

Special Events



Saturday, August 2 from 9am-Noon

4th Annual Bark in Oak Park

Sa, Aug 2 from 9am-Noon at Maple Park & Carroll Park -
Exclusive Sponsor: Out U Go

SW

It's time to "Go Fetch" with your dog! This year's walk will include one interactive stop at Carroll Park featuring a cool off station for dogs and refreshment area for humans, a few stops to fetch treats for your dog, and a vendor showcase. All dogs will receive goodie bags and a t-shirt for their owners. At the conclusion of the walk join us for the Frisbee Dog Show by Sky Dogz of Chicago. For more information

contact Shari Ann Wenzel at 708-725-2108.

Location: Maple Park (Walk goes to Carroll Park and returns)

Sa, Aug 2 \$18 per dog
9am-Noon #381241-01

Festival Theatre at Austin Gardens

Continuing Through Aug 23

Austin Gardens is once again the backdrop for Oak Park Festival Theatre's summer season. Festival Theatre is currently staging the play "Dancing at Lughnasa." Performances run Thursdays thru Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 7pm through August 23. For more information please contact the Festival Theatre at (708) 445-4440 or visit them online at www.oakparkfestival.com.

Mother/Daughter Memory Making (Ages 6 & Up)

SW

Take a bit of time out with your very special girlfriend! Create a frame and a special scrapbook for the upcoming year and a personal set of stationery. Please bring at least 5 special photos.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Center

Su, Sep 11 \$36/\$54 per pair
3-5:30pm #462510-01
Min 4/Max 12

NEW! Family Sock Hop (Ages 4 & Up)

SW

Get ready to twist and shout, rock around the clock, and bunny hop the night away. Grab your poodle skirt, ladies, and men, grease back your hair for an evening of dancing to the oldies. Refreshments include ice cream, sodas and popcorn!

Location: Fox Center

F, Sep 19 \$18/\$27 per family of 4
6-8pm #472370-01
Min 6/Max 20



32nd Annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races

BF

Su, Oct 26 - See page 11

Whether you're a seasoned runner setting out to beat your best time, or a family looking for a great healthy activity to do together, you'll find what you're looking for at the 32nd Annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races. This regional event features a 5k Run/Walk, a 10K Run and a Youth Mile! The 5k and 10K courses are both certified by USA Track and Field. See more complete information, including registration details, on page 11.

FREE Admission Go Healthy Challenge (Ages 5+)

SW

Sa, Sep 27 from 9am - Noon
at Carroll Park/Lincoln School Playground

Do you have what it takes to "Go Healthy?" The Park District of Oak Park challenges you to a morning of fun, games, healthy activities, and healthy minds! Activities will include:

- Bicycle Safety Tips & a Bicycle Obstacle Course
Presented by Owen Reed, Oak Park Bike Ambassador
- Sports Obstacle Challenge
Presented by On the Go Sports
- Double Dutch Jump Rope & Single Rope Techniques & Challenge
Presented by the Park District of Oak Park

Parents' Night Out (Ages 3-9)

JG

Enjoy an evening out and let us entertain your children. The evening includes a theme, a pizza dinner, snacks, activities, a G or PG Rated movie, and popcorn. Don't miss out on the fun!

6-9pm

Fee: \$14/\$21

Location: Fox Center

F, Sep 26 "Hawaiian Luau" theme #412221-01

F, Oct 17 "Wild, Wild West" theme #412221-02

F, Dec 12 "Curious George" theme #412221-04

Location: Longfellow Center

F, Nov 14 "Under the Sea" theme #412221-03

Min 15/Max 35

LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is Noon, Aug 14.
Please read lottery info on page 75.

Wondering where to go? See facilities map on pages 70-71!

Coming This Autumn to Cheney Mansion

FREE Admission Cheney Mansion Garden Days

LP

W through Aug 13, 7am-1pm

The mansion's award-winning gardens will be open to visitors with the mansion's gardener on hand to answer questions.

FREE Admission Walk-In Wednesdays at Cheney Mansion

LP

W, Sep 10 - Oct 22 from 11am-4pm

Open House! Enjoy light refreshments while exploring the Mansion on a self-guided tour.

FREE Admission Autumnfest Sunday at Cheney Mansion

LP

Su, Oct 5 from 1-4pm

This free community open house offers a relaxing Sunday afternoon of self-guided tours of the mansion and gardens, rental event planning area, a garden scavenger hunt, cooking demonstration, light refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome!

FREE Admission The Artful Amaryllis at Cheney Mansion

LP

Su, Nov 16 from 11am-4pm

Our 7th annual sale features an abundant variety of amaryllis bulbs, including hybrids, miniatures and novelties, plus traditional holiday favorites. Depending on the variety, bulbs are timed for blooming from December through March. Creatively gift packaged, they make a great hostess gift or holiday present. The mansion will be open for viewing during the show. Light refreshments provided.

Music at the Mansion

LP

F, Oct 24 at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Cheney Mansion captures the "Sounds of South America" with this duo guitar and flute performance by Michael Nigro and Lisa Schroeder. Their program celebrates the music of South America, from folkloric dances to sophisticated impressionism. For reservations, please call the Mansion at (708) 383-2612.

