

# Oak Park

City Magazine and Recreation Program Guide - Spring 2020



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## Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

Happy Spring! As the COVID-19 coronavirus situation continues to develop, I want you to know that even though our facilities (except for Public Safety) are closed, the City of Oak Park is still operating to provide you with essential services.

This has been a difficult time for all of us. Rest assured, we are committed to working with our residents, business owners, and other local partners to slow the spread and flatten the curve.

Here is a list of steps we have taken to comply with the Governor's Executive Order requiring a state-wide lockdown:

- We have declared a local emergency. This declaration will give the City access to federal and state assistance should it become available
- City Hall will be closed to the public through at least Sunday, April 12 (subject to change)
- To make utility bill, or other payments to the City, we are encouraging residents and business owners to make use of online payment options or the drop box next to City Hall
- All activities, events, classes, and rentals affiliated with the City have been cancelled or postponed through at least Sunday, April 12
- The Recreation Department is suspending all shuttle services until further notice
- All Board and Commission meetings through at least Sunday, April 12 have been cancelled

In an effort to lessen the stress and inconvenience the state-wide lockdown has created, we are announcing the following:

- We will be waiving the online transaction fee for all payments. This will come in the form of a credit on your account after a payment is made
- We are suspending all late fees and penalties for residents and business owners
- There will be no water shutoffs for any water customers until at least Wednesday, April 15
- All water customers that previously had their water shut off have had their service immediately restored

Residents should know that the City's essential functions such as those that fall within the Public Safety and Public Works Departments will continue to be operational.

For access to all of our COVID-19 public service announcements and more information on ways we're working to mitigate the spread of it, please visit the City's dedicated COVID-19 webpage, found at: [www.bit.ly/OPCoronavirus](http://www.bit.ly/OPCoronavirus)

Thank you for your patience as we find our footing in the fallout of this crisis. We will persevere and stand ready to serve your needs.

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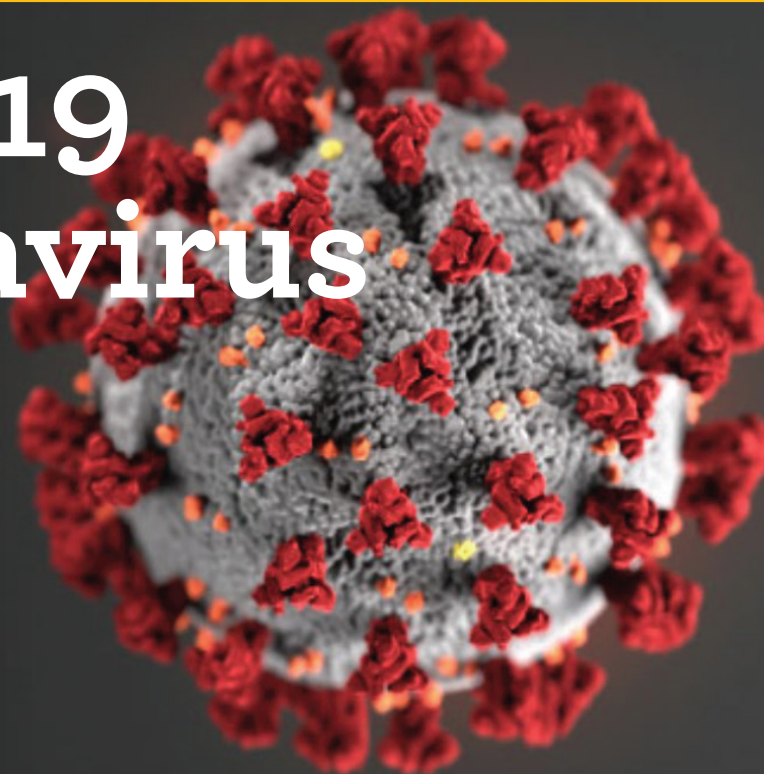
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# Covid-19 Coronavirus



**As the COVID-19 coronavirus situation continues to develop, the City of Oak Park is committed to working with our residents, business owners, and other local partners to slow the spread and flatten the curve of this serious public health crisis.**

With so much information going around about the coronavirus, we are working to ensure that our residents have the most pertinent and accurate information out there.

For access to all of our COVID-19 public service announcements and more information on ways we're working to mitigate the spread of it, please visit the City's dedicated COVID-19 webpage, found at [www.bit.ly/OPCoronavirus](http://www.bit.ly/OPCoronavirus).

Together, we can stop the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

## COVID-19 Questions Answered

### WHAT IS A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.

A diagnosis with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19 diagnosis. Patients with COVID-19 will be evaluated and cared for differently than patients with common coronavirus diagnosis.

### WHY IS THE DISEASE BEING CALLED CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019, OR COVID-19?

On February 11, 2020 the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as "2019 novel coronavirus" or "2019-nCoV".

There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. The name of this disease was selected following the World Health Organization (WHO) best practice for naming of new human infectious diseases.

### WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE VIRUS?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people, and others, such as canine and feline coronaviruses, only infect animals. Rarely, animal coronaviruses that infect animals have emerged to infect people and can spread between people. This is suspected to have occurred for the virus that

causes COVID-19. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) are two other examples of coronaviruses that originated from animals and then spread to people.

### HOW DOES THE VIRUS SPREAD?

This virus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The first infections were linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now spreading from person-to-person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so.

The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in many affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that the public can take several practical measures to reduce the spread of this virus:

- 1) Practice good health habits such as washing your hands, covering your cough, and disinfecting frequently-used objects.
- 2) Review the CDC's travel notices before doing any lengthy traveling, especially when planning to travel outside of the country.
- 3) Create a household plan that considers items to keep stocked at home should a quarantine of any kind need to take place.



- 4) Find out about workplace policies regarding coronavirus action plans, sick-leave, and work-from-home options.
- 5) Check on elderly and vulnerable individuals to ensure they are safe, healthy, and well taken care of.

Source: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html)

### Business Resources

There are several resources available to assist small business owners during this ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Oakland County One Stop Shop has a resource page with many tools and suggestions as well as links to available resources. One suggestion is to take advantage of this downtime to work on setting up or updating your website, marketing your business, create social media accounts, or even explore other ways to deliver your

products. Make sure you are communicating all updates to your customers.

Oakland County One Stop Shop:  
[www.oakgov.com/advantageoakland/business/OneStopShop/Pages/OSSBC-Coronavirus-Resources.aspx](http://www.oakgov.com/advantageoakland/business/OneStopShop/Pages/OSSBC-Coronavirus-Resources.aspx)

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation also has prepared a webpage which lists available resources for business owners. Please visit their page to find the latest resources for businesses of all sizes.

Michigan Economic Development Corporation:  
[www.michiganbusiness.org/covid19](http://www.michiganbusiness.org/covid19)

While our entire City Hall campus is closed, we are still open for business. If you need assis-

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## Hotlines to Call for More Information



### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

COVID-19 Hotline  
(888) 535-6136

[COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov)

Hours:  
7 days a week from 8am to 5pm



### OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nurse-On-Call  
(800) 848-5533

[noc@oakgov.com](mailto:noc@oakgov.com)

Hours:  
Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm  
Saturday to Sunday, 9am to 5pm



### UNITED WAY

Call: 2-1-1

As always, United Way's 2-1-1 helpline is available by phone, text, or live chat 24 hours a day to connect people with the resources they need in times of crisis.



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tance, please reach out to Economic Development and Communications Director Kimberly Marrone at [kmarrone@oakparkmi.gov](mailto:kmarrone@oakparkmi.gov).

