



Village of Oakfield

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2023 Taxes

Real and personal property taxes were mailed out on November 30, 2023. First or full installments are due by January 31, 2024; payments are accepted at the Village Office or by mail. Remember to mail the tax payment with a postmark of no later than January 31st. Any payments received after the January 31st deadline will be considered delinquent and full payment will need to be made at the County Treasurer's office.

2024 Breakfast with the Firefighters

The Oakfield Fire Department Auxiliary Breakfast is being held at the Oakfield Community Center on Sunday, February 25th, 2024 from 8:30 AM to Noon.

Children can enter a coloring contest with a chance to win a gift card.



Come out and support your Oakfield Fire Department!

Christmas Tree Pickup



The Oakfield FFA will once again be holding a Christmas tree/wreath collection! Trees are donated to be repurposed for use at a local Fish and Game Club. If you would like your tree picked up, it is free of charge, but please email Mrs. Daane at adaane@oakfield.k12.wi.us with your address and to specify if you would like your tree picked up on January 7th or 14th. Trees should be placed out for pickup by 9:00 a.m. Please contact Mrs. Daane at 920-583-3141 or adaane@oakfield.k12.wi.us with questions.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

A public informational meeting was held on October 23, 2023 as an introduction to the future upgrade. If you were unable to attend, a link to the information packet is available on the home page of the village website at www.villageofoakfield.com. More meetings will be scheduled in the coming months to keep the public informed. Please continue to watch social media, the village website and public posting places in town. These meetings are posted as soon as they are scheduled.



Winter Parking Restrictions

Village ordinance 10.12.010 states "No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on any street in the Village of Oakfield for a period of time longer than 30 minutes, between the hours of 2:30 a.m. & 6:00 a.m., on any day from December 1st to April 1st."

During and immediately after heavy snowfalls or severe winter weather our plow drivers appreciate attempts to keep parking lanes clear in order to expedite clean-up!



Find us online!

Website: www.villageofoakfield.com
Facebook: [villageofoakfieldwi](https://www.facebook.com/villageofoakfieldwi)

Oakfield Area Historical Society

Village Officials

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

Helpful Phone Numbers

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

2024 Dog Licenses

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

Please include a SASE if you would like your license mailed to you.

Fees are as follows:

Spayed/Neutered \$5.00

Unaltered Dogs \$10.00



Oakfield Community Foundation Grants

Since 2005, the Oakfield Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, has awarded over \$30,000 in support back to the Oakfield community. Grants have been awarded to the School District of Oakfield, Oakfield Public Library, Boy/Girl Scouts troops in Oakfield, local churches and the Village of Oakfield, including the placement of new benches and swings at our park. All donations received through the OCF stay local and are used in the Oakfield community. To make a gift or apply for a grant, visit www.fdlareafoundation.com and click on the Oakfield Foundation link at the bottom of the page. Grant applications are currently being accepted for funding consideration in 2024.

The Bowling Alley

In the 1930s, The Masonic Odd Fellows Lodge decided to construct a bowling alley in Fraternity Hall. The basement was dug out by hand with the help of horses and two alleys were carved into the newly dug basement and open for lodge member use. With the popularity of the alleys, two more were constructed and the space was opened to the public in 1939. George Kellar was one of the first men to manage the



bowling alley. Harlan Bennett and Matt Lieberg were also some of the earlier managers of the alleys. The lanes hired many Oakfield teenagers at the time to set pins for 3 cents a lane. Cliff Hobbs ran the lanes

after Mr. Lieberg. Shortly after World War II, the Masonic Lodge transferred the bowling alley to private ownership. Carl Ick ran the bowling alley until 1952 when he sold it to Lawrence Schaefer. The Oakfield Lanes were upgraded with semi-automatic pin-setting machines but still required teenage assistance. The Schaefer Family operated the Bowling alley until April 1975 ending the alley's 40-plus years of entertainment for Oakfield.



Water & Sewer bills enclosed

Payments are due by January 30, 2024. Late charges are applied to unpaid bills on February 6th.

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

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

****Due to an error with the billing software, the majority of customers will see an extra line on their bill this quarter to recoup sewer charges undercalculated for 2023.**

Radon Tests Urged

During January, Radon Action Month, the Fond du Lac County Health Department is making a special push to urge everyone to test their home for radon. Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The Department of Health Services estimates that 1 of 10 homes in Wisconsin have high radon levels.

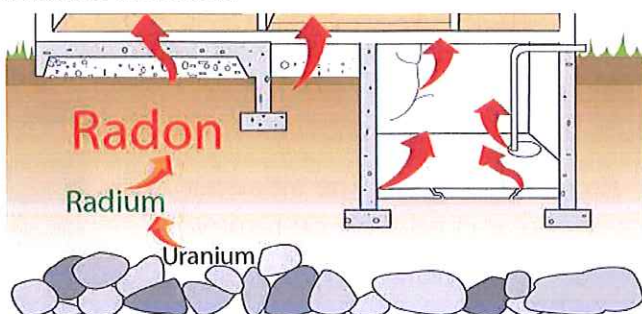
Radon is a naturally occurring gas in Wisconsin soils and is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Radon gas can move freely through soil and up into the atmosphere where it is safely diluted. However, when radon enters a building it can become concentrated and reach unhealthy levels. Radon can enter a building through cracks and openings in the foundation, floor, walls, sump pumps, plumbing, wiring, or ductwork. In 2022, 43% of tests performed in Fond du Lac County had high levels of radon.

