

## 8.4 - Public Information on Laws, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, and Policies

*Standard:* Agency staff shall participate in educating and informing the public on laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies that apply to parks and recreation areas and facilities. This role shall be established through policy directive.

*Suggested Evidence of Compliance:* Provide documentation that defines the role of agency staff in providing public information and education on laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies. Provide examples of education and provision of information.

Informational reference in the *Management of Park and Recreation Agencies*, (2010), 3rd Ed., Chapter 22 – Law Enforcement and Security, pp. 616-617.

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### Agency Evidence of Compliance:

Per Park District Policy on Enforcement of Park & Facility Rules<sup>1</sup>, Park District staff have a responsibility to educate and inform the public on laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies that apply to parks and facilities. The Park District has worked to give these rules directly to customers when possible, such as on park permit confirmations<sup>2</sup>. Staff also communicates these rules using several methods including the quarterly program guide<sup>3</sup>, in multiple spots on the Park District website<sup>4</sup>, and park signage<sup>5</sup>.

Additionally, employees are given tools to help aid in the in-person education of rules, including park rule cards<sup>6</sup> that can be handed out to the public by staff that include information on rules that need to be enforced most frequently. Additionally, staff are issued a Park District Rules Booklet<sup>7</sup> for easy reference when working in a park or facility or at a special event.

### Documentation:

1. [08.04.00\\_Policy-on-Enforcement-of-Park-Facility-Rules.pdf](#)
2. [08.04.00\\_Permit-Issued-with-Park-Rules.pdf](#)
3. [08.04.00\\_Rules-in-Quarterly-Program-Guide.pdf](#)
4. screenshots of Rules on Park District website (*below*)
5. photos of Park Signage with rules (*below*)
6. scan of Park Rule Cards (*below*)
7. [08.04.00\\_Park-District-Rules-Booklet.pdf](#)

Agency Self Assessment: MET



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## About Us

The Park District of Oak Park, created in 1912, serves the recreational needs of the 52,000 residents of Oak Park, providing over 3,000 recreation programs and special events annually. Overseen by a Board of five elected officials, the District owns an Administrative Center, two outdoor pools, an indoor ice rink, the Oak Park Conservatory, Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home, a gymnastics & recreation center, seven recreation centers plus 13 parks totaling 83 acres of parkland. Through the programs and facilities the Park District of Oak Park provides, we significantly contribute to the quality of life in Oak Park. More details...

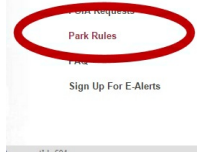
### Park District Plans & Goals

- 2015 Budget
- 2013-2015 Strategic Plan (including District goals)
- 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan
- 2013 Annual Report
- 2005-2014 Comprehensive Master Plan
- 2006 Recreation Center Historical Stewardship Study
- 2010 Community Attitude & Interest Survey
- 2015-2024 Comprehensive Master Plan
- 2014 Community Attitude & Interest Survey

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**Popular Activities**

- Swimming
- Ice Skating & Hockey
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Dog Friendly Areas

**Popular Destinations**

- Gymnastics and Recreation Center
- Cheney Mansion
- Oak Park Conservatory
- Pleasant Home
- Ridgeland Common

**Related Info**

- Search All Parks & Facilities
- Check Field Conditions
- Park Rules & Regulations**
- Submit a Facility Evaluation
- Report a Maintenance Issue
- PACT Program

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In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities.

"John had a great time playing soccer with his friends and neighbors. John's daddy enjoyed coaching his team."

- Parent of John, Age 3

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**Governmental Partners**

- Oak Park Public Library
- Oak Park Elementary School District
- Oak Park & Deer Forest High School District 202
- Oak Park Township
- Village of Oak Park
- West Suburban Special Recreation Association

**Important Documents**

- Current Budget Plan
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Strategic Plan
- Park Board Agendas & Minutes
- FCM Requests
- Document Library

**Doing Business With Us**

- Grants, Bids, RFIs
- Advertising

**Parks & Facilities**

- Search
- Park Rules & Regulations
- Planis Area
- Report Repairs
- Fencing & Photography Permits
- Special Event Permits

**Programs & Registration**

- Create an Account
- Programs
- Register
- Info

**How Can I Help?**

- Email All Park Board Members
- Citizen Committees
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Parks Foundation

**Customer Service & Registration Hours**

P: (708) 725-2000

**Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex**

415 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302  
P: (708) 725-2000 F: (708) 725-2001  
M - F: 8:30am-7pm  
Sa & Su: 8:30am-5pm

**Gymnastics and Recreation Center**

21 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302  
P: (708) 725-2000  
M - F: 8:30am-7pm  
Sa & Su: 8:30am-5pm

Admitted Member PDRMA

Hedges Administrative Center, 215 Madison, Oak Park, IL 60302  
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Examples of Park Rules on Park District website



*Examples of Park & Facility Rule Signage*

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Please visit  
[www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org) or  
call (708) 725-2000  
for Customer Service  
Locations and hours.

**Help Keep Our Parks Safe!**

Our goal is to sustain our parks in a safe, clean condition for all residents. We do our best to enforce Park District ordinances to that end. Your active help in keeping our community a wonderful place to live is what makes Oak Park special.

**PARK HOURS**

**Parks open at sunrise, and close at 10:00PM**

Park hours may be extended in the case of Park District-sponsored athletic events or special events.

Please refer to reverse of card for additional park rules.

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**PARK DISTRICT ORDINANCES**

*enforcable by Park District Staff and Oak Park Police.*

- No alcohol.
- No smoking (includes e-cigarettes).
- No guns.
- No golfing.
- Vehicles are prohibited on grounds.
- Dogs must be on a leash 6' or less while on park grounds. Dogs/pets prohibited in playgrounds or on tennis courts.
- Radio-controlled or model aircraft or model rockets are prohibited.
- Hammocks, swings or other items are not to be tied to or hung from trees.
- Use of grills is not allowed on park grounds except those permanently installed at the Taylor Park picnic area (permits available through [pdop.org](http://pdop.org)).