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35th annual A Day in Our Village festival is June 1

Scoville Park and Rehm Park 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 1.

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, percussion workshop, African American history games, aikido demonstrations, Jewish trivia games, jeopardy game with prizes for adults, plant your own vegetable or flower to take home, art activities, coloring activities for kids 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 a mix of popular music, dancing, stage and show reviews.
- 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 and model trains. Swimming will be available from 1 – 4:30 p.m. for \$3 per person.
- Free basic tennis instruction for children and adults from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Rehm Park tennis courts (Garfield Street at East Avenue). Instruction provided by United States Tennis Association professionals from the Park District and Oak Park Tennis and Fitness Centre.

For more information, call 708.358.5405 or e-mail community@oak-park.us.

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