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## Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

We made it through yet another difficult winter season. On the other side of one of our snowiest winters on record we have a full plate of City priorities and initiatives to share in the included pages of our latest magazine.

There is no better time than now to celebrate all that we have to offer.

For starters, our sunflower planting project enters its third year and I am happy to say we are expanding the program to include more areas of planting beds along with more plants. Without a doubt, this has been a continuing point of pride for our community. It also builds our unique sense of place and vibrancy; a key component to our plan to improve the quality of life for everyone.

We will also begin construction on the first phase of our Nine Mile Road Redesign Project. This long-awaited project will streamline the right-of-way reducing lanes and creating a bike lane with nodes for leisure activities along the eastern portion of Nine Mile Road from Coolidge to the Ferndale border.

I encourage all of you to participate in all of the events we have planned this spring and summer. With their newly approved Recreation Master Plan, our Recreation Department has added some great programs and amenities this year including some improvements to the City's public pool, namely adult-only, female-only and male-only swim times; aquatics programs; and swimming lessons. These changes were made with the needs of our residents in mind.

This is a unique point in our City's history. While we are always looking for dynamic solutions to meet the needs of our residents, we have been able to carve out a unique neighborhood niche in the Metropolitan Detroit marketplace. The impact of new residents and businesses moving in, along with our focus on quality of life amenities, is having a profound impact.

Sincerely, Erik Tungate  
City Manager, City of Oak Park

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## Tuskegee Airmen Way

Summer Concert Series headliner Kimmie Horne picked Private First Class Tuskegee Airman Frederick Henry out of the crowd during last year's event. PFC Henry served as the military police on the Tuskegee Base. He was part of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of African American aviators, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance, support staff and instructors who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during the World War II. PFC Henry joined Lt. Col. Harry Stewart, one of the most decorated Tuskegee Airmen, in February at the Air National Guard Base when Selfridge Brigadier General John Slocum, Commander of the 127 Wing, announced that a street on the base was being renamed to Tuskegee Airmen Way. "There is a deep appreciation for what you've done for this country," said Brigadier Gen. Slocum. "You've knocked down barriers."

See Kimmie Horne in concert on Thursday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. in David H. Shepherd Park.



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# State of the City Address

## ENVISION THE FUTURE OF OAK PARK

**The City of Oak Park held the Annual State of the City Reception and Address on** Wednesday, March 14 brimming with the theme to “Envision the Future of Oak Park.” Both City Manager Erik Tungate and Mayor Marian McClellan spoke at the Address on the City’s ability to meet and exceed the goals set forth in the City’s Five-Year Strategic Plan, a plan that incorporates resident input and town hall discoveries, which will expire in 2019. The evening’s address highlighted the importance of community input in the type of Oak Park “you would never think of leaving,” said Mayor Marian McClellan.

### A Major Item that Looms Over the City’s Financial Standing

For his part, City Manager Erik Tungate wanted to assure the community that the City is in sound financial standing and its future lies in the success of its supportive residents and business owners, plus the competent elected officials and the great employees with a can-do spirit.

“Over the last several years, we have overcome many of our long-standing financial challenges and while that is impressive in and of itself, we all know we still have work to do,” said City Manager Erik Tungate. “In fact, I’m here to tell you that the number one challenge remaining is our long-term, unfunded, retirement liabilities. These are promises that were made to former employees by past administrations that have to be paid by those of us here now.”

City Manager Tungate acknowledged that even though the City has been able to over fund the liabilities for the last three years, the extent of the benefits loom heavily on the City’s burdens. “These unfunded retirement benefits have created quite a burden to our City’s general fund budget and it is imperative that we all work together to find a common solution.”

Although he confirmed that this is not a natural disaster, his administration, the retirees, unions, and City Council will all be working together in the months ahead to find solutions to these challenges. He will provide updates to the community as plans unfold.

“If we can find a way to fully fund these retirement liabilities, we can, in turn, relieve the City’s general fund budget from the burdens of the past and open the City up to tremendous possibilities,” said City Manager Tungate.

### The City Met and Exceeded Strategic Plan Objectives

Mayor Marian McClellan opened her speech with an endearing quote from former Oak Park Mayor Richard W. Marshall who served as Mayor for four terms in the 1950’s.

“The type of city Oak Park will be in the future depends upon the continued interest and activity of you and your children and your children’s children. I am sure it will always be a city well planned, wholesome to live in, and one which they will be proud to call their home town,” read Mayor McClellan of Marshall’s quote.

She reminded the audience that one of the items that makes Oak Park so unique is that generation after generation from our grandparents to our parents, and now our children and perhaps our children’s children, we chose Oak Park as the place to raise our families.

The Oak Park Five-Year Strategic Plan is a guide for the City’s future. The current plan covers 2014 to 2019 and identifies goals and initiatives to guide the day-to-day operations of council, administration and staff in six major priorities: Governance, Administration, Economic Development, Technology, Marketing and Communications, and Public Service. Highlights include:





## Governance

The most important accomplishments under Governance include the new City ordinances to promote development: changes to update the City Code; adoption of a Five-Year Strategic Plan; and approval of the City's Three-Year Budget. City Council extended the City Manager's Contract to ensure our impressive growth continues. And, for greater efficiency, City Council consolidated the Boards and Commissions. As Council Members, we are accessible, you can phone us with questions or concerns, the Mayor said.

## Administration

The ongoing priority of Administration is to maintain financial stability. Top on the list of accomplishments under this category was the resolution of the four-year lawsuit between the cities of Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Pleasant Ridge over the funding of the 45th District Court. City Manager Erik Tungate formed an administrative task force to design a long-term plan to fund retirement and healthcare liabilities in accordance with Michigan Public Act 202 provisions, a daunting task by many in municipal government. The Finance Department, led by Director Sandra Crawford, enjoyed the fifth straight year with a budget surplus achieving a general fund balance in line with comparable cities that allowed Oak Park to maintain the A+ Standard and Poor's credit rating. Other departments have been contributing to efficient practices, including Human Resource Director Vicky Brooks spearheading the MiLife Health and Wellness Center project to save employees money and lower healthcare premiums. Strategic Planning and Special Projects Director Crystal McLain created a benchmarking process to compare progress made with other communities and to share best practices.

## Economic Development

Economic Development is critical to building a sustainable community in which to live, visit, play and work. A primary objective is to increase retail business and residency in the City. Economic Development and Communications Director Kimberly Marrone updated the City's Master Plan that guides land use and plans for sustainable growth and continues to attract businesses to the City. City Planner Kevin Rulkowski



initiated mixed-use zoning districts. We've seen the addition of the FedEx Ground Distribution Center on the vacant Detroit Artillery lands, the repurposing of the WWJ Transmitter Building into what will become a destination restaurant; the Jefferson School building transformed into appealing, affordable housing; the Loop on Greenfield transitioning from despair into attractive rental units with dog-park amenities; and the soon-to-be transformation of Nine Mile Road into a three lane roadway, complete with street amenities, bike lanes, and linear parks.

## Information Technology

The ability to provide enhanced transparency, security and greater levels of customer service are, in part, the responsibility of the Information Technology Department. Director Ricardo Singson has upgraded the 9-1-1 Emergency and Dispatch System, expanded camera security in the Library and Community Center, enhanced the City's Wi-Fi capabilities, and improved the internet speed. He has collaborated with the Finance Department to provide ways in which the community can access property taxes, retrieve records and make online payments at convenient hours and has warded off cyber attack attempts.

## Marketing and Communications

A critical aspect of the Strategic Plan is to encourage and improve interaction between City officials and residents, engage community stakeholders, encourage volunteerism and participation, and instill a sense of community pride in a day and age when everyone likes to receive their information and participate in different ways through differing technology. Director of Community Engagement and Public Information Denise DeSantis has opened

19 lines of communication. Residents and business owners now enjoy a vibrant community calendar, informative City Magazine and Recreation Program Guide, cable programming, video productions, social media interaction, community eblasts, marquee announcements, and more. Director DeSantis expanded the Emergency Notification System so residents receive timely information on television, cable, radio, the website, social media, and through eblasts, robo-calls, voicemails and text messages.

