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A Day in Our Village festival is June 4

Scoville Park, Rehm Park and Ridgeland Common are the places to be for Oak Park's pre-eminent celebration of diversity and community involvement – *A Day in Our Village* – scheduled for Sun., June 4.

The all-inclusive, annual festival allows residents to become volunteers, join an organization, patronize a local merchant or service, meet neighbors, enjoy special activities, make new friends, join a congregation and generally support the community spirit.

Oak Park Township's mini-buses will provide free transportation between venues from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Village's free shuttle also will offer transportation to the sites.

Here's an overview of the day's activities:

- More than 150 activity booths representing Oak Park civic, cultural, social service, educational, religious and business organizations will fill Scoville Park (Lake Street at Oak Park Avenue) from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Among the various activities will be yoga demonstrations, blood pressure screenings, environmental and energy ideas, printmaking, African American history games, chopstick lessons, foster care recruitment, aikido demonstrations, Jewish trivia games, rickshaw rides and displays of Police and Fire department vehicle technology. The obligatory face painting and balloons will be there, too.
- Local entertainers on the Scoville Park stage will perform Reggae, Latin jazz, dance, folk and theater.
- Food court featuring local restaurants on the Scoville Park-Library plaza will sell meals, snacks, wine and beer in a picnic setting.
- Rehm Park & Pool (Garfield Street at East Avenue) will offer a range of activities from noon – 5 p.m., including a giant inflatable slide, climbing wall, balloon artist, old fashioned penny carnival games, a dunk tank featuring park staff, model trains and hot dogs and soft drinks. Swimming will be available from 1 – 4:30 p.m. for \$3 per person.
- Ridgeland Common Pool (Lake Street at Ridgeland Avenue) will offer swimming for \$3 per person from 1 – 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 358.5409 or email community@oak-park.us.

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