



Springing Ahead and Moving Forward

City Manager Erik Tungate

Spring is right around the corner and City staff are working hard to prepare for many new projects ahead. As many of you know, we will be planting sunflowers in various locations throughout the City in an effort to beautify our main thoroughfares.

We will also be installing recreation amenities in a few locations throughout the City. These amenities are not permanent, however, they will remain in place through early fall.

In addition to these projects, you will begin seeing construction in virtually all areas of the City on new housing projects as well as new restaurants.

This is an unprecedented time for us here in Oak Park. I hope you will join me in welcoming the positive changes happening throughout our community.

@CityofOakPark
Connect and engage with us!



Applications are Being Accepted for the Public Safety Citizen Academy

The Department of Public Safety is currently taking applications for this year's Citizen Academy. The 4-week course will be held in May on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Oak Park residents who are interested in the day-to-day operations of police, fire and medical first response are encouraged to apply by April 8. Seats are limited.

Topics will include patrol and traffic operations; detective bureau and investigations; police equipment and firearms; law and criminal procedures; use of force and officer safety; crime scene investigations; forensics, radio dispatch, and more. Applicants must be at least 18-years-old and a resident of the City of Oak Park. Applications are available at the Department of Public Works, 13800 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. For further information, contact Detective Robert Koch at (248) 691-7514.

City Awards Construction Engineering Contract for 8 Traffic Signals; \$1.385 Million Grant Funded by the Federal Government through MDOT

On February 1, City Council approved a proposal from Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc., or OHM, to perform Construction Engineering for the installation of eight new traffic signals; six on 9 Mile Road between Greenfield and the Ferndale border and two on Coolidge. The 9 Mile Road signals will be replaced with mast arm signals. The \$1,385,500 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, or CMAQ, grant is a federal program administered through Michigan Department of Transportation. The grant funds the construction, construction engineering, signal installation and traffic signal optimization.



City's Second Quarterly Investment Report Touts \$73,437 in Earned Interest Income

"The new investment policy is paying off," said Finance Director Carl Johnson as he disclosed nearly \$77,000 of total interest earnings in the first six months of the City's fiscal budget year, up from \$25,000 earned for the entire 12 months last fiscal year. "These are secure investments that are allowed under Public Act 20, where there is no risk of losing principal," said Johnson. "I'm really pleased with the results."

Do you want to become active within the community? Participate in city government? Advise city council?

**We are currently
accepting applications**

Qualifications:

- A resident of Oak Park for at least two years
- Can regularly attend the meetings
- Energized and willing to participate



City of Oak Park Boards and Commissions

**For Online Information
and to Download an
Application:**

[http://www.ci.oak-park.mi.us/
boards_commissions/
index.html](http://www.ci.oak-park.mi.us/boards_commissions/index.html)

For More Information:

Call the City Clerk's Office
(248) 691-7544

We Are Currently Accepting Applications for the Following Boards and Commissions

Arts and Cultural Commission

3 Year Terms, Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: To act as an advisory commission to the City Council; to consider, study and recommend plans for the development of city-wide cultural programs; to promote, coordinate and develop the performing and creative arts with the objective of bringing together the arts and the community; to make recommendations for programs for cultural opportunities and experiences for the citizens of Oak Park and to facilitate communications with the Michigan Council for the Arts; and to investigate possibilities of obtaining grants to aid programs and to make recommendations on available resources to Council.

Beautification Advisory Commission

3 Year Terms, Meets the third Tuesday of February, April, May, June, September and December, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: Consider and propose programs which would improve the physical appearance of the community and implement such programs as may be approved by the City Council; annually organize and carry out a short-term campaign to encourage citizen participation in activities designed to beautify the city; and report blight to the code enforcement division of the Department of Technical and Planning Services.

Communications Commission

3 Year Terms, Meets the third Wednesday of the Month, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose:

- Provide City Council with policy recommendations that strengthen the positive perception of Oak Park municipal government and the City of Oak Park as a place to live, work and shop.
- Meet with groups and/or individuals who can offer suggestions, program content, or assist in other ways to improve communications and enhance efforts to engage with the community.
- Advise City Council on issues relative to municipal services, community events and community development as researched and learned through: television, cable and radio media; social media and the internet; print media; and public relations.
- Advise city council on the matters outlined in this section and other related matters as requested.

