

Oak Park Park District – Ridgeland Pool Plans

. It is important that the Park District understands the value of having a competitively viable Olympic sized pool in the community. Lap swimmers and competitive swimmers need to unite to see that any new project plans includes the development/retention of a 50 meter pool. For more information, check the [Ridgeland Common project page](#)

Three of the four conceptual plans for the renovation of Ridgeland Common pool propose the elimination of the 50-meter pool.

Two of the four proposed plans envision redevelopment of the existing Ridgeland Commons property. [Expanding Plan Option 1](#) [PDF] includes a 25-yard pool with half the sidewall merged with a large leisure pool. [Expanding Plan Option 2](#) [PDF] (and [2A](#) [PDF]) includes only the leisure pool.

The "Visionary" plans would require closing Scoville Avenue and merging the Ridgeland Common property with OPRF's athletic fields. [Visionary Plan Option 1](#) [PDF] includes both an outdoor 50-meter pool and an indoor 25-yard pool. This plan is not likely to draw much interest as it would also require the high school shorten its playing fields, overlap them with the park district's baseball diamonds, and eliminate the running track. [Visionary Plan Option 2](#) [PDF] has a 25-yard indoor pool. Both "Visionary" plans include **two** ice rinks.

The Park District is asking for feedback on these plans. You can do this in two different ways:

- Fill out their [on-line questionnaire](#).
- Contact the Park District's Diane Stanke at (708) 725-2022 or dianes@oakparkparks.com

Asset Rich Community Seminar

Our West Cook YMCA is sponsoring a FREE seminar to the public at OPRF high school next week. The date is Tuesday, May 13 from 7-9pm. Jim Conway from the Search Institute will be speaking on what we can do to help our young people succeed. Jim received very good reviews last time he was in town, so take the opportunity to attend this event. The attached flier has more information. Please feel free to distribute to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Pentathlon Swim Meet: May 17-18

Please note that not all swimmers that signed up for this event are eligible to participate. Only swimmers in the 300 Power Point Club and higher from last season are eligible. Here is the [Power Point Club list](#).

Meet entries are posted on the website, [meet information page](#).

Saturday PM (13&over): Warm-ups @ 11:45am
Sunday AM (10 & Under): Warm-ups @ 7:45am
Sunday PM (11-12): Warm-ups @ 12:45pm

[Driving Directions](#) – John B Norris Rec Center (St Charles, IL)

Local Parades

Mark your calendars to participate in these two upcoming local parades. TOPS will walk in these parades as a part of the YMCA group. All swimmers are invited! The athletes will walk in our gray ringer T-shirts. Parents, siblings & pets are all welcome too! As the dates approach, we will have more information available on meeting time and locations prior to parade.

1. River Forest Memorial Day Parade
2. Oak Park 4th of July Parade