrates their homecoming win over Tremper High School



OCHS students "U-Knight" to show love and support for students injured in the accident in front of the high school by wearing purple and blue (their two favorite colors) during Spirit Week.



Best Buddies' King and Queen:
Megan K. and Nader B.

OC Renaissance Club shows off their artwork during the chalk-decorating event.



Seniors cheer as they are awarded "spirit sword" during the pep assembly. Seniors won the Powder Puff football game 20-0.

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2018 REFERENDUM PASSES TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS AND EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS



In November 6, the Oak Creek-Franklin community chose to shape the future of our community's schools by voting to approve the 2018 referendum. We are sincerely grateful for the generous support from our community.

Whether you participated all year long on the various public forums and surveys, or just voted to voice your views, we sincerely appreciate your involvement in making this critical decision.

With the passing of the 2018 referendum, we will be able to deliver, to our learners and the community, improved safety, security and accessibility at our schools, expand educational opportunity for all our students, and provide more equitable learning spaces across schools. We will also be able to separate the cafeteria from the physical education space in five schools and address necessary maintenance throughout the District. These improvements will be delivered on time and at, or under, the budget you have approved.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Work on the detailed design will take place over the next six to eight months. Once the designs are complete and the specifications are written, the work will go out for competitive bids. Construction visible to our employees and the public will most likely start in summer or early fall 2019, with most of the work taking place across 2020. The District will coordinate construction phases and timing to cause the least disruption to our programs, including summer school.

This careful phasing will push finishing all projects into the summer of 2021. We will be sure to provide updates on the work being done on the District website (ocfsd.org). All community members are encouraged to join our email list to receive updates directly to their email inbox. Sign up for the email list on the District website under the "Stay Informed" tab.

MORE INFORMATION

For a detailed look into what this referendum will fund, visit the referendum section of the District website at ocfsd.org/referendum.

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Franklin High School student Jenna Hamdan is enrolled in MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy, taking college-level courses that will lead to a technical diploma in practical nursing.

DUAL ENROLLMENT ACADEMY ALLOWS STUDENTS TO STUDY AT MATC WHILE STILL ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Jenna Hamdan knew she wanted to be a nurse at an early age. Unlike most 17-year-olds, this high school student is already enrolled in college, working toward her career goal. A participant in MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy at the Oak Creek Campus, Hamdan, who attends Franklin High School, is currently taking college-level general education courses that will lead to a technical diploma in practical nursing. Next semester, she will begin practical nursing courses. She plans to finish her diploma courses at the end of 2019, sit for her LPN licensure exam and then continue on to enroll in MATC's registered nursing associate degree program in January 2020.

Hamdan kicked off her college-level studies last spring while a junior in high school. She took an MATC certified nursing assistant (CNA) course which earned her a technical diploma, a credential which could help her gain employment and a taste of what a nursing career would be like.

"I knew I wanted to help people and this was a great opportunity for me to be able to do that," Hamdan says. "I wanted to keep working towards my medical future and kept digging for options while I was still in high school. I happened to come across this program (Dual Enrollment Academy) and it was perfect."

Hamdan says her mother is very happy about her participation in the program. "My mom loves it," she says. "She doesn't have to pay for any

"It's a great opportunity for interested students to get ahead of the curve. They can get a technical diploma and then start into the workforce early or continue their studies further."

– Rachel Fredricks, Franklin High School community experience coordinator

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of the classes and she's really proud of me for getting a head start at college so I can earn money in the long run."

Up to 18 credits of tuition, fees and books are paid for by the school district, explains Rachel Fredricks, Franklin High School community experience coordinator. "It's a great opportunity for interested students to get ahead of the curve. They can get a technical diploma and then start into the workforce early or continue their studies further. This program has been really well received. If they like, students can still participate in high school activities while being enrolled in college."

Dual enrollment programs are helping MATC create a strong pipeline to build the healthcare workforce of the future in partnership with United Health Foundation, which provided a \$2.3 million grant to expand the college's nursing program.

