COVID-19 & Oakfield
The office is open but doors are locked; please be patient 😊
Please visit the village's website, Facebook page and the library and police department Facebook pages for current information. Due to the rapidly evolving situation, the information will not always be completely current, but we continue to do our best with limited staff and operating hours. If you have specific questions, please reach out to the appropriate person with them and we will do our best to provide timely, accurate answers. Please be patient with responses/response times.
As a reminder, many answers to general questions can be found on the village's website.

We're all in this, and will get through this, TOGETHER.

Community

Village Park Survey
A grant for assistance funding a bathroom remodel at the Village Park is being sought for 2021 and we need your thoughts!
Head over to www.villageofoakfield.com and scroll down on the homepage until you find the link to the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Spring Election - April 7, 2020
Village Trustee: Chris Cook
(vote for 3)
Jim Eckberg
Daniel J. Redman
School Board: Tanya Marcoe
(vote for 2)
Paul Dercks
SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY - VOTE!

Oakfield Fire Department Annual Cash Raffle
The Oakfield Fire Department is kicking off their annual "Cash Raffle". Members are selling tickets now and throughout spring up to the June 4th drawing night.
Proceeds for this year's raffle will be earmarked for the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle for off-road fire and rescue incidents.
Tickets are $5.00 each or five for $20.00. Top prize is $1,000.00. There are 70 cash prizes this year.
Members will be selling cash raffle tickets door to door in the Village of Oakfield on Monday, May 13th starting around 6:00 p.m. If we have inclement weather, the ticket selling night will be held on Tuesday, May 14th.
The drawing will be held on Thursday, June 4th at 8:00 p.m. at the Oakfield Community Center. Winners need not be present to win.
If you wish to make a donation to the Department to benefit the fund drive, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. The Department wishes to thank you for your past generosity with its fund raisers. We hope you will be able to help us out again this year.

Oakfield Fire & EMS Brat Fry
Come down to the fire station on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a brat fry to help support your local EMS!

Oakfield Fire Auxiliary Brat Fry
Mark your calendars, the Oakfield Ladies Fire Auxiliary is holding a brat fry on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Festival Foods on East Johnson Street in Fond du Lac! Get your groceries and grab lunch or dinner to help support the Oakfield Fire Department!
Ordinances To Live By

6.04.010 Keeping of animals and fowl
A. No more than three (3) dogs, three (3) cats, or a combination of three (3) dogs and cats shall be kept on any premises without the approval of the village board. Owners having more than three (3) pets at the time of this code adoption may continue to keep such pets, but those exceeding the prescribed limit shall not be replaced.
B. No person shall own, keep, harbor, or raise at any one time more than six (6) rabbits of any age.
C. No person shall keep, harbor, or raise any poisonous snake.
D. The species named in this paragraph by their nature or actions cause nuisance and may not be kept by any person within the village limits, except of those properties zoned agricultural-transitional:
   1. Livestock, including all cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, and swine.
   2. All mink foxes, skunks, raccoons, chickens, ducks, geese, and bees or other wild animals.

6.04.020 Animal waste and removal
A. Animal feces. No person shall allow or permit any animal owned by the person or under the person’s control to defecate or urinate upon the private property of another without the consent of such other property owner.
B. Removal of fecal matter. The owner and person in charge of any dog, cat, horse or other animal shall not permit fecal matter to be left on any street, alley, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other public property or on any private property, unless such fecal matter is immediately removed by the owner or person in charge of the animal.

6.08.050 Owner duties in case of dog bites
Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog who knows or has reason to know that such dog has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to law enforcement personnel as prescribed in Wis. Stat. 95.21. The owner or keeper of the dog shall keep such dog confined for a minimum of ten (10) days or for such period as a veterinarian shall direct. The owner or keeper of any such dog may be ordered to surrender the dog to a veterinarian or any village police officer upon demand for examination. The owner or keeper of the dog must show proof of vaccination. The dog must be examined by a veterinarian immediately after the bite. The tenth (10th) day after the bite, and once between to comply with the Wisconsin rabies law. (Ord. 2010-4)

8.28.010 Public Nuisance Prohibited
No person shall erect, contrive, cause, continue, maintain or permit to exist any public nuisance within the Village of Oakfield.