F, Oct 24 7pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)
\$12 in advance,
\$15 at the door

Please also see page 9 for more Holiday special events from Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home and the Conservatory!

Special Events



Pleasant Home Special Events

FREE Admission 19th Century Children's Day at Pleasant Home

LT

Sunday, Sep 28 from 1-4pm

A partnership program with Wonder Works Children's Museum, Pleasant Home Foundation and the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest. Make history come alive! Children's Day at Pleasant Home will be a special day set aside for families to take part in the activities and lifestyle of a typical 19th-century era child. Leave the digital life behind for a day and see what life was like before video games and television - you'll be surprised at the fun! FREE!



Special Events at the Oak Park Conservatory

FREE Admission Oak Park Conservatory Plant Exchange

HY

Saturday, September 13 - FREE

This annual FREE event allows residents to swap garden perennials with each other through the Conservatory, and also gives participants the opportunity to get some unique plants from the Conservatory in exchange for houseplants! For more information, call 386-4700.

Garden Perennials:

Drop off 10am-Noon, Swap 12:30-2pm

Bring to the rear of the Conservatory off the alley. Plants should be individually wrapped or in a pot and labeled by the type and color, if possible.

House Plants:

Exchange from 12:30-2pm

Bring your own flats, potted plants or potted cuttings of houseplants to exchange for exotic plants propagated at the Conservatory!

Stay Cool On the Ice at Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common

FREE Admission Give Ice Skating A Try

ML

Sa, Oct 4, varying times

Come see what the buzz is about at the Paul Hruby Ice Arena. These FREE sessions let people visit the rink and learn about ice skating. There will be an open skate, fun activities, and snacks. Whether you're lacing up skates for the first time, or a seasoned veteran on the ice, there is fun for all skill levels and ages, both figure skaters and hockey players. See page 13 for details.

FREE Admission Ridgeland Common Open House

ML

Su, Oct 5 from 2-4pm

Stop by Ridgeland Common for a skating Open House! Meet the staff and get answers to your questions regarding the programs we will be offering this fall. Trained staff will be available to evaluate children for our Learn to Skate and Hockey Programs and to assist program placement.

Fall Fest on ICE!

ML

Tu, Oct 7 from 5-7pm

Join the Paul Hruby Ice Arena staff as we enjoy an evening of skating fun. This event will feature refreshments, wacky relay races, and awesome prizes. Fun for the whole family and skaters of all skill levels.
Tu, Oct 7 5-7pm \$10 #461999-04

Friday Night Ice (Gr. 6-8)

BN

Teens are taking over Ridgeland Common! One Friday night each month, come hang out with your friends for a night of skating just for teens. Each night will be centered around a different theme with food, games, and giveaways included. *Details and dates on page 13.*



Special Events

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



NEW! It's the Great Pumpkin Fest (Ages 3 & up with parent)

Enjoy an afternoon of old fashioned penny carnival games, a pumpkin moon jump, and a silly fortune teller. Jim Nesci will round out the afternoon with his Cold Blooded Creature Show (included in fee). The event is held from 1 - 4 pm but we have limited seating for the Cold Blooded Creature Show. Children must attend with paying parent. Space is limited and NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR. You must sign up in advance for this program.

Location: Beye School

Sa, Oct 4

\$8/\$12 per person

1-4pm (with 1pm show)

#472699-02

1-4pm (with 2:30pm show)

#472699-03

Min 6/Max 150

Have your face painted by an artist for the fest! Pre-registration required.

Face-Painting \$3/\$5

#472699-04

Min 6/Max 40

Creepy Treats (Ages 3-9) SW

It's Halloween and time for some creepy and gross treats that will make your parents' hair stand on end!

Location: Fox Center

M, Oct 27

\$8/\$12

4-4:50pm Ages 3-5

#402251-01

5-5:50pm Ages 6-9

#412251-01

Min 6/Max 18

Li'l Pumpkin Fun (Ages 2-4 with Parent) SW

Come decorate a li'l pumpkin with your little pumpkin! We will also create a healthy halloween snack, paint with sponges, and sing! Children must attend with paying adult!

Location: Fox Center

W, Oct 29

\$8/\$12

10-11am

#402251-02

Min 6/Max 20

Special Halloween Dance Workshop (Ages 6-12) SW

Bring out your ghoulish side this October and join us as we transform ourselves into monsters with face paint, ripped and designed monster t-shirts, and more! Dress like a ghoul, bring a water bottle and comfortable clothes to dance in!

Location: Fox Center

F, Oct 10

\$15/\$23

6-8pm

#412370-14

Min 8/Max 20

Pumpkin Decorating (Ages 3-5) SW

Create your own painted pumpkin complete with eyes, ears, mouth, and nose! A healthy Halloween snack will also be provided!