Fredricks says Franklin High School has students enrolled in nursing, computer science and welding at MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy. "We really enjoy partnering with MATC. It's fabulous for our students. MATC has talked about opening other areas of study to high school students and we definitely look forward to that."

Hamdan wants to encourage other high school students to enter MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy. "Do it," she says. "It's such an amazing opportunity and it's literally 'free college.' You'll meet so many new friends. I highly recommend it."

For more information on MATC's Dual Enrollment Programs, contact Erin Cherney at (414) 297-6068 or cherneye@matc.edu.



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FROM ANDREW VICKERS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR CITY GOVERNMENT: A WINDOW, NOT A DOOR

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his past summer the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognized Oak Creek with a “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.” This program is designed to encourage governmental units to produce

budget documents that serve as a communication device to taxpayers; not only to describe “what” is being spent, but also to demonstrate the programs and services taxpayers receive for their tax dollars. Oak Creek is only one of 23 Wisconsin cities or villages to receive this award in 2018. To put that into perspective, Wisconsin has about 600 cities and villages!

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest recognition a government can receive to demonstrate financial transparency, but it is only one of many initiatives the City is undertaking to promote open and honest City government.

The Common Council adopted a 4-year community Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for years 2017-2020. The SAP, which residents can find on our City homepage, is in itself a public document that lets taxpayers know the priorities of your elected officials. The SAP contains the following goal: “Evolve the Communication of Budgets processes, Priorities and Fiscal Challenges, both internally to staff and externally to residents and taxpayers.”

Within that larger goal statement, Council directed staff to undertake the below objectives. We thought it was important to report out to our taxpayers the progress the City has made on our financial transparency commitments.

OBJECTIVE: Evolve City budget document as not only a financial blueprint, but as a communication device.

PROGRESS: Our 2018 budget document now contains a new Letter of Transmittal outlining not only the challenges of the budget, but what any new spending was directed towards in terms of new staffing resources and community projects. Each City department and division has its own narrative pages that details goals and has statistical sections outlining performance measurements. The practice of including this Letter of Transmittal will continue with the upcoming 2019 budget document, and beyond.

OBJECTIVE: Provide a basic “TIF 101 Education Piece” to taxpayers

PROGRESS: The summer 2018 edition of the *Current* contained an article regarding the Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) tool, how it is used, and the benefits of the tool for the City’s continued economic development. In addition, the Council directed staff to produce an annual report and presentation to let the public know how each of the City’s tax increment districts is performing financially. The City administrator gave that inaugural Annual TIF Status presentation this past August. It can be viewed by visiting: bit.ly/OCTIF2018

OBJECTIVE: Increase utilization of the dollar bill breakdown of taxes (i.e. “where do your tax dollars go?”), place information at tax collection sites, and better demonstrate the value-proposition of City services to taxpayers.

PROGRESS: City operating budgets moving forward will contain the dollar bill breakdown that shows how much of your city tax dollar is retained by Oak Creek for City operations versus other taxing entities such as the School District, Milwaukee County, MMSD (sewer district), and the state. Taxpayers are often unaware that less than 30% of the tax bill they paid in 2018 was kept by the City for its operations! And indeed, as in the past, we will continue to publish this dollar bill graphic on social media and at City Hall during tax time.

In addition to the above financial transparency measures, the City does televise and record every Common Council and Plan Commission meeting for public viewing. Oh, and of course we do all the required “government stuff” like posting meeting agenda and minutes, legal notices of public hearing, and neighborhood notifications if there is a certain zoning or land use action being considered in your neighborhood.

Financial transparency to our residents/taxpayers will be a continued effort of this City administration and Common Council into the future. Not only do you, as taxpayers, demand it, but we, as staff working for you and elected officials representing you, well . . . we demand it, too.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: SUPERIOR DIE SET CORPORATION PROCESS INNOVATION DRIVES MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS



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t 95 years in business, Oak Creek's Superior Die Set Corporation prides itself as being among the oldest family-owned and -run companies in America. Founded in Milwaukee in 1923 by Polish immigrant, Kasimir Janiszewski,

Superior Die Set moved its operations to Oak Creek's Northbranch Business Park in 1965. Situated at 900 W. Drexel Ave., its manufacturing facility is recognizable to most passersby thanks to the trademark fountain in front of the building.

