



Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

Season's greetings from City Hall. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

With new leadership in our State's capitol on the horizon, along with voter approval of three momentous statewide ballot proposals, the City of Oak Park and other cities all over the State are expecting to take on new challenges in the way we operate.

The first of the three ballot initiatives that was passed was Proposal 18-1, otherwise known as the marijuana legalization proposal. With its passing, it is now legal in the State of Michigan for persons 21 years and older to purchase, possess, and use marijuana, with some limitations. For instance, the initiative also imposes a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and permits users to grow up to 12 marijuana plants. It also subjects retail sales of marijuana to a 10% sales tax that is dedicated for schools and roads. Perhaps most notable is that this initiative gives cities the option to opt out of allowing marijuana-related businesses inside its city limits. This is a decision left to the members of our City Council.

The approval of proposals 18-2 and 18-3 mean broad changes to how we vote in Michigan. 18-2 eradicates partisan gerrymandering in our state. This means that a new commission of voters comprised of four Democrats, four Republicans, and five Independents will now be in charge of redistricting after every census, as opposed to politicians in Lansing controlling it. 18-3 makes sweeping changes to how we register to vote, generally making registering to vote a lot easier in Michigan. To start, citizens will become automatically registered to vote when they apply for, renew, or update their driver's license. Further, 18-3 reinstalls straight-party voting and establishes an absentee voting system that does not require voters to need a reason to vote absentee, opening up absentee voting to everyone. Lastly, it instates same-day voter registration. These changes may bring on new administrative challenges for us; however, I want you to know, as always, we will be prepared for how these changes may affect future elections. Rest assured, with your continued support, we head into this New Year reinvigorated and ready to lead.

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On Thursday, October 4, the Beautification Advisory Commission,

in partnership with the Department of Public Works, held its annual Beautification Award Ceremony. With over 30 homes being recognized, the ceremony was a hit!

The featured speaker for the night was Beverly Smith, co-founder of Keep Detroit Beautiful, a City of Detroit program that encourages and supports beautification efforts in Detroit communities. Keep Detroit Beautiful runs activities such as Adopt-A-Park, where people can pledge their time to help maintain a municipal park, and Motor City Makeover, an annual citywide volunteer cleanup initiative.

Ms. Smith talked to the ceremony attendees about her many years of service towards beautification and cleanup efforts, and

what she has learned. She maintained that beautification is a vital part of a healthy, happy community, and urged all residents to do what they can to help beautify Oak Park. She said that one thing that older residents can do is pass off their wisdom to the next generation of Oak Park residents, so that the City can remain beautiful for years to come.

"What a child sees and hears in their formative years, whether it's in their community or in their home or in their church, shapes their character, their thoughts, and their overall well-bring as a productive citizen in our society," Ms. Smith stated. "It's our job to motivate our youth on becoming more engaged and involved in cleanup and beautification efforts."

She left the audience and the Beautification Advisory Commission with four suggestions:

- Create a youth beautification program
- Bring such a program to the schools by

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- · Revisit the past and recycle past ideas and programs
- · Always document your history

After Ms. Smith spoke, Mayor Marian McClellan gave her words on the matter. She thanked the honorees for their work in keeping their properties and their neighborhoods clean and maintained.

"Speaking as the Mayor and on behalf of the Oak Park City Council, the Directors and the staff, and all the residents, I want to congratulate and honor you on your achievement today," Mayor McClellan told the attendees of the ceremony.

To cap off the evening, honorees were given a certificate of recognition by Assistant City Manager Kevin Yee and Mayor McClellan, as well as a yard sign to place in their front yard so that they can be recognized by their neighbors for their hard work in maintaining the beauty of their properties.

The City of Oak Park congratulates the owners of all 34 properties, both homes and businesses, that were recognized at this event. It is because of your efforts that the City is as beautiful and welcoming as it is.





WHAT YOU **SHOULD KNOW**

If winter this year is anything like it was last year, we can expect some sub-zero temperatures and whiteout snowstorms. This means that residents should be ready to act when conditions are extreme and snow emergencies are called in the City.

When is a Snow **Emergency Declared?**

A snow emergency is declared when four or more inches of snow falls or other hazardous conditions necessitate. When a snow emergency is declared, parking is not permitted on City streets until the snow emergency has been lifted. This allows for the Department of Public Works to efficiently clear the roadways.