Emergency Services Council

3 Year Terms, Meets the second Monday monthly in September through June, Executive Conference Room, 7 p.m.

Purpose: The Emergency Services Council shall advise the City Manager and the Emergency Services Director on matters pertaining to emergency management, especially in plan development.

Ethnic Advisory Commission

2 Year Terms, Meets the second Thursday monthly, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: To recognize, maintain, communicate and celebrate the cultural richness of our community by advising the City Council and staff on such matters and conducting such other activities as the city council or City Manager may approve.

Independence Day Commission

3 Year Terms, Meets the first Wednesday of each month, February through June, and the first Wednesday of September to evaluate the year's event, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: Plan, promote, execute and evaluate the city's Independence Day celebration, including a parade and any activities held in the park in coordinate such activities with the Recreation Department.

Recreation Advisory Board

3 Year Terms, Meets the third Wednesday of the Month, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: To consider and study reasonable needs and requirements of the recreation program, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Recreation Director when requested, to act as a recommending body to the City Council on matters of general Recreation Department policy, and to formulate and report its findings from time to time to the City Council. The Board exists to promote an outstanding recreational program for the citizens of Oak Park. It serves as a forum for the careful consideration of policy matters related to the operation of the recreation program and a voice for the Recreation Department in the community as well as the voice for the community in the Recreation Department.

Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission

3 Year Terms, Meets the third Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Purpose: To consider and advise the Department of Public Works and the City Council concerning any and all of the following matters:

- Public information, education outreach, and city-sponsored services relating to recycling, yard waste collection, household hazardous waste collection, and waste reduction.
- Environmental education, especially school-based programs.
- Public information for residents relating to energy savings.
- Public information for residents relating to household activities which enhance and conserve water quality and water resources.
- Public education and events relating to tree planting and maintenance for environmental protection.
- Other topics relating to recycling, waste reduction, and environmental protection brought to the commission by staff or the City Council.

March 8: Frequently Asked Questions About the Presidential Primary Election

The election polls will open Tuesday, March 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Presidential Primary Election. In addition, the City Clerk's Office will open on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for absentee voting. Here are a few tips about the voting process.

Process

The 2016 Presidential Primary is a "closed primary," just as it was in February, 2012. For this election only, this means that a voter must choose a Republican or Democratic ballot. The party ballot a voter chooses is not made part of the voter's registration and the information will not be kept on file permanently.

Polls are Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Oak Park is divided into 16 precincts. Voters are assigned to a precinct based on their address. If a resident is unsure where to vote, please refer to the Voter Precinct Map on the adjacent page, call the City Clerk's office at (248) 691-7544, or visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

What to Expect on Election Day

When voters go to their polling location on Election Day, they'll:

- Show photo identification as required by Michigan election law
- Complete an **Application to Vote** and choose a Republican or Democratic ballot
- Receive a ballot from an Election Inspector
- Be directed to a voting booth

Application to Vote – Ballot Selection Form

Picture Identification requirement: All Michigan voters must show a Michigan driver's license, a Michigan personal identification card or some other acceptable form of picture identification before voting. A voter who is unable to show picture identification can vote after signing an affidavit attesting that he/she is not in possession of picture identification.

March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Ward Precinct 3

SELECT BALLOT TYPE HERE
I hereby request the ballot type marked below for this election.

SELECT ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE:

☐ **REPUBLICAN PARTY** Presidential Primary Ballot

☒ **DEMOCRATIC PARTY** Presidential Primary Ballot

☐ **BALLOT WITHOUT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY** (For voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on other proposals or candidates (if on ballot).)

(You must select one ballot type above. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be issued to you.)

ELECTION INSPECTOR COMPLETES

☐ ID AFFIDAVIT ON REVERSE COMPLETED

ELECTION INSPECTOR INITIALS _____

Ballot Style _____ **Ballot No.** _____

Voter No. _____ (POLL BOOK)

PRINT NAME: John Q. Voter **DATE OF BIRTH:** 11/1/1960

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 14000 Oak Park Blvd. (City) (State) (Zip)

I certify that I am a United States citizen and a registered and qualified elector in this precinct, and hereby make application to vote at this election.

SIGN HERE JQ Voter **SIGNATURE OF VOTER**

Once a person has voted their ballot, they feed the ballot into the tabulator much like they would feed a dollar bill into a vending machine.

