

# Oakwood Park Association Inc.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

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Oakwood Park is founded on providing for the quiet enjoyment of all its members, their families, guests and renters. It is a unique place that allows for a great deal of freedom of enjoyment.

This freedom is directly due to the active participation of everyone in abiding by the following Guidelines. It is the responsibility of all OPAi residents to ensure your family, guests and renters are aware of these.

It is in this spirit that we ask everyone residing in and visiting Oakwood Park to respect the privacy and property of each other.

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### 1.0 BEACH AND WATER

There are **no lifeguards** on the beach at Oakwood Park. We recommend that you never swim alone – Lake Huron is a moody and powerful lake and often has a strong undertow even when the surface does not seem overly rough. Keep an eye on the flag on the main beach in Grand Bend to indicate the degree of risk.

**Federal Marine Law** requires boats and other motorized watercraft to leave and approach the shoreline with absolutely no wake until 100 meters out, or well beyond the sandbar where people are swimming. The craft should move in and out, straight from the shoreline, and not cut across on an angle. Users of personal watercraft are asked to pay particular attention to these laws to ensure that they not become a safety hazard or nuisance to those swimming in the water or sitting on the beach.



**Glass containers** of any kind on the beach are discouraged, as broken glass is a hazard to barefoot beachgoers, or children playing in the sand.

**Garbage.** Everyone is required to clean up after themselves on the beach – taking away bottles, cans, and wrappers, and depositing them in their own garbage.

**Beach fires** are permitted but should be constructed out of the way of the most likely paths of pedestrian's traffic, and well away from homes and potentially flammable grass. Dig a pit for your fire to make it easier to cover up with sand when you're finished. Beach fires must be **completely doused** with water before being abandoned.

The **beach dunes and grasses** should not be tampered with at any time. No machinery, construction or foot/vehicular traffic should disturb the sand dunes or grasses. Nor should the dunes be used as a bathroom. Please respect this precious natural resource.

The beach, below the high-water mark, is **public property** and does not belong to the property on which a neighbouring home is located. All of the By-laws of the Municipality of South Huron apply to this land.



## 2.0 ROADS

Collectively we own the roads in Oakwood Park. We need to take care of them, while ensuring the safety of all.

All **motorized vehicles** using our OPAi roads (including but not limited to golf carts, motor bikes, and segues) are the responsibility of the owner to ensure adequate insurance coverage is in place and that it is operated safely for the occupants and others using our roads as drivers or

pedestrians. Golf carts are allowed to park temporarily (i.e., not overnight) at beach accesses on the far edges of the pavement as long as no property traffic access nor emergency vehicle access is impeded. They are not allowed on the beach access walkways, in the dunes or on the beach itself.

**No speeding** on the roads in the park. The maximum speed allowed is 20 km/hr.

There is **no parking** on roads in Oakwood. Our narrow roadways must be kept clear for emergency vehicles, and safe passage of all other traffic. Members must ensure that they provide sufficient parking on their property for all their needs.

## 3.0 CONSTRUCTION

Many of our Park residents are only able to enjoy their properties during the summer months. When major construction is planned, please:

- **DO NOT PLAN THIS DURING JULY & AUGUST**
- **Notify the OPAi Board of Directors with the start and end dates.** This will allow Beaches & Roads and Security Directors to assist in maintaining the integrity of the park.
- **If selling your property,** please advise real estate agents and new owners of this requirement.

## 4.0 GENERAL

**Dogs and pets** must be kept under the control of their owners at all times. Pet owners must clean up after their pets and ensure that there is no undue barking disturbing the neighbours. In the busy summer weekends, it is advised to keep dogs off the beach between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM, unless leashed, or visiting for a quick, cool-off swim. Again, dogs must be under the control of their owner at all times.

**No fireworks** or firecrackers should be used except on designated holidays (i.e. May 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>). They cause undue fright and injury to unsuspecting people and pets in addition to being illegal. All fireworks garbage must be disposed of properly, especially sparklers as they are a hazard to bare feet traffic.

**Plants & Trees** - If you feel there is a need to cut down trees that are on OPAi property, please contact a member of the Board. When planting on your property, please choose indigenous options.