## Public Service

Excellent public service is a priority of every department within city government. Every department strives for high levels of customer service, community engagement and innovative, high quality programs. Six departments were showcased at the State of the City Address.

**Public Safety** is charged with serving and protecting the community through three capacities – policing, firefighting and medical-first response. In addition to the day-to-day responsibilities of the Public Safety Department which includes thwarting crime, traffic detail, putting out fires, making wellness checks and medical calls, Public Safety Director Steve Cooper has established the City's first Canine Unit, implemented a successful Traffic Enforcement Detail, launched the Ice Cream Truck Patrol, enhanced the Citizens Academy, maintains presence in all three school districts, and will soon add a second Community Resource Officer to the Department.

**Public Works** constructs and maintains the City's infrastructure and properties, including roads, water supply, waste management, city campuses and parks.

Assistant City Manager Kevin Yee who also holds the titles of Director of Public Works and City Engineer has converted the city to LED street lighting, reconstructed Granzon Avenue, painted the City's water tower, designed the upcoming I-696 bridge project, replaced water mains, and patched potholes. His department is currently spearheading the long-awaited Nine Mile Redesign Project with parks, trailheads, pathways, signage, and more. And, they are renovating the 45th District Court building.

**Technical and Planning's** three divisions – building, code enforcement and engineering – is charged with maintaining the character, appearance and physical standards within the community. Director Robert Barrett's Department is focused on blight elimination, rental inspections, initiating the City's first sidewalk financing options, and changing penalties for code violations from misdemeanors to civil infractions. This past year, they replaced 3,700 feet of water mains, inspected 100,000 feet of sewers, replaced 49,000-square-feet of sidewalk, 14,500-square-yards of pavement, and 700 feet of storm pipes. Inspectors have performed 2,500 rental inspections, 3,600 building inspections, issued 6,700 code notices, and 800 work orders to abate blight.

**City Clerk** Ed Norris provides supportive services for City Council, coordinates the Boards and Commissions, oversees the election processes, and responds to Freedom of Information Requests. Recently, his Department streamlined the voting process, reduced wait time at the polls, and replaced the aging voting equipment making the system more secure and more accessible to those with disabilities.

**Oak Park Recreation**, run by Director Laurie Stasiak, is largely responsible for improving the quality of life of our residents through recreation programs and facilities. They've greatly enhanced our cherished events such as the Oak Park winter, spring, summer and autumn festivals and expanded the Summer Concert Series from four concerts to seven. The Recreation Department customized offerings based on the community's preferences such as offering female-only, male-only, and adult-only swim; swim lessons; and aquatics while maintaining

our existing public hours of open swim. Notably, they've created the newly adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will guide the Department's offerings and efforts in the years to come.

**Oak Park Library** Director Brandon Bowman has been busy transforming the Library to meet the growing need as a community gathering place for people with like interests to meet and share. Programing such as game night, adult coloring, movie nights, book clubs, concerts, meet and greets, and do-it-yourself activities are developed to meet the need for special interests and social interaction. In addition, the Library offers popular events from wildlife and safari programs to paranormal investigations that attract

large crowds. They partner with the Friends of the Oak Park Library and rely on grant programs as most of their activities are free to the public. The Library recently received a number of grants such as the Young Adult Library Services Association Grant which provides thousands of newly published books, DVD's and CD's. A new circulation system will be installed on Memorial Weekend which also provides for remote service throughout the community for those not able to travel to the Library.

In the month's ahead the City will encourage and welcome resident input as to what they envision for the future of Oak Park. To view the 2018 State of the City Address, visit the City's YouTube channel @CityOfOakPark.

## What Are Your Aspirations for Oak Park?

The Oak Park Library staff has been training with Harwood Institute for Public Innovation on the American Libraries Association's "Libraries Transforming Communities" initiative. As part of this initiative they have embarked on a fun campaign throughout the City asking residents and business owners about their aspirations for Oak Park – what do they envision for the future of the City?

"Today's libraries are rapidly transforming. We're taking on a role of being the new social gathering place," said Brandon Bowman, Director of Oak Park Library. "With today's technology, the public is finding they are spending more time on social media, mobile technology and their computers. Libraries offer them a way of actually socializing with their peers on items of interest." The Oak Park Library has been accommo-

dating these changes by offering special interest programming, like adult coloring, Tournament Tuesdays and Thursdays, computer learning sessions, and STEAM programs. They also hold concerts, summer reading programs, and many inside, as well as, outside activities.

"The love of books and reading will never go away," said Bowman who is quick to note that the popularity of the new computer lab, the online services, and the various resources the Library has to offer. "But, today, Libraries are a safe haven with many enjoyable amenities that enhance the quality of life for our residents and students."

What are your aspirations of Oak Park? Come by the Library and share. The Oak Park Library is located at 14200 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. Or, call (248) 691-7480 for more information.



## DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS'

# Inside|Out Program Returns to Oak Park for Second Time



## The Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission, or ACDC, has been awarded

the prestigious Detroit Institute of Art's Inside|Out grant which will bring high-quality reproductions of well-known masterpieces from the DIA's collection to outdoor streets and parks all across the City from now until mid-July. The program carefully clusters installations within bicycling or walking distance to enable residents to enjoy accessible art in unexpected places as a random act of culture meant to elicit surprise and wonder.

DIA Inside|Out, sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, partnered with more than 100 communities and engaged tens of thousands of residents over the past nine years with art in places where people live, work and play.

"Inside|Out allows us to expose people to great artworks in the familiarity of their own communities," said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA Director. "For almost a decade now, Inside|Out has brought people together through the power of art to foster conversation and understanding among metro Detroit's diverse communities."

"This year, we are one of eight communities to display the magnificent art works from April to July – some of our busiest months for outside events and activities," said Denise DeSantis, Director of Oak Park's Community Engagement and Public Information Department and City

Liaison to the Arts and Culture Diversity Commission. "This is such a fun and interesting way for our families and visitors to experience and appreciate art while having a great time out and about in the community."

### DIA INSIDE|OUT ART INSTALLATION LOCATIONS

The DIA has installed art in eight communities from April to July. For a map of the art installation locations and the name of art featured, visit [www.dia.org/insideout](http://www.dia.org/insideout).

The art installations in Oak Park are located at:

- Oak Park City Hall
- Oak Park Library
- Oak Park Community Center
- Oak Park Pool
- David H. Shepherd Park

- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Victoria Park
- Best Park
- Ernie's Market
- Glory Market Bus Stop
- Petite's Famous Cheesecake
- Oak Park Michigan Works



## DIA Inside|Out Events

### OAK PARK SPRING FEST DIA KICK-OFF Sunday, May 6, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Oak Park Community Center Grounds**  
Look for the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission's booth at the upcoming Oak Park Spring Fest. We'll have tons of information on the DIA Inside|Out program, provide maps for exploration, and have details about the selfie competition and how to win a new iPad or other giveaways.

### DIA E-Z ROLL BIKE TOUR

**Sunday, June 24**

**Meet 2:30 p.m., Tour begins 3 p.m.**

**Oak Park Library Parking Lot**

For those who enjoy biking, ACDC and Oak Park's E-Z Roll Bikers will host a bike tour. The DIA will provide a docent to travel to each location on the afternoon's tour. Don't forget to bring cameras to take selfies for the competition!

### OAK PARK DIA SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH BUS TOUR

**Friday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Community Center**

Oak Park Recreation is taking registrations for the DIA Senior Lunch Bunch Tour where seniors, ages 50 and up will take a bus tour to visit each of Oak Park's 12 DIA Inside|Out art installations. A DIA docent will be on the bus to explain

each masterpiece. At the end of the trip, we'll enjoy an Ernie's Market sandwich and a Petite's Famous Cheesecake desert sample in the Oak Park Community Center. Call (248) 691-7555 to register or inquire.

### DIA INSIDE|OUT SELFIE COMPETITION April 17 to July 17

Enjoy the DIA Art displays on your own time, in your own way – whether on a walking tour, biking tour or other means. If you come across an art installation, take a selfie and either post it on the City's Facebook page @CityOfOakPark (make sure to use the City's hashtag #OPInsideOut), or email it to [ContactUs@OakParkMI.gov](mailto:ContactUs@OakParkMI.gov) to enter for a chance to win prizes, including a new iPad. Prizes will be awarded and announced on Wednesday, July 18. The winner will be picked randomly from those who have entered the competition. For more details on the competition (or to drop off entries) visit City Hall, the Oak Park Library front desk, or Oak Park Recreation Office. More information can be found on the City's website at [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov). All pictures submitted will be used on our website, social media, City displays, or in the City's Art Gallery during this promotion.