Location: Fox Center

W, Oct 29

\$8/\$12

4-4:50pm

#402251-03

Min 6/Max 18

Pumpkin Carving (Ages 6-9) SW

Each child will be supplied with their own pumpkin and safe carving utensil. Seeds will be toasted during class and enjoyed as a snack at the end of class!

Location: Andersen Center

W, Oct 29

\$10/\$15

5-6:15pm

#412251-02

Min 6/Max 20

Family Pumpkin Carving Party (Ages 6 & Up) SW

Join us for a pizza and salad dinner followed by an evening of pumpkin carving, halloween sing along, and weather permitting, a flashlight gummy worm hunt.

Location: Fox Center

Sa, Oct 18

\$36/\$54 per family of 4

6-8pm

#462510-02

Min 4/Max 12

Just for Teens !

The programs listed below (except Friday Night Ice) are offered at 49 Lake, the Park Distric's new Teen Center. For the complete schedule and more details, visit www.oakparkteens.com! Also be sure to check pages 42 - 43 for more teen programming and details on becoming a Teen Center member.

Big Screens & Big Snacks

(Grades 6-12) BN

Stop by the Teen Center for a featured flick with featured snacks on our huge screen. Of course the popcorn machine will be working overtime, but we'll take it a step further. Think "The Goonies" with rocky road ice cream and "The Simpsons" with doughnuts.

Skate Late at 49 Lake

(Grades 6-12) BN

One Friday night each month, we'll turn on the lights and keep the skate park at Stevenson Park open late just for teens. Everyone gets pizza and pop with admission (at the door) and access to music, basketball, pool, and air hockey tables at 49 Lake Teen Center

Oak Park Unplugged

(Grades 9-12) BN

Whether you're in a band that can play an entire set or you've just learned your first song, come show your stuff one Friday night each month at 49 Lake. Each night will begin with an open mike where any teen will have the opportunity to participate and will end with a performance by a featured teen band or musician.

Teen Karaoke Nights

(Grades 6-12) BN

Live out your American Idol fantasies one Friday night each month at 49 Lake. Sing the latest hits with your friends or come to watch other teens perform while you play pool and air hockey.

Teen Game Night

(Grades 6-12) BN

Get your game on at 49 Lake! Each night will feature a tournament of some kind - whether it is Mario Kart, a pool tournament, or even a card game or Monopoly marathon. Snacks and drinks will be available and the winner each night will walk away with a prize.

Holiday Special Events



LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is **Mon, Aug 14**. Please read lottery info on page 75.



Breakfast, Lunch, & Tea with Santa at Cheney Mansion *LP*

Join Santa and his elves for this wonderful family tradition. Live music, a model train layout, a photo with Santa and a gift bag are all included. New toys will be collected for donating to local charities. Tickets are not refundable, or exchangeable for different seatings (unusable tickets may be returned to the Park District for donation to a local charity). Each family member attending must register - children must attend with paying adult!

Sa, Dec 6

Fee: \$18 per person (adult or any age child)

Number of guests per seating: 115

Breakfast at 9am #461155-01

Lunch at 11:30am #461155-02

Tea at 2:30pm #461155-03

Deck the Halls (Ages 6 & Up) *SW*

Stop and spend a few relaxing hours with your family while we make a few last minute gifts (frames, cards, etc.) and decorations for an even more festive holiday! When registering, please list each person registering.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Park

Su, Dec 7

\$36/\$54 per family of four

3-5:30pm

#462510-03

Min 4/Max 12

Free Holiday Activities

FREE Admission Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home *LT*

Su, Dec 7, 1-4pm

Join us for this special event, marking the opening of our annual Artisans Holiday Sale. Live music, hand painted ornaments by Illinois Prairie Painters, crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, desserts provided by caterers and Todd & Holland Holiday Spice tea! FREE!

FREE Admission Cheney Mansion Holiday Open House *LP*

M, Dec 8 through Th, Dec 11 from 11am-7pm

The mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays! Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a food item to donate to the OPRF Food Pantry. No admission fee!

FREE Admission Pleasant Home Annual Artisans Holiday Sale *LT*

Dec 7-14

Find unique gifts and treasures while supporting local artisans! Sale begins during our Holiday Open House and is open an entire week with extended hours for holiday shopping, during which our museum store will also be open. Please see complete information on page 64. Admission and refreshments are FREE!

FREE Admission Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House at the Oak Park Conservatory *HY*

Su, Dec 7 from Noon-4pm

Seasonal floral displays, Santa Claus, and an expanded craft faire at the Oak Park Conservatory. Forced Paper White Narcissus and door swags will be on sale.

Polar Express (All Ages with Parent) *SW*

All aboard! Enjoy cookies, chocolate milk, story telling, and holiday carols as we ride in the Polar Express Train and find Santa. (Be sure to arrive on time as the train departs at 2:55 pm sharp and we need to pass out boarding passes.) Each family member attending must register - children must attend with a paying adult!

Location: Oak Park Metra Station, 1115 W. North Blvd (at Harlem)

Su, Dec 14

\$10/\$15 per person

2:40-5:30pm

#472699-01

Min 6/Max 200

Season's Greetings



Fall Calendar