

Oak Park

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Recreation Program Guide**

City Welcomes 37th City Council

City Resolves Court Litigation

WRAP Now Available in Oak Park

How to Reduce Water Consumption





Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

I am proud to say the City recently met with a group of students from the Oak Park High School to try to find ways we could empower our youth by providing new programs and amenities in our Library through our Recreation Department.

As a direct result of that meeting, we have now implemented several new programs and amenities between the hours of 3 to 6 p.m. when our students have left school for the day. The results have yet to be fully realized, but there is no doubt these changes have decreased negative behaviors in our Library and allowed all patrons to feel more comfortable during these hours and beyond.

When coupled with the various City infrastructure projects we are undertaking after engaging in a series of comprehensive community visioning processes, we are a city government who listens to our residents and delivers on the vision they have for our great city.

The largest of the proposed infrastructure projects is the Nine Mile Road Redesign proposal. The current proposal calls for a complete redesign of Nine Mile Road from Coolidge to our border with Ferndale. The project would include many new amenities including new parks and bike lanes.

All of the programs and project features we are undertaking have one thing in mind and that is that we are committed to improving the quality of life throughout our community. Fundamentally, our goal is to attract new businesses and residents with a strategy that makes people want to live where they can lead healthy lives and raise strong families.

Sincerely, Erik Tungate
City Manager, City of Oak Park

State of the City

Wed., March 14 | Reception, 6 p.m. | Event, 7 p.m.
City Hall City Council Chambers

The event will be broadcast live and can be seen live or in archive on the City's YouTube channel @CityOfOakPark.
Call City Administration Office at (248) 691-7410 for more details.

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City Welcomes 37th City Council

On Monday, November 13, after the General Election results were tabulated, the City held a Special City Council Meeting to thank City Council Member Kiesha Speech for her service to the City of Oak Park. Mayor Marian McClellan, fellow City Council Members and City Manager Erik Tungate presented Council Member Speech with a City Proclamation honoring her and aired a farewell video in tribute to her service and leadership throughout her term.

Following the Special Meeting, City Council convened for an Organizational Meeting whereby Mayor Marian McClellan took her fourth Oath of Office as Mayor of Oak Park. City Council Member Solomon Radner took the Oath of Office in his new role as Mayor Pro Tem. This is Council Member Radner's first term.

Carolyn Burns also took her Oath of Office as a returning City Council Member; this is her second term. Regina Weiss was sworn into her new role as City Council Member, as well. Previous to joining City Council, Ms. Weiss was active in the Oak Park community serving on the Arts and Cultural Diversity

Commission and participating in the East Oak Park Neighborhood Association. She is the Program Director of Tri-Community Coalition, an organization that assists at-risk youth.

To administer the Oath of Office during the ceremonies, the elected were graciously joined by Honorable R. Steven Whalen, Executive Magistrate Judge of the Michigan Eastern District Federal Court; the Honorable Chief Judge of the 45th District Court Michelle Friedman Appel; and Oak Park City Clerk T. Edwin Norris.

About City Council

The Oak Park City Council is the legislative and governing body for the City of Oak Park. City Council is comprised of a Mayor, a Mayor Pro Tem, and three City Council Members that are elected at-large. The voters elect the Mayor and the City Council Members, while the Mayor Pro Tem position is determined by the greatest number of votes by the voters in the previous election.

Council Terms

The Mayor is elected at every regularly scheduled city election and serves in office on a two-year term. The remaining City Council

Members are elected to four-year terms staggered during election years, whereby two are up for election during any given regularly scheduled city election. City elections are usually held in odd-numbered years (i.e., 2013 and 2015), however if a position becomes vacant during the elected official's term of office, a special election may be held to fill the vacancy.

About City-Manager Form of Government

The City of Oak Park operates under a council-manager form of government whereby City Council has the power and authority to adopt laws, ordinances and resolutions. The City Council also appoints the City Manager, currently Erik Tungate, and the City Attorney, currently Ebony Duff, for an indefinite period of time.

As City Manager, Erik Tungate serves as the chief administrative officer responsible for the efficient administration of the City's day-to-day operations which, among other responsibilities, includes the enforcement of the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and provisions of City's Code of Ordinances; He makes annual budget recommendations to Council, administers the budget, and keeps Council abreast of the financial condition and needs of the City. He is also responsible for the employment and supervision of City Directors and staff.

The Mayor of Oak Park is authorized to exercise the powers as outlined in the City's Charter. For example, the Mayor is considered the executive head of the City for ceremonial purposes and is considered the presiding officer of City Council. The Mayor has the same voice and vote as other City Council members in all proceedings of the City Council.

About City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month. The agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the City's website at www.OakParkMI.gov. The meetings can be watched live or via archive on the City's YouTube channel @CityOfOakPark.



AREA MUNICIPALITIES

Resolve Four-Year Lawsuit

OVER FUNDING OF THE 45th DISTRICT COURT



After four years, and months of negotiation, the cities of Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Pleasant Ridge and the 45th District Court are walking away with a settlement.

The adopted agreement resolves several points of contention, including the structure negotiations of the funding obligation of each municipality for the operation of the 45th District Court, and the distribution of revenue collected from fees established for building operations and court retiree healthcare benefits.

To settle the dispute, the parties involved have approved two agreements; a litigation settlement agreement and Interlocal Agreement setting the terms for how the parties will interact moving forward.

“It’s a relief to have this issue resolved and a working plan going forward.”

The Settlement Agreement that outlines the settlement terms between the parties includes:

- An agreed upon one-time payout from the current court building fund for Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Pleasant Ridge
- The stipulations for a court facility study to determine the capital improvement needs and priorities for the building that houses the 45th District Court
- Terms dictating the funding obligation of each party and court costs assessed on tickets for the operation of the 45th District Court

The Interlocal Agreement is an agreement between the municipal parties to outline the terms of the relationship between the funding units for the 45th District Court that includes the following:

- Establishment of a Court Management Council, or CMC, to oversee court

operations, consistent with Supreme Court Order 1998-5

- A court benchmarking study to review the operating systems and processes, staffing levels, and the operating budget of the 45th District Court in comparison to similar sized district courts in Southeast Michigan

“It’s a relief to have this issue resolved and a working plan going forward,” said City Manager Erik Tungate giving credit to the two other City Managers, the 45th District Court, and the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Jarbou for working diligently to resolve this difficult case. “At the heart of the matter is three municipalities who have the interests of their taxpayers at heart. With the due diligence of all three City Managers and their respective City Councils, we have agreed to embark on a fair and equitable plan for the future of all parties involved.”