## THE CITY OF OAK PARK

# Adds Additional Community Resource Officer to Public Safety Department

## The Oak Park Public Safety Department is in the process of identifying an officer who will join Officer

Devin Benson as Community Resource Officer. Having two officers in this role will expand the Department's presence in the educational environment while providing more opportunities for interaction with residents. This position will be filled from the pool of existing officers.

The need for an additional Community Resource Officer is obvious in today's

climate, says Public Safety Director Steve Cooper, acknowledging the prevalence of threats of violence that schools are facing.

"We continually try to build our community relations, particularly for those in kindergarten to twelfth grade. We are finding it important to connect with children at a younger age in an effort to make their first experience with law enforcement a positive influence and then build upon that," he said of the position that will begin in July. "We not only want our young community members to feel safe and secure, but to feel comfortable in approaching any one of our officers when the need should arise."

Officer Benson currently serves as the Department's existing Community Resource Officer. The position requires an officer to maintain a presence in the schools and provide educational safety programs for Oak Park's three school districts – Berkley, Ferndale and Oak Park, along with several Jewish, charter, pre-K, nursery and Montessori schools.

"For our part, this additional position will allow us to provide a positive presence and influence to our developing younger generation," stated City Manager Erik Tungate. "Times have changed and our school children are faced with many more challenges than we encountered years ago. We are proud to be able to assist our public school administrators to serve and protect our children during these challenging times. Our children deserve to have safe environments and relationships with those who can support their needs."

The expansion of the Community Resource Team adds to the Department's ability to build community relations. The Department launched their first Canine Unit and deployed the popular Ice Cream Patrol in recent years. It also continues to conduct Citizens Academy programs for both adults and for youth. They are active in neighborhood block clubs, watch groups and at all major City events.

The benefits of building community relations to a Public Safety Department are many. "We have a very strong relationship with our community members," stated Director Cooper. "Not only do we take great pride in serving and protecting this fine community, but we also feel the support they provide back to us in our day-to-day operations. As a public safety officer you never know from day-to-day what your working day will entail. Our days are made more enjoyable knowing our community members stand alongside us in our efforts."





## SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

# Oak Park Public Safety Partners with Area Schools to Address Threat of School Violence

**The Oak Park Public Safety Department**, led by Director Steve Cooper, has been actively working alongside the school systems with programs and services in light of recent threats of violence to area schools. School personnel have received additional training, process and procedures have been reviewed, and communications to community have been created to help enhance and provide for safe educational environments and swift response to threats.

"We take each and every threat to the safety of our community members and our schools very seriously," states City Manager Erik Tungate. "Our children's safety is an absolute top priority." Oak Park supports three public school districts, along with several Jewish, charter, pre-kindergarten, nursery and Montessori schools.

"We are urging parents to ensure their children understand the consequences they could face – consequences that could impact them for the rest of their lives – if they make threats against classmates, schools or the community, at large," said Public



Safety Director Steve Cooper referring to the fact that such threats can result in arrest, lengthy jail time, being expelled from school, and declined college enrollment or employment opportunities. "In today's climate, these threats whether stated online, over the phone, through email, or in-person are treated as threats to the safety of others and are investigated accordingly."

"It is very important that if our community

members see something, they say something so that our children can return to a safe learning environment free from undue panic, false alarms, and harmful threats," stated Director Cooper.

Concerns can be reported to the Oak Park Public Safety Department by calling (248) 691-7520 or in-person at 13800 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich.

## Zero Tolerance on Threats of Violence

### Oak Park Public Schools Spells Out Consequences

The Oak Park Public School District distributed "Oak Park Schools Safety Protocols," a PowerPoint presentation urging community members to take ownership and leadership in making schools safer. Using the mantra "If you see something, say something" and an "Ok 2 Say" anonymous tip line on their website, they are urging students, parents, teachers and other community members to immediately report any concerns.

In their literature, the Oak Park Public Schools highlighted consequences to threats against schools, foremost of which is

the statement that such threats are against the law, whether or not they were intended as a joke. Individuals found to have committed these acts will be prosecuted and expelled from all schools in the district. Threats are serious and not meant to be a joke. Decisions made to threaten violence can impact the rest of a person's life. And, threats cause undue fear in students, costly manpower and resources, and loss of educational experiences.

The School District urges parents to discuss with their children the consequences of their

actions and how to use social media appropriately. They urge students to build and develop relationships with adults they feel they can report and discuss their feelings and concerns with. They are working with social workers and counselors to be available with students who struggle to cope.

Schools, for their part, have incurred additional active shooter training, increased the number of lockdown drills, opened dialogue at student assemblies, included classroom activities, increased public safety presence, and further secured school property.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

**Mon., Now until May 21, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Senior Lounge in Community Center | Age: Adult | FREE**

The Heartfulness Meditation program offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises which, when practiced daily, help restore life balance, relieve stress, enhance health, improve sleep quality and, most of all, lead to an inner calm and peace. The relaxation and meditation techniques taught by experienced Heartfulness trainers cover both the conceptual framework as well as practical meditation and relaxation.



### SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING – THE BEAUTY OF NATIVE PLANTS

**Wed., April 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Age: All | FREE**

Join us as we welcome Drew Lathin from Creating Sustainable Landscapes, LLC, for a talk on native plants. Native plants can be used to create beautiful landscapes that are designed to increase habitat, reduce resource inputs, and build healthier outdoor living areas. Learn the principles of sustainable landscaping and how you can do your part to reduce resource inputs and create habitat. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.



### FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK LIBRARY SPRING USED BOOK SALE

**Wed., April 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Member Preview**

**Thurs., April 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Fri., April 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Sat., April 21, Closed.**

**Sun., April 22, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Mon., April 23, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Bag Day**

**Tues., April 24, Customer Appreciation Day**

The Friends of the Oak Park Library are holding their annual Spring Used Book Sale. Proceeds are used towards programming at the Oak Park Library, including concerts, activities and events that entertain, inform and promote literacy. Debit and credit cards are accepted. A free book is allotted to Members of the Friends of the Oak Park Library. To volunteer or join, email friends.oakparklibrary@gmail.com.

### MONEY SMART WEEK STORYTIME

**Tues., April 24, from 10:30 to 11:05 a.m.**

**Age: 2 to 6 with an adult | FREE**

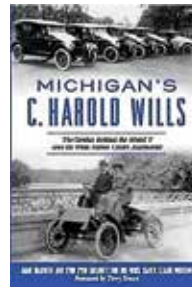


Come to a very simple money-themed story time and get a free copy of "Lots and Lots of Coins" by Margarette S. Reid, courtesy of the Michigan Credit Union Foundation. Please call or come in to register by April 17 – one book per family, while limited supplies last.

### ROBINIWA BASSOON QUARTET

**Sun., April 29, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Age: All | Free**

The four musicians of this group are friends from varied professions, each of whom plays in community orchestras in the Detroit Metropolitan area. They enjoy creating musical programs to share with others. Roberta Zald is an engineer; Walter Dean is a chemistry professor at Lawrence Technological University; William Hulsker is a retired librarian; and Nina Flanigan is a retired educator. This is a great example of life-long learning since they all began playing as youths at the age of 12.



### EARLY DAYS OF THE FORD MOTOR CO. THROUGH THE EYES OF FORD'S "RIGHT-HAND MAN" C. HAROLD WILLS

**Mon., May 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Age: All | FREE**

Join us as we welcome award-winning author Alan Naldrett for a presentation on the book by author C. Harold Wills, Henry Ford's right-hand man. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

## SAVE THE DATE

### DTE SINGERS

**Sun., June 3, at 2:30 p.m.**

DTE Singers, formerly known as "The Edison Glee Club," is a group of employees, retirees and friends of DTE that tour the DTE Energy service area providing vocal entertainment for a wide variety of community events. The group is directed by Dorothy Duensing and accompanied by pianist Elaine Vermiglio.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY OAK PARK LIBRARY!