Absent Voter Ballots

A voter may vote an Absent Voter Ballot if the individual is 60 years old or older; plans to be absent from the City of Oak Park while the polls are open on election day; or if they are unable to get to the polls without assistance.

- Bring photo identification to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. during one of these times:

Tuesday, March 1 – Thursday, March 3	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, March 5	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Monday, March 7	8:00 am – 4:00 pm

- Fill out an application for an Absentee Voter's Ballot
- Receive a ballot and vote. Voting booths are set up at City Hall for your use.
- The ballot will be processed and tabulated on Election Day by the Absentee Voter Counting Board.



Further Assistance

If you have questions about any aspect of the voting process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 691-7544, email Deputy City Clerk Cherilynn Brown at cbrown@ci.oak-park.mi.us, or visit http://ci.oak-park.mi.us/city_clerk.

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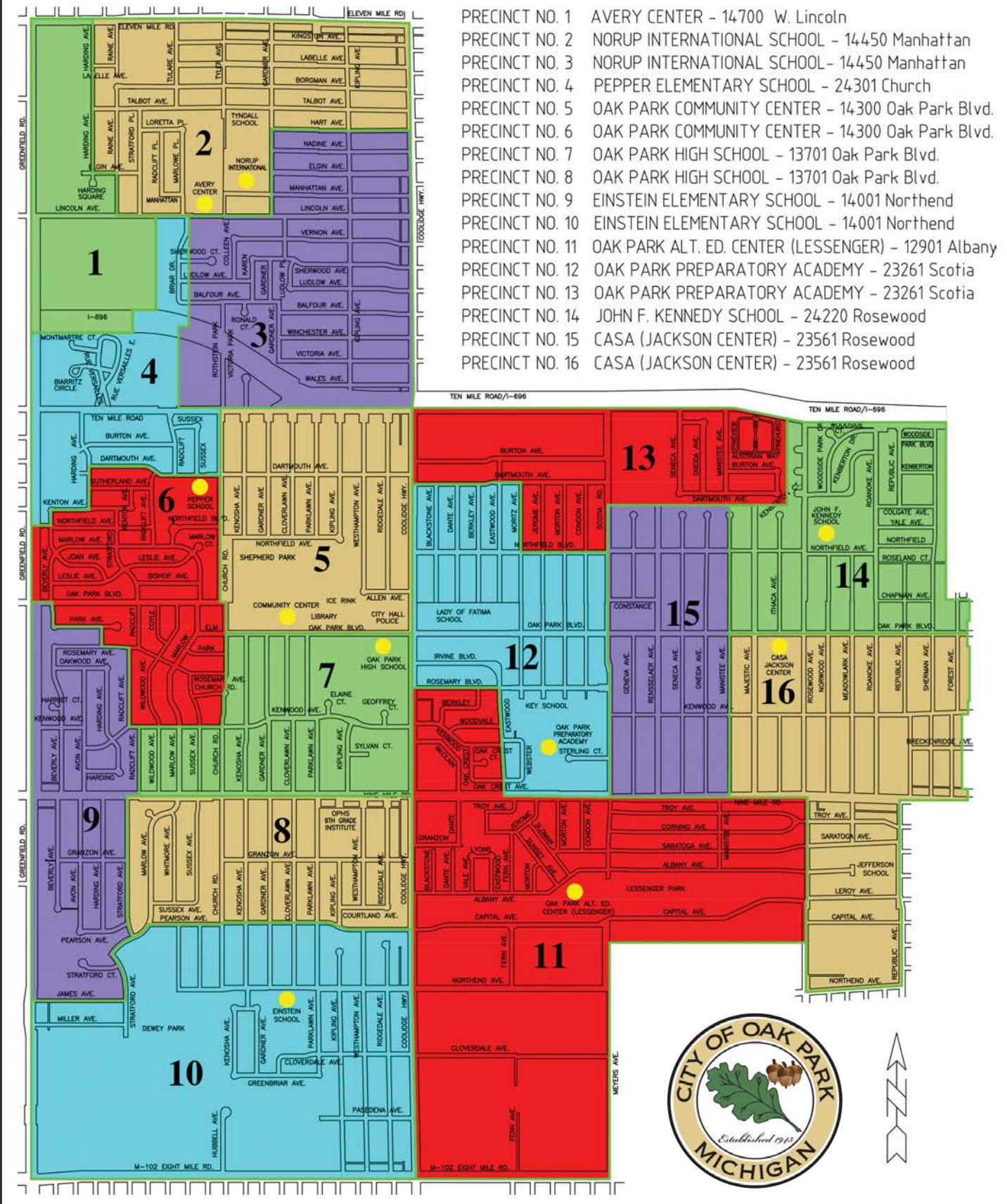
Presents Our Fifth Annual