8.28.020 Definitions
A. Public Nuisance. A public nuisance is a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such a period of time as to:
   1. Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for any passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water or other public way or public property.
   2. Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. The following acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety, but such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other nuisances affecting public peace or safety coming within the provisions of subsection A of this section:
      17. All motor vehicles unlicensed for more than thirty (30) days that are in running condition or not in running condition that are kept on the premises. (Ord. 2007-6)

9.06.020 License required
Just a reminder for dog owners - to get your dogs licensed for 2019. The cost is $5 for spayed/neutered or $10 for those animals that are not. After March 31, a late fee of $5 for a dog will be charged. Also a copy of rabies vaccination is required. In addition, keep your dogs leashed when walking them and clean up after them. It just makes sense to be a good neighbor.

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

Police Phone Numbers
1. If the matter is an emergency, call 911.
2. If the matter is not an emergency, and you want to speak with an Oakfield Officer call the Oakfield Police Department at 517-1570. You may leave a message and when an officer is in duty they will return your call as soon as possible. If you need to speak with someone right away, and it is not an emergency, you may call the Fond du Lac Sheriff’s Department at 929-3390.

Renee Schuster, Police Chief
Phone:(920) 517-1570
rschuster@villageofoakfield.com

TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

National Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17, 2020. A Statewide Tornado Drill will be conducted on Thursday April 16, 2020 from 1:00 pm and conclude at 2:00 pm. A second drill will occur at 6:45 p.m. to allow families the opportunity to go over their safety plan. If severe weather is present the drill will be held on Friday April 17, 2020 at the same time.

Think Before You Flush!

Right now, many of us are spending a LOT more time at home. That means your toilet is probably flushing a lot more than it usually does and, consequently, a lot more action is happening at our wastewater treatment plant. The increased flow at the treatment plant means there is a greater possibility of problems occurring if everyone isn’t following the following guidelines.

Many items today are labeled “flushable” but the only thing going down your toilet should be toilet paper. ‘Flushable’ wipes can potentially clog pipes that lead to sewer backups in your house, causing costly damage to your home plumbing and the wastewater treatment plant. Often times the wipes don’t make it past your privately owned sewer lateral! The ones that DO make it to the treatment plant have to be manually removed by someone in order for the system to operate properly and recently our treatment plant operators have seen an increase in these items. These things should NEVER be flushed down the toilet: baby/personal hygiene products, feminine hygiene products, paper towel/napkins, dental floss, cotton swabs, diapers, prescription drugs, condoms, bandages, hazardous waste, cooking grease and oil. The Village has had several problems with sewage buildup in some main lines over the past year. Any kind of food grease or oil should NEVER be poured down the sink or flushed. Running hot water after doing so does not alleviate the problem, it merely pushes it farther along to cool and coat the pipes leading to an eventual clog and costly repairs and nasty smells.

Help us keep our wastewater plant (and your own pipes) in prime condition, only flush away your own waste and toilet paper: Think Before You Flush!

We’re in this together!
Village Board Members
Dennis Steinke, President 583-3321
Chris Cook, Trustee 375-0839
Jim Eckberg, Trustee 527-8644
Julie Franke, Trustee 583-3476
Dan Redman, Trustee 583-3495
Jody Marcone, Trustee 517-0500
Tim Stoppleworth, Trustee 979-0342

Helpful phone numbers
Village Office: 583-4400
Clerk/Treasurer: Miriam Thomas
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:
Office Fax: 583-2544
Police Dept.: Chief Renee Schuster 517-1570
Fire Dept.: Chief Brian Foster 583-2511
Bldg. Insp.: Rob Froh (920) 382-6202
Public Works: Earl Norenberg (Cell) 948-7007
Public Library: Lisa Zwickey 583-4552

Village Office hours: See website for current hours.
Library hours: Mon. 1-7 p.m., Tues. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wed. 1-7 p.m., Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 10-5 p.m.
www.villageofoakfield.com
www.facebook.com/villageofoakfieldwi

All meeting notices, agendas, ordinances, minutes, events, etc. are posted on bulletin boards at the post office, the bank and the entrance to the community center.

Village board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Fire Department monthly meetings are held the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

HYDRANT FLUSHING
Hydrant flushing will be done on May 21st during daylight hours. Please make sure to run your taps for a few minutes to rid pipes of any residue that may result from the flushing. Do not wash whites as your first load. If you have any questions, please call Jason, MCO, (920) 539-6724.

