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## New Oak Park Social Restaurant Cuts Ribbon, Opens Doors

*City welcomes new eatery to the 11 Mile mixed-use corridor.*

**March 9, 2021, Oak Park, Michigan** – New gastropub Oak Park Social officially opens its doors to full-service dining with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the City of Oak Park at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021. The New American cuisine restaurant, located at 14691 Eleven Mile Rd. in Oak Park, Michigan, is the first restaurant to open in the city’s 11 Mile Rd. mixed-use corridor with licenses to provide both bar service and live entertainment.

“We’re absolutely thrilled to welcome Oak Park Social to the city, and in particular, to our north side,” Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate commented. “In keeping with the city’s economic development plan, the 11 Mile Corridor is becoming a destination spot for restaurants and entertainment. Oak Park Social is the first of four businesses set to open in that area within the next 12 months.”

“What sets Oak Park Social apart from other restaurants is our unique design and vibe,” owner and corporate administrator Alexander Bishai said. The 4,320 sq. ft. restaurant was designed by JMP and includes outdoor dining. “We serve our dishes from an authentic ‘scratch kitchen’. Everything we serve is locally sourced and made fresh,” he added. Although the restaurant had a soft opening on December 9<sup>th</sup> for carryout only, dining options will now expand to include indoor, bar, and patio dining. Patrons can view the online menu at [www.oakparksocial.com](http://www.oakparksocial.com).

“I expect patrons to visit Oak Park Social for both the culinary experience and to support our local businesses,” Oak Park Economic Director Kimberly Marrone added. “Alex has done an amazing job with the space. He’s also created an homage to our city in the name of the restaurant, as well as in the restaurant’s logo, which includes Oak Park’s water tower – one of the most iconic structures in the city.”

On opening day, the restaurant will offer discounted menu specials, such as its trendy, dual-patty, ½-pound burger and beer tap options. Bishai also plans to introduce an artificial intelligence prototype, Sergio the Robot, at the event. “He looks a lot like ‘Johnny 5’ from the movie *Short Circuit*,” he said. “It’ll just add to the celebration.”

### **About the City of Oak Park**

[Oak Park](#) is situated on the southern-most border of Oakland County, Michigan, and serves as a suburban ambassador to Detroit. Incorporated as a city in 1945, today Oak Park’s population exceeds 30,000 and is home to more than 700 local businesses and corporate headquarters. Connect with the City of Oak Park on social media: [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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