WRAP Funds are Now Available

TO QUALIFIED OAK PARK RESIDENTS

Residents of the City of Oak Park are now able to apply for the Water Residential Assistance Program, or WRAP, assistance. Although the City does not administer this program, once a resident is awarded program assistance, WRAP will contact the Oak Park Water Division with any pertinent information.

What is WRAP?

WRAP's mission is to administer the distribution of WRAP funding to the eligible, low-income customers of the GLWA with a vision to create a transformative water utility assistance program that focuses on bill assistance, conservation and self-sufficiency initiatives. Please note, income restrictions and eligibility requirements apply.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Participant Qualifications

To qualify for WRAP assistance, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have an income at, or below, 150% of poverty threshold
- Provide proof of residency and income
- Provide renter's proof of responsibility for water on lease
- Stay current on monthly bill payment.

Program Benefits

Program benefits of WRAP include:

- Assistance of up to \$300 per household per year; \$25 monthly bill credit
- Home water audit for households above 120% of average usage
- Home repairs of up to \$1,000 per household to fix minor plumbing issues

leading to high usage

- Supportive WRAP-Around Services

WRAP is Delivered by Community Action Alliance (Not the City of Oak Park)

Community Action Alliance will deliver WRAP through their Empowerment Pathway Model - a custom designed service plan to help residential customers in the GLWA region to access bill assistance, water conservation measures, navigate resources, and WRAP-around supports on a pathway toward self-sufficiency.

Learn More

To apply for this program, Oak Park residents are urged to contact the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, or WMCAA, direct. Once a resident applies and is accepted into the program, the City of Oak Park will then be able to assist WRAP with any pertinent account information needed.

To learn more about this program, residents are urged to contact the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency at (313) 386-9727 or visit <http://www.waynemetro.org/wrap/>.

To download a program flyer, visit <http://www.oakparkmi.gov/docs/CAA-Wrap-Flyer-Universal.pdf>.

Great Lakes Water Authority Manages the Region's Water and Waste Water Utilities

Did you know that on January 1, 2016, the City of Detroit, the Counties of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne, and the State of Michigan officially united to form the Great Lakes Water Authority? What does this mean for the average consumer? It means that water and sewer customers in the suburbs now have a powerful voice in the management and direction of one of the largest water and wastewater utilities in the nation. Under this new plan, Great Lakes Water Authority now manages and controls the regional water and wastewater services.

Easy Ways to Reduce Water Consumption

We all know that perhaps the best way to save on your water bill is to use less water, but do we know how beneficial that can be? According to Houselogic, a family of four that showers five minutes a day, will on average consume 700 gallons of water each week which is the equivalent of a three year supply of drinking water for one person. Cheryl Weiss, resident freelance reporter and former Communication Commissioner, graciously shared tips that would assist residents in water savings through lowered water consumption.

In the Kitchen

- Do you think washing dishes by hand saves water? It doesn't! Use your dishwasher, but only run it when it's full. Cost: FREE
- Stop pre-washing your dishes! It's not necessary. Cost: FREE
- If you do not have an aerator on your faucets, install them. This reduces water flow without reducing the water pressure, which saves water. Cost: \$5-10
- Instead of filling a glass with water every time you drink, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator. Cost: FREE
- If you need hot water, consider heating a container of water in the microwave or heat a pot of water on the stove instead of running the water from the tap and waiting for it to warm. Cost: FREE
- Do you use a lot of hot water? You might want to install a point-of-use hot water heater. This instant hot water system

provides hot water as soon as you turn on the tap. Cost: approximately \$150-200

- Stop using the disposal. Compost food waste instead. Cost: FREE
- Reuse water! Water your plants with unused drinking and cooking water. Cost: FREE

In the Bathroom

- Install a low-flow shower head. This saves you three gallons of water per minute. You can reduce your water bill 25-60%. Low-flow fixtures can save a family of four 14,000 gallons of water per year. Cost: \$7-100
- Limit your shower to five minutes. The shorter the shower, the less water used. Cost: FREE
- Take more showers, take fewer baths. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average bathtub holds 35 gallons of water. If you take a five-minute shower, you will only use 12.5 gallons of water with a low-flow shower head saving 22.5 gallons of water! Cost: FREE
- Check for leaks in your bathtub and sink faucets. Cost: FREE
- When you brush your teeth or shave, turn off the water. Cost: FREE
- You don't think your toilet has a leak? It might! Get a dye tablet at the hardware store and drop it in the toilet tank. If you see dye in the toilet bowl, there is a leak to repair. Cost: \$0-5 for the dye tablet.
- Replace your toilet flapper with an adjustable flapper. Adjustable flappers can save up to three gallons each flush. Cost: \$5-20



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- Put a bottle of water in the toilet tank. It will cause the tank to fill with less water. The larger the bottle, the more money you save. Cost: FREE
- Place a fill cycle diverter in your toilet to save one-half gallon per flush. Cost: \$1
- If it's time to replace your toilet, get a low-flow toilet that can save up to two gallons per flush. Cost: \$130-350

In the Laundry Room

- How many times do you wear your jeans or sweatshirt before you wash it? Save water, save time, and save on laundry supplies by wearing outer clothes more than once! Cost: FREE
- If it's time for a new washer, consider purchasing a high-efficiency washer. It uses less water, and will save you money in the long run. Cost: \$275-1,000

In the Basement

- If you have not insulated your hot water pipes, this is a great way to get warmer water faster. Cost: varies
- Insulating your hot water tank can cut heat loss by 25% - 45% and save 4% - 9% according to Houselogic. Cost \$20.

Outside:

- Water your garden and wash your car with rainwater collected in a rain barrel. Cost: \$30-100
- To cool off use wading pools instead of sprinklers. Cost: \$20
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing at home. Cost: \$3-20

Thank you, Cheryl Weiss for this information!





UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE & TAKE: HOMEWORK HELP WORKSHOP

Presented by Cheryl Weiss

Age: Adult (Children are welcome) | FREE

Tues., Jan. 16, 6 to 7:45 p.m. Register by Weds., Jan. 10

Tues., March 13, 6 to 7:45 p.m., Register by Tues., March 6

Is your child having difficulty with math facts and/or letter sounds? Come create some easy games and activities to help your child learn. Each session features unique games and activities. Ms. Weiss will provide everything you need. Registration is required for these programs to ensure there are enough supplies available for participants. Register in-person at the Oak Park Library or call (248) 691-7480. Come to one or both sessions! Free.