"We're the 'elder statesman' of the business park," notes Frank Janiszewski, the founder's grandson and company's current president and CEO. This is certainly true; Oak Creek was a young city – only 10 years incorporated – when Superior Die Set established roots in our community. Few other companies can boast that longevity in Oak Creek. But it's just one of many reasons Superior has a reason to be proud.

When Kasimir immigrated to the United States in 1910, he was a blacksmith by trade. Motivated to help his family back in Poland, he became a tool and die maker in New York, and the rest, they say, is history. To this day, Superior Die Set relies on the same basic principles of metal working that it did nearly 100 years ago. They still cut, grind and machine steel like they've always done. But the company has evolved over time, introducing the newest technologies and innovations to their manufacturing process, allowing their speed and productivity to increase, and their business to grow and flourish.

The products made in Superior's 120,000-sq.-ft. factory serve the needs of its nearly 2,000 customers across just about every industry, including automotive, medical and aerospace. Surprisingly, they rarely see the finished product; the work they do is at the very

beginning of the production chain. In essence, they make the tools used to manufacture products across a vast range of industries, and almost everything is custom.

"We don't make bottle caps . . . we make snowflakes," Frank quips. However, his analogy is a good one. Every one of their products is made-to-order, and often one-of-a-kind, from the 4 million pounds of raw steel and aluminum alloy in their inventory. Even more impressive is the fact that they can do everything from quoting to engineering to manufacturing under one roof in Oak Creek.

Janiszewski admits that speed is the name of the game, and they measure their success on a rapid turnaround. With 200 employees on three shifts, most of their made-from-scratch products are completed in 3 to 5 workdays. With more than 1,500 work orders in the system at any given time, that is no small feat. Superior Die Set utilizes an innovative paperless system configured to make their operation both efficient and flexible. The system houses the specifications for each job, as well as keeps a real-time inventory, and allows them to schedule jobs in real time for maximum efficiency. In fact, they reschedule the shop three times each day, shuffling the work orders using the built-in logic of their system. Every workstation on the production floor has a computer screen, so the workers know exactly what they're working on at all times.

To an untrained observer, the action on the plant floor could be described as orchestrated chaos. It is loud, with the clanking of metal and the sounds of machinery competing with music playing in most areas. Brightly colored pieces of equipment stand in contrast to dark sheets of steel and metal ground to an almost mirror-like finish. Some machines look antique, while others appear modern.

Janiszewski notes that some of the equipment in use has outlived



the companies that originally manufactured them. Superior has resorted to making their own parts, in some instances, to keep the machines running. But other equipment, like the facility's new water jet machine, have been added recently to increase the range of services they can provide to their customers. The water jet machine is an extraordinary thing to watch; high-pressure water and an abrasive agent, in this case, granulated garnet, are capable of making extremely intricate cuts, even in a 3-inch thick piece of steel.

There's a quote that is foundational to Superior Die Set's business philosophy: "Time without change produces only age." From the company's beginning in 1923 until now, they have proven that change combined with innovation and hard work is the formula for success. The company's growth is undeniable. Over the years, as they have added services, the footprint of their Oak Creek manufacturing facility has expanded as well. The also acquired a small local company, Greendale Precision Services, a manufacturer of precision punches for the metal stamping industry. But perhaps one of the most poetic chapters of Superior's story was the purchase of FCPK Bytów, a company in Poland in 1993, bringing company founder Kasimir's dream full circle. Now with nearly 300 employees in two locations, this subsidiary gives Superior Die Set a global reach.

If you were to sum up the success of Superior Die Set Corporation in one word, it would be family. Frank and his brother are the third generation to own the company. Their children, the fourth generation of Janiszewskis, currently have roles in the company, and will surely carry on their great-grandfather's legacy. However, the word family extends beyond the company's ownership and management.