#### 60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**Fri., June 15**

More details to come.





**SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS GOING TO ROCK THIS YEAR!**

Registration begins on Fri., June 1  
Program Begins, Mon., June 18

Come into the Oak Park Library to collect your materials for Libraries Rock! Once registered, you may begin reading right away. We will have programming for all ages beginning June 18, with lots of opportunities to read, rock, and have fun. Call (248) 691-7480 for more Summer Reading Program event details!

**SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT  
MAGICIAN AND ENTERTAINER CAMERON ZVARA  
Mon., June 18, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.**

**Age: All | FREE**

Join us for an evening of fun with Magician and Entertainer Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with magic, comedy, juggling, stunts, music, and TONS of audience participation. You will not want to miss this! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

**SOCK HOP AT THE BOUNCE HOUSE, LET'S ROCK!  
Wed., June 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Let's Rock the Sock Hop at the Bounce House. Don't forget your socks! Socks must be worn to participate in this event which is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks Recreation Assistance Partnership Program. For more information, call the Oak Park Library at (248) 691-7480.



## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

**MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT**

Third Mon. from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. (Special date June 11)

**Age: All | FREE**

April 16 – *Coco*, PG-Rated, 109 min.

May 21 – *Lego Ninjago Movie*, PG-Rated, 90 min.

June 11 – *Annie*, PG-Rated, 118 min. (Special Date, Second Monday)



**YOU CREATE ART**

Third Thurs. from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Oak Park Library partners with the Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission once a month for fun, artsy and creative experiences with our "You Create" projects. You can count on the experience being a little artsy and a tad bit over-the-top fun. Children should be accompanied by an adult for assistance with projects.

**April 19: Torn Paper Collage** – Tear magazines and scrap paper bits and glue them in place so images are filled with paper rather than paint, pencil or marker.

**May 17: Fabric Bookmarks** – Make bookmarks from a wide array of cardstock, scrap fabric and ribbon.

**June 21: Mini Succulent Garden** – Come make mini succulent gardens in small jars with soil, rocks and mini plants. We'll bring the supplies, you bring the creativity.

**IT'S STORY TIME**

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

**Ages: 2-6. Children must be accompanied by an adult | FREE**

Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing children to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, participants read, sing, dance, move and play.

April 17 and 24 (Money Smart Week – see information on page 10.)

May 8 and 15

June 5, 12, and 19

**ADULT COLORING CLUB**

Every Tues., 6 to 7:30 p.m. | **Age: Adult | FREE**

April 17 and 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

June 5, 12, 19, and 26

**TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

Every Tues. and Thurs., 6 to 7:45 p.m.

**Ages: Youth and Adult | FREE**

If you're a tabletop gamer who enjoys the competitive gaming experience, join us on Tournament Tuesdays and Thursdays. Players of all skill levels are welcome. This event is sponsored by Collectible Investments.

Tues., April 17 and 24

Thurs., April 19 and 26

Tues., May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Thurs., May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Tues., June 5, 12, 19, and 26

Thurs., June 7, 14, 21, and 28

## LIBRARY CLASSES

**ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES**

Every Mon. from 9 to 10 a.m. | **Age: Adult | FREE**

April 16, 23 and 30

May 7, 14 and 21 (No class on May 28)

June 4, 11, 18 and 25

**STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE**

Every Other Wed. from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. | **Age: Youth | FREE**

April 25: Mystery Project – It's a mystery!

May 9: Strawbees – Build with straws

May 23: Origami – Explore the art of paper folding

June 6: Ozobots – Program a small robot

June 20: Button Maker – Create up to four buttons

## BOOK CLUB

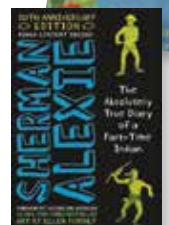
Join us for lively literature discussions in Room 4 of the Oak Park Community Center on the first Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. As always, the Library welcomes new members! **Age: All | FREE**

**A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner**  
Wed., May 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

A beautiful scarf connects two women touched by tragedy in this compelling, emotional novel.

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie** | Wed., June 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Growing up on a Spokane Indian Reservation, Junior leaves his troubled school on the reservation to attend a farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.





## APRIL

### SPRING FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK LIBRARY BOOK SALE

See page 10 for details.

### FLOWER EXCHANGE

**Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to Noon**

**Community Center Parking Lot**

Come participate in our flower exchange. Bring plants, flowers, and perennials and exchange offerings for someone else's. Remember to soak the roots of the plants and flowers with water prior to exchanging. Wrap roots in clear plastic. Tie a ribbon around the plastic bag for decoration and label plants with planting instructions. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497. *Hosted by the Beautification Advisory Commission*

### TRI-COMMUNITY COALITION HEALTH FAIR

**Sunday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., Community Center**

### FREE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

**Thursday, April 26, to Sunday, April 29**

### ARBOR DAY EVENT

**Friday, April 27, 10 a.m.**

Help us plant trees at Best Park, behind Ferndale Upper Elementary School. For more information, call (248) 691-7497.

### WORLD DANCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, April 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. | FREE**

Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI. World Dance Day is celebrated internationally. Join Oak Park as local performers come together to provide an evening of fine arts and beautiful choreography. *Brought to you by the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission.*

## MAY

### BARKS 2 BASICS – POSITIVE DOG TRAINING

Join the owners of Barks 2 Basics Positive Dog Training, Lisa Zang and Marla Nunley, for classes on how to teach your dogs the basics. Call Oak Park Recreation for more information, (248) 691-7555. Three levels of training are available:

#### **Puppy Basics (five months and younger)**

**1.5 hours, three weeks, \$115**

Sat., May 5 to May 19, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Sat., June 23 to July 7, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

#### **Basic ONE (six months and older)**

**One hour, six weeks, \$130**

Tues., May 1 to June 5, 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tues., June 19 to July 24, 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

#### **Basic TWO (must have completed Basic ONE)**

**One hour, six weeks, \$140**

Mon., April 30 to June 11, 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mon., June 18 to July 23, 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### OAK PARK SPRING FEST

**Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. | Community Center Grounds**

Come celebrate the long-awaited season of SPRING with the Recreation Department! We'll have a little bit of something for everyone that revolves around the spring season. Come see TEAM – SkyFX as they dazzle with their kite flying skills. Make wind socks that fly into the air. Master Gardener Ed Blondon will be on location to answer landscaping and gardening questions. SharKar Family Owned Farm will have a wide variety of vegetable plants for purchase. Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo will feature over 45 animals from goats to Llamas and Alpacas. Meet Gunther, a dromedary camel. Sports fans can test their arm strength and compare their fast ball to the big leaguers and the Oak Park Mini Golf Course will host a "Hole-in-One" challenge, complete with prize giveaways!



### CONTAINER GARDENING FOR YOUR PATIO OR YARD Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and May 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. | \$30 per person for both days

Join Master Gardener Ed Blondon, owner of Hortulus Gardens Landscape Company to learn about how to create container gardens. Bring a container or 12-inch flower pot. We'll have soil on hand and an assortment of flowering plants and vegetables to make your garden a show stopper. Register early by calling Oak Park Recreation at (248) 691-7555.

### FREE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND Thursday, May 17, to Sunday, May 20

#### FLOWER SALE

**Sun., May 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Oak Park Community Center**

It's that time of the year – our annual Memorial Weekend Flower Sale. Join us for the season's best pick of annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets. This event is brought to you by the Oak Park Beautification Advisory Commission. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497.

## JUNE

### SUMMER READING REGISTRATION BEGINS

**Registration begins on Friday, June 1**

**Program begins Monday, June 18**

See page 11 for details.

### OAK PARK POOL GRAND OPENING

**Saturday, June 9 from 1 to 6 p.m.**

See page 16 and 17 for details.

### FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION BEGINS

**Monday, June 4**

Soccer, Kickball and Softball.

Oak Park Recreation - (248) 691-7555.

### HAUL YOUR OWN JUNK AWAY

**Friday to Sunday, June 8 to 10**

### ELECTRONIC AND RECYCLING PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**Sunday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### FREE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

**Thursday, June 21, to Sunday, June 24**

### OAK PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PRESENTED BY



**Thursday Evenings, June 21 to August 2**

**7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | David H. Shepherd Park**

See page 14 to 15 for more details.