What Should You Do During a Snow **Emergency?**

Until the Snow Emergency has been lifted by City Manager Erik Tungate, all vehicles must be removed from curbside and parked off street. The City has eight areas within the City designated for overflow parking, they are:

- Eleven Mile Off-Street Parking Lots
- Victoria Park Parking Lots
- Shepherd Park Parking Lots
- City Complex Parking Lots
- · Best Park Parking Lot
- Key Park Parking Lot
- Lessenger Park Parking Lot
- Dewey Park Parking Lot

For a map of available snow emergency parking locations within Oak Park, visit http://bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencyMap.

How Will You **Know When a Snow Emergency Has Been Declared?**

As a general rule, if a significant snow event is anticipated, City Manager Erik Tungate will proactively declare a Snow Emergency in advance to allow residents to properly prepare. There are several ways in which residents can become informed of a Snow Emergency, they include:

• Website: Log onto the City's website at http://www.oakparkmi.gov/. An alert

- will be posted in the lower right of your screen and in the front page news.
- Community eBlast: Enroll to receive Community eBlasts that arrive in your email. To enroll, visit http://bit.ly/ OakParkSignUp
- Robo Call Notification: Enroll to receive robo calls on your landline or your cell phone. To enroll, visit http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp.
- Text Message Notification: Enroll to receive text message notification, visit http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp.
- Social Media Posts: Follow us on the City's Facebook or Twitter accounts @CityOfOakPark.
- Cable TV: Tune into the City's Comcast Cable TV15 and 16.
- Local Television Stations: The city notifies the following local television stations of snow emergencies: ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox2Detroit.
- Local Radio Stations: The city notifies the following local radio stations of snow emergencies: WWJ and WJR.

How is Roadway Snow Removal Prioritized?

During snow emergencies the Department of Public Works prioritizes the roadways.



In general, the City crews treat and plow roadways in the following order:

- Primary Roadways Primary routes are the first priority for plowing and de-icing. Primary routes include major streets, snow emergency routes, around schools and around medical facilities. These roadways include the I-696 service drives, Greenfield, Coolidge, 11 Mile Road, and Nine Mile Road.
- Secondary Roadways Secondary routes are main and heavily traveled thoroughfares. These include streets like Oak Park Boulevard, Scotia,

- Rosewood, Church, Capital, Lincoln, and Northfield.
- Residential Intersections Tertiary
 priority is made to residential intersections so that vehicles can properly stop
 and proceed safely at intersecting roadways. Residential roadways are plowed
 when appropriate, typically when four
 or more inches of snow is present or
 other circumstances necessitate.

What are the City's Snow Removal Requirements?

The following are snow removal provisions contained in Chapter 66 Section 166-167 of the Code of Ordinance:

- Snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks.
- Snow and ice must be removed within 12 hours when it stops snowing during daylight hours.
- Snow and ice must be removed by 6:00 p.m. the next day when it stops snowing during night time.
- It is considered a public nuisance to allow ice and snow to accumulate on sidewalks.
- Failure to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks within the time frames above may result in citations being issued or City removal at the homeowner's expense.

For more information about Snow Emergencies, please contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497.



Oak Park Warming Center

Oak Park Community Center 14300 Oak Park Blvd Oak Park, MI 48237

Throughout the winter months, keep an eye out for alerts from City Manager Erik Tungate about Oak Park's Warming Center.

The Warming Center will be operational when the weather forecast calls for real-feel temperatures of 10°F or below.







Development is really beginning to take off in Oak Park, and that

means many exciting things to come for residents, business owners, and other stakeholders. While the City has already accomplished some amazing things in recent years, 2019 is expected to be even more amazing.

River Rouge **Brewing Company**

In August, the City was proud to announce an exciting achievement in its economic development efforts to join a list of so many others over the past few years.

River Rouge Brewing Company, based in Royal Oak, is anticipated to open a second, larger location on Eleven Mile Road in Oak Park. Pending some paperwork and approvals, the location is expected to house brewing operations as well as a tasting room. The brewery will be the first of its kind in Oak Park and comes just a few short years after residents voted to allow for Class C liquor licenses.

