

Village of Oakfield

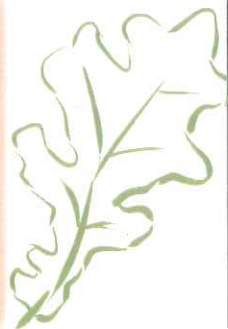
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Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat in the village will be **Saturday, October 31st** from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. If you plan on handing out candy please turn your outside lights on to help parents and children identify at which houses to stop.



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Oakfield Firemen's Auxiliary Fall Flower & Bake Sale



The Firemen's Auxiliary is taking orders for beautiful flower arrangements that are perfect for the holiday season!

Order forms will be available at the Village Office, Post Office, Path Petroleum, Katy's Log Cabin & Stillwater Salon & Spa. Orders with payment can be mailed to Rose Collien, PO Box 175, Oakfield, WI 53065 or you can call Rose at 920-960-8244.

All orders must be prepaid by November 13th.

Pick up date is Tuesday, November 24th from 2:00pm - 6:00pm at the Oakfield Community Center.

The Auxiliary is also holding their annual Bake Sale in conjunction with the flower pickup. Stop in and pick up some baked goods and support the Fire Department!



Curbside Leaf Pickup Dates

Leaves will be picked up, weather permitting, tentatively starting the week of October 19th until approximately November 20th, or until the majority are collected.

Collection takes place over several days during the week; if your pile isn't picked up immediately, please be patient!



****REMINDER:** The Village does not collect curbside brush; please **DO NOT include tree trimmings, grass clippings or other yard waste in your leaf pile**; it can damage the leaf collector, which causes delays in leaf collection. **If employees spot any other yard waste while picking up your leaves, YOUR PILE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED!**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Oakfield Fire Department Cash Raffle

The Oakfield Fire Department would like to thank everyone who donated their time selling raffle tickets, purchased raffle tickets or made donations for the raffle. This year's raffle raised \$12,027.56 towards the purchase of new Personal Protective Equipment. Congratulations to this year's winners!

\$1,000.00 winner: Craig Chadwick & Brian Abitz \$300.00 winner: Nate Danor

\$500.00 winner: Charles Merwin

\$200.00 winner: Roger Schlefke

\$400.00 winner: Josh Stolfus

\$136.99 winner: Tammy Burbach

\$100.00 winners: Tiffany Fisher, Tom Dineen, Toni Timm, Brian Willett, Cathy Baker, Chad Conger, Jay Newton, Paul Dineen, Sarah Aellig, Matt Rauls, Sylvia Sanchez, Bryan Henslon, Dave Kraus, Tom Dineen, Joyce Roth

\$50.00 winners: Addy Walgenbach, Tracy Snyder, Jason Stibb, Randy Bille, Tom Miller, Mark Horvath, Dan Ticks, Dave Kraus, Kevin Baker, Kyle Fisher, Ron May, Mike Fisher, Joe Krause, Mary Fiebig, Dan Henke, Mary Fiebig, Tom Kelroy, Jenny Winget, Ken Deaver, Chuck & Wendy Hounsell, Joan Jaeger, Julie Haeni, Amanda Baker, Paul Dineen, Tom Henke

\$25.00 winners: April Epps, Don Schindel, Tom Henke, Bryan Henson, Jason Roberts, Sara Karweick, Tom Miller, Jenny Winget, Brian Kopf, Richard Murphy, Jim Gelhar, Sylvia Sanchez, Pat O'Brien, Jody Steger, Dean Conger, Miriam Thomas, Dave Tetzlaff, Mark Ryan, Craig Chadwick, Laura Velazquez, Lisa Parks, Pat Towne, Amy Meenk, Kevin Baesch

Thank you!



Library News



Your Library is More Than Just Books!

Did you know the library offers so much more than books? With your library card, you can check out DVDs, video games, Tonies, audiobooks, magazines, and more. Use your library card for access to thousands of digital books, audiobooks, movies, and more? Check out our popular digital resources: Libby, Hoopla & Kanopy.

Whether you're looking for family movie night entertainment, a new game to play, or stories for young listeners, there's something for everyone at the library. Stop in and explore all the great items available to borrow!

And here's a helpful tip: you can place holds on some books before they're even released! If there's an upcoming title you're excited about, visit our website and search for the book in our catalog. If available, you can place a hold and be among the first to enjoy it when it arrives.

