



Important Information

PLEASE NOTE

Say Cheese!

On occasion, Park District staff may take photos of participants enrolled in Park District programs, classes, events, or people enjoying our parks. Please be aware that these photos are for Park District use only and may be used in future publications and on the Park District web sites.

No Smoking

According to Park District Ordinance 7.22, no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other tobacco products) is allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

No Bike Riding

No person 15 years of age or older may ride a bike within any park property. This revised rule was adopted by the Park Board of Commissioners with the safety of all park patrons in mind. This ordinance mirrors the Village of Oak Park ordinance regarding bicycles on sidewalks.

No private tennis lessons allowed on Park District tennis courts at any time.

According to Park District Ordinance, no person shall conduct any private instruction, lesson, or class in any Park Facility at any time except as previously approved by the Park District.

New at the Park District: Apply Online !

- The Park District employs 50 full-time employees, and 200 part-time year-round instructors & employees.
- The Park District of Oak Park is proud to be the largest employer of area youth by hiring approximately 200 summer seasonal employees every year. Park District job opportunities build character, strengthen leadership skills, and create a sense of community pride. A position with the Park District is a great opportunity to explore your talents and potential in a fun team-oriented atmosphere (while making money in the process).
- The Park District of Oak Park strictly adheres to an online job application process. If you are interested in applying for employment, you must complete the online job application available at www.oakparkparks.com - select "Jobs," and then click on "Start an application for employment."

Dogs in Our Parks

For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds but are allowed in our parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet at all times. Another alternative for your four-legged friend is to purchase a permit for the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located at Ridgeland Common Park. (see information below).

Dog Park & Dog Park Plus

Permit Required for access - limited permits available

Our four-legged canine friends have a designated place to run, roll around, meet new friends and even catch a ball or Frisbee here at the Park District of Oak Park. Opened in January 2006, the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located in Ridgeland Common Park, offers Oak Park dog owners the opportunity to bring their dogs to an open space and allow them to exercise off-leash. The Dog Park is a dedicated dog off-leash area located in the southeast corner of Ridgeland Common Park, in an area that covers approximately 8,700 square feet. Dog Park Plus encompasses the Dog Park as well as the fenced-in area of Ridgeland Common including the two ball fields and the sled hill. This is a multi-use area and is only available for off-leash exercise during select hours.

Dog Park Hours:

Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

Dog Park Plus Hours:

Nov 1 - Mar 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 7-9am

Apr 1 - Oct 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 6- 8am



2008-2009 Permit holders - your permit is now valid through July 31 !

Starting in 2009, we've changed the annual permit period to run from August 1 – July 31 each year. This means that current permit holders for the 2008-2009 year, whose permits were originally scheduled to expire on April 30, 2009, will now have their permit extended through July 31, 2009 at no additional fee. A special renewal period for 2008-2009 pass holders will be held from July 10 – 31, 2009

Interim Permits (for 2009 only)

Valid January 1 - July 31, 2009

On sale now. Due to the extension of the permit period this year, we will be selling "Interim Permits." The cost for an Interim Dog Park Permit is a pro-rated fee of \$25 for the first dog registered, and \$5 for each additional dog thereafter, with a limit of three dogs per household (in keeping with Village restrictions on dog ownership). See "How To Obtain A Permit" below for more information. A special renewal period for Interim Permit holders will be held from July 10 – 31, 2009

2009-2010 Permits

Valid August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010

On sale beginning August 1, 2009. The cost for a permit is \$40 for the first dog registered, and \$5 for each additional dog thereafter, with a limit of three dogs per household (in keeping with Village restrictions on dog ownership). Permits are valid for one year from August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010. See "How To Obtain A Permit" below for more information.

How To Obtain A Permit

Permits are available for purchase by Oak Park residents only and must be purchased IN-PERSON ONLY at Ridgeland Common, located at 415 W. Lake Street in Oak Park (office hours 9am-5pm M-F, and Sa from 9am-Noon).

Requirements for Permit

Owners must provide a valid village dog license receipt, including the license number, and proof of current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, kennel cough/bordetella, para-influenza and parvovirus, as well as proof of a fecal test for internal parasites.

Please Note

Periodic monitoring and surveillance of the Dog Park/ Dog Park Plus will be conducted by the Village of Oak Park Animal Control Officer and the Village of Oak Park Police. Dog owners not complying with posted Dog Park/Dog Park Plus rules will be subject to fines of up to \$1,000.

Questions on Dog Permits? Please call (708) 848-9661 M-Sa, 9am-5pm.