### OAK PARK GRILL 'N CHILL

**Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

The Oakland County Parks' 8th Annual BBQ returns to Oak Park for the second year in a row to battle over who will become this year's BBQ Pit Master. There will be live entertainment, a mini-pub, food court, and Kidz Zone. The event admission is free, but there is a fee for food and drinks. Call (248) 691-7555 for details.



### Oakland County Parks' 8th BBQ Ribs Battle

**Check-in at 7 a.m., Turn-in BBQ samples at 3:30 p.m.**

**Winner announced at 5 p.m. | \$50 per team entry fee**

Compete for \$1,500 in cash prizes! Call (248) 691-2357 for details.

### Kidz Zone | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 9 FREE Kidz Zone activities, including DIA Away, Oakland County Parks inflatables, Oak Park Library activities, Detroit Imagination Works Crafts, and more.

### Oak Park Pool and Mini-Golf Open | 1 to 6 p.m.

Bring your bathing suits! Fee: Regular Daily Pool Rates or Season Pass.

### Food Court | 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Food and beverage is available for purchase in the Food Court, including BBQ, hot dogs, frozen yogurt, kabob's, pizza, and more.

### Entertainment | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free musical entertainment includes, DJ Truth, Big Ray and the Motor City Kings, and Persuasion.

### Mini-Pub | Noon to 8 p.m.

Domestic, Michigan craft beers, and wine will be available in the mini-pub. Fee include \$3 per beer and \$4 per wine.



KIMMIE HORNE

## OAK PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

### PRESENTED BY



2018 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IS SIZZLING HOT! AND, FREE! Due to the popularity of last year's Summer Concert Series, we have increased the number of concerts from four to seven. The concerts are held in David H. Shepherd Park on the corner of Church and Northfield in Oak Park on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, and picnic dinner. No time to cook? No problem, we have food vendors on-site for your convenience!

This year's Oak Park Summer Concert Series is presented by UnitedHealthcare. Without their support, we would not have been able to expand the series by three additional concerts or have the caliber of entertainers we have acquired for the 2018 concert series. You can find more information about UnitedHealthcare on their website at [www.uhcommunityplan.com](http://www.uhcommunityplan.com), on Facebook @UnitedHealthcareCommunityPlan or on Twitter @UHCCS.

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC SHOWCASE

**Thur., June 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Come witness and celebrate the great achievements of our local high school musicians! We'll have marching bands, drum lines, jazz, and concert bands to round out the evening! This event will kick-off our summer concert series in celebration for our young people finding and nurturing their passion for MUSIC! Come out and show your support! You'll be glad you did!

### ALISE KING

**Thur., June 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Alise King is the Soulful D.I.V.A. (Divine Instrument Vocalizing her Ability), according to King. King's talent and stage presence have won accolades from Detroit and beyond. Last year, she was named "Best R&B Female Artist" at the Detroit Black Music Awards and "Best Female Soul Artist of the Year" at this year's Detroit Honor Awards. You may have also heard her sing the National Anthem at a Detroit Tigers' game.



ALISE KING





MARVIN THOMPSON, JR.

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**Thur., July 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Keyboardist, writer and producer Marvin Thompson, Jr. has led a wonderfully productive and pretty prolific musical life. Writing music for numerous musicals and short films, Thompson has also released several instrumental projects, including an earlier album entitled, "In Focus" and his current release, "Kind Words." His latest recording is a delicious myriad of smooth jazz moods, ranging from the upbeat and funky to the mellow and silky. Whatever the mood, this music is loaded with melody and presence.

## MAINSTREET SOUL

**Thur., July 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Since playing their first live show in January of 2010, Mainstreet Soul has received a warm reception from the Detroit-area music scene, and beyond. The band was nominated for Detroit Music Awards in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. In 2016, they were awarded "Outstanding Urban Recording" for the single entitled, "In Detroit." The band performs at local venues, private parties, festivals, weddings and even in the movies. Mainstreet Soul's sound is unique, and their personalities shine through in every performance of songs made famous by such artists as Tower of Power, Stevie Wonder, Etta James, Chicago, Alicia Keys, Prince, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Bruno Mars, and more.



MAINSTREET SOUL

## SOUTHFIELD JAZZ ORCHESTRA

**Thur., July 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

The Southfield Jazz Orchestra was started in January of 2010 and is currently under the direction of Saxophonist Eric Rayford. The band performs mostly as a Jazz Ensemble playing big band jazz style music that features such tunes such as "In the mood," "Teach Me Tonight," "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White," and "Love for Sale." The Southfield Jazz Orchestra is known for its talented musicians, two of which are international jazz artists. Local Saxophonist George Benson and Vocalist Barbara Ware, the two international jazz artists, are Southfield Jazz Orchestra's own artists in residents. They rehearse and perform with the band regularly and have been with the band since 2010.

## PADDLEBOTS

**Thur., July 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening with this wonderful seven-piece band, Paddlebots, from Mount Pleasant, Michigan. They offer progressive soul-pop, which is a unique blend of soul, funk, jazz, and pop. The evening will be filled with an electric live performance filled with soaring solos, tight rhythm and bass, and punctuating horn stabs. The band released their "Mouth Full of Dirt" album last year and are currently touring in hopes of spreading their passion for music throughout the state.



PADDLEBOTS

## KIMMIE HORNE

**Thur., August 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Not much needs to be said about Kimmie Horne, as she has an outstanding reputation as a vocalist and enchanting performer that drew fabulous crowds to last year's Oak Park Summer Concert Series. She's a descendant of Lena Horne and the niece of the late, great singer and songwriter Cleveland Horne of "The Fantastic Four." Kimmie's been described as having the ability to transform non-traditional jazz songs into swinging sensations, evident with her jazzy rendition, "I Will Survive." Kimmie is known to provide class, style and charisma when interacting with the crowd. Steve Holsey, Print Entertainment Editor for Michigan Chronicle, named Kimmie Horne as one of Detroit's precious jewels. Dirty Dog Jazz Café describes Horne as being endowed with a beautiful alto voice which summons great ladies of Jazz. Kimmie, they brag, has the lucid phrasing of Dinah Washington; the rich tones of Sarah Vaughn; and the smoky sophistication of Phyllis Hyman.



SOUTHFIELD JAZZ ORCHESTRA

# Summer Pool Season Begins



We are excited for the summer pool season to begin! More open swim times have been added, including Sundays. We've added a brand new morning water aerobics class, and enhanced offerings to meet our diverse community and cultural needs. Last year, our adult-only, male-only and female-only swim times were a hit. They are back again this year. We made improvements to the pool, including the locker rooms and the pool surfacing. We have been asking for suggestions from the community and are doing our best to provide the finest summer experience possible at the Oak Park Pool.

## POOL EVENTS

### OAK PARK POOL GRAND OPENING

**Saturday, June 9, from 1 to 6 p.m. | Location: Oak Park Pool**

Join us for our Grand Opening festivities. There will be a DJ providing music from 2 to 5 p.m. We will hold a raffle for prizes and, of course, the pool will be open to cool you off. Come see some of our new renovations and soak in some sun and fun! For more information, call Oak Park Recreation at (248) 691-7555.

### LAST DAY OAK PARK POOL IS OPEN

**Saturday, August 25, from 1 to 6 p.m. | Location: Oak Park Pool**

Celebrate the unofficial end of summer on the last day the pool will be open to the public. Help us shut the pool down in style.

### DOG DAY AT THE POOL

**Sunday, August 26, from Noon to 3 p.m.**

**\$10 per dog pre-registration, or \$15 per dog day-of registration**

Dogs deserve a day at the park, too! Enroll your dog for an end-of-the-season 55-minute session. Each registered dog receives a gift. 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:

**Small Sized Dogs** (Under 30 lbs.), Noon to 12:55 p.m. Course #DDAP118

**Medium Sized Dogs** (30-69 lbs.), 1 to 1:55 p.m. Course #DDAP218

**Large Sized Dogs** (70 lbs. and Up), 2 to 2:55 p.m. Course #DDAP318

## PUBLIC OPEN SWIM

Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.

