

Waterparks fun begins next week

Oakland County's two water parks - Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford - open a week from tomorrow.

Red Oaks Waterpark, open through Aug. 23, features a wave-action pool and giant triple waterslide. Waterford Oaks Waterpark, open through Labor Day Sept. 7, features The Big Bucket, an interactive children's water playground; Ragin' Rapids, a group raft ride; The Wave, Michigan's first wave-action pool and Slidewinder, a giant double waterslide. Both waterparks are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and until 8 p.m. in July.

Lifeguards at the waterparks are licensed and certified in CPR and first aid.

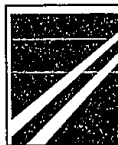
Both waterparks offer bathhouses with showers and lockers, children's play equipment, sand volleyball courts, group picnic areas and grills, as well as

free lounge chairs and parking. Red Oaks accommodates groups at The Cabana. Waterford Oaks features Hideaway Grove, Poolside Pavilion and a tent for large groups. Group rates are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. There are advance discounts for groups of 20 or more.

Birthday packages include free admission and T-shirt for the birthday child. Party guests receive tube rental for two hours and lunch. There is a 10 person minimum per party.

Red Oaks Waterpark is on 13 Mile Road between John R and Dequindre in Madison Heights. Waterford Oaks Waterpark is on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road.

For more information call Red Oaks at (248) 858-6900, Waterford Oaks at (248) 858-0918 or TDD: (248) 858-1634.



Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County Roads this week. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

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I-75
At: 14 Mile
Community: Troy
Traffic will be shifted for lane closures through June 1.

At: Rochester Road
Community: Troy
The north bound exit ramp will be closed through June 17. Detours are posted.

I-498
From: Franklin west bound to Inksater
Community: Southfield
Shoulders will be closed through May 31.

AVON ROAD
From: East of Livernois
Community: Rochester Hills
Resurfacing is expected to begin by May 8.

BALDWIN ROAD
From: I-75 to Delevan
Communities: Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus
The road is being widened from two lanes to a six lane boulevard.

BRIDGE LAKE
From: Rattlesnake Lake Road to Davisburg Road
Community: Springfield Township
A road paving project is being conducted until August.

DEQUINDRE ROAD
From: Big Beaver to Wattles
Community: Troy
Dequindre is being widened from two to five lanes.

From: School Road to Hamlin
Community: Rochester Hills
The road is being reduced to one lane, beginning May 11, for repairs.

ELIZABETH LAKE
From: M-59 to Cass Lake Road
Community: Waterford
This section of road will be closed through mid-June to repair a damaged sewer line.

From: Telegraph to M-59
Community: Waterford
Concrete is being repaired. One lane will be closed at all times through July 3.

FRANKLIN ROAD
At: I-696 bridge
Community: Southfield
The bridge over I-696 will be closed through June 1.

GRAND RIVER
At: Farmington Road
Community: Farmington
Grand River (M-6) will be reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 15.

At: Orchard Lake Road
Community: Farmington Hills
There will be alternating lane closures through Aug. 13.

ROCHESTER ROAD
From: M-59 to Avon Road

Community: Rochester Hills
One lane will be closed in each direction through July 1.

NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY
At: Telegraph Road
Community: Southfield
The ramp from northbound Northwestern to southbound Telegraph will be closed intermittently during non-rush hour periods. The ramp from northbound Telegraph to I-696 and northbound Northwestern Highway will be closed until Oct. 30.

At: Service drive and Evergreen
Community: Southfield
The left service drive lane will be closed at Evergreen and the right lane of the Evergreen bridge will be closed through June 6.

WALTON BOULEVARD
From: West of Saahabaw to Clintonville Community: Waterford
Walton is being widened from three to five lanes. It is limited to one lane each way during construction.

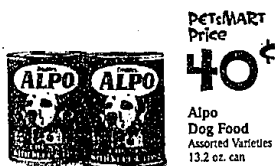
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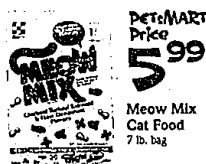
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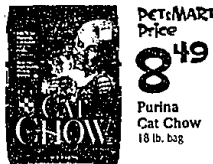
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