For updates from the City of Oak Park on information and resources for businesses during this crisis, visit our dedicated webpage on this topic: [www.oakparkmi.gov/departments/community\\_and\\_economic\\_development/covid19\\_resources.php](http://www.oakparkmi.gov/departments/community_and_economic_development/covid19_resources.php)

## What To Do If You Think You Have COVID-19

**Stay Home and Call a Health Care Provider.** Unless it is an emergency, to reduce your risk of catching or spreading the illness, stay home if you feel sick, even if your symptoms are mild. Do not go to work, school, or public places, and avoid public transportation.

If your symptoms are severe, or you feel like you need medical care, call before you go to a doctor's office, urgent care center, or emergency room. Describe your symptoms over the phone.

If you have a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately and tell the dispatcher about your symptoms and recent travel history.

### Answer Questions to Determine

**Your Risk.** When you call a health care

facility, you will be asked about your risks for COVID-19. Risk factors include recent travel to certain countries or areas of the U.S., or exposure to an infected person.

For instance, some hospitals or clinics are asking the following:

- Have you had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus? (Close contact means having been within 6 feet of that person for an extended time, or being exposed to their cough or sneeze.)
- Do you have a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing?
- Has a public health officer said you were potentially exposed to COVID-19?

### Follow Your Health Care Provider's

**Instruction.** Based on your answers to these questions, the care provider will provide instructions over the phone. You will be told if you need to be evaluated, and if so, what to do next. Based on your risk for COVID-19, your health care provider may recommend that you:

- Continue to monitor your health and call back if you develop a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Stay home and await further instructions.
- Report to a designated medical care facility for evaluation and treatment. It's best to go alone to your appointment. Do not bring children or other family members unless you need assistance.

- Go to a clinic or emergency department if you have more severe symptoms, such as higher fever and severe shortness of breath.

### Practice Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette.

If you do leave your home to go to a care facility, wear a mask so your coughs and sneezes are less likely to infect others. (Masks are NOT recommended for healthy people in the general population.)

Wash your hands thoroughly (for at least 20 seconds) after sneezing, blowing your nose, coughing or using the bathroom, and before preparing or eating food.

If you cough or sneeze, do so into the bend of your elbow, not your hand. Or use a tissue, and then throw it away immediately afterward.

At home, clean often-touched surfaces such as doors and doorknobs, cabinet handles, bathroom hardware, tabletops, phones, tablets, and keyboards regularly with disinfectant.

**Stay Calm.** The possibility of having a contagious illness is scary, but doctors, nurses, and other caregivers are learning more about COVID-19 every day. They are working together with national and international agencies to identify and provide care to patients while avoiding spread of the illness in the community.

*Source: [www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-what-if-i-feel-sick](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-what-if-i-feel-sick)*

# COVID-19 Coronavirus

## Protect Yourself And Others!

### Take steps to protect yourself:



#### Wash your hands often!

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place.



#### Avoid close contact!

Avoid close contact with people who are sick at all times, and remember to practice good social distancing.

### Take steps to protect others:



#### Stay home if you're sick!

If you have any symptoms at all related to COVID-19, stay home and self-isolate for at least two weeks.



#### Cover coughs and sneezes!

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow.



#### Wear a facemask if you're sick!

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.



#### Clean and disinfect!

Clean and disinfect surfaces and frequently-touched items daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, and countertops.



# 2020 State of the City Address

**Last year, the State of the City address was a huge success.** It was the first time that the event was held in the auditorium at Oak Park High School. We provided attendees not just with informative speeches about what Oak Park has done and where it's going, but also with some great entertainment courtesy of local high school students.

This year, the State of the City address is going to be held again in the auditorium at Oak Park High School, located at 13701 Oak Park Blvd, on Wednesday, June 3. Attendees can expect speeches from both the Mayor and City Manager highlighting the past, present, and future of Oak Park, and perhaps even some announcements on major projects and initiatives! The City is also currently working to secure student performances similar to the

ones we had last year. More details will be made available and invitations will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

Also important to note is that since we will be holding this event off-site again, we will not

be able to live-stream it on our cable stations while it is happening. It will however get programmed to play on our cable stations shortly after the event is over.

We hope to see you there!



## State of the City Address 2020

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

**Oak Park High School Auditorium**

13701 Oak Park Blvd.  
Oak Park, MI 48237

*Details forthcoming.*



# United States Census Is Here 2020

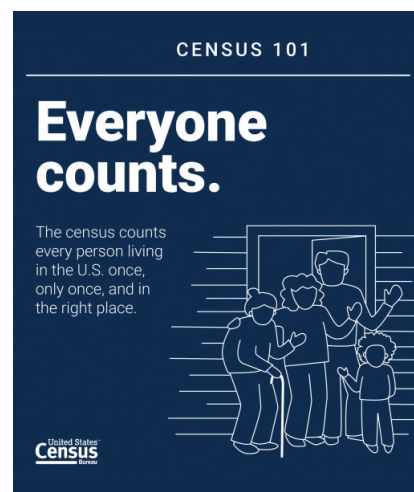
## During the 2010 Census, Oak Park had only about 75% participation.

That means that we left approximately a quarter of our residents unaccounted for, thus leaving State Shared Revenue dollars on the table. These state funds can be used for improving quality of life amenities for Oak Park residents, such as stronger police services, more recreation events, better infrastructure, and more. To make sure as many Oak Parkers as possible get counted this time around, the City wants to make sure that all residents are informed about the Census.

At this point, most everybody in Oak Park and the rest of the United States should have received an invitation in the mail from the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in the 2020 Census. This invitation includes information on how to fill out the Census survey online or by phone. The Census Bureau hopes first for online and phone survey submissions, but they are also making the paper survey available to all those who prefer that method. For those who wish for the paper survey, the Census Bureau will soon mail those out to everyone who has not yet participated in the count. Come May, for all residents who still have not completed their Census survey in any form, the Census Bureau will be sending out canvassers to those homes for follow-ups and encouragement. **Get counted, Oak Park!**

### The 2020 Census will ask the following questions:

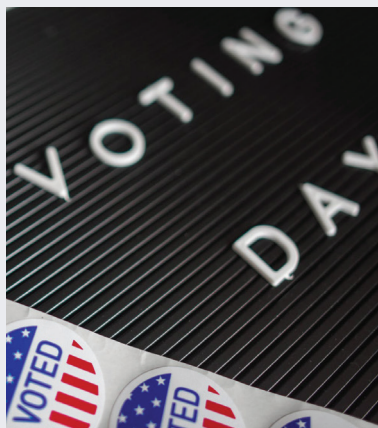
- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.
- Whether the home is owned or rented.
- About the sex of each person in the household.
- About the age of each person in the household.
- About the race of each person in the household.
- About whether a person in the household is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.
- About the relationship of each person in the household to one central person.



## 2020 Elections

Now that Michigan has gotten past its presidential primary election, which took place on Tuesday, March 10, we can look forward to two more elections later this year. The state primary election will take place on Tuesday, August 4, while the nationwide general election will take place on Tuesday, November 3.

As always, the Oak Park City Clerk's Office encourages all Oak Park residents ages 18 and up to check their voter registration. You can check your registration on the Michigan Secretary of State's online Voter Information Center, found at [mvic.sos.state.mi.us](http://mvic.sos.state.mi.us).