Weekly Activities

- Storytime: Tuesdays @ 10:15 am
- Community Coffee: Fridays @ 10:30 am

Monthly

- Starry Night Storytime: 1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm
- Adult Craft Night: 3rd Thursday~ registration required
- Craft & Chat Night: 1st & 3rd Monday @ 6:00
- Lego Club: 1st Wednesday @ 3:30 pm
- Homeschool Meetup: 3rd Friday @ 10:00 am

Special Events

- Halloween Costume Swap: swap, drop off or grab one!
- Witch Hat Decorating Contest: hat pick up the week of September 28th, return by October 16th. Winners will be announced on October 23
- Speed Puzzling: October 5th @ 5:30- Registration Req'd
- Eyeglass Clinic sponsored by Birds Eye View Optical: October 15th 1:30-2:30
- Halloween Costume Party: October 23rd, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm- Prizes awarded for best costume!
- Bake Sale: November 3

Keep an eye out for upcoming dates for a Chilli Cook off, Bingo, and more!

We are still accepting donations of all books (especially adult books), DVDs, magazines (last 2 years), puzzles and games! Book Sale will be November 4-6 stay tuned for times!

Looking for a meaningful way to support your library and community? Consider joining the Friends of the Library! Friends help support library programs, special events, and projects through volunteering, fundraising, and advocacy. New members are always welcome. Stop by the library to learn more about how you can get involved.

The library is seeking students in grades 4-12 to join our Student Library Association! Members have the opportunity to share ideas, assist with library events, help shape programs for young people, and earn volunteer experience. Interested students can stop by the library to pick up an application. We'd love to have you join us!

Stay up to date on all things by visiting our website: <https://oakfieldlibrary.org/>, follow us on Facebook and be sure to subscribe to our monthly newsletter.

Library Hours:

Monday & Thursday 12:00 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 – 5:00 pm

Fall just got here but winter isn't far behind. The next newsletter isn't until January 2027, so if snow does fall, it is appreciated if property owners comply with village ordinance and remove snow (and ice) from sidewalks within twelve (12) hours of the end of a snowfall.

Oakfield FFA Christmas Tree Pickup

January 9, 2027



Do you live in the village of Oakfield and you're not sure what to do with your Christmas tree? Email

adaane@oakfield.k12.wi.us

with your address and place your tree on the curb by 9 am.

We will come pick it up! There is no charge, as this project is being done as a community service event.

These trees will be donated to be repurposed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Construction is wrapping up on the treatment plant upgrade. The village has been fortunate to have some aerial photos taken that have been posted on the village's website homepage at www.villageofoakfield.com.

If you haven't seen them, take a moment to see all the changes!



The Village Garage is **ONLY** for use by Village residents but the large dumpsters at the garage are **NOT** for resident use. Please keep tree trimmings to 4 feet or under in length; it makes it easier for our public works employees to clean up the area when necessary.

NO DUMPING OF BULKY WASTE!

E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER SAFETY & LEGAL REMINDERS

(Village Ord 10.18.010/Wi Stat 346.80, 346.803, 346.806) Please read ordinances.

E-Bikes & e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, and riders must follow Wisconsin traffic laws to help keep everyone safe.

- E-bikes, E-scooters and bicycles are vehicles and are subject to the same rules of the road. Riders must obey traffic signs, signals, and ride responsibly.
- Wisconsin recognizes three classes of e-bikes. Riders under 16 years old may **NOT** operate a Class 3 e-bike.
- E-scooters cannot be operated on any public roadway, trail, or sidewalk, at a speed greater than **15 mph**.
- Riders operating on roadways should ride as close as practicable to the **right-hand side of the roadway** unless conditions require otherwise.
- During hours of darkness, e-bikes and e-scooters must have a white front light visible from at least 500 feet and a red rear light or adequate reflector.
- Ordinances restrict riders 11yrs or older from the operation of e-scooters and all bikes on the sidewalks.
- Not every e-bike sold online is street legal. Vehicles capable of excessive speeds or, for e-bikes, lacking functional pedals, may be classified differently under WI law and may require registration and licensing.
- No driver's license, registration, or insurance is required for lawful e-bikes or e-scooters in Wisconsin.
- **Riders CAN be arrested for OWI.**

Please ride safely, watch for pedestrians and traffic, wear a helmet, and help keep our streets, trails, and sidewalks safe for everyone!