"Our employees are family," notes Frank, "My brother and I have been running this company for many years, just like my father before, and grandfather before him. We have all passionately connected with our workforce." This connection, he explains, is critical when the pace of the business is so quick.

Building a relationship also ensures their employees thrive and see a path to both personal and company success. Superior's low turnover rates are a testament to the success of these relationships; job openings in the company often come from the retirement of long-time employees.

Frank's father Casimir H., known as Casey, was born in September 1923, the same year the company was founded. He was active in the operation of the company for more than 50 years, until his retirement in 1990 when his sons Casimir J. (also nicknamed Casey) and Frank took the helm.

Although retired, the elder Casey remained actively involved in the company, continuing his role as chairman. For as long as Superior Die Set has existed, milestone company celebrations – notably large open houses and employee family gatherings – always took place in September, and served as a birthday party for Casey as well. When Superior Die Set celebrated its 95th year in business this past September, the most notable guest was missing; the elder Casey passed away in May 2017 at age 93.

"My father was larger-than-life . . . and it felt very different not having him there this year," reflects Frank. There is no doubt, however, that his leadership and belief in the power of family will sustain Superior Die Set far into the future. We are proud of the lasting impact they have made on the Oak Creek community and beyond.

To learn more about Superior Die Set, or to apply for open positions in the company, please visit supdie.com.

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CITY HIGHLIGHTS



“Lincoln & Thanksgiving” Monday, November 19 • 4 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how Thanksgiving became a holiday? Would you have guessed that we can thank Abraham Lincoln for making it possible? The Oak Creek Public Library will hold an afternoon presentation in which historical actor Kevin Woods will portray President Lincoln. He will discuss his role in the founding of the autumnal holiday and will be available for questions from the audience.

Kevin Wood is an actor who resides in Illinois and has intensely studied the life of Abraham Lincoln. He has parlayed his love for history (as well as his uncanny resemblance to the real Abe Lincoln) into a variety of presentations and talks he gives at schools, libraries, and community gathering places throughout the region. According to Mr. Woods, “I get great enjoyment out of bringing one of our nation’s most cherished historical characters to life. And my audiences, both young and old alike, tell me how much they enjoy and learn from it as well.”

The “Lincoln & Thanksgiving” presentation will be held at the Oak Creek Public Library on Monday, November 19, at 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information, visit oakcreeklibrary.org/events or call (414) 766-7900.

Author Fest Returns to OCPL

The Oak Creek Public Library is set to hold its 2nd annual Author Fest! Get a jump on your holiday shopping and discover “new to you” authors from Oak Creek, southeast Wisconsin and beyond. Authors will be available to chat about their books and would be pleased to sign copies for recipients. The books available for sale will suit all age levels and interests, including fiction, romance, mystery, history, picture books and more.

Author Fest will be held in the Civic Center Multipurpose Room, on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase directly from the authors in attendance; payment options may vary from author to author. Registration is not required.

For more information, and to see a growing list of authors who will be at the event, visit oakcreeklibrary.org/events or call (414) 766-7900.