### Presidential Primary Election Results

Other than voting for a presidential nominee for each party, local voters on Tuesday, March 10 also had other things to vote for. All over Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland Counties, voters got to decide on whether to renew a millage to help fund the Detroit Institute of Arts. Further, for Oak Park residents who live within the Ferndale Public Schools district, there were two proposals to vote on. Check out the results for each of these proposals below:

#### Renewal of Oakland County

##### Art Institute Authority Millage

Oak Park	85.79% Yes	14.21% No
Oakland County	85.65% Yes	14.35% No

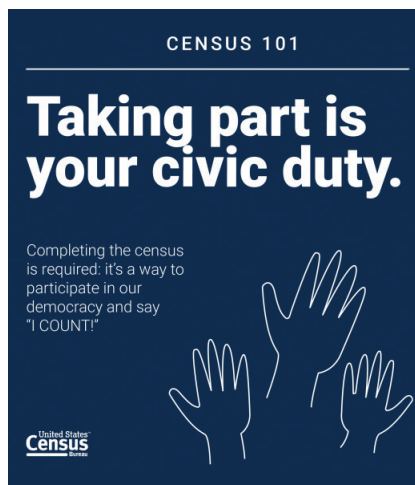
#### Ferndale Public Schools

##### Bond Proposal

Whole District	82.59% Yes
Whole District	17.41% No

##### Ferndale Public Schools Non-Principal Residents Operating Millage Proposal

Whole District	77.83% Yes
Whole District	22.17% No



# Prevention of Rats

## AND OTHER PESTS



### According to Orkin, one of the nation's leading pest control companies, the top three "rattiest" cities

in the United States are Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City. Nowhere on that list is Oak Park, Michigan – but rats are known to show up on our streets and in our backyards from time to time.

The City of Oak Park is dedicated to helping residents and business owners eradicate all rat-related issues within our community. To do so, we create awareness of the conditions, stress the importance of cleaning premises, enforce property code violations, and are available to help answer questions. We even have a FAQ document all about rodent control, available at this link: [www.bit.ly/OPAnimalControl](http://www.bit.ly/OPAnimalControl)

Although the rats we have around this part of the world are nocturnal and prefer to be active at night, it's rather easy to find traces of their existence. They are creatures of habit that will travel the same path over and over, eventually leaving a trail. They leave rat droppings (approximately three-quarters of an inch in length) and urine stains around pet dishes, on counter tops, around food containers, and in

recycling bins. They chew and gnaw marks on the bottom of doors, windows, walls, pipes, and stored materials. There will be greasy rub marks on walls, baseboards, pipes, and home exteriors. If you notice any of these things, you may have a rat problem, and it may be time to start thinking of ways to rid your property of these pests.

At the City of Oak Park, we recommend humane ways of treating rat-related issues. But most of all, we want you to know that we can help you in your effort to identify a rat problem and treat it properly.

"Our Code Enforcement team are experts in identifying rodent presence and eradication methods," says Technical and Planning Director Robert Barrett. "Reporting rodent issues to our Code Enforcement Officers is essential to helping keep our community as rodent-free as possible."

### So, what can you do to combat the rats? There are three steps to effective rat control:

**1) Inspection** – Find the location of the rodents, typically within 100 to 150 feet of a sighting or trace. They like to go where they are welcome; places where food, water, and shelter are abundant and where they can raise their offspring.

**2) Exclusion** – Exclusion requires making it difficult for the rodents to enter the property and discouraging their stay. This includes sealing gaps that are a half inch in width, fixing holes in window screens, closing gaps in door and window frames, and flushing water through their burrows.

**3) Sanitation** – Sanitation measures include keeping your property clean, maintaining your yard, eliminating clutter, tending to landscaping details, properly storing food sources, sealing trash containers, elevating items off the ground, removing animal waste, and repairing sewer leaks.

### Questions to Ask When Considering an Exterminator

It is helpful to obtain at least three quotes when hiring an exterminator or pest control company. To hire an exterminator, ask friends and family for referrals, prepare questions, and conduct interviews. Some helpful questions are:

- What type of methods do you use?
- How many visits will it require?
- How will you dispose of the rodents?
- Do you offer a guarantee?
- Do you offer prevention tips or services?
- Do you provide free estimates?
- What is your suggested timetable?

For more information, contact the Oak Park Code Enforcement Division at (248) 691-7450.



# Library Welcomes New Director

**A published romance author, a world traveler, and an experienced librarian—** that's how to best sum up Oak Park's brand new Library Director Karen White-Owens.

After months without a Library Director and a thorough vetting process of many great candidates, the City offered White-Owens the position of being top dog at the Oak Park Public Library in mid-February. Her first day on the job was Monday, March 2nd.

When asked what her first priorities would be to help the Oak Park Library reach its full potential, she gave a surprise answer that she said was the same as the one she gave in her job interview. "I need to see what works and what doesn't work. I think it's a big mistake

to come into a place with big plans when you don't know what's functioning," White-Owens said. "I'm going to sit and watch a lot and talk with the staff. I want to get a feel for what they think works and what doesn't."

White-Owens comes to the Oak Park Library straight from another Library Director position in Lenox Township, located in northeastern Macomb County. She had been there just under 10 years and said it was hard to say goodbye. Before that, she spent part of her career as the school librarian at a charter school.

She mentioned that her and the Oak Park Library have a little bit of a history together, saying that it feels like her career has come full circle. When she first walked into the Library during the interview process, she was reminded that she once had a book-signing event there way back in 2003, one of her very

first events of that kind. "I always smile when I see this place," she said.

That's not the only thing that enticed her about coming to Oak Park, though. She mentioned her growing up in Metro Detroit and always having an appreciation for reading and writing. She grew up wanting to be a teacher, but eventually found her way into the library services field, and when she did, she knew she wanted to make a career out of it. Additionally, she also recognized Oak Park's strong sense of diversity and community. When the Oak Park Library Director job opened up, she knew she had to apply.

As she settles into her new role, she is meeting new colleagues and patrons alike. As Director, she is tasked with managing the Library staff, creating and implementing engaging events, and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the facility. These are all things she has plenty of experience doing, and she plans to use that experience to make sure that the Library becomes the best version of itself that it can be.

"I want lifelong library users here," White-Owens said in closing. "Lifelong library users are what we are aiming for, and I want to build our programming around getting new patrons and making sure older patrons keep on coming back."

A novelist of 15 books total, most in the romance genre, she says she has another three books sitting on her desk at home. When asked if she plans to keep writing while she takes on her new position, she said, "Of course!"



# Economic Development Efforts

CAUSE GROWTH ON CORRIDORS

**Economic development can take many different forms. It can also have a wide array of benefits.**

From new businesses opening and the creation of new jobs, to the strengthening of infrastructure and increases in tax revenue, economic development efforts can pay off big for communities like Oak Park.

Economic Development and Communications Director Kim Marrone knows this very well, and has been working tirelessly to advance economic and business-related causes in our community. Marrone, who is also currently President of the Michigan Economic Developers Association, has been with the City of Oak Park for over five years now. In her time here, she has facilitated the opening of the FedEx Ground distribution center, the opening of several small businesses, and the design and completion of the Nine Mile Redesign.

Yet, as anyone familiar with economic development knows, the work never ends! There's plenty more to come from the Economic Development and Communications Department in 2020 and beyond!

## TOP 10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### 1. Kroger

The new Kroger on Greenfield Road just south of Eleven Mile Road is currently under construction. Fencing went up to begin renovations in November. After several months' worth of work, it is anticipated to be open sometime

this summer. The Kroger will feature a grocery pickup service, a pharmacy, and a fuel center.