Ladies Night

GIVEAWAYS! **MONDAY, MAY 2ND** **DOOR PRIZES!**

DEMOS! **8601 W 9 Mile Rd., Oak Park (248) 542-1802** **REFRESHMENTS!**

CITY OF OAK PARK VOTING PRECINCTS

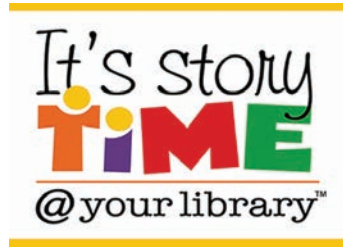


City of Oak Park: Community, Commerce and Culture



Adult Coloring Club @ Library

Whether trying to relax, restore or express, adult coloring can help. In March and April, the Oak Park Library will host the Adult Coloring Club every Tuesday at 6-7:30 p.m. and every third Sunday at 1-5 p.m. Call (248) 691-7480 for details.



Story Time @ Oak Park Library

It's Story Time! Bring a child between the ages 2- to 6-years-old to the Oak Park Library every Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for stories, movement and fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult during story time.



Spring Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Oak Park Library will be holding their annual Spring Friends Used Book Sale on April 14, 15, 17 and 18. Hours vary depending on the day. Call the Oak Park Library for more details, (248) 691-7480.



Computer Boot Camp: The Basics

Computer usage is becoming the norm for more and more people as they email, search the web, and become social online. Computer classes are held every Monday in March and April at the Library. For information, call (248) 691-7480.



Learn Lawn Care From the Pros

Do you wonder how some homeowners maintain their lawn so beautifully, while you struggle with the weeds? Well, bring your pressing lawn care questions to the Healthy Lawn Care Workshop on Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.



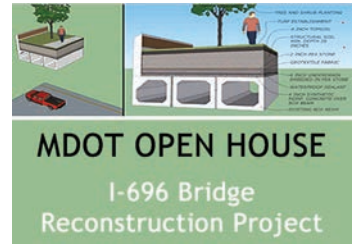
Free Garage Sale Weekend

With the onset of Spring comes Spring cleaning and garage sales. The Oak Park Free Garage Sale Weekend allows residents to have a garage sale, permit free. Although guidelines still apply, don't forget to take advantage of the Free Garage Sale Weekend on April 21-24.



Oak Park Recycling Event

Do you have junk to haul away? Electronic recycling to drop off? Or, paper to shred? Then join us on April 22-24 for Haul Your Own Junk Away Days at the Oak Park Ice Arena. On April 23 between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. you can drop off electronics and paper to shred. Questions? 691-7497



MDOT Open House at City Hall

Do you have questions about MDOT's I-696 Bridge Reconstruction Project? If so, interact with MDOT officials on Tuesday, March 29 between 4-7 p.m. at City Hall during the informational Open House.



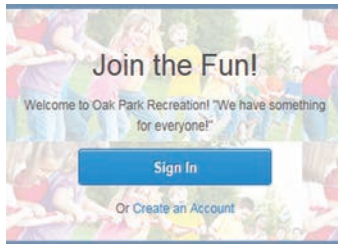
Youth Soccer Registration

Registration for youth soccer is now open! Oak Park offers U4, U6, U8, and U10 age divisions. To register online, visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/oakparkrecreation/home>.



Join the 50 Up Club for Seniors

The Oak Park Recreation Department offers seniors who are 50-year-old or older, the opportunity to join the 50 Up Club. Membership provides access to day trips, lunch bunch, drop-in classes, and more.



Online Recreation Registration

Did you know you can register online for Recreation Department events, programs or activities? Simply click on <http://bitly.com/OPRecreationRegistration> and sign-in!



World Dance Day Celebration

The Oak Park Ethnic Advisory Commission cordially invites you to attend the World Dance Day on Friday, April 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call (248) 691-7403 for details.