SECOND ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY IS FOR BOOK LOVERS AUTHOR EVENT

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Make Valentine's Day a day for book lovers! Mark your calendar, dress for comfort, and choose the good company of one great book, or date a variety of novels. Visit the Oak Park Library for an opportunity to meet and greet a host of authors; obtain autographs from your favorites. Books will be available for purchase. Last year's event featured over 10 authors and this year promises to be just as fun.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays – Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fridays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays: Closed | Sundays: 1 to 5 p.m.

LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 for New Year's

Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day

Friday, March 30 for Good Friday.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ

The Great Michigan Read - X: A NOVEL

Book Reservations Begin: Wed., Jan. 3

Book Discussion: Wed., Feb. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2018, please call to reserve your copy of the book for The Great Michigan Read. A copy of the book will become available once you have registered. Limited quantities are available. When supplies are depleted, we will attempt to secure copies through the interlibrary loan program. Book discussion will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 to discuss the book. The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

MICHIGAN READ BOOK CLUB – X: A NOVEL AND RECLAIMING MICHIGAN'S SON

Presented by Dr. Michelle Johnson

Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Dr. Johnson highlights the role of Ingham County and surrounding areas, Kalamazoo and Detroit as places of distinct influence for Malcolm X Shabazz. She places the novel in the setting of initiatives in the state that honor, memorialize and mark the life and places that help shape Malcom Little X Shabazz. The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION**AGES: Adult | FREE****Classes held in Senior Lounge of Recreation Center
Mondays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (No class Jan. 15)**

The Heartfulness Meditation Program offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises which, when practiced daily, help restore life balance, relieve stress, enhance health, improve ability to sleep, and most of all will lead to inner calm and peace. The relaxation and meditation techniques taught by experienced certified Heartfulness trainers cover both the conceptual framework as well as practical meditation and relaxation sessions. As classes progress, the trainer adds more advanced techniques to help participants enter a deep meditative state faster.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**ROSIE THE RIVETER | FREE****Presented by Donnaleen Lanktree****Thurs., March 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

What better way to celebrate Women's History Month in March than alongside an organization such as Rosie the Riveter that strives to preserve the history and the legacy of working women, including women who volunteered during World War II! Donnaleen Lanktree, past National President of the American Rosie the Riveter Association®, will share her collection of "Rosie" stories which are true life tales of women who were Rosies in days gone by. Join us as we pay tribute to the women who made history.

**THE READING COLLECTIVE:
MY FRIEND DAHMER****THE READING COLLECTIVE: MY FRIEND DAHMER**

As part of the March Book Club, the Oak Park Public Library is collaborating with Berkley Public Library, Ferndale Area District Library, and Huntington Woods Library to present a series of programs centered on the graphic novel "My Friend Dahmer" by Derf Backderf. Stay tuned for more details!

**BOOK CLUB – MY FRIEND DAHMER****Book Reservations Begin: Wed., Feb. 7****Discussion: Wed., March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE**

Beginning Wednesday, February 7, 2018, please call to reserve your copy of the book. Once registered, you may pick up your copy of the book. Our number of books is limited, but if ours are gone, we will attempt to secure a copy through interlibrary loan program. Attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 7 to discuss the book.

CSI – CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION**Presented by the Oak Park Public Safety Department
Evidence Team****Wed., March 21, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE**

Are you a true crime fan? Come discover what it's like to really work a crime scene. Our guests will include Evidence Technicians from the Oak Park Public Safety team to demonstrate and explain forensic evidence collection techniques.

MONTHLY PROMOTIONS**SEARCH FOR SNOW****January Promotion | Ages: All | FREE**

Find the snowflakes hidden throughout the Library. Each winner gets a small prize which could be candy (Kosher, of course) or something a little more. One find per person, per day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

**HUNT FOR HEARTS****February Promotion | Ages: All | FREE**

Find the hearts hidden throughout the Oak Park Library. Each winner gets a small prize which could be candy (Kosher, of course) or something a little more. One find per person, per day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

**WE STICK TOGETHER****March Promotion | Ages: All | FREE**

Help us create large scale sunflowers with stickers! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library. Age: All. Free.

LIBRARY CLASSES**STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE****Every Other Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. | Ages: Youth | FREE**

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) initiative is part of a larger effort to expose patrons to the fields of engineering and design by building skills in math, science and the arts. Through interesting projects, participants learn crucial problem-solving skills while gaining appreciation for various industries.

January 3: Mystery Project – It's a mystery!**January 17:** Perler Beads – Create using Perler beads.**January 31:** Strawbees – Build something with straws.**February 14:** Button Maker – Create up to four buttons of your choosing.**February 28:** Ozobots – Program a small robot by color coding.**March 14:** Origami – Explore the ancient art of paper folding.**March 28:** 3 Doodlers – Draw in mid-air with 3D pens.**CRAFTERNOONS****Last Thursday of the Month, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Ages: 13-18 | FREE**

Crafternoons are craft programs that focus on the process of creation rather than results. This means everyone can create without expectation or criticism. All materials are provided; all you need is your imagination. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library and Value World of Oak Park.

January 25: Fandom Buttons – What's your fandom? Make four buttons of your choice.

February 22: Franken-Art – Broken toys are great opportunities to make new, cool things.

March 29: Paper Craft – Come play with paper and make some stuff!

ADULTING 101**Last Monday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: 16-25 | FREE**

This is a series of basic how-to's.

January 25: Bare Bones Cooking – How to cook easy, tasty, inexpensive recipes that can be done with minimal equipment.

February 22: All Things Clothing – How to sew on buttons, hem pants or a skirt, and organize your closet so you can find everything.

March 29: Getting a Job – How to write a resume and cover letter, and how to dress for and behave at an interview.



DROP-IN PROGRAMS

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Every Monday, 9 to 10 a.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE

Come explore the basics of using a computer, including mouse skills, setting up an email address, using search engines, and other topics as requested. No experience necessary.

Library is closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 15.

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Every Third Monday, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Join us on Monday Movie Night at the Oak Park Library and watch G-rated or PG-rated movies on our big screen. Our movies are family-friendly and fun - a great excuse to spend quality time. Library is closed Jan. 15.



January 22 (Special Date) – Despicable Me 3, PG-rated, 90 min.

February 19 – Beauty and the Beast, PG-rated, 129 min.

March 19 – Leap, PG-rated, 89 min.

MEETINGS

Friends of the Oak Park Library

Meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., in the Community Center, Room 4.

January 11

February 8

March 8

Library Advisory Board

Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

January 16

February 20

March 20

IT'S STORY TIME

Every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:05 a.m.

Ages: 2-6, children must be accompanied by an adult | FREE

Story time at Oak Park Library is a drop-in program for parents with children under the age of six. Come make friends, bond with your child, and learn to play. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing children to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, participants read, sing, dance, move and play. No class on Feb. 14 and Feb. 20.