### 2. Unexpected Craft Brewing Company (UCBC)

Oak Park's long-awaited first craft brewery is planned to be opened sometime this late spring or early summer. River Rouge Brewing Company owner/operator Edward Stencel is opening up his second operation after finding brewing success nearby in Royal Oak. UCBC on Eleven Mile Road is expected to have beer, wine, cider, hard seltzer, live music, an outdoor dining space, and much more.

### 3. Dog & Pony Show Brewing

Did you know that Oak Park is getting a second brewery, too? Dog & Pony Show Brewing is planned to also go on Eleven Mile Road in the old Randolph Tool building. Anticipated to open sometime late this summer, this spot will feature beers and ciders, as well as events like beer yoga and open mic night.

### 4. Oak Park Social

Announced in May of 2019, Oak Park Social will be a brand new gastropub on Eleven Mile Road right near the water tower. It will feature an outdoor patio and will have a menu consisting of artisan-inspired New American cuisine that features unique shareables, chef-driven entrées, and vegetarian options. It is scheduled open this summer.



**5. Oak Parker**

Restaurant operator Joe Bongiovanni, of Salvatore Scallopini and OWL fame, plans to open up a restaurant near the corner of Eleven Mile Road and Coolidge Highway called Oak Parker. Well-known restaurant architecture firm Ron and Roman are designing the spot. Planned to have a summer opening, the eatery will feature outdoor seating, a basement lounge, and various spirits.

**6. TBD Italian Restaurant**

Formerly a market and a florist, a unique stand-alone building on Greenfield Road is scheduled to be transformed into a “California Italian” restaurant later this year. Daniel Kohn, owner of Kravings and Quality Kosher Catering, will offer an elevated dairy kosher menu to patrons, as well as beer and wine. Architects Ron and Roman are behind this project, as well.

**7. Coolidge Place Housing Development**

In July of 2019, Lighthouse of Michigan broke ground on a new housing development on Coolidge Highway just north of Eight Mile Road. This complex is set to feature 64 townhome and ranch-style apartments, green spaces, and a community center. The project is anticipated to wrap up this fall or early winter.

**8. Nine Mile Redesign Update**

Though we had our very successful ribbon-cutting event for the Nine Mile Redesign already, there are still some final touches left that had



**Nerd Out Toys owner/operator Randy Herkowitz.**

to wait until this spring. Soon, some of the crosswalks will be completed, a large play structure will be installed in the Seneca Pocket Park, and a shade sail will be installed at the trailhead. We are also currently planning for more amenities on the south side of Nine Mile Road in the Linear Park and the future Connector Park.

**9. Safe Routes to School Grant Award**

The City is proud to announce that Jewish education institution Yeshiva Beth Yehuda has received a Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$464,321. The City and the school administration will use these grant funds to

construct new pedestrian facilities to make crossing the street safer at three Oak Park locations near the Yeshiva Beth Yehuda schools on Ten Mile Road.

**10. “The Branch” Video Series**

In February, the Economic Development and Communications Department released the first episode of “The Branch”, a brand new monthly video series highlighting Oak Park’s diverse and vibrant small business community. The first episode covered Nerd Out Toys on Nine Mile Road, a retail store specializing in nostalgic and antique toys from yesteryear. Keep an eye out for new episodes!

## Coolidge/696 Bridge Project

In the spring of 2019, the City of Oak Park announced that it was moving forward with a concept to improve, beautify, and brand the overpass bridge on Coolidge Highway over I-696.

The origins of this project began in September 2017 and stemmed from a necessity to fix parts of the bridge’s fencing that had become dilapidated. It then grew into a desire to take this opportunity as one to brand and beautify the City via the improvement of public infrastructure.

“Branding is important for our community in terms of attracting new residents and businesses. Taking advantage of this opportunity to create a distinct impression by marketing ourselves to the thousands of motorists who use I-696 every day to commute through Oak Park is a good business move,” said City Manager Erik Tungate. “Cities that take on these kinds of quality of life improvements are cities that are typically thriving. It is no longer enough to rest on our laurels. We have to seize every chance we can to establish ourselves as a unique place to live and work.”

Now, in spring 2020, the improvements to the bridge are finally complete, and it sure shows!



# Big Summer Events on the Horizon



**This year, the Oak Park Recreation Department is planning to do things bigger and better than ever!** That's partially because we want to go above and beyond to celebrate Oak Park's 75th birthday this year, and also partially because we love building upon our past events and finding ways to improve our recreation offerings!

"This year, Oak Park celebrates its 75th anniversary, and we have a summer of fun and excitement designed specifically for our residents in mind," said Oak Park Recreation Director Laurie Stasiak. "Our big kickoff will start with our Summer Blast from June 12th to 14th, featuring amusement rides and midway, our 10th Annual BBQ Competition, a food court, mini pub, and free music entertainment. The months ahead will also showcase our popular free Summer Concert Series and our Farmers Market, back for its 3rd year."

Our staff members in the Recreation Department work hard year-round to make sure that Oak Park offers some of the best recreation events and activities in Oakland County. With this summer's list of big, fun, family-friendly events, there's really something for everyone to enjoy.

"There is no question that Oak Park is known as a family-friendly community, so come with your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy all

that Oak Park has to offer," Director Stasiak exclaimed. Check out the following list for our full lineup of major summer recreation events:

## SUMMER BLAST 2020

**Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 14  
Community Center/Shepherd Park**

This year, Summer Blast will be a three-day celebration hosting amusement rides, midway, a food court, a mini-pub, music, a BBQ Battle, and much more! Join in on the fun as we commemorate the City of Oak Park's 75th birthday with this super special event!

**Hours:** Friday, June 12 from 5 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 from 12 to 6 p.m.

Stop in to the Community Center lobby for complete details!

## FARMERS MARKET

**Wednesdays, June 24 to September 30  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | City Hall Green Space**

The Oak Park Farmers Market returns! Fresh produce, baked goods, juices, education sessions, cooking demonstrations, daily musical entertainment, special events, and more! The Passport and Market Punch card returns along with a new program designed with the Oak Park Library to encourage readers young and old to enjoy summer reading while exploring the market! The Farmers Market continues to be able to be a central site for use of the EBT/Bridge card at the Recreation Tent. The Market is sponsored by Humana Inc. with support from

Beaumont Community Health, Oakland County Health Department, the Oak Park Library, local business, and more!

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Thursdays, June 25 to August 13**  
**7 to 8:30 p.m. | Shepherd Park**

This year's Summer Concert Series promises to be one of the best ever! The line-up is packed with music from Blues, Jazz, Top 40, Swing, R&B, and more! Bring your blanket and camp chair, and get ready to meet up with old friends and meet some new friends along the way. Bring dinner or enjoy some of foods available from our food vendors. Hot dogs, burgers, sweets, and more. See you at the concerts!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, July 4, Activities All Day**  
**Various Locations in Oak Park**

July 4th will once again bring you the long-standing tradition of the Independence Day Parade and Fun Fest! This is always a fun-filled day of events, so be sure to join us! Check out the day's full lineup below:

#### Mayor's 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m.

##### Community Center

Start your independence Day off with the annual Mayor's 5K Run/Walk. Divisions are



split up based on age, and medals are awarded to the first 25 female and 25 male finishers. All participants must register. \$20 pre-registration/\$25 day-of registration.

**Course: Mayors5K2020**

#### Oak Park Youth Assistance

**Pancake Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.**  
**Shepherd Park, Shelter 1**

Join us for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, and buy your tickets to win great prizes at the raffle!