Monday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Friday, 1 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, 1 to 6 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

### DAILY RATES

#### Open Swim Daily Fee - Resident:

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

#### Open Swim 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

## SPECIAL POOL HOURS

The Oak Park Pool will host separate female-only, male-only and adult-only swim hours. For any number of reasons including faith or personal preference, some women and girls may prefer to swim without being in the presence of men. And, vice versa, men and boys may prefer to swim without being in the presence of females. The Oak Park Recreation Department is accommodating these preferences. New this year, we will be offering swim classes during female-only and male-only swim times. More information to come!

**Fee:** The fee for utilizing the pool during these times is \$2 per person, per session for resident; \$4 per person, per session for non-resident; or, a season pool pass.

### Female-Only Swim:

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

Mondays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

### Male-Only Swim:

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

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**Adult-Only Swim /Lap Swim:** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

\*More times/hours may be added throughout the pool season. Check periodically on the [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov) website for more details.



## WATER AEROBICS

### Splash Bash Water Aerobics

**June 25 to August 24, 9 to 10 a.m. | Monday, Wednesday and Fridays**  
**Must be at least 18-years-old | FREE**

Splash Bash is a free program hosted in partnership with Oak Park Recreation, the Kidney Foundation, and the Health Alliance Plan. This activity is geared towards improving the overall well-being of older adults. The class uses all aspects of a typical aerobics class but with the added health benefits of water as a natural form of resistance. This creates an excellent full-body workout with great heart benefits and endurance development.

We are also looking to implement a water aerobics class on Sunday mornings. A finalized schedule should be available by May 15 for all water aerobics classes. Call (248) 691-7555 for details.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

### Learn to Swim

**Dates: To be determined | Six 50-minute sessions**

**Fee: Res. \$48 / Non-Res. \$53**

Learn to Swim programs will be determined when staff is in place. We are determined to offer the best possible lessons we can. In order to do that, please check back closer to the summer season to see how many lessons we can offer and at what times. We try to have daytime and evening options available for varying skill levels, and parent-tot lessons for the young ones who are just getting used to being in the water. Class lesson plans are based on guidelines and levels determined by the American Red Cross. New this year, we will be offering Learn to Swim classes during female-only and male-only swim times. More information to come! For more information on Learn to Swim classes, call (248) 691-7555.

### CALLING ALL 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, we can 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! Call (248) 691-7555 for details.



Oak Park Pool

## POOL RENTALS

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

### RENTAL DAYS AND TIMES

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

Additional party hours, if available, are \$160 per hour. 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.

## Oak Park Recreation 5 Ways to Register for Recreation Programs



1. Online registration
2. Mail-in registration
3. In-person registration
4. After hours dropbox registration
5. By phone

### 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®

**(248) 691-7555**



## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

### 50 UP CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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

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

**HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)  
Open every other Friday on these days:  
April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, and June 29  
Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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

### MONDAY

Quilters Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free  
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free  
Bingo, every second and fourth Mon., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

Bingo, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free  
Scrabble Club, Noon to 5 p.m., Free

### THURSDAY

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

## DAY TRIPS

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

## LUNCH BUNCH

### Red Crown Restaurant, Grosse Pointe Park

**Fri. April 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**\$6 Transportation fee**

Lunch fee is separate. \*Seats are limited, reserve early. This former gas station has been updated to retain its 1930's appeal. The menu fits the setting with an emphasis on unfussy, skillfully prepared American dishes such as fish and chips, shrimp and grits and an award-winning "chow chow challenger" burger.

**Course: 0040LNTR18**

### Kruse and Muer on Woodward, Royal Oak

**Fri., May 11, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**\$6 Transportation fee**

Lunch fee is separate. \*Seats are limited, reserve early. The mini-chain brings the popular seafood spot to Royal Oak. The menu includes old favorites such as Charley's Chowder, blackened mahi-mahi, and crab cakes! Newcomers include oyster sliders and oyster stew! Beautifully redecorated in ocean blues, you'll want to reserve your seat early!

**Course: 0041LNTR18**

### Kyoto Japanese Steakhouse

**Fri., May 25, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**\$6 Transportation fee**

Lunch fee is separate. \*Seats are limited, reserve early. Experience our distinctive menu featuring more than 80 sensational dishes ranging from traditional Japanese favorites and innovative specialties to classic Thai foods from across Asia that use only the freshest, most natural ingredients.

**Course: 0042LNTR18**

### Apparatus Room - Foundation Hotel, Detroit

**Fri., June 1. Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**\$6 Transportation fee**

Lunch fee is separate. \*Seats are limited, reserve early. The five story Foundation Hotel's terrific restaurant, Apparatus Room is in a building that once housed the Detroit Fire Department Headquarters. Today, the chic environment offers iconic new American cuisine.

**Course: 0043LNTR18**

### The Hudson Café – Detroit

**Fri., June 22, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**\$6 Transportation fee**

Lunch fee is separate. \*Seats are limited, reserve early. The fresh, well-prepared fare coming from the kitchen of this breakfast/lunch spot has creative takes on the eggs benedict theme, pecan-banana pancakes, apple walnut stuffed French toast, and so much more! This is a brunch with some time left over to shop the "D."

**Course: 0044LNTR18**

### DIA Inside|Out Senior Lunch Bunch

**Fri., July 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Seats are limited | Register early (248) 691-7555**

Join us on this trip around Oak Park's 12 special DIA Inside|Out art installations. We'll have a docent on the bus with us to explain each art piece. We'll even stop at Ernie's Market for lunch and Peteet's Cheesecake for desert! This luncheon is brought to you by the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission.



## CLASSES

### ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

Thurs., May 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., July 12, at 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.

### AARP'S SAFETY DRIVER'S TWO-DAY COURSE

Mon. and Tues., May 21 and May 22 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**\$20 AARP Members/\$25 Non-AARP Member**

**Senior Lounge | Class Size Limited | Register Early**

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premiums upon completing this TWO DAY COURSE. Participants must attend BOTH days to receive a certificate of completion.

**Course: AARPSS18**

### SENIOR PROJECT FRESH/ MARKET FRESH

Wed., May 23, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Join Robin Danto from Oakland County Health Department as she leads this very short nutrition information workshop. Fresh fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides qualifying older adults with ten \$2 vouchers to use at Farmers Markets towards fresh Michigan produce. Seniors must attend the FREE short workshop on Wednesday, May 23, to qualify for coupon books. We will then schedule outings to the Oakland Farmers Market in Waterford to use the coupons!

**Course: SeniorMarketFresh18**

### SAFE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Wed., May 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | **FREE**

Wayne State University Gerontology Department presents SAFE (Success after Financial Exploitation). Come learn about scams; identity theft; how to protect yourself and others; how to report victimization; and how to recover financially.

**Course: SAAFESS18**

## NUTRITION

### EAT SMART, LIVE STRONG

**A Nutrition Education Program for Older Adults 60 to 74-years-old who participate in, or are eligible for, Food and Nutrition Service Assistance**

**Program is limited to 30 participants**

**Reserve Early | Cost: FREE**

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

**Course: EATSMARTSS18** – Tues., April 10, to May 26, 10 to 11 a.m.

### WALK WITH EASE

**"A Program for Better Living" | Space Limited**

**Mon., April 23, to Fri., June 1 | 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**Every Mon., Wed., and Fri. for 6 Weeks | FREE**

Oak Park Recreation is pleased to host the **Walk With Ease** program sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and the Arthritis Foundation! The Arthritis Foundation **Walk With Ease** program is an exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you may have success with **Walk With Ease**. Reduce pain, feel great, improve flexibility, enhance strength and gain stamina. Join us and get in shape and walk safely and comfortably.

**Course: WalkWithEaseSS18**

## FITNESS AND EXERCISE

### ENHANCE FITNESS

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

**Free | Com. Ctr., Room A**

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

**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 9 to 10 a.m. This class focuses on cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility, and balance. The benefits include improved strength, boost in activity level, improved mood, and fun!