ADULT COLORING CLUB

Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE

If you would like to relax, creatively exercise, and dabble in artistic projects, come join our Adult Coloring Club. When focusing on coloring as an art form, worries wash away. Coloring generates wellness, solitude and stimulates areas of the brain that involve motor skills, the senses, and creativity. If you are new to adult coloring, no worries.

We supply coloring sheets, coloring pencils, and gel pens.

TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: Youth & Adult | FREE

If you're a tabletop gamer who enjoys the competitive gaming experience, join us on Tournament Tuesdays. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Some games commonly played during Tournament Tuesdays include Force of Will, Magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and other collectible card games. Whether you are collecting, trading or enjoying the game, come join in the fun! Tournament Tuesdays are sponsored by Collectible Investments.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Family Game Night is a great excuse for the whole family to enjoy a fun-filled evening, together. It's a time when the Oak Park Library unleashes their game collection for game lovers of all ages and abilities to create memories that last. Our game collection includes Leaping Lemmings, Monopoly, Munchkin, The Pact, Ravenous River, Red7, Skip-Bo®, The Tomb Game, Tycoon Games, The Witches, UNO, and more!

IT'S STORY TIME – EVENING EDITION

Every Third Thursday, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Age: Youth (Children must be accompanied by an adult) | FREE

This is a drop-in program for parents and youth of all ages. Come make friends, bond with your child, and learn to play. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing your child to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, we read, sing, dance, move and play.

BOOK CLUB

First Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for lively literature discussions in Room 4 of the Oak Park Community Center. As always, the Library welcomes new members!





UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Daddy Daughter Dance

Sun., Feb. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. | Community Center

Fee: \$20 for Daddy/Daughter Duo and

\$10 for each additional participant

Register by Wed., Feb. 7 | Course: DDD18

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of dinner and dancing with the special "girl" in your life. There is a \$20 fee for one lucky gentleman and one lovey lady. Each additional participant is \$10 per person. We will provide dinner, dancing, photo booth, activities, surprises and giveaways. This event is for ages three and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register early as the event is extremely popular and it sold out early last year. Call Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more information.



Winterfest

Sun., Feb. 18, 1 to 4 p.m. | Ice Skating, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Community Center Grounds | FREE

What better way to ward off the winter blahs than with an outdoor winter celebration! Join us for our annual Oak Park Winterfest. This free event features the opportunity to cross country ski, snow shoe, ice skate and ride in the horse and carriage, if weather cooperates. Craft at the Detroit Imagination Station, visit the reindeer pens provided by Rooftop Landing and have your face painted by Tracy. We'll provide s'mores, chili and hot chocolate, while supplies last. The Oak Park Ice Arena will be open for public skating from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your skates, as we have a limited supply of rental skates. Call Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for information.

Shelter Reservations for Non-Residents

Mon., Jan. 8, 9 a.m., Recreation Department Office.

Call Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for information.

Brush Collection Ends (Holiday Trees) | Mon., Jan. 12

Call Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 for information.

Last Day to Pay 2017 Winter Property Taxes Without Penalty | Wed., Feb. 14.

Call Treasury at (248) 691-7545 for more information.

Last Day to Pay 2017 Winter Property Taxes at City Treasurer's Office | Wed., Feb. 28.

Call Treasury at (248) 691-7545 for more information.

Free Garage Sale Weekend

Thur., March 22 to Sun., March 25

Call City Clerk's Office at (248) 691-7544 for more details.

Haul Your Own Junk Away

Weds., March 28 to Sat., March 31

Oak Park Ice Arena Parking Lot

Call Department of Public Works Office at (248) 691-7497.

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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.
Every Other Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**THE MISSION OF THE RECREATION
DEPARTMENT IS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY
OF LIFE FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY
WHILE ESTABLISHING A HIGH STANDARD
OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR PROGRAMS,
ACTIVITIES, PARKS AND SERVICES.**

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PAYMENT METHODS

**We accept checks or
money orders made payable
to the City of Oak Park,
cash paid in-person, and
the following credit cards:**

American Express®, Discover®,
MasterCard®, or Visa®

5 Ways to Register for Recreation Programs

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register online for activities by clicking on the "Click Here to Register" button on the Recreation Department's page of the City's website, at www.OakParkMI.gov. Or, go directly to the online registration page at <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>. When registering online, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>.
2. Enter the required information to generate your customer identification and password.
3. Click on the activities you want to register for.
4. Pay with a credit card, print your receipt, and receive an instant email confirmation of your purchase.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

A mail-in registration is available for most activities, except when athletic contracts are required for registration. For athletic contracts, register in person. To register via mail:

1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
3. When a birth certificate is required for registration, a copy of the birth certificate can be mailed or the original can be delivered in-person to the Recreation Department.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Register in-person during regularly scheduled business hours. The Recreation Department is located in the City's Community Center at **14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park**. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are open every other Friday: January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, March 9 and March 23.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX REGISTRATION

How to register via drop box:

1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
3. Drop in secure drop box, located next to the Recreation office.

BY PHONE

Register by phone with a credit card (American Express®, Visa®, MasterCard® or Discover®) by calling (248) 691-7555.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register early! Refund policies apply.

Registration Form

OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-7555 | www.OakParkMI.gov

Head of Household's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Payment Method ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ CSV Code _____

Card Holder Name _____ Authorized Signature _____

Participant's First Name	Participant's Last Name	Birth Date	Program Name	Class No.	Start Date

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Non-residents of Oak Park are welcome to participate. There will be an additional \$5 non-resident charge, unless otherwise indicated. Some programs and camps have a slightly higher fee. Please contact the Recreation Department to confirm the non-resident registration charge.

REFUND POLICY

A full refund will be processed if the activity is canceled by the Oak Park Recreation Department, or if the program is full. Refunds must be requested in person. Bring your original receipt. Refunds will only be granted for cancellation of class if requested before the second class or practice. Class refunds are not prorated should you miss a portion of the class for any reason. A \$5 service fee will be accessed for all refund requests. Refunds may take up to four weeks to process.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

There will be an additional charge determined by the Finance Department for all checks returned due to non-sufficient funds and the check writer will no longer be able to pay by check for Recreation Department programs in the future.