#### Independence Day Parade at 11 a.m.

**Begins near 9 Mile and Coolidge**

One of Oak Park's oldest and most celebrated

annual traditions is the Independence Day Parade. We welcome thousands of people from all over southeast Oakland County for this event. Park your lawn chair on Coolidge Hwy or Oak Park Blvd along with your shades and sunscreen. The parade ends at Shepherd Park, which is where Fun Fest is!

#### Fun Fest from 12 to 3 p.m.

##### Community Center/Shepherd Park

We'll have plenty of family-friendly fun for all ages, including live entertainment, a food court with Kosher food available, games and activities, and more! This is the perfect summer event to take part in on the Fourth of July!



## Mother Son Dance

♥♥♥  
**Friday, May 8**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: May 1**  
**Payment due at time of reservation. No tickets sold at the door.**

**\$30 per couple**  
**\$12 for each additional participant**  
**\$5-Non Resident Fee**

**Oak Park Recreation**  
**(248) 691-7555**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

**Select Mondays at 5:30 p.m. | FREE**

Come join us on our Monday Movie Nights at the Oak Park Library and watch movies on our big screen. Our movies are family appropriate and fun - a great excuse to spend quality time with the family away from home!

5/04/20 - Star Wars A New Hope, PG, 121 Minutes  
 5/11/20 - Brave, PG, 93 Minutes  
 6/08/20 - The Lion King (1994), PG, 88 Minutes  
 6/22/20 - Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade, PG-13, 127 Minutes



### IT'S STORY TIME!

**Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. | FREE**

Our story time 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 your child to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, we read, sing, dance, move, and play. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### TOT TIME!

**Fridays at 10 a.m. | Ages 0-3 | FREE**

Come play at the library! We'll be providing extra toys and activities for this unstructured play time for our littlest patrons. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### CRAFT DAY: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

**Thursday, May 28 from 4 to 5 p.m. | Ages 6-12 | FREE**

Come with a friend to make friendship bracelets for each other.

### VIDEO GAME NIGHT

**Monday, June 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. | Teens | FREE**

Come hangout and play a variety of old and new video games at the library.

### LEGO CLUB

**Select Thursdays, May 21, and June 25 at 4 p.m.**

**Grades 3-8 | FREE**

Join us after school for LEGO building with friends!



### SUMMER READING KICKOFF

**Monday, June 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. | All Ages | FREE**

Pick up your Summer Reading forms and enjoy crafts and activities at the library as we kickoff our summer reading program!

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Select Mondays**

**May 18, June 1 from 4 to 7 p.m.**

**All Ages | 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!

### ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

**Mondays from 9 to 10 a.m. | 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.

### ADULT COLORING CLUB

**Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Adult | FREE**

If you would like to relax, exercise creativity, 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.

## BOOK CLUBS!

### ADULT BOOK CLUB

**Every First Wednesday of Month at 6 p.m. | Adult | FREE**

Come read with us; the best is yet to come! Join us for lively literature discussions! As always, the Library welcomes new members! Please check out our 2020 Reading Selection, posted at the Library!





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8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

### FOLLOW US ON:



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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](http://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.**

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)  
Open every other Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 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.



## POOL INFORMATION

**GRAND OPENING - Saturday, June 13**  
**LAST DAY - Saturday, August 22**

We are excited for the summer pool season to begin! Information regarding all of our pool programs including Water Aerobics, Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, and Pool Rentals are listed below. We appreciate all suggestions from the community and are doing our best to provide the finest summer experience possible at the Oak Park Pool.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.	Wednesday, 2 to 7 p.m.	Friday, 1 to 8 p.m.
Monday, 2 to 7 p.m.	Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m.	Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, 2 to 7 p.m.		

*\*City of Oak Park's Recreation Department reserves the right to close the pool due to inclement weather or other circumstances.*

## DAILY RATES

### OPEN SWIM DAILY RATES

#### Daily Fee - Resident:

- Ages 3 and Under, FREE
- Ages 4-54, \$3 per day
- Ages 55 and Up, \$2 per day

#### Daily Fee - Non-Resident:

- Ages 3 and Under, FREE
- Ages 4-54, \$5 per day
- Ages 55 and Up, \$4 per day

### SEASON POOL PASSES

**Season Passes - Resident:** Ages 4-54, \$30 | Ages 55 and Up, \$20

**Season Passes - Non-Resident:** Ages 4-54, \$50 | Ages 55 and Up, \$40

Resident rates apply to residents of Oak Park, Ferndale, and Hazel Park.

## POOL RENTALS

Are you planning a party, baby shower, family reunion, or any special event and looking for a unique, fun venue to host it at? Consider renting the Oak Park Pool. It's sure to be a welcome splash! For more information on pool rentals and to make your reservations, call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555.

**Availability:** Saturdays: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. | Sundays: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### Rental Fees

Up to 75 people: \$350 Resident/\$400 Non-Resident for three hours  
 76 to 100 people: \$400 Resident/\$450 Non-Resident for three hours  
 101 to 200: \$450 Resident/\$500 Non-Resident for three hours  
 201 to 400: \$500 Resident/\$550 Non-Resident for three hours

A \$75.00 deposit is required on all pool rentals. All pool rentals MUST be paid in full on the booking date to reserve the date and time.

## PROGRAMS

### WOMEN-ONLY AND MEN-ONLY SWIM

**Fee:** \$2 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident or Season Pass

#### Women-Only Swim:

*Female lifeguards will be assigned during women-only swim.*

Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

#### Men-Only Swim:

*Male lifeguards will be assigned during men-only swim.*

Tuesday and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### ADULT-ONLY LAP SWIM

**Fee:** \$2 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident or Season Pass

*\*One lane will be available.*

**Morning:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
 Tuesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

**Afternoon:** Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30pm  
 Friday from 5:30 to 7:30pm  
 Saturday & Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm

### TEEN SWIM

**Saturday, June 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Age: 13-19 | Cost: \$2 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident**

Calling all teenagers! Oak Park Recreation is hosting more teen-only swim times. Activities include music, games and mini golf! Bring your friends and come hangout and celebrate the summer at the Oak Park Pool. Must provide proof of age.

### WATER AEROBICS

**June 22-August 21 | \$3 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m.**

#### Sunday (Female-Only):

**June 21 through August 16 from 9 to 10:00 a.m.**

This fun and energetic class is geared towards improving your overall health and well-being. Water aerobics uses all aspects of a typical aerobics class but with the added health benefits of using water as a natural form of resistance, creating an excellent full-body workout with great heart benefits and endurance development.

### SWIM LESSONS

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. | \$48 Res./\$53 Non-Res.**

Classes will begin the week of June 22. For more information, including start times contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555..

**Session 1:** June 22 to July 8

**Session 2:** July 20 to August 5

#### Parent/Tot (Ages 1-4)

**Saturdays at 12 p.m. | \$48 Res./\$53 Non-Res.**

**Session 1:** June 20 to July 18

**Session 2:** July 25 to August 15

### SEEKING LIFEGUARDS

Oak Park Recreation is seeking responsible pool operators and lifeguards. We provide all the training you need to be successful. As long as you are a strong swimmer and a responsible individual, no experience necessary! We certify you in First-Aid, CPR, and other essential lifeguarding skills. Help us provide a safe, clean, and accident-free environment for your community by joining our exciting team... because it's more than just a paycheck!