Oak Creek Winterfest February 16

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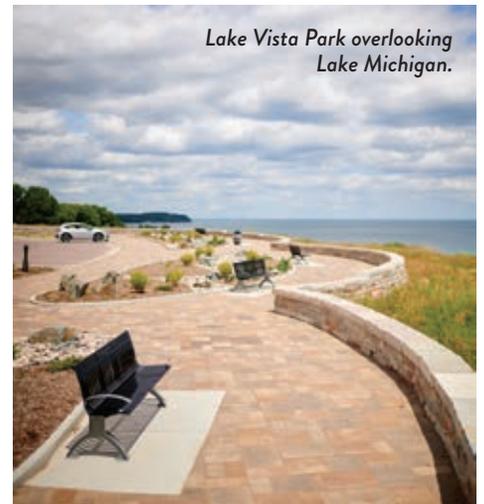
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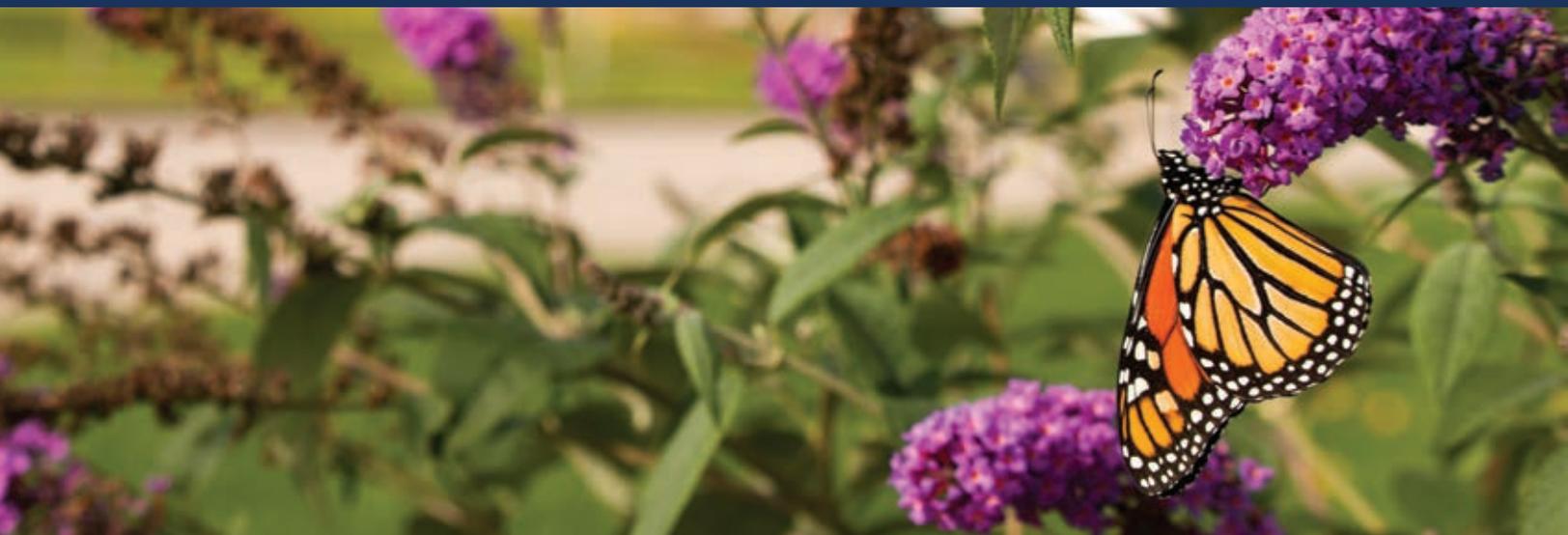
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ATTRACTIVE BUTTERFLY WAYSIDE SUPPORTS MIGRATING MONARCHS



There is no shortage of things competing for your attention as you drive down West Drexel Avenue: the new commercial development around Drexel Town Square, traffic heading to the interstate or IKEA, and even some road construction to make your travels more interesting! One thing that you may not have noticed, however, is a small and thriving slice of nature in the middle of all of that activity.

Located in the boulevard, with a clear view of the Drexel Town Square archway, lies a small flower bed – more specifically a butterfly wayside – planted to attract bees and migrating butterflies. Despite being located in a less-than-natural location, this newly planted bed is thriving. Monarch butterflies and fat bumble bees flit from flower to flower, not seeming to care that traffic is zipping past them on both sides.

Department of Public Works employee Deb Chvilicek is to be credited for the design, planting and maintenance of the planting beds found on our major City thoroughfares, including those on Howell Avenue and Puetz Road. It was also her idea to create this unique habitat on Drexel Avenue, based on a successful experiment in her own backyard.

“You wouldn’t believe how many butterflies I have in my yard. I began small, with a few plants here and there, and kept expanding,” explains Chvilicek, adding, “I thought that creating similar plantings in a more urban area would not only look attractive, but be beneficial for the butterflies.”

Millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada every autumn, spending winters in California and Mexico until weather conditions are favorable for their return in spring.