River Rouge Brewing Company, headed by master brewer and former film industry professional Edward Stencel, first opened in Royal Oak in May of 2015. Since then, they have grown quickly and have gained national recognition, being named "one of the 50 most amazing nano-breweries in America" by Food and Wine Magazine.

The development was made possible not only by the City's proactive business

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recruitment efforts, but also by the recent re-zoning of a stretch of parcels on Eleven Mile Road between Tulare Street and Gardens Street. Formerly a light industrial area, this stretch was turned into a mixed-use zone in April, allowing for a broader mix of businesses, such as retail, restaurants, breweries, wineries, and distilleries.

"There is no doubt our efforts to diversify our business community are paying off. Locating a business like a brewery that contributes to the overall sense of place is always a plus," says Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate. "It is encouraging to see that a brewery of this caliber is locating in Oak Park and that we are building even more momentum in the right direction."

The project is expected to break ground this fall, with a grand opening anticipated in 2019.

Kroger

At the October 15 City Council meeting, Oak Park city officials were happy to announce they had made progress in their

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discussions with Kroger regarding their interest in opening a new store at the site of the old Kmart on Greenfield between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. The opening of the store would make Kroger the first major grocer of its kind to operate in Oak Park in over 10 years.

Contingent upon Kroger's purchase of the property and site plan approvals, City officials are working hard to make sure this deal happens. The deal would create dozens of new jobs available to Oak Park residents, as well as attract new businesses to the area.

"Throughout the last five years we have been able to move the needle and attract a series of outstanding new businesses," says Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate. "Momentum is finally building in our favor due to a strong economy and renewed international interest in the Detroit region.

I give credit for our resurgence to our economic development team headed by Kim Marrone, along with an array of outstanding partners in the private sector who are leading the charge."

Made possible by proactive business attraction efforts and the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) of 2000, which allows the City to freeze property taxes on the site for up to 12 years, this deal would come on the heels of several other exciting projects in the City of Oak Park.

"We'll be delighted to welcome Kroger to the City of Oak Park to join our family of businesses," says Oak Park Mayor Marian McClellan. "The new store would be a significant addition to our community sure to draw customers from Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Berkley, and more, who are looking for high quality and variety in groceries.





ADULT EVENTS

BOOK DISCUSSION

First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Join our lively book discussion! Books are chosen by members, see the library for a full list.

COMPUTER CLASSES

First and third Mondays at 9 a.m.

Drop in to our classes to learn or practice basic computer skills. Enter library through staff entrance.

January: Computer Basics February: Email Basics March: Internet Basics



SECOND SUNDAY CONCERTS

January 13: The Waterbrooks Trio at 2 p.m.

piano, Jack Waterstone on saxophone, and Violet Brooks

February 10: Motor City Beat at 2 p.m.

March 10: Matthew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid at 2 p.m.

ADULT COLORING

Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Drop in for a relaxing evening of coloring with friends.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Individuals and teams of up to 5 are welcome to join us for a friendly game of pub-style trivia! Questions will cover a broad range of topics.

ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS Saturday, February 2 at 1 p.m.

In collaboration with the Ferndale Area District Library, the Berkley Public Library, and the Huntington Woods Public Library Remember Battle of the Books from elementary school? We're mixing it up and inviting teams of adults to read favorite vintage children's books and compete to win prizes! Grab some friends and get reading! Up to 6 people per team. Want to play but don't have a team? We'll create a team of single players the day of. Call (248) 546-2504 to register starting January 2nd! Only one person per team needs to call.

2019 Battle of the Books List:

Ramona and her Father by Beverly Cleary

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Bunnicula by James Howe

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg



THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN MICHIGAN Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Historian and author Willie W. Payne will use music, song and photos of Michigan Underground Railroad stops to narrate stories and excite audiences in his multi-media lecture, The Underground Railroad's Michigan Connection.

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

STORY TIME

Tuesdays in January and March at 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Stories and songs for the pre-school crowd. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY TIME

Fridays in February at 10 a.m. | Ages 0-3

Come play at the library! We'll be providing extra toys and activities for this unstructured play time for our littlest patrons.

FAMILY CONCERT: GEMINI!

Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. | All ages

Twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits have been performing music for families since 1973! Come sing and dance along as they demonstrate their incredible talents on multiple instruments.

TODDLER CRAFT: VALENTINES!