Village Officials

Dan Redman, President.....	920-583-3495
Chase Casey, Trustee.....	920-763-5304
Owen Stoppeworth, Trustee.....	920-979-2847
Julie Henke-Franke, Trustee.....	920-904-1856
Chris Cook, Trustee.....	920-375-0839
Michael Merk, Trustee.....	920-960-8572
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, Jeremy Kintzler.....	920-948-7007
Public Library.....	920-583-4552

Prescription Drug Take Back



The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient & responsible way to dispose

of prescription drugs while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The Village of Oakfield drop box is located in the lobby of the community center building and is available whenever the building is open. Please dump all pills in a Ziploc bag; it is not necessary to keep them in their original bottles. Liquid bottles should be placed in bags also to reduce the potential for leaking.

This year's Take Back is October 24th.

Holiday Library & Office Hours

The Village Office & Library will be closed the following days for the holidays:

- Thurs., November 26th
- Friday, November 27th
- Thurs., December 24th
- Friday, December 25th
- Thurs., December 31st (Library only)
- Friday, January 1st



A drop box is available 24/7 on the wall in the front entryway of the Community Center.

Oakfield Police Department

Police cell: 920-517-1570

Chief Renee Schuster:

rschuster@villageofoakfield.com

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.



Winter Parking

A reminder that there is NO PARKING on village streets between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. starting on December 1st. Parking restrictions are in place until April 1st. Emergency vehicles on a call are exempt from the restrictions.

Used Oil Collection Discontinued

As of October 1, 2024, the Village no longer accepts used oil of any kind. Please see the village website for a list of authorized collection locations in the area.

Used oil is easily recyclable. More information is also available on the Wisconsin DNR's website, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/oil.html>

Annual Vendor Fair

Check out this fun annual event on Saturday, November 14th; there's something for everyone!

Watch the Katy's Log Cabin Facebook page for more details coming soon!



Water & Sewer bills enclosed

Payments are due by October 30, 2026. Late charges are applied to unpaid balances on the 5th of each month.

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.



ACH PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE! – More info online at www.villageofoakfield.com or at the Village Office.

Oakfield Area Historical Society

The first lumberyard in Oakfield was established around 1874 by Henry A. Ripley. Originally operated as a planing mill, it was located on the west side of Elm Street, just south of the railroad tracks. The business purchased rough-cut lumber, milled it into finished lumber, and sold it to the public. As the business grew, Ripley moved the operation closer to the train depot near Booth Street. This location made it easier to unload lumber shipped by rail and allowed the company to expand into full-service lumberyard operations. Around 1895, Ripley sold the business to Christian Henningson, who operated the lumberyard for the next 33 years. With new homes beginning to fill Oakfield's streets around the turn of the twentieth century, the lumberyard flourished. In 1913, however, the business was the scene of a robbery that resulted in the loss of money and the burning of a building, apparently set on fire to conceal the crime. Henningson continued operating the lumberyard until his retirement in late 1928. At that time, Barker Lumber Company, which operated locations in Plymouth and Random Lake, purchased the Oakfield yard and hired Art Culver as its manager. In addition to managing the lumberyard, Culver served for many years as Oakfield's village marshal. In the mid-1950s, Arthur Culver transferred management of the company to his son, Leslie Culver. For many years, Leslie was assisted by Harley Baehler and Paul Lund. Under Barker Lumber Company, the Oakfield yard operated with the motto, "We Treat You Square the Year Round." The company often gave customers yardsticks printed with the slogan and its telephone number. Barker Lumber Company carried a wide variety of building materials, including brick, tile, fencing, sand, cement, windows, lumber, doors, and other construction supplies. The company also sold coal for many years and provided services such as reglazing windows and repairing window screens. The lumberyard depended heavily on the railroad, which delivered most of its lumber and supplies. Around 1966, Barker Lumber Company sold the Oakfield operation to Richard Towne, ending nearly 40 years of management by the Culver family. Towne Lumber struggled to generate enough revenue to remain open and closed around 1968. The lumberyard buildings were demolished shortly after the closure. The former office building was moved to South Byron by Art and Sally Peterson, where it was converted into a home.