Monarch waystations, such as the one planted this year on Drexel Avenue, provide resources needed to sustain this important migration process.

According to Monarch Watch, a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation, conservation and protection of monarch habitats, natural milkweed and nectar sources are in decline, largely due to development and a widespread use of herbicides in agricultural land.

Without a major effort to supplement these habitats, the monarch population is certain to decline.

Milkweed is critical for the survival of the species. Monarch caterpillars will only eat milkweed; the plant provides all the nourishment that they need to transform into a butterfly. Nectar-rich plants are also needed by monarchs as their primary food source during the breeding season, fall migration and overwintering.

Within the Drexel Avenue boulevard butterfly wayside, Chvilicek has planted a variety of native milkweeds, and nectar-producing plants such as foxglove, butterfly bush, larkspur, yarrow and flox, to name a few. Aside from regular maintenance of this butterfly wayside, Chvilicek has one more goal for this planting bed: to certify it with the Monarch Watch organization, so that it is listed on their registry and maps, becoming one of over 21,000 registered habitats.

The City of Oak Creek is proud to support this mission and plans to add other butterfly-friendly habitats in other areas of the City in the future. Next time you drive down Drexel Avenue, taking in the bustle of activity, pause to consider and appreciate the monarchs pausing there during their cross-country migration!





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A variety of native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants such as foxglove, butterfly bush, larkspur, yarrow and flox have been planted in the Drexel Avenue wayside to attract butterflies and bees.

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Memory Café



There are almost 50 million people living with dementia-related conditions around the world. Many health organizations estimate that this number is expected to rise to over 80 million by 2030. Among the many difficulties that people with memory impairment face, caregivers often find it difficult to take their loved ones out to public places. This can be due to stigmas attached to the behaviors typical of these diseases, such as rocking and hand-wringing, becoming highly agitated without warning, and outbursts. Oftentimes, both the dementia-affected person and his/her caregiver find themselves becoming increasingly isolated.

With these concerns in mind, a program called Memory Cafe has taken off providing a focus of having a relaxed time in a non-medical setting. These gatherings offer participants a safe and fun way to share their stories and socialize with others who have similar concerns in a dementia-friendly environment. People diagnosed with dementia and their caregivers can come and mingle to create new friendships with others who have related experiences.

The concept for Memory Cafes came about in 1997, conceived by psychiatrist Dr. Bere Miesen. The program began to spread from its original location of Holland throughout Europe and then Australia at the turn of the century. By 2008, Memory Cafes were popping up around the United States. They are now hosted at hundreds of libraries, community centers, and even restaurants and coffee shops throughout the nation.

As part of the South Shores Libraries' Memory Cafe group, the Oak Creek Public Library hosted its first gathering in October. Library staff dressed tables with Halloween tablecloths and decorations while "Monster Mash" and other fun seasonal songs played in the background. The participants were invited to join in on a game of easy Halloween trivia or could play with a variety of simple toys and puzzles while they munched on pumpkin-shaped cookies. Small pumpkins were distributed for participants to paint so they could enjoy a creative activity. Light conversation turned to memories of favorite Halloween candies that participants enjoyed as children and the types

of costumes worn in years past. Images of vintage movie monsters created opportunities for laughs as folks shared their memories of enjoyable scares. Overall, it was a fun and relaxed atmosphere where dementia patients (with their caregivers) could forget about their diagnosis for a couple of hours. The Oak Creek Public Library will serve as host again in February and June of 2019. Library staff are looking forward to planning more fun activities and connecting with participants at upcoming sessions.

The South Shore Libraries Memory Cafe is a partnership between Cudahy Family Library, Oak Creek Public Library, South Milwaukee Public Library and St. Francis Public Library. The program is made possible with the support of all of the aforementioned libraries' Friends groups, as well as the Milwaukee County Federated Library System and the Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin. All caregivers and their loved ones who are living with mild cognitive impairment, early-stage Alzheimer's or other dementia are welcome to attend (see calendar on facing page). The Memory Cafes are free, but require advance registration.