### BASIC HATHA YOGA

**Thurs., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**\$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room A**

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

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

**Course: 3069SS18** – Thurs., May 24 – July 12, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3070SS18** – Thurs., July 19 – Sept. 6, 8-Week Session

### GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

**Tues., Noon to 1 p.m.**

**\$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room 3**

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

Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bobby Calhoun

**Course: 3053SS18** – Tues., May 29 – July 17, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3054SS18** – Tues., July 24 – Sept. 11, 8-Week Session



## PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY



## THEATER TRIPS

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

### PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY

Sun., April 22 | Departs 1:30 p.m. | Performance at 2:30 p.m.  
\$58 Res./\$63 Non-Res. | Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

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

**Course: PaulTaylorSS18** – Michigan Opera Theater

### SUMMER KING

Thurs., May 10 Rehearsal Performance  
Depart 8:30 a.m. | Performance at 10 a.m.  
Reserve tickets by Fri., April 20

\$28 per person. | Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

The Summer King tells the story of baseball legend Josh Gibson who is considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His is a story of talent and heartbreak as one man journeys to overcome prejudice and discrimination.

**Course: SummerKingSS18** – Michigan Opera Theater

### ALL NIGHT STRUT!

Wed., May 16, Departs 9:45 a.m. | Returns 4:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own at 10:30 a.m. at Rochester Brunch House

Reserve tickets by Wed., April 18

Res. \$31/Non Res. \$36

Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

The All Night Strut moves through the Depression, World War II, and the post boom in a two-act musical celebration set in the 1930's and 40's. It's filled with jazz, blues, bebop and American songbook standards. The story moves through time and place to highlight a slick slice of yesteryear and capture a beloved American era.

**Course: AllNightStrutSS18** – Meadowbrook Theatre

### MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

Sat., June 9 | Departs 1:00 p.m. | Performance at 2:00 p.m.

Reserve Tickets by Fri., May 4

\$81 Res./\$86 Non-Res.

Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

It began as one man's story... became everyone's music... and is now Broadway's musical. Motown The Musical is the true American dream story of Motown Founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul. He launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives, and made us all move to the same beat. Experience the story behind the music.

**Course: MotownSS18** – Fisher Theater

### BURT & ME

Wed., June 20 | Depart at 10:45 a.m. | Performance at 2 p.m.

Reserve tickets by Fri., May 18

Lunch on your own at Rochester Mills Brewing Company

\$31 Res./\$36 Non-Res. | Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

In this romantic musical comedy, Joe and Lacey were high school sweethearts who drifted apart. Years later their paths cross again as Joe devises a plan to win Lacey back with the help of Burt Bacharach. A must see!

**Course: BurtSS18** – Meadow Brook Theatre

### WICKED

Thurs., Aug. 9, at 1 p.m.

Reserve Tickets by Mon., June 18

Front Row Center Mezzanine, Rows CC-EE

\$78 Res./\$83 Non-Res. | Includes transportation. Limited tickets.

Wicked, the Broadway sensation, takes a look back into the Land of Oz from a different lens. The story begins long before Dorothy arrives.

**Course: WickedSS18** – Fisher Theatre

## 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 preordered meal. For more information, call Senior Meals on Wheels at (248) 689-0001.

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

### SMART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for residents who are seniors, age 50 or above, and individuals who have a disability. Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport at (248) 691-7555. Reservations are subject to availability. There is a fare to use the bus. You must be a 50 Up Club Member to use the SMART bus system.



## DAY TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Tours and Transportation to offer an exquisite line of day trips. These trips require us to book well in advance.

We are currently booking for the following tours. Full details are available in the Recreation Department lobby! Contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more details.



### DISTRICT DETROIT

Tues., May 8 | Departs at 9:00 a.m. Returns at 5:00 p.m.  
\$80 Res./\$85 Non-Res.

Join us on a guided tour of Little Caesars Arena, lunch at Pizza Papalis, and three hours at Greektown Casino! It's a fun filled day in the "D."

Be prepared to walk on this trip.

**Course: DistDetroit2018**

### FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK TOUR AND LUNCH

Wed., May 16 | Departs at 7:15 a.m. Returns at 7:15 p.m.  
\$91 per person | Includes Transportation

Round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach. The day includes a tour of the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculptures with over 132 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens. We will have a tram ride as well as a guided tour of the conservatory. Everyone will receive a \$12 lunch coupon to be used at the Frederik Meijer Café. We're off to the Gerald Ford Museum after lunch for a wonderful guided tour. The tour includes a ride on the lunar module simulator journey to the surface of the moon.

**Course: FrederickMeijerSS2108**

### FIREKEEPERS CASINO

Tues., June 5 | Departs at 8:30 a.m. Returns at 6:30 p.m.  
\$39 per person | Includes Transportation

Travel via deluxe highway motor coach, equipped with reclining seats, overhead storage and convenient restroom. The trip includes slots, gaming tables, and sizzling hot restaurants for your "lucky side." Trip Includes \$20 slot credit card and \$5 to be used for food, slot play, or gift shop.

**Course: FirekeepersSS18**

## SHOPPING TRIPS

### TWELVE OAKS SHOPPING DAY

Fri., April 27 | Departs at 10 a.m. Returns at 3:30 p.m.  
\$6 Transportation Fee | Must be 50 and Up

You asked for it, you got it! We are offering a day of shopping at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Lunch on your own. Please note, if you go to the Cheesecake Factory, plan accordingly knowing that there is generally long lines.

**Course: 12OAKSSHOPPINGSS18**

### PARTRIDGE CREEK SHOPPING DAY

Fri., June 29 | Departs at 9:30 a.m. Returns at 3:00 p.m.  
\$6 Transportation Fee | Must be 50 and Up

Back by popular demand! A day of shopping at the beautiful outdoor Partridge Creek Mall in Clinton Township. The outdoor mall boasts fabulous stores and numerous restaurants for your dining pleasure! Lunch will be on your own wherever your taste buds take you!

**Course: PartridgecreekSS18**

## TIGERS BASEBALL TRIPS

### TIGERS vs. CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Wed., Aug. 15, Depart 11:30 a.m. | Game at 1 p.m.

Reservations due Mon., July 16

\$36 Res./\$41 Non-Res.

Sec. 113, Rows 40-42

Senior Day at Comerica Park. Includes transportation and a food voucher good for one hot dog, small bag of chips and a small soda.

**Course: TigersWhiteSox18**

### TIGERS vs. HOUSTON ASTROS

Wed., Sept. 12, Depart 11:30 a.m. | Game at 1 p.m.

Reservations due Mon., Aug. 13

\$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res.

Sec. 143, Rows 41-42

Includes transportation and a food voucher good for one hot dog, small bag of chips and a small soda.

**Course: TigersAstros18**

### TIGERS vs. MINNESOTA TWINS

Wed., Sept. 19, Depart 11:30 a.m. | Game at 1 p.m.

Reservations due Mon., Aug. 20

\$25 Res./\$30 Non-Res.

Sec. 113, Rows 41-42

Includes transportation and a food voucher good for one hot dog, small bag of chips and a small soda.

**Course: TigersTwins18**

## EXTENDED TRIPS

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### MACKINAC ISLAND LILAC FESTIVAL

A beautiful trip to Michigan's premier island!

Thur., June 7 to Sat., June 9

3 Days, 2 Nights

**Course: LilacFestSS18**

### BOSTON TRIP

A trip of a lifetime!

Thur., July 12 to Tues., July 17

6 Days, 5 Nights

**Course: BostonSS18**

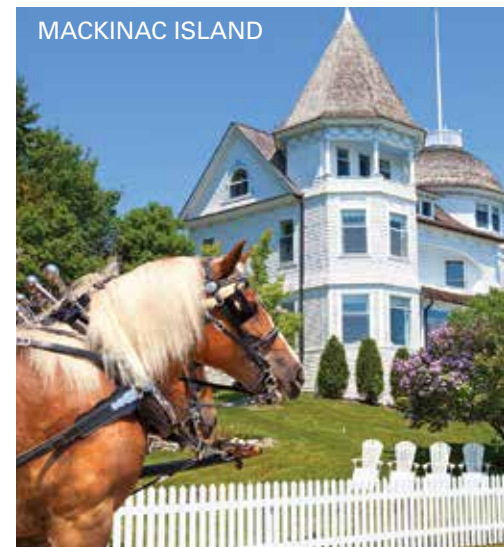
### ARK ENCOUNTER

It's back by popular demand!