## YOUTH SPORTS

### YOUTH BASEBALL

**Registration Deadline: May 1**

Teams will play in the Quad City Alliance Baseball League, competing 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, catcher's gear, and batting helmets. Coaches are responsible for choosing practice times and locations.

### T-Ball 5/6

**Fee: \$45 Res./\$50 Non-Res. Age: 5 to 6**

**Course: 1010SS20** - June 1 to July 22

### COACH PITCH 7/8

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

**Course: 1011SS20** - June 2 to July 23

### PONY 9/10

**Fee: \$55 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident. Ages: 9 to 10**

**Course: 1012SS20** - June 2 to July 23

### MINOR 11/12

**Fee: \$55 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident. Ages: 11 to 12**

**Course: 1013SS20** - June 1 to July 22

### MAJOR 13/14

**Fee: \$65 Resident/\$70 Non-Resident. Ages: 13 to 14**

**Course: 1014SS20** - June 1 to July 22

## FALL YOUTH SOCCER

**Registration Begins: June 1**

**Registration Ends: August 7**

Games are every Saturday and some week nights. Practices take place in Oak Park, games take place in Ferndale. Oak Park will participate in the Quad City Alliance Soccer League. They compete with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed soccer league. Participants are provided with jersey, shorts, and soccer socks. Shin guards are not provided but must be worn at all games and practices.

### U4 FALL SOCCER

**9 to 11 a.m. | Fee: \$40 Res./\$45 Non-Res.**

**Age: 3 | 9 weeks**

**Course: 1000FW20** - Saturday, August 29 to October 24

### U6 FALL SOCCER

**9 to 11 a.m. | Fee: \$55 Res./\$60 Non-Res.**

**Ages: 4 to 5 | 9 weeks**

**Course: 1002FW20** - Saturday, August 29 to October 24

### U8 FALL SOCCER

**9 to 11 a.m. | Fee: \$60 Res./\$65 Non-Res.**

**Ages: 6 to 7 | 9 weeks**

**Course: 1001FW20** - Saturday, August 29 to October 24

### U10 FALL SOCCER

**9 to 11 a.m. | Fee: \$65 Res./\$70 Non-Res.**

**Ages: 8 to 9 | 9 weeks**

**Course: 1003FW20** - Saturday, August 29 to October 24

## YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

**May 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Registration Ends: May 1**

**Ages 4-10 | Tyler Park Soccer Field | FREE**

Each participant will receive professional soccer training from Oak Park Public Safety Officer, TJ Gore! Officer Gore has had an extremely successful soccer career ranging from earning ALL-State Honors at Dakota High School to playing professionally for the Rochester Rhinos in the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). This free clinic will focus on skill development in a fun and safe atmosphere! To register, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.





## ADULT TOURNAMENTS

### ADULT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

**May 22 and 23 at 9 a.m. | \$150 + \$50 refundable forfeit fee**  
**David Shepherd Park | Registration Ends May 15**

Each team will receive two guaranteed double headers plus 1 guaranteed playoff game. Playoffs are single elimination. For more information or to register, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

### ADULT KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

**May 16 and 17 at 9 a.m. | \$150 + \$50 refundable forfeit fee**  
**David Shepherd Park | Registration Ends March 1**

Each team will receive two guaranteed double headers plus 1 guaranteed playoff game. Playoffs are single elimination. For more information or to register, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

## Make a Difference!

### BECOME A SPONSOR

Interested in becoming a sponsor for a recreation event, or program? Please contact Laurie Stasiak, Recreation Director, for more information at (248) 691-7576.

### OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**We need your help!** Oak Park Recreation has a number of opportunities for volunteers; individuals, groups, or organizations. Please call our Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555 to volunteer for a program, sport, or event.



## ADULT LEAGUES

### KICKBALL

**6:30 to 10 p.m. | \$350 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee**  
**Registration Ends: May 1 | David Shepherd Park | Age: 18+**

The Oak Park adult co-ed kickball league is an organized, great way to stay active and have fun! Teams are provided shirts, scorebooks, and two WAKA regulation kickballs. Teams pay a \$13 umpire fee at each game in addition to the league fee. Season ends with a single elimination playoff. No games on 5/25, 7/3, or 7/6.

**Monday League: Course: 3205SS20** - June 1 to August 10  
**Friday League: Course: 3206SS20** - June 5 to August 14



### ADULT SOFTBALL

**6:30 to 10 p.m. | \$450 + \$50 Refundable Forfeit fee**  
**David Shepherd Park | Registration Ends May 1**

Softball is back in Oak Park! Tuesday (men's senior league) and Thursday men's double header league. Both leagues operate under USSSA softball rules with minor modifications and bat regulations. We will also offer Fall Softball, contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

**Senior League 50+ League (Tuesday):**  
**Course: 5201SS20** - May 12 to August 18

**Co-Rec Double Header 18+ League (Wednesday):**  
**Course: 5202SS20** - May 13 to August 19

**Men's C/D Double Header 18+ League (Thursday):**  
**Course: 5203SS20** - May 14 to August 20

### 8v8 ADULT SOCCER

**6 to 10 p.m. | \$350 + \$50 Refundable Forfeit Fee**  
**Registration Ends May 15 | Ages 18+**

Teams will play at the Tyler Park Soccer Fields beginning at 6:00pm. This is a 12-week league plus end of season playoff tournament. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

**Men League:**  
**Course: MENSOCER20** - Tuesday, June 2 to August 25

**Women's League:**  
**Course: WOMENSOCER20** - Wednesday, June 3 to August 26

**Co-Rec League**  
**Course: COEDSOCER20** - Tuesday, June 4 to August 27



## 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. Call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

### HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch)  
Every other Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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, second and fourth Monday, Noon to 2 p.m., Inquire about fee

### TUESDAY

Watercolor Drop-In, 1 to 3 p.m., \$2/person  
Contemporary Quilters, every third Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m., Free

### WEDNESDAY

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.  
Pickleball, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$2  
Bid Whist, 1 to 4 p.m., Free

## LET'S DO LUNCH

The Lunch Bunch trips have been overwhelmingly popular this past year as evidenced by the quick sell out of every date. Please check the lobby of the Community Center located across from the Recreation Department office for continuous information.

## SENIOR SPECIAL EVENTS

### SENIOR SPRING TEA

**Community Center**

**Friday, May 22**

**12:30 to 3 p.m.**

**\$25/person**

Step into the Spring Season with style! Join Michael Hauser as he provides the presentation "20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit." Step back into time when shopping for the newest fashion was "chic". Call to sign up today!

**Course: MaySrTeaSpr20**

### Monthly Movie Mania

**First Wednesday of the Month**

**2 to 5 p.m. | \$2/person**

The Recreation Department will be showing movies with "theatre snacks" at the Community Center! Participants must be a member of the "50-Up Club". Register early as the space will fill up.

**May 6, | "SHAWSHANK"**

Starring Tim Robbins

**June 3 | "JUST MERCY"**

Starring Jamie Foxx and Michael B Jordan



## SPECIAL CLASSES

### ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Free | Registration 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. Register at least one week prior to the event.

**Course: 3079SU20** - Thursday, June 18

### DINING WITH DIABETES

**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | 4 weeks**

**FREE | Registration required**

Dining with Diabetes is a series of four classes conducted by a trained Michigan State Extension Disease Prevention and Management Educator. This program helps individuals learn strategies to manage their diabetes through menu planning, carbohydrate counting, portion control and label reading. Participants have the opportunity to sample healthy foods made utilizing the concepts taught in the class.