For more information about the upcoming sessions, or to register, please call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.



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- 4/18/19: St. Francis Public Library
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- 7/18/19: Cudahy Family Library
- 8/15/19: St. Francis Public Library

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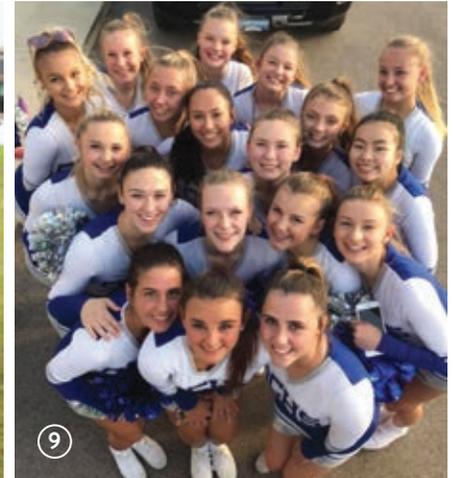
As the year draws to a close, we remember some of the special events and activities that have happened over the past few months in our great City. Now that the holidays are almost here, visit the calendar on page 34 for a list of upcoming events this season. Oak Creek is always on the move – jump in and take advantage of everything the City has to offer!

1 and 2 The second annual Oak Creek Fall Festival was held in Drexel Town Square on Saturday, October 20. Fun family activities with hay rides, a hay maze, a petting zoo and a Harvest Market were included in the festivities. **3 and 4** Oak Creek residents and guests were treated to behind-the-scenes tours of some of the City's most interesting places during Sneak Peek at Oak Creek this fall. **5** Youth Programs through the OCFJSD include lap swim and open swim. Winter/Spring class registration begins Dec. 10. Visit ocfsd.org/youth-programs (see pg. 11).



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6 and 7 The award-winning TV show, “Around the Corner” with John McGivern filmed an Oak Creek segment for PBS Channel 10.1 during the summer. A variety of businesses, and school/City officials were interviewed for the show to air in February (see page 5). **8** Zünd, a company specializing in digital cutting systems, broke ground for its new North American Headquarters in Drexel Town Square, just south of the Civic Center, on October 2. **9** Spirit Week October 2-5 culminated with the annual Homecoming Football Game on Friday night. Here the Dance Team gets ready to pump up the crowd (see more Homecoming photos on pages 12-13). **10** OC Girls Volleyball players pose for a picture before the homecoming parade. **11** City officials and project partners celebrated the grand opening of Lake Vista Park, Oak Creek’s newest recreational space on the lakefront, on August 23 (see City Highlights on page 22).





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM EVENT DETAILS.

NOVEMBER

- **Thur., Nov. 15: Fall Clean-Up Begins** No charge for pickup of most items from residential homes/condos that have City-provided garbage and recycling. There is a small fee for freon appliances and televisions. Visit oakcreekwi.org.
- **Sat., Nov. 17: Fall Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Visit occenter.com.
- **Mon., Nov. 19: Lincoln and Thanksgiving, 4-5:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library. Abraham Lincoln impersonator Kevin Wood will give a performance about Lincoln's influence on Thanksgiving. Free admission/ suitable for all ages. Registration is not required (see pg. 22).
- **Tue., Nov. 20: Oak Creek High School Theater Presents "Appropriate Audience Behavior," 7 p.m.** Oak Creek High School. Call 414-768-6210, ext. 7700 for more information.
- **Wed.-Fri., Nov. 21-23: Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **Thur., Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trek, 8-9 a.m.** Emerald Preserve, 8031 S. 6th St. Start out your day with an hour-long walk before you begin your holiday festivities! Participants are encouraged to bring healthy, non-perishable foods to help local food pantries.
- **Thur.-Fri., Nov. 22-23: City Offices, Recycling Yard and Library Closed**
- **Sun., Nov. 25: Community Tree Lighting** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Visit occenter.com.
- **Mon., Nov. 26: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** Edgewood Elementary School