DROP-IN PROGRAMS

50 UP CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Fee: \$6 Res./\$12 Non-Res. | Calendar Year Renewal

The mission of the 50 Up Club Membership is to provide Oak Park's diverse, mature population with education, exercise and recreation programs to challenge the mind and body to greater heights of personal achievement. Join our Senior 50 Up Club and enjoy our weekly senior drop-in sessions at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. Call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)
Open every other Friday on these days:
Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, and March 23
Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

You must be a 50 Up Club Member to enjoy the following drop-in programs:

MONDAY

Quilters Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free
Bingo, every second and fourth Mon., Noon to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Watercolor Drop-In, 1 to 3 p.m., \$5 Fee Per Person
Contemporary Quilters, every third Tues., 1 to 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Blood Pressure Clinic, 10 to 11 a.m., Free
Bingo, Noon to 2 p.m., Inquire About Fee
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free
Scrabble Club, Noon to 5 p.m., Free

THURSDAY

Drop-In Hustle, 10 to 11 a.m., \$4 Res/\$5 Non-Res. Fee
Pickleball, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$2 Fee Per Person
Bid Whist, 1 to 4 p.m., Free

LECTURE SERIES

Presentations, lectures and author meet and greets are available. Visit the Recreation Department in-person, or call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

DAY TRIPS

Theatre and day trips are also available. Consult the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide, visit the Recreation Department in-person, or call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH

Dakota Inn Rathskeller, Detroit

Fee: \$6 Res./\$11 Non-Res., includes transportation

Lunch fee is separate. *Seats are limited, reserve early.

Willkommen! Karl E. Kurz, the current owner of The Dakota Rathskeller in Detroit is celebrating the establishment's 84th year in Detroit. Billed as Detroit's only authentic German bar, Dakota was originally opened in August 1933 by the current owner's grandfather Karl Kurz. Dakota was then handed down to his son Edward before being run by Karl E. Kurz. Dakota is filled with German beer steins, hand-painted German scenes, and trophy animals lending its authentic "old-world" German ambiance. Come join us for Vorspeisen, Suppe, Beilagen, Kartoffelpuffer, Guten Appetit, Haus Specialties and SusSpeisen of your choice.

Course: 0036LNTR18 – Fri., Jan. 19, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

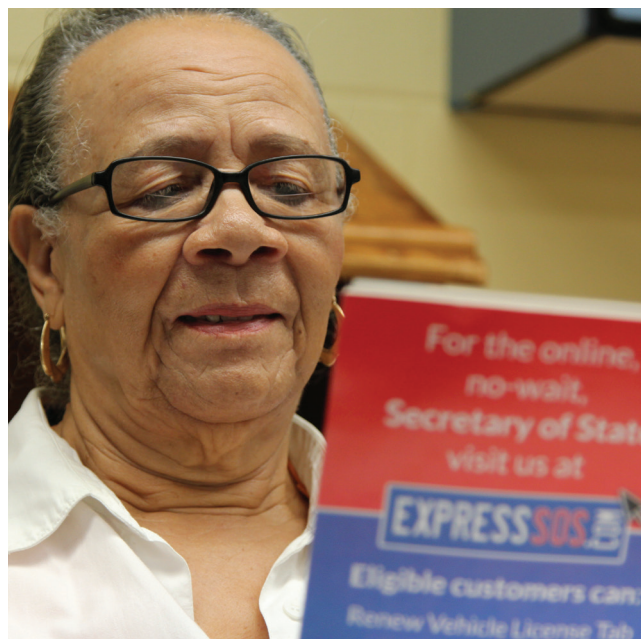
Seva Restaurant, Detroit - Midtown

Fee: \$6 Res./\$11 Non-Res., includes transportation

Lunch fee is separate. *Seats are limited, reserve early.

Come join us for fresh, imaginative, vegetarian cuisine at Midtown's Seva Restaurant. The restaurant boasts a full bar, fresh juice bar, coffee bar and great service in a casual, friendly atmosphere. While visiting, enjoy the fabulous brick walls, vaulted wooden ceiling, and hand-built, birch bar. Cuisine includes gluten-free bread from Rumi's Passion Bakery and house-made desserts worth the trip in and of itself!

Course: 0037LNTR18 – Fri., Feb. 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.





City Kitchen, Grosse Pointe

Fee: \$6 Res./\$11 Non-Res., includes transportation

Lunch fee is separate. *Seats are limited, reserve early.

For a unique, quality fare in an upscale, yet casual setting, City Kitchen is the result of long-time restaurateur Chick Taylor. He brings excellent seafood, steaks and hearth-fired pizzas close to home. The restaurant's ambiance features a wood-burning pizza oven, open-air kitchen, leather-upholstered booths, oak plank tables and zinc-topped bar. City Kitchen is known for distinctive ingredients that embellish the flavor of the main fare. Their ocean catch is specially-ordered from Boston's prestigious M.F. Foley Fish; the lake fish is caught and hand-picked the same morning it appears on the menu; and all beef is Certified Angus Beef®.

Course: 0038LNTR18 – Fri., March 9, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CLASSES

ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: Free | Preregistration is required

Lawyers from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School will talk about wills, power of attorney, and trusts. They will also hold a question and answer session. Preregister at least one week prior to the event.

Course: 3413FW18 – Thurs., Jan. 18, One Session

Course: 3414FW18 – Thurs., March 15, One session



NUTRITION

EAT SMART, LIVE STRONG

A Nutrition Education Program for Older Adults 60 to 74-years-old who participate in, or eligible for,

Food and Nutrition Service Assistance

Program is limited to 30 participants | Reserve Early | Cost: FREE

The nutrition intervention program works to help able-bodied, community dwelling, low-income seniors adapt behaviors that delay and prevent the effects of diet-related disease. The program urges participants to participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily and to eat at least 1 ½ cups of fruits and 2 cups of vegetables per day. Participants will receive guides, handouts and experience four interactive sessions. This program is funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered through the Michigan State University Extension Program.

Course: EATSMARTSS18 – Tues., April 10, to May 15, 10 to 11 a.m.

WELLNESS

THE ANTHONY L. SOAVE FAMILY MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY AND HEALTH SCREENING CENTER

Registration Ends: Mon., Feb. 12 | *Spaces are Limited.

Thurs., Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Community Center Parking Lot

Fee: Unit accepts all insurances. Those without insurance coverage, please call (248) 691-7462.

The Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center is a mobile unit that features advanced 3D/Tomosynthesis imaging in an effort to reduce the risk of breast cancer in women. It provides access to high-quality mammography. The St. John Providence Health System's "Because We Care" program and the Anthony L. Soave Family are dedicated to serve all, including those who are uninsured, underinsured, and those who require financial support for their care. Age: 40 and up. To register, please call (248) 691-7462 or visit the Oak Park Recreation office.