Officer Kyle Macfarlane Sworn In

Director of Public Safety Steve Cooper swears in new Officer Kyle Macfarlane. Macfarlane was previously employed as an officer with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.



January Employee of the Month

Sgt. Joseph Meier and Officer Steven Arbenowske were awarded January's Employees of the Month for their emergency response and public service.



Apply for Citizen's Academy

Public Safety is taking applications for this year's Citizen's Academy to be held May 4, 11, 18 and 25. If interested, applications are available at the Public Safety Office.



Native Plants with Drew Lathin

The Friends of the Library invite you to learn about sustainable landscapes and native plants with Drew Lathin on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Park Library.

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community happenings

March 2016 Dates to Remember

March 1 - Story Time at Library
March 5 - Clerk's Office Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Absentee Voting
March 6 - Oak Park Library Closed
March 7 - City Council Meeting
March 7 - Computer Class at Library
March 8 - Presidential Primary Election. Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
March 8 - Adult Coloring at Library
March 8 - Story Time at Library
March 9 - Library Book Club Meeting
March 10 - Ethnic Advisory Commission Meeting
March 13 - Daylight Savings Begins
March 14 - Board of Review Meeting
March 14 - Planning Commission Meeting
March 14 - Emergency Services Council Meeting
March 14 - Friends of Oak Park Library Meeting
March 14 - Computer Class at Library
March 15 - Library Board of Directors Meeting
March 15 - Adult Coloring at Library
March 15 - Story Time at Library
March 16 - Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 16 - Communications Commission Meeting
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
March 17 - Corridor Improvement Authority Board Meeting
March 20 - Palm Sunday/First Day of Spring
March 20 - Adult Coloring at Library
March 21 - City Council Meeting
March 21 - Computer Class at Library
March 22 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
March 22 - Adult Coloring at Library
March 22 - Story Time at Library
March 23 - Purim Begins at Sunset
March 23 - Summerfest Meeting
March 23 - Arts and Cultural Commission Meeting
March 24 - Purim Ends at Sunset
March 24 - City Offices Closed in Observance of Good Friday Holiday
March 24 - (No Delay in Trash Collection)
March 25 - Good Friday
March 25 - (No Delay in Trash Collection)
March 25 - Oak Park Library Closed in Observance of Good Friday Holiday
March 27 - Easter Sunday
March 27 - Oak Park Library Closed
March 28 - Board of Review Meeting
March 28 - Public Safety Retirement System Meeting
March 28 - Computer Class at Library
March 29 - MDOT Open House at City Hall
March 29 - Adult Coloring at Library

April 2016 Dates to Remember

April 4 - City Council Meeting
April 4 - Yard Waste and Brush Collection Begins
April 4 - Computer Class at Library
April 5 - Adult Coloring at Library
April 5 - Story Time at Library
April 6 - Library Book Club Meeting
April 6 - Independence Day Commission Meeting
April 11 - Planning Commission Meeting
April 11 - Emergency Services Council Meeting
April 11 - Friends of Oak Park Library Meeting
April 11 - Computer Class at Library
April 12 - Adult Coloring at Library
April 12 - Story Time at Library
April 14 - Ethnic Advisory Commission Meeting
April 14, 15, 17 and 18 - Spring Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
April 17 - Adult Coloring at Library
April 18 - City Council Meeting
April 18 - Healthy Lawn Seminar
April 18 - Computer Class at Library
April 19 - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting
April 19 - Library Board of Directors Meeting
April 19 - Adult Coloring at Library
April 19 - Story Time at Library
April 20 - Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
April 20 - Communications Commission Meeting
April 21 - Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting
April 21 - Corridor Improvement Authority Board Meeting
April 21, 22, 23 and 24 - Free Garage Sale Weekend
April 22, 23 and 24 - Haul Your Own Junk Away
April 22 - Passover Begins
April 22, 23, 24 - Haul Your Own Junk Away
April 23 - Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event
April 25 - Computer Class at Library
April 25 - Employee's Retirement System Meeting
April 25 - Public Safety Retirement System Meeting
April 26 - Adult Coloring at Library
April 26 - Story Time at Library
April 26 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
April 27 - Summerfest Meeting
April 27 - Arts and Cultural Commission Meeting
April 29 - Arbor Day
April 29 - World Dance Day
April 30 - Passover Ends

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