DECEMBER

- **Sat., Dec. 1: Winter Parking Rules Begin** Visit the City website for information: oakcreekwi.org
- **Sat., Dec. 1: Author Fest, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. Get a jump on your holiday shopping and discover "new to you" authors from Oak Creek, southeast Wisconsin, and beyond! Free and open to the public. Visit oakcreeklibrary.com/events for complete details.
- **Sun., Dec. 2: Packer Party, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Beer, games, food, Packers!
- **Wed., Dec. 5: Drexel Town Square Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:30-7 p.m.** Drexel Town Square, 361 W. Town Square Way. Bring the whole family to the Town Square to enjoy hot refreshments, caroling, and of course, the lighting of the annual Christmas tree! Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support local families.
- **Sun., Dec. 9: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Sun., Dec. 9: Compassionate Friends, Candlelight Vigil** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Mon., Dec. 10: School Board Meeting 6 p.m.** Cedar Hills Elementary School
- **Fri., Dec. 14: A Christmas Carol, 6:30-8 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. The whole family will enjoy this holiday favorite, a reading of the Dickens' classic.

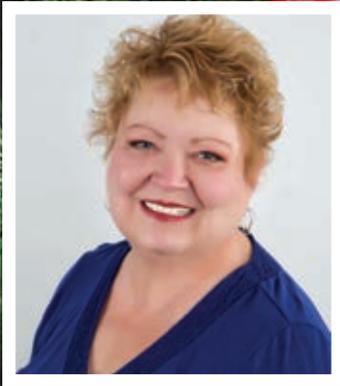
- **Sun., Dec. 16: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Sun., Dec. 16: A Christmas Carol, 3:30-5 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. The whole family will enjoy this holiday favorite, a reading of the Dickens' classic.
- **Mon., Dec. 17 School Board Meeting 6 p.m.** Cedar Hills Elementary School
- **Mon., Dec. 24-Tue., Jan. 1: No School (Winter Break)**
- **Mon.-Tues., Dec. 24-25: City Offices and Library Closed for Christmas Holiday**
- **Wed.-Fri., Dec. 26-28: Winter Break Open Play and Movies, 11: a.m. and 6 p.m.** Oak Creek Library Storytime Room. Enjoy the Library's open play area while watching a family-friendly movie. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. Registration not required.
- **Mon., Dec. 31: City Offices and Library Closed for New Year's Holiday**

JANUARY

- **Tues., Jan. 1: City Offices and Library Closed for New Year's Holiday**
- **Sun., Jan. 6: Dance with Steve Meisner, 1-4 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Wed., Jan. 9: Oak Creek High School Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m.**
- **Thur., Jan. 10: 9th Grade Open House 5:30-7:30 p.m.** At the 9th Grade Center for incoming 2019-2020 freshmen.
- **Thur., Jan. 10: High School Career Expo, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** (see pg. 12).
- **Mon., Jan. 14: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** East Middle School
- **Mon.-Tue., Jan. 21-Jan 22: No School**
- **Sat., Jan. 26: Winter Brews Fest, 5-11 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. More than 20 breweries represented.
- **Mon., Jan. 28: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** East Middle School

FEBRUARY

- **Sat., Feb. 2: Bridal Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Fri., Feb. 8: No School**
- **Mon., Feb. 11: School Board Meeting** Carollton Elementary
- **Thur., Feb. 14: Around the Corner with John McGivern** (Oak Creek Episode Premier), 7 p.m., PBS Channel 10.1. Watch John McGivern as he explores living, working and playing in Oak Creek! See pg. 5 and visit milwaukeepbs.org for more information.
- **Sat., Feb. 16: Oak Creek Winterfest, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Town Square, 361 W. Town Square Way. Please see visitoakcreek.com for details (see pg. 22).
- **Tue., Feb. 19: Spring Primary Election**
- **Fri., Sat. and Sun., Feb. 22, 23, 24: Oak Creek High School Musical, "Little Shop of Horrors"** Oak Creek High School.



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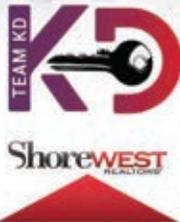
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