FITNESS AND EXERCISE

BASIC HATHA YOGA

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room A

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. This class provides a basic yoga foundation. Instruction is personalized around the unique needs of those enrolled. Don't forget to bring your own mat. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bob Smith

Course: 3067FW18 – Thurs., Feb. 1 – March 22, 8-Week session

Course: 3068FW18 – Thurs., March 29 – May 17, 8-Week Session

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Noon to 1 p.m. | Fee: \$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room 3

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bobby Calhoun

Course: 3051FW18 – Tues., Feb. 6 – March 27, 8-Week Session

Course: 3052FW18 – Tues., April 3 – May 22, 8-Week Session

ENHANCE FITNESS

Mon. through Fri., 9 to 10 a.m.

Fee: Free | Room A, Com. Ctr.

Enhance Fitness is a fitness program geared toward improving the overall functional fitness and well-being of older adults. A certified fitness instructor provides opportunities for social stimulation and physical benefits Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. This class focuses on cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility, and balance. The benefits include improved strength, boost in activity level, improved mood, and fun! Class size is limited to 55 participants.

** Must register at the Recreation Office for this activity.*

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

10 to 10:45 a.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room C

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation in an effort to develop flexibility and coordination, and to slow down the aging process. Ages: 18 and up. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy

Course: 3064FW18 – Tues., Jan. 23 – March 13, 8-Week session

Course: 3065FW18 – Tues., March 20 – May 8, 8-Week session

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Com. Ctr., Room A

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. This class is for experienced students only, ages 18 and up. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

Course: 3055FW18 – Tues., Jan. 23 – March 13, 8-Week session

Course: 3056FW18 – Tues., March 20 – May 8, 8-Week session

MEALS

MEALS ON WHEELS

“More than just a meal”

Meals on Wheels home delivery is available in Oak Park as long as you call at least one week in advance. Lunch can be served with a preordered meal. For more information, call Senior Meals on Wheels at (248) 689-0001.

TRANSPORTATION

SMART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for residents who are seniors, age 50 or above, and individuals who have a disability.

Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport at (248) 691-7555. Reservations are subject to availability. There is a fare to use the bus. You must be a 50 Up Club Member to use the SMART bus system.

Oak Park Recreation
(248) 691-7555
14300 Oak Park Blvd.
Oak Park, MI 48237



ADULT

ZUMBA

6 to 7 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Com. Ctr., Room B | Ages: 20 and up

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Join the party and ditch the workout! Zumba is a dance fitness party that incorporates Latin and world dance movements to music that is energetic and fun! Zumba is easy to follow for all ages and fitness levels. Relieve stress and build strength, coordination and fitness levels.

Course: 3603FW18 – Mon., Feb. 5 to March 26, 8-Week Session

AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

7 to 8:15 p.m. | Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.

Com. Ctr., Room C | Ages: 18 and up

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Dance to old and new hustles that have been combined into aerobic workouts. This class is a great way to achieve 3,500 to 5,000 steps per class! Bring a water bottle and a towel.

Course: 1007FW18 – Tues., Feb. 6 to March 27, 8-Week Session

R.I.P.P.E.D.

7:30 to 9 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Com. Ctr., Room B | Ages: 20 and up

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. R.I.P.P.E.D. stands for resistance, intervals, power, plyometrics and endurance. This One Stop Body Shock® program is a "Plateau Proof Fitness Formula" that creates continuity, consistency, and challenge in each and every R.I.P.P.E.D. class so your body never gets accustomed to the constantly changing format. Participants achieve undeniable, ultimate results in minimal time, boasting 750 to 1,000 calories burned in just 50 minutes. Participants receive diet suggestions to attain and maintain physique in ways that are fun, safe, extremely effective and doable.

Course: RIPPEDTH2FW18 – Thurs. Feb. 8 to March 29, 8-Week Session

Course: RIPPEDTU2FW18 – Tues. Feb. 13 to April 3, 8-Week Session

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: \$16 Wed. Only or \$32 Mon. and Wed.

Com. Ctr., Room A | Ages: 18 and up

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Come join this exciting total body conditioning and exercise class where participants can work at their own pace. Instructor: Suzi Skotarczyk.

Course: 3077FW18 – Mon./Wed., Feb. 19 to April 9, 8-Week Session

Course: 5078FW18 – Wed. Only, Feb. 21 to April 11, 8-Week Session

YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

7:45 to 9:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Com. Ctr., Activity Room A | Ages: 18 and up

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Yoga is for EVERY BODY! This course is designed to fit the needs of the beginner as well as the returning student. Emphasis is placed on stretching and strengthening the muscles, improving posture, breathing and deep relaxation. Reducing stress is an important benefit! Bring a mat and wear loose clothing. Instructor: Sharon Stone

Course: 2012FW18 – Mon., Feb. 26 - April 16, 8-Week Session





ROMEO & JULIET

THEATER TRIPS

Our theatre trip tickets are becoming quite popular and are often sold out! Remember to register early as tickets are limited!

THE BODYGUARD

Sat., Jan. 27, 2:00 p.m. Matinee Performance
Depart 1:00 p.m. | Main Floor, Center Seats
Fee: \$80 Res./\$85 Non-Res. | Seats are Limited

You may remember the 1992 romantic thriller "The Bodyguard" starring Kevin Costner and the late Whitney Houston. The movie originally written by Lawrence Kasdan was adapted by Alexander Dinelaris (Birdman) and transformed into a musical that has been nominated for four Laurence Olivier Awards. In the musical, singer superstar Rachel Marron hires Frank Farmer, a former secret service agent turned bodyguard, to protect her from a stalker. The musical features a host of treasured, time-honored classics, including "Queen of the Night," "So Emotional," "One Moment in Time," "Saving All My Love for You," "Run to You," "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," and one of the biggest selling songs of all time – "I Will Always Love You."

Course: BodyguardFW18 – Fisher Theater

ROMEO & JULIET

Sun., Feb. 11., Departs 1:15 p.m. Returns 4:30 p.m.
Reserve Tickets by Thurs., Jan. 11 | Main Floor Center Seats
Fee: \$84 Res./\$87 Non-Res. | Seats are Limited

The William Shakespeare penned tragedy "Romeo & Juliet," a story of the lives of star-crossed lovers, comes to life as American Ballet Theatre returns to the Michigan Opera Theatre with their signature production. The rich and sensual Kenneth MacMillan interpretation is complemented by Sergei Prokofiev's instantly recognizable music to deliver the beautiful lyrics and passion behind this beloved ballet. This performance is presented in partnership with the University Musical Society.