You cannot smell, taste, or see radon; the only way to know if you have high radon levels is to test for it. With more people working from home, it is more important than ever to test homes for radon because testing is the only way to know if a home has radon levels at or above 4 picocuries, which presents a health risk. More than 100 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin are nationally certified to install radon mitigation systems if elevated radon levels are found. Thousands of systems are installed in existing homes in Wisconsin each year.

In conjunction with Radon Action Month, the Fond du Lac County Health Department will be offering short-term radon test kits during the month of January for \$5.00 each. Kits can be picked up at 160 S. Macy Street, 3rd floor, Monday through Friday from 8-4:30 P.M. Kits are also available through your local city/town clerk.

Short-term radon test kits are also available year-round for \$10.

Visit www.lowradon.org or contact the Fond du Lac County Health Department at (920) 929-3085 for information on radon.



Library News

Make time to visit the library this winter!

We are in the midst of the holiday season now, but by the next newsletter, spring will be looming. Already the transition from visions of sugarplums to picturing summer events and programs is happening. It is sure to be an exciting time, with the theme for summer 2024 of "Adventure Begins at Your Library," anything is possible!!!

But, is it really possible...this shocking fact that we have learned?

Not everyone uses the library??? True. Fact.

(This astonishing news was overheard at OAHS coffee hour 😊). There's no time like the present to get your own library card. Signup is easy and takes only a current ID and a few minutes. Most libraries are non-profit organizations, and every checkout earns us more funds to purchase materials, offer programs and more.

That small inconsequential library card can be used for so many things, books being just the best first! Why would you put off getting one?

Do you know what your library card can do for you?

- Download and stream e-books, magazines and audiobooks 24/7 from home.
- Find your next read, watch or listen from over 1 million unique items from our shared catalog.
- Cardholders can receive item availability and overdue notices either through text or email message.
- Checkout puzzles, kits, a telescope, coding robots and more from our library of things.
- Expand your skills with Gale Courses. Over 350 instructor-led, self-paced courses in professional development, technology skills and personal development.
- Use our computers or wi-fi to create and send important documents. Print and scanning available as well.
- Learn a new language, gain career skills, delve into your family history & more with our extensive research tools.
- Free workshops and programs for all ages.
- Delivery of materials to homebound customers.
- Personalized recommendations.
- Volunteer opportunities.

Stop in and get to know us.
We would love to see you!

920-583-4552

Mon-Wed-Thur 1-7 p.m.

Tues & Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

www.oakfieldlibrary.org



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Oakfield Police Department

Police cell: 920-517-1570

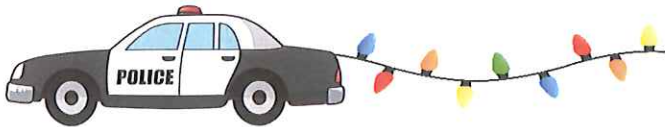
Chief Renee Schuster:

rschuster@villageofoakfieldwi.gov

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

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

Chief Renee Schuster & Officers Keith Hellwig and David Zittlow wish you a safe and Happy New Year!



Prescription Drug Drop-Off

A permanent drop-off box to provide residents an easy, secure and responsible way to dispose of unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs is available in the lobby of the Community Center during Village Office and Library hours.



Attention Snowmobilers!

The Police Department is requesting cooperation when operating snowmobiles within the Village.

Operation on property not owned by operator, school property, public property and sidewalks is in violation of village ordinance; however, this Department will be tolerant of those who are in compliance with traffic laws and do not exceed 15 mph when trying to get to the Wild Goose Trail only. There is a 15 MPH speed limit on the Wild Goose Trail within the village limits.

***The Village of Oakfield Board
and Staff would like to wish
you a happy and healthy
New Year!***

Fire Department Reminder

The fire department appreciates every effort you can make to help keep snow clear from village fire hydrants so they are accessible for the fire department and public works crews in an emergency.

Thank you!



Caucus 2024

The Village Caucus will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakfield Community Center. The incumbents whose terms are up in April and their offices are:



Julie Henke-Franke	Trustee
Jody Marcoe	Trustee
John Cedar	Trustee

The positions are two-year terms. Trustees earn \$100.00 per month plus \$30 for each regular, special and committee meeting. If you are interested in running for any of the above positions please attend the caucus and enlist someone to nominate you. **The caucus is the time for you to become a part of your village government!**

2024 Spring Elections

Spring Primary Tuesday February 20, 2024
(if necessary)

Spring Election Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Photo ID is required to receive a ballot in all special and regular elections.

For more information visit www.bringit.wi.gov.

**Check your voter registration information at myvote.wi.gov.*

Ord. 12.28.010: Snow & ice removal

A. The owner, occupant, or person in charge of any property within the village of Oakfield fronting or abutting any public sidewalk shall be responsible for removing snow from the entire width and length of said sidewalk within twelve (12) hours of the end of a snowfall.

B. Any ice formed on the sidewalk that cannot immediately be removed shall be sprinkled with sand, salt, or both.

