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Oak Park to Hold Charity Basketball Game and Food Fair

Local partners collaborating to put on community event with food, fun, and more

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OAK PARK, MI – On Friday, February 28, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, the Oak Park Public Safety Department will be partnering with [Royalty Empowerment](#) to put on a charity basketball game in the gym at Oak Park High School, located at 13701 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237. Furthermore, [Oak Park Youth Assistance](#) will be hosting a Food Fair benefitting youth outreach programs in the cafeteria at the same time. The public and the media are invited and encouraged to attend these two great charity events happening in the same place at the same time!

The fifth event of its kind put on by Royalty Empowerment, the charity basketball game will consist of Oak Park Public Safety Officers competing against youth from in and around Oak Park for pride and bragging rights. There will be a live DJ, a 50/50 raffle, and Oak Park Schools Superintendent Dr. Hitchcock will be doing a sneaker giveaway. Admission tickets are \$5, and all proceeds benefit Royalty Empowerment's youth mentorship programs.

“Royalty Empowerment offers opportunities for young men to excel in whatever profession they desire in spite of the many obstacles they may face,” said Royalty Empowerment Chief Financial Officer Keith Walker. “Oak Park is a uniquely diverse community with a great Public Safety Department. Because of this, the charity basketball game will be another great exercise in bridging racial relations.”

The Food Fair happening nearby in the cafeteria will highlight a wide variety of local cuisine from well-known Oak Park restaurants. Participating restaurants include Davison Coney Island, Coolidge Café, 9 Oaks Grill, Sahara Restaurant, Buena Fe, Papa's Pizza, Pik Nik Basket, and Tai Fai Asian. Food Fair tickets will be \$1 each, and all proceeds will benefit Oak Park Youth Assistance's outreach programs.

“This is shaping up to be a great community event, and what's even better, all proceeds are going to great causes that help disadvantaged youth in our area,” said Oak Park Public Safety Officer Robert Koch. “We hope as many Oak Park residents as possible come out to watch the basketball game and eat great local food!”

“This event is a fun way to connect with youth in our area,” said Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate. “It's another example of the great community outreach by our Public Safety Department.”

Doors open for both events at 5:00pm. The basketball game will begin promptly at 6:00pm.

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About:

Situated within the southeast corner of Oakland County, the City of Oak Park has a long history of being an integral, inner-ring suburb of Detroit. With approximately 30,000 residents in 5.16 square miles, we pride ourselves on the richness of our cultural diversity and our safe, secure neighborhoods.

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**CHARITY
BASKETBALL GAME
AND FOOD FAIR**

THE FIRST RESPONDER @ OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

FEB 28TH • 5 TO 8 P.M.

OAK PARK SUPERINTENDENT
SNEAKER GIVEAWAY



**\$5 ENTRY
ADMISSION**

GAME STARTS AT 6 P.M.

**OAK PARK
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VS

OAK PARK PUBLIC SAFETY



**FOOD FAIR
TICKETS
ARE \$1 EACH**

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