Course: RomeoJulietFW18 – Michigan Opera Theatre

LES MISERABLES

Sat., March 3, 2:00 p.m., Matinee Performance
Departs 1:00 p.m. Performance at 2:00 p.m.
Reserve Tickets by Tues., Feb. 9 | Mezzanine seats
Fee: \$112 Res./\$117 Non-Res. | Seats are Limited

Inspired by the paintings of French Poet and Novelist Victor Hugo, Cameron Mackintosh returns to Broadway with his new production of Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon, "Les Misérables." Mackintosh incorporates new staging, reimagined scenery, and breathtaking production to reinvigorate this time-honored classic set in 19th Century France about broken dreams, unrequited love, passion, sacrifice, redemption and the power of the human spirit. Did you know that "Les Mis" is the fifth-longest running Broadway show of all time? Come see why.

Course: LesMiserablesFW18 – Fisher Theater

THE DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM

Fri., March 23. Rehearsal Performance
Depart 9:30 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.
Reserve Tickets by Fri., Feb. 23

\$28 per person, includes transportation | Seats are Limited

The "Dance Theatre of Harlem" pays tribute to African American culture through the language of ballet. Dance Theatre of Harlem was born from the first African-American principal dancer Arthur Mitchell who after hearing of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., founded the classical ballet school for the poor and predominantly black children of Harlem. The production has achieved unprecedented success with performances that empower and inspire.

Course: Dance HarlemFW18 – Michigan Opera Theatre

TOSCA

Fri., April 6. Rehearsal Performance
Depart 9:30 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.
Reserve Tickets by Thurs., March 9

\$28 per person, includes transportation. | Seats are Limited

Come join us for one of the most popular operas of all time, "Puccini's Tosca!" The opera is filled with drama – lust, betrayal and murder as fiery diva Tosca fights to save her rebellious lover from an evil police chief. This is a co-production between Michigan Opera Theater and the Cincinnati Opera. Come join us on this exhilarating ride of emotional extremes.

Course: ToscaFW18 – Michigan Opera Theater



TOSCA

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY

Sun., April 22 | Depart 1:30 p.m. Performance at 2:30 pm

Reserve Tickets by Fri., March 23

Fee: \$58 Res./\$63 Non-Res. | Seats are Limited

The Paul Taylor Dance Company is celebrating more than one-half century of work having performed over 143 dances since 1954. This show offers cogent observations of life's complexities and society's toughest issues while showcasing a wide range of expression in American modern dance.

Course: PaulTaylorFW18 - Michigan Opera Theater

SUMMER KING

Fri., May 11 Rehearsal Performance

Depart 9:30 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.

Reserve tickets by Fri., April 20

\$28 per person, includes transportation. Limited tickets

"The Summer King" tells the story of baseball legend Josh Gibson who is considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His is a story of talent and heartbreak as one man journeys to overcome prejudice and discrimination. The Michigan Opera Theater is proud to present this groundbreaking new work co-produced with the Pittsburgh Opera.

Course: SummerKingFW18 – Michigan Opera Theater

EXTENDED TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianca Travel and Tours to offer an exquisite line of extended



trips. These trips require us to book well in advance. We are currently booking for the following tours. Contact the Recreation Department for more details.

Little Caesar's Arena Tour

Day Trip: Tues., April 17 | \$74 per person

Springtime in the Smokies

Extended Trip: Sun., April 29 to Wed., May 2
4 days/3 Nights

Meijer Gardens Tour and Lunch

Day Trip: Thur., May 17
\$89 per person

Cruizin the Gilmore

Day Trip: Wed., May 21 | \$78 per person

Mackinac Island Lilac Festival

Extended Trip: Thurs., June 7 to Sat., June 9
3 days/2 Nights

All That Glitters

Day Trip: Wed., July 18
Departs 9:30 a.m. Returns 6:15 p.m.

And, there's more to come. Visit the literature racks in the Recreation Department for these and more up-and-coming tours and day trips.



PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY



MACKINAC ISLAND



SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES



DANCE -SENIOR

BALLROOM DANCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11 a.m. to Noon|Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res.

Room C, Com. Ctr.|Ages: 40 and Up

Learn the latest ballroom dance steps, including Chicago Steppin, salsa, and more. Couples and singles are welcome. No experience necessary.

Course: 3066FW18 – Thurs. Feb. 1, 2018 – March 22, 2018

DANCE - ADULT

MIDDLE EASTERN (BELLY) DANCE

7 to 8:30 p.m.|Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Room A, Com. Ctr. Ages: 20 and Up

This class attracts participants of all shapes and sizes who come dressed in comfortable clothing to learn the art of belly dance. Express yourself through dance and learn fun ways to maintain health. Enjoy the physical and personal benefits of belly dancing: abdominal toning, leg strengthening, self-esteem, and an essence of sensuality. No experience necessary.

*Note, classes moved to Tuesdays.

Course: Belly3FW17 – Tues. Feb. 13 – April 3, 2018

Course: BellyTH3FW17 – Tues. Feb. 8, 2018 – March 29, 2018

Jalal Dawod: Artist of the Quarter

The Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission would like to thank Jalal Dawod, the current featured artist

in the Oak Park City Hall Art Gallery. Not only is Jalal an artist and student at Oakland Community College, but he is a



hair stylist, as well. Jalal was born in Baghdad, moved to Italy at the age of 15, and within a year moved to the United States. He became a hair stylist at the age of 24 because he is creative and loves to make people happy. He currently resides, paints and cuts hair in Royal Oak. He can be found teaching color to other stylists; he naturally makes hair color pigments from fruits and vegetables; and he is no stranger to fashion show and photo

shoots of his creations. Jalal has even been featured in Style magazine.

Jalal creates in several mediums, including acrylic, oil, oil pastels, ink, chalk, and water color. "I break the rules all the time and try different things," he said. In the collection featured in Oak Park, you'll likely notice that there are faces in each painting that help to transform its meaning. "I usually don't tell people my interpretation because each and every person sees something different in what I create – what they see is unique to them and their experiences." To learn more, you can contact Jalal at (248) 990-8428.

If you would like to be a featured artist in the Oak Park City Hall Art Gallery, contact the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission at (248) 691-7589.



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Passing the Torch to the Next Generation

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc.
Mon., Jan. 15 | Begin March at Hope United Methodist
Church, 9:30 a.m. | Vendor Display and Presentations
at Southfield Pavilion, 11 a.m.**

The Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission invites you to participate in Hope United Methodist Church's peaceful march in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join the group at 9:30 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church to march to the Southfield Pavilion. There will be vendor displays, presentations, and entertainment at the Southfield Pavilion at 11 a.m. Buses will be available to take walkers back to their vehicles. This event is hosted by the Hope United Methodist Church. Call (248) 356-1020 for details.