**Course: DiningDiabetes2020** - Wednesday, April 29-May 20

### DISCOVER MARKET FRESH

**6 weeks | FREE | Registration is required**

Discover Michigan Fresh is a six-week series centered around Michigan grown produce and farmers markets. It provides information on healthy and safe consumption of foods that are available at Michigan farmers markets, how to utilize a farmers market, including information on food assistance benefits available at markets, purchasing for quality, food preservation, and sampling of produce grown in Michigan.

**Course: DiscoverMorn2020** - Tuesdays, June 30-Aug 4, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Course: DiscoverEve2020** - Tuesdays, June 30-Aug 4, 6 to 7 p.m.

## SENIOR 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 pre-ordered 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.

#### NEW START TIME!

Our transportation hours have a brand new start time! We now are able to begin scheduled pick-ups at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday. In addition to our regular Kroger and Meijer trip days, we are adding shopping opportunities to Target, Walmart, Aldi and Marshall's!

Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport at (248) 691-7555.



## DAY CAMP & LATCHKEY



All programs offered June 15 to August 7. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Fees must be paid in advance. We do not take deposits. Latchkey participants must be enrolled in Summer Day

Camp or Tot Lot Day Camp to be enrolled in the Latchkey program.

#### Tot Lot and Summer Day Camp

**Tot Lot Day Camp, age 5-6**

**Summer Day Camp, ages 7-12**

#### Full Week (5 Days)

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$120 per week Resident | \$130 per week Non-Resident

#### Latchkey (Ages 5-12)

**AM Latchkey:** 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Full Week (5 Days) | Monday-Friday | \$30/week

**PM Latchkey:** 4 to 6 p.m.

Full Week (5 Days) | Monday-Friday | \$35/week

## CAMP OAK-VENTURES

#### Catalpa Oaks County Park

**27705 Greenfield Rd, Southfield, MI 48076**

**June 22-26, July 13-17, August 3-7 from 8:05 a.m.-4:20 p.m.**

**Ages: 6-12 | \$155 Residents/\$165 Non-Residents**

Do your kids love adventures and exploring new places? Oakland County Parks' Camp Oak-Ventures consists of County Park tours and spending time in the great outdoors! Campers will make waves at the waterparks, stroll trails on guided nature hikes, learn about the stars in the Star Lab, participate in archery, rock wall climbing, and soar through the air with a free standing zip-line. Trained summer camp staff and OCPRC bus drivers will pick up participants and transport to and from the County Parks each day.

**What to bring:** Campers are required to bring a lunch, two snacks, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, socks, tennis shoes, bathing suit, and towel to camp each day. Camp registration includes t-shirt, all park entries, and tickets throughout week of camp. Please plan on arrive to Catalpa Oaks County Park by 7:55 a.m. to check in with staff. Call 248-691-7555 for more information.

**Course: OakVenturesWeek1** - June 22 to 26

**Course: OakVenturesWeek2** - July 13 to 17

**Course: OakVenturesWeek3** - August 3 to 7



## CLASSES

### BASIC HATHA YOGA

Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**\$32 Resident/\$37 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

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. *There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.*

**Course: 3081SU20** - Thursdays, May 28-July 3

### GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m.

**\$24 Resident/\$29 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

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

**Course: 3065SU20** - Tuesdays, May 26-July 14

### CHAIR YOGA CLASS - NEW

Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**\$24 Resident/\$29 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

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

**Course: Chairyoga2SU20** - Thursdays, May 7-June 25

### ENHANCE FITNESS

Monday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.

**Donation Based - Recommended donation \$2/class**

**Class size is limited to 55 participants.**

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 9am to 10am. This class focuses on cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility, and balance. The benefits include improved strength, boost in activity level, improved mood, and fun! Must register at the Recreation Office.

### TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

**Ages: 18 and Up | 8 weeks | \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident**

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. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy. *There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.*

**Course: 3077SU20** - June 2-July 21

### TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Ages: 18 and Up | 8 weeks | \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident**

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. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang. *There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.*

**Course: 3067SU20** - June 2-July 21

### TOTAL BODY WORKOUT

(For Men and Women)

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | 8 weeks | Ages: 18 and Up

**\$16 for Wed. Only or \$32 for Mon. and Wed.**

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

**Course: 5090SPR20** - Wed. Only - May 6-June 24

**Course: 3090Spr20** - Mon./Wed - May 4-June 29 (no class 5/25)

### AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

Wednesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

**Ages: 18 and Up | 8 weeks | \$50 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident**

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. *There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.*

**Course: 1020SU20** - May 20-July 8

### YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

Mondays from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m.

**Ages: 18 and up | 8 weeks | \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident**

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: Sherry Stone. *There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.*

**Course: 2026SU20** - June 1-July 20



**MIDDLE EASTERN BELLY DANCE****Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.****\$75 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident****Ages: 20 and Up | 8 weeks**

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.

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.

*There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.***Course: Belly16SP20** - May 5-June 23**Course: Belly17SU20** - June 30-Aug 25**Course: BellyTH16SU20** - May 28-July 16**BALLROOM DANCE  
(For Men and Women)****Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.****\$32 Resident/\$37 Non-Resident****Ages: 40 and Up | 8 weeks**

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

*There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run.***Course: 080SU20** - May 28-July 16**ZUMBA****Mondays, from 6 to 7 p.m.****\$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

Forget your working out and join a dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. Zumba combines high energy and motivating music to create a fun and energetic workout that is just infectious! Bring a towel, water, and yourself. Ditch the workout and join the party!

**Course: Zumba6SP20** - May 9-July 11**Course: Zumba7SP20** - June 8 to July 27**SILVER SNEAKERS****SILVERSNEAKERS YOGA****Saturday Mornings, 9 to 9:45 a.m.****Cost each class \$32 Resident/\$37 Non-Resident**

Suited for nearly every fitness level. This class offers seated and standing Yoga exercises and poses. This class is designed to increase flexibility, balance and range of movement. Restorative breathing exercises and final relaxation promotes stress reduction and mental clarity. A chair may be used for seated exercises and/or stability. Instructor: Toni Henderson. Please bring: Yoga mat. Some Healthcare Providers cover this class fee, see if yours does call (866) 584-7389 for more information.

**Course: SilverYogaSP20** - May 9-June 11 (no class 5/23)

**Daily rates apply.  
Season passes available.  
Recreation Office at  
(248) 691-7555**



**Oak Park Pool  
GRAND  
OPENING**

**Saturday, June 13, 1:00pm to 6:00pm**





LILACS ON MACKINAW ISLAND

## DAY TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Travel and Tours to offer an exquisite line of day trips.



These trips require us to book well in advance. We are currently booking for winter tours. Contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more details.

### GREEKTOWN CASINO

Thursday, June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$6/person transportation fee.

Gambling and lunch on your own. Limited seats available.



### FIREKEEPERS CASINO BATTLE CREEK

Tuesday, August 11

\$30/person transportation fee.

Please stop at the Community Center lobby for complete information.

## EXTENDED TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco 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 at (248) 691-7555 for more details.

### Lilac Festival, Mackinaw Island

Thursday, June 11 to Saturday, June 13 | 3 Days/2 Nights

Come experience the splendor of Mackinaw Island during the Lilac Festival! \$639/person based on double occupancy.

Course: Lilac2020

### Ontario Wine Trail

Tuesday, June 23 to Wednesday, June 24 | 2 Days/1 Night

Please stop at the Community Center lobby for complete information. \$309/person based on double occupancy

Course: OntarioWineSU2020

### Sault Ste Marie

Tuesday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 24 | 3 days/2 Night

Explore all that Sault Ste Marie has to offer in such a lovely way!