Thur., Sept. 27 to Fri., Sept. 28

2 Days

**Course: ArkEncounterSS18**



MACKINAC ISLAND



## ADULT FITNESS

### YOGA IS FOR EVERYBODY

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

Yoga is for EVERY BODY! This course is designed to fit the needs of the beginner as well as the continuing 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.

**Course: 2013SS18** – Mons., April 23 to June 18

**Course: 2014SS18** – Mons., June 25 to Aug. 13

### AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

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

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

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. A minimum of five participants are required for class to run.

**Course: 1009SS18** – Tues., May 29 to July 17, 8 Week Session

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

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

**Age: 20 and up | Room B Com. Ctr.**

R.I.P.P.E.D. stands for resistance, intervals, power, plyometrics and endurance. The One Stop Body Shock program is a "Plateau Proof Fitness Formula" that helps you to create continuity, consistency, and challenge in each and every R.I.P.P.E.D. class so your body doesn't get accustomed to the constantly changing format. Participants achieve undeniable, ultimate results in minimal time, boasting 750 to 1,000 calories burned in just 50 minutes. Participants receive diet suggestions to attain and maintain physique in ways that are fun, safe, and extremely effective.

\*A minimum of five participants are required for class to run.

**Course: RIPPEDTH4SS18** – Thurs., May 31 to July 14, 8-Week Session

**Course: RIPPEDTU4SS18** – Tues, June 5 to July 24, 8-Week Session

### TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

**Tues., 10 to 10:45 a.m. | Ages 18 and Up**

**\$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room C**

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

Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation in an effort to develop flexibility and coordination, and to slow down the aging process. Ages: 18 and up. All experience levels are welcome!

Instructor: Holly Malloy

**Course: 3066SS18** – Tues., May 22 to July 10, 8-Week Session

### TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

**Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**\$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res. | Com. Ctr., Room A**

**Experienced Students Only | Ages 18 and Up**

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

This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

**Course: 3057SS18** – Tues., May 15 to July 3, 8-Week Session

### TOTAL BODY WORKOUT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 Wed. Only/\$32 Mon. and Wed.**

**Ages 18 and Up | Com. Ctr., Room A**

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

Come join this exciting total body conditioning and exercise class where participants can work at their own pace. Instructor: Suzi Skotarczyk.

**Course: 3079SS18** – Mons./Weds., April 16 to June 11, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3080SS18** – Mons./Weds., June 18 to Aug. 6, 8-Week Session

**Course: 5080SS18** – Weds. Only, Apr. 18 to June 6, 8-Week Session

**Course: 5081SS18** – Weds. Only, June 20 to Aug. 15, 8-Week Session

### BELLY DANCE

Enjoy the personal and physical benefits of belly dancing – abdominal toning, leg strengthening, self-esteem, and an essence of sensuality.

**Belly5SS18** – Tues., June 5 to July 24, 8-Week Session

**Belly6SS18** – Tues., July 31 to Sept. 18, 8-Week Session

**BellyTH5SS18** – Thurs., June 7 to July 26, 8-Week Session

**BellyTH6SS18** – Thurs., Aug. 2 to Sept. 20, 8-Week Session





## EVENTS

### MLB™ PITCH, HIT AND RUN COMPETITION

**Sun., April 29, from 10 a.m. to Noon | Ages: 7 to 14  
Free | David H. Shepherd Park**

The first annual MLB™ Pitch, Hit and Run Competition will be held in partnership with the cities of Oak Park, Ferndale, and Pleasant Ridge. Oak Park will host the first year at David H. Shepherd Park. Participants compete in the Baseball Division and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition, including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals during MLB™ All-Star Week.

**Course: #PHR18**

### MOTHER AND SON SPORTS NIGHT

**Fri., May 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: 7 to 12  
\$20 per couple, \$10 each additional son**

**Oak Park Community Center/David H. Shepherd Park**

Who is in for skills competitions that pit mothers against their sons to see who goes home with ultimate bragging rights? Participate in singular events, team for relay races, and then end the evening with a massive game of mothers vs. sons dodgeball. We'll have pizza and salad, a photo booth, and prizes. Mother and son couples are encouraged to represent their favorite teams by dressing in sports related attire.

**Course: #MSSN18**

### MAYOR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K RUN/WALK

**Wednesday, July 4, at 8 a.m.**

**\$15 pre-register, \$20 for day-of registrations**

The first of all the Independence Day festivities begins with the annual Mayor's 5K Run/Walk. Divisions are split based on age, and medals are awarded to winners in each division. Each participant will receive a t-shirt, along with post-race snacks and refreshments. This race is for all levels; whether you regularly participate in distance runs or you just want to take a morning walk through the beautiful David H. Shepherd Park.

**Course: #1012018**

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH KARATE

**Tues., May 1 to June 19, from 6:15 to 7 p.m.**

**Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | 8-Week Session**

**Com. Ctr., Room A | Ages 4 to 7**

The Karate Program is an introductory karate class specifically designed for children ages 4 to 7. It enhances a child's focus, memory, teamwork skills, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. All this is achieved through exciting and fun games and activities. Wear loose fitting clothes. A responsible adult must remain in attendance during class. Instructor:

Grand Master Robb Hogan

**Course: 1011SS18**



### DRAGON'S EIGHT BEGINNER'S KARATE

**Tues./Thur., May 1 to June 21, from 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70 | 8-Week Session**

**Com. Ctr., Room A | Ages 8 and Up (Depends on Experience)**

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

**Course: 1018SS18**

## CHALLENGER™ YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

### FIRST KICKS

**Ages 3 to 5 | \$90 per person for the week**

**Mon. to Fri., Aug. 6 to 10, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

**David H. Shepherd Park**

Our innovative camp curriculum introduces young players to soccer basics with fundamental activities, fun games and challenges. We strive to create a perfect learning environment with maximum participation, lots of repetition, and as much fun as possible. Campers will come away from the week not only with a better understanding of soccer, but with a true love for the game! Bring a water bottle. *Presented by Challenger Sports, British Soccer Camps.*

**Course: #1208SS18**

### HALF DAY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

**Ages 6 to 14 | \$140 per person for the week**

**Mon. to Fri., Aug. 6 to 10, 9 a.m. to Noon**

**David H. Shepherd Park**

A three hour daily coaching program that provides technical and tactical instruction in all areas of the game. Emphasis is placed on individual skill development and mastery of core techniques through individual drills, small group practices, and coached games. This program also includes our famous World Cup Tournament. During the World Cup campers are split into teams (countries) and they represent that country throughout the week in scrimmages and challenges. This week-long competition encourages our "Champions of Character" and concludes on Friday during our closing ceremony. Bring a water bottle. *Presented by Challenger Sports, British Soccer Camps.*

**Course: #1209SS18 – Ages 6 to 9**

**Course: #1210SS18 – Ages 10 to 14**

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 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 his-



torically provided satisfactory treatment 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 Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497.

## 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 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 pres-

ent 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.

## 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

## 2017 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>2017 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	5/16/2017	ppm	4	4	0.63	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/16/2017	ppm	10	10	0.38	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>2017 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)	2017	ppb	n/a	80	24.96	0-62.4	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	ppb	n/a	60	5.6	0-21	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>2017 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 2017	ppm	4	4	0.71	0.65-0.74	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2017 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
0.24 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>2017 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	2017	ppb	0	15	4.3	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2017	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.172	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	4.96	Erosion of natural deposits

Great Lakes Water Authority voluntarily monitors for the protozoans *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. The December 2017 untreated water sample collected at the Belle Isle intake contained 1 *Giardia* cyst. All other samples collected in the year 2017 were absent for the presence of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in the untreated water. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of *Giardia lamblia* is removed or inactivated.

KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE		
SYMBOL	ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION/EXPLANATION
>	Greater than	
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.
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	
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
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.

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July 2 to 3 and July 5 to 6  
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\$96 per week, Resident  
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### LATCHKEY

**AGES:** Tot Lot Day Camp, age 5 to 12.

**A.M. LATCHKEY:** 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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**SPECIAL WEEK (Four Days, Not Open 7/4)**

July 2 to 3 and July 5 to 6. \$24/week

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