Harriet Tubman: A One Woman Performance

**Celebrating the Spirit of Harriet Tubman as performed
by Leslie McCurdy
Sun., Jan. 28, 3 p.m.**

Oak Park High School Auditorium | Free

"The Spirit of Harriet Tubman" is a one woman extraordinary performance that depicts the entire life story of Harriet Tubman, the African-American abolitionist slave who led so many of her peers to escape slavery through the Underground Railroad. This one-person performance is a powerful tribute and sobering tale of history for generations to share. Call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for information.



Soulful Quilting Presentation Featuring Theadra Flemming

Sun., Feb. 25, 3 to 5 p.m., Community Center

Join this fabulous quilting presentation by Theadra L. Fleming as she shares the significance of African textiles and the rich history and culture of quilting. Ms. Flemming is self-taught and profoundly influenced by the diversity and craftsmanship of quilts that were on display in the Charles H. Wright museum in 1998. She seeks to share the aesthetics and symbolism put into African American made quilts. Call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for information.



YOUTH LEAGUES

SPRING SOCCER

Registration Begins January 8

Registration Ends March 1

Games are every Saturday and Some Week Nights
Various Locations

Teams that are sponsored by Oak Park play for the Southeast Oakland Soccer League. They compete with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed soccer league. Players are provided with jerseys, shorts and soccer socks. Shin guards are not given out but must be worn at all games and practices.

U4 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res. | Age: 3

Course: 1208SS18 – Sat., April 7 to May 12

U6 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res. | Ages: 4 to 5

Course: 1209SS18 – Sat. and some Tues., April 7 to May 12

U8 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$60 Res./\$65 Non-Res. | Ages: 6 to 7

Course: 1210SS18 – Sat. and some Wed., April 7 to May 12

U10 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$65 Res./\$70 Non-Res. | Ages: 8 to 9

Course: 1211SS18 – Sat. and some Tues. or Thurs., April 7 to May 12



SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

Registration Begins Jan. 8

Registration Ends April 5

Games are Played on the Weeknights Listed Below for
Each League | Various Locations

Teams sponsored by Oak Park play for the Southeast Oakland Baseball League. They compete with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed baseball league. Players are provided with jerseys and ball caps. Teams will be provided bats, balls and batting helmets. Coaches are responsible for choosing practice times and locations.

T-BALL 5/6

Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 5 to 6

Course: 1212SS18 – Mon. and Wed. Evenings, June 4 to July 25

COACH PITCH 7/8

Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 7 to 8

Course: 1213SS18 – Mon. and Thur. evenings, June 4 to July 26

PONY 9/10

Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 9 to 10

Course: 1214SS18 – Tues. and Thur. evenings, June 5 to July 26

MINOR 11/12

Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 11 to 12

Course: 1215SS18 – Mon. and Wed., June 4 to July 25

MAJORS 13/14

Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70 | Ages: 13 to 14

Course: 1216SS18 – Tues. Thur., June 5 to July 26





DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH KARATE

6:15 to 7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60

Location: Comm. Ctr., Room A | Ages: 4 to 10

The Karate Program is an introductory karate class specifically designed for younger or inexperienced students. It enhances a child's focus, memory, teamwork skills, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. All this is achieved through exciting and fun games and activities. Wear loose fitting clothes. A responsible adult must remain in attendance during class.

Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

Course: 1010FW18 – Tues., Jan. 9 to Feb. 27, 8-Week Session

Course: 1011FW18 – Tues., March 6 to April 24, 8-Week Session

DRAGON'S EIGHT ADVANCED KARATE

7 to 8 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70

Location: Comm. Ctr., Room A | Ages: 8 and Up (Based on Experience)

Students are challenged in 16 classes of the Dragon's Eight fighting system, a traditional, street oriented approach to the martial arts. There are eight life skills that are incorporated in this sport: focus, memory, teamwork, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. Students should dress comfortably for class.

Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

Course: 1022FW18 - Tues./Thur., Jan. 9 to March 1, 8-Week Session

Course: 1018FW18 - Tues./Thur., March 6 to April 26, 8-Week Session

ADULT LEAGUES

KICKBALL

Registration Begins: Jan. 8

6 to 10 p.m. | Fee: \$350 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee

Ages: 18 and Up | Location: David H. Shepherd Park

The Oak Park adult co-ed kickball leagues are back. Kickball is an organized, laid back, and fun way to relieve stress and exercise. Teams pay a \$13 umpire fee per game at the field in addition to the league fee. Season ends with a single elimination playoff.

KICKBALL (FRIDAYS)

Ages: 18 and Up

Course: 2206SS18 – Fri., May 18 to August 17

KICKBALL (MONDAYS)

Ages: 18 and Up

Course: 2205SS18 – Mon., May 21 to August 20

KICKBALL (MONDAYS)

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 2205SS17 – Mondays, May 15-Aug. 21
15 Week Session

ADULT SOFTBALL

Softball leagues will be offered in spring of 2018. More information will be available in February in regards to leagues, pricing, game nights, etc. Contact Dan Parker for more information at (248) 691-7562 or DParker@OakParkMI.gov.

NEW FORFEIT POLICY FOR ADULT LEAGUES

A refundable \$50 charge will be assessed at the time of registration to prevent forfeits. The forfeit fee will be returned to the team captain following the season if the team has not forfeited any games.

Spring Sports Registration Begins for Youth and Adult Mon., Jan. 8, 9 a.m., Recreation Department Office.

Summer Sports Registration Begins for Youth and Adult Mon., March 5, 9 a.m., Recreation Department Office.

Call Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for information.

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Become a volunteer coach. Even if you are not an expert in the sport, we need more positive role models in the lives of our youth to help them develop into well-rounded individuals. If you have any interest, contact Dan Parker at (248) 691-7562 for more information.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Interested in sponsoring a team? Donate money to your favorite youth sport and get your logo on the back of the each player's jersey. Contact Dan Parker for more information at (248) 691-7562.

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In the next four years, it is estimated the City of Oak Park will realize a savings of over \$626,649 from the citywide installation of light-emitting diode lighting, commonly referred to as LED lights. That's \$143,422 savings per year for the next 4.05 years. And, the savings will not stop at 4.05 years.

LED lighting is not only aesthetically pleasing, energy efficient and dark sky

light friendly, LED lights will continue to save the City in energy costs over the traditional lighting it has replaced.

The Technical and Planning Division worked closely with DTE Energy's Municipal Division to complete installation ahead of schedule and received a one-time \$45,790.15 energy optimization rebate.



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