ATTENTION
VILLAGE OF OAKFIELD TAXPAYERS
Notice of Open Book of Assessment Rolls:
April 29, 2020 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. in the Community Center

Notice of Meeting Board of Review:
May 13, 2020 from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the Community Center
• By appointment only

Library News
While much uncertainty is surrounding our everyday lives, the library continues to work to offer resources, media and learning tools to our patrons. Search our website for the research tab for hundreds of free websites, learning guides, and tools to help you. You will find everything from auto repair and maintenance to genealogy to business to health resources. All are free with your library card. Log in with your card number and your PIN (usually the last four digits of your telephone number). If you need assistance, please call the library at 583-4552. Staff can return your call when available, until we are back working usual hours. Be sure to visit our website for updates as they are available. www.oakfieldlibrary.org

Remember that you can still place holds on items, but they will not be filled until AFTER our re-opening date. eBooks and digital media are always available.

Plans for summer reading are well underway, with programs for all ages. Read with a buddy, movies, book swap and craft nights for teens/tween are being planned. Little’s will enjoy a stuffed animal sleepover, guests at story time and crafts and activities, changing throughout the summer. Enjoy a performance from Tom Pease in July, nature programs and more as we “Imagine Your Story” this summer. Reading BINGO, fun prizes and incentives. Every age and ability can participate. If you or your business/organization would like to donate raffle items for our summer programs, please contact dehaan@oakfieldlibrary.org. T-shirts, mugs, or promotional items are all appreciated.

- Adult craft night is held the second Thursday of each month. For a small $3 fee, you can join us for a fun evening of crafting, all supplies are provided.
- Lego Club meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
- Story time will continue at 10:40 a.m. each Tuesday.

Because planning has been put on hold, it has been hard for us to foresee when we will be able to get back to scheduling regular events and programs. Please visit our website, keep an eye on the Oakfield Difference, or like our Facebook page as things may be scheduled with short notice. Thank you to all our loyal customers!

583-4552
www.oakfieldlibrary.org

Monday–Wednesday–Thursday 1-7 p.m.
Tuesday & Friday Noon-5 p.m.

The Fond du Lac Society of Model Railroaders will roll into Oakfield on August 1st!

Village-Wide Rummage Sale
This year’s village-wide rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020. If you are interested, residents are encouraged to register their sale at the Village Office so it can be placed on the map and on our website. There is a $3.00 fee for the cost of advertising.
Water and sewer utility bills are enclosed
Payments are due by April 30, 2020. Late charges will be applied to unpaid bills on May 6th and disconnection notices sent out. Ten days later if bills are still not paid, service is disconnected until payment is made, including a minimum $30 service reconnection fee.
IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A PAYMENT ON TIME PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A DEFERRED PAYMENT AGREEMENT!

Electronic Payments Option
Paying online using a credit/debit card or an e-check is available for utility bill payments! See the link at the very bottom of the website's homepage. Payments are made through the third party vendor, Point & Pay. There are fees with all payment options. You will see the fees before payment is submitted and have the option of cancelling the payment if you would like.

E-Invoicing- Be Green!
Paperless billing for your utility bill is available! The Village Office has a release form that must be filled out before you can begin receiving your bills and newsletter electronically. Save a tree-sign up today!

Find us on Facebook

Bulky waste pickup is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2020.

Memorial Day Parade
Join us on Monday, May 25th at 8:00 a.m. for the Village's annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade is led by local veterans, starts at the top of Main Street and ends at Avoca Cemetery with a short presentation. We salute all the fallen heroes who have served and sacrificed.

Park Rental information
The Village Park shelter located at Second and East Church Streets is available for rent for the following fees (non-resident rates differ):
- $25.00 for four hours
- $50.00 for all day
- $100.00 for profit-making organizations
Call the Village Office at 583-4400 to reserve the shelter and/or for questions.

Emerald Ash Borer
Last summer the Village was informed by the DNR that the emerald ash borer was found in several trees located on village property. The trees were removed earlier this year with plans to replace them this spring/summer.

The presence of the destructive insect is not surprising as it has been in Fond du Lac County for some time. The village is encouraging any property owner with ash trees on their property to have them inspected and diagnosed by a tree professional and have trees treated or removed.

Failure to remove infected or hazardous trees of any species can result in a special charge against your property on your tax bill per Ordinance 12.32.020.

No Burning of Yard Waste
You might have a lot of free time at home for a while and be taking advantage of the opportunity to do yard work BUT the Village has a burning ordinance; residents may NOT dispose of their yard waste by burning it in their yards.
If you have any further questions or concerns, please call the Village Office at 920-583-4400.