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**Waterford Oaks Waterpark will not open for the 2021 season**

Oakland County Parks and Recreation was not able to hire enough lifeguards to staff the facility located in Waterford.

“We appreciate the patience of our dedicated staff who have been working since January to recruit and hire staff for all our facilities,” Interim Executive Officer Susan Wells said. “Unfortunately, lifeguard recruiting has been an issue the last few years in the county, state and nation. OCPR will not operate a facility if we are unable to provide the adequate safety level for our guests and staff.”

OCPR also operates [Red Oaks Waterpark](#) in Madison Heights, featuring a new splash pad with 52 interactive features, including a water play climber with slides and a dumping bucket. The zero-depth attraction offers 160' x 105' of play area with a new adjacent shade structure. Additionally, a family restroom has been added adjacent to the splash pad.

Red Oaks Waterpark, located in Madison Heights, is open 7 days a week, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Capacity is 1,000 people a day. Tickets may be purchased at [OaklandCountyParks.com](#) or at the waterpark. Entry is \$17/person/online; \$20/person on site. Online ticket sales end at 2 p.m. for the day of visit. Tickets will be available seven days prior to the intended visit date. Tickets will not be required for children ages 0-1. Their age will be verified at the gate. Capacity for Red Oaks will be 1,000 visitors daily.

At Red Oaks, waterpark season passes, and group rates will not be offered; programs have been cancelled; and picnic shelters will not be rented. Concessions will be closed; however, pre-packaged drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. The River Ride will be closed due to staff shortages.

Red Oaks Waterpark is located at 1455 E. Thirteen Mile Road. It offers a children's splash pad, wave-action pool, giant triple waterslide, bathhouse, picnic areas, lockers, free tubes and lounge chairs.