\$409/person based on double occupancy

Course: SaultSteMarieSU2020

### Mystery Trip

Thursday, October 8

Sign up early, last year we SOLD OUT months in advance. \$81/person.

Course: MysteryF2020

## THEATER TRIPS

### FANCY

Meadowbrook Theater | June 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$35/person. Lunch on your own at Red Ox.

Inspired by Reba McEntire's hit recording, FANCY is the story of a young girl turned out of her mother's house with nothing but her guitar and the clothes on her back who rises to super-stardom in the world of country music. But at what cost? Featuring a glorious score of chart-topping, crossover hits including "Mama, He's Crazy," "Before He Cheats," "I Walk the Line," and many more.

Course: FancySU2020



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MOTHER/SON DANCE

Friday, May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. | Community Center

Cost: \$30 per couple; \$12 per additional son; \$5-Non Resident Fee

Registration Deadline: May 1.

Come celebrate Mother's Day! Included is dinner, dance, photo booth, and a single-rose for mom. Please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555 for more information. Payment due at time of reservation. No tickets sold at the door.

### SUMMER BLAST 2020

Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 14

Community Center/Shepherd Park

This year, Summer Blast will be a three-day celebration hosting amusement rides, midway, food court, mini-pub, music, BBQ Battle and more! Join us as we commemorate the City of Oak Park's 75th Birthday with this super special event! Stop in to the Community Center lobby for complete details.

**HOURS:** Friday, June 12: 5 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, June 14: 12 to 6 p.m.

### FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, June 24 to September 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

City Hall Green Space

The Oak Park Farmers Market returns! Fresh produce, baked goods, juices, education sessions, cooking demonstrations, daily musical entertainment, special events, and more! The Passport and Market Punch card returns along with a new program designed with the Oak Park Library to encourage readers young and old to enjoy summer reading while exploring the market! The Farmers Market continues to be able to be a central site for use of the EBT/ Bridge card at the Recreation Tent. Please call (248) 691-2357 for complete information.

*The Market is sponsored by Humana Inc. with support from Beaumont Community Health, Oakland County Health Department, the Oak Park Library, local business, and more!*

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, June 25 to August 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd Park

This year's Summer Concert Series promises to be one of the best ever! The line-up is packed with music from Blues, Jazz, Top 40, Swing, R&B, and more! Bring your blanket and camp chair, and get ready to meet up with old friends and meet some new friends along the way! Bring your dinner or enjoy some of foods available from our food vendors! Hot dogs, burgers, sweets, and more. Food options may vary throughout the summer. See you at the concerts!

### DOG DAY AT THE POOL

Sunday, August 23, 12 to 3 p.m. | Oak Park Pool

Cost: \$10 per dog pre-registration, \$15 per dog day-of registration

Each registered dog receives a gift and a 55-minute dog-only swim session. Must have proof of current vaccinations and a dog license before entry is allowed. For the safety and enjoyment of the dogs, we offer separate swim times for various size dogs. They are:

#DDAP120 - Small Sized Dogs (Under 30 lbs.) from 12 to 12:55 p.m.

#DDAP220 - Medium Sized Dogs (30-69 lbs.) from 1 to 1:55 p.m.

#DDAP320 - Large Sized Dogs (70 lbs. and Up) from 2 to 2:55 p.m.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN

Saturday, July 4

Annual Independence Day Activities happening ALL DAY!

Various Locations in Oak Park

July 4th will once again bring you the long-standing tradition of the Independence Day Parade and Fun Fest being held in David H. Shepherd Park! This is always a fun-filled day of events, so be sure to join us! Check out the day's full lineup of activities below:

**MAYOR'S 5K RUN/WALK**

8 a.m. at the Community Center

Start your independence Day off with the annual Mayor's 5K Run/Walk. Divisions are split up based on age, and medals are awarded to the first 25 female and 25 male finishers. All participants must register. \$20 pre-registration/\$25 day-of-registration. This race is for all levels, whether you regularly participate in distance runs or you just want to take a morning walk through beautiful Shepherd Park.

Course: Mayors5K2020

**OAK PARK YOUTH ASSISTANCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

9 to 11 a.m. at Shepherd Park, Shelter 1

Don't miss Oak Park Youth Assistance's Annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle! Join us for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, and buy your tickets to win great prizes at the raffle!

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

11 a.m. Begins near 9 Mile and Coolidge

One of Oak Park's oldest and most celebrated annual traditions is the Independence Day Parade. We welcome thousands of people from all over southeast Oakland County for this event! Park your lawn chair on Coolidge Hwy or Oak Park Blvd along with your shades and sunscreen. The parade ends at Shepherd Park, which is where Fun Fest is!

**FUN FEST**

12 to 3 p.m. at Community Center/Shepherd Park

We'll have plenty of family-friendly fun for all ages, including live entertainment, a food court, games and activities, and more! This is the perfect summer event to take part in on the Fourth of July!



CITY OF OAK PARK

# Annual Water Quality Report

**YOUR TAP  
WATER  
MEETS OR  
SURPASSES  
ALL FEDERAL  
AND STATE  
STANDARDS  
FOR WATER  
QUALITY**

## Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is able to assist residents with questions about the quality of their water. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF OAK PARK  
10600 Capital  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 691-7497**

## Water Department

The Water Department assists residents with water billing and payment issues. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and every other Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WATER DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF OAK PARK  
14000 Oak Park Blvd.  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 691-7470**

**For more information on safe drinking water, visit U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater)**



Drinking water quality is important to our Water Quality Report community and the region. The City of Oak Park and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. Oak Park operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and Oak Park water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

## Where Does My Water Come From?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, and several watersheds within the U.S. and Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and several other governmental agencies, performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility or relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treat-



ment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

GLWA initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. GLWA voluntarily developed and received approval in 2016 for a source water protection program (SWIPP) for the Detroit River intakes. The program includes seven elements: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation, and education. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment or SWIPP, contact the Great Lakes Water Authority at (844) 455-4592.

## Cryptosporidium Facts

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S.

Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2.) All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008 were undetected.

## Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than are the general population. Immuno-compromised



mised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

## Substances Expected to Be In Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Quality and Safety

As mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Oak Park is proud to present our latest Water Quality Report. Developed to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water, you will see as you review this report that your drinking water meets or exceeds all governmental standards set for water quality and safety. The Department of Public Works is proud of that fact and wants you to know they are committed to delivering the highest quality drinking water possible.

## Safeguards

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. The State and the EPA both require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

## Lead Monitoring

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for

pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Oak Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Oak Park performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

## Conclusion

The City of Oak Park and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your water.

Source: Water Quality Work Group. This messaging was developed collaboratively between GLWA and its wholesale water customers as part of the GLWA Customer Outreach effort in 2016.

# SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

## 2019 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>2019 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	6/11/2019	ppm	4	4	0.66	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	6/11/2019	ppm	10	10	0.48	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5/16/2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

<b>2019 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	ppb	n/a	80	30.8	24.1-38.3	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	ppb	n/a	60	17.5	13-23	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>2019 Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2019	ppm	4	4	0.68	0.57-0.72	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2019 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.26 NTU	100%		no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

<b>2019 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2019	ppb	0	15	25	10	yes	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2019	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.3	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	6.37	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2019 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables.

KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE		
SYMBOL	ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION/EXPLANATION
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water

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