Thursday, February 14 at 10 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Stop by the library with your little one to make a cute valentine craft.

WINTER READING

January 2-31 | Ages 5-10

Complete library activities and earn a small prize for every BINGO you get! Forms will be available starting January 2nd.

STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE

Every Other Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. | Youth| FREE

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) initiative is part of a larger effort to expose patrons to the fields of engineering and design by building skills in math, science and the arts. Through interesting projects, participants learn crucial problem-solving skills while gaining appreciation for various industries.

January 2: Ozobots

Program a small robot by color coding.

January 16: Origami

Explore the art of paper folding.

January 30: Soap Making

Create soap in a varity of molds and shapes.

February 13: Slime Making

Stop in and make some slime

February 27: Perler Beads

Create using Perler beads.

March 13: Strawbees

Build something with straws.

March 27: Button Maker

Create up to four buttons of your own design.





MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Starts at 5:30 p.m. | Rated PG | FREE

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

January 14: City of Ember, PG-Rated, 90 Minutes February 11: The Princess Bride, PG-Rated, 98 Minutes March 11: Fantastic Mr. Fox, PG-Rated, 87 Minutes

TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday from 6-7:45 p.m. | Youth and Adults | FREE

If you're a tabletop gamer who enjoys the competitive gaming experience, join us on Tournament Tuesdays. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Some games commonly played during Tournament Tuesdays include Force of Will, Magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and other collectible card games. Whether you are collecting, trading or enjoying the game, come join in the fun! Tournament Tuesdays are sponsored by Collectible Investments.

ADULTING 101

Last Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Ages 13-18 | FREE

January 28: All Things Clothing

Do you know how to sew on a button? How about hem a pair of pants or a skirt? Come get some hands-on experience.

February 25: Budgeting Basics

Getting behind on your bills? Want to learn how to set up a checking account or credit card? Come get some advice.

March 25: Getting a Job

How to write a resume and cover letter, and how to dress for and behave at an interview.

LEGO BUILD

January 7 from 4-6 p.m. | Ages 7-10 | FREE

Kids will be given a theme and a time limit to build a magnificent creation! BRING YOUR OWN LEGOS.

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK LIBRARY **SPRING USED BOOK SALE** April 4 through 8





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

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PAYMENT METHODS

We accept checks or money orders made payable to the City of Oak Park, cash paid in-person, and the following credit cards:

American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®



ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register online for activities by clicking on the "Click Here to Register" button on the Recreation Department's page of the City's website, at www.OakParkMl.gov. Or, go directly to the online registration page at http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline. When registering online, follow these easy steps:

- 1. Visit http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline.
- 2. Enter the required information to generate your customer identification and password.
- 3. Click on the activities you want to register for.
- 4. Pay with a credit card, print your receipt, and receive an instant email confirmation of your purchase.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

A mail-in registration is available for most activities, except when athletic contracts are required for registration. For athletic contracts, register in person. To register via mail:

- 1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
- 2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
- 3. When a birth certificate is required for registration, a copy of the birth certificate can be mailed or the original can be delivered in-person to the Recreation Department.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Register in-person during regularly scheduled business hours. The Recreation Department is located in the City's Community Center at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are open every other Friday: October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, November 30, December 14, and December 18.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX REGISTRATION

How to register via drop box:

- 1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
- 2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
- 3. Drop in secure drop box, located next to the Recreation office.

BY PHONE

Register by phone with a credit card (American Express®, Visa®, MasterCard® or Discover®) by calling (248) 691-7555.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register early! Refund policies apply.



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.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

TUESDAY

Watercolor Drop-In, 1 to 3 p.m., \$5 Contemporary Quilters, every third Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m., Free

WEDNESDAY

Bingo, Noon to 2 p.m., Inquire About Fee Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free Scrabble Club, Noon to 5 p.m., Free

THURSDAY

Drop-In Hustle, 10 to 11 a.m., \$4 **Pickleball**, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$2 **Bid Whist**, 1 to 4 p.m., Free

DAY TRIPS

Theatre and day trips are also available. For more information, consult the Arts and Entertainment section of this magazine, visit the Recreation Department in-person, or call (248) 691-7555. **Seats are limited, so reserve early.**

LUNCH BUNCH

POLKA RESTAURANT

Friday, Jan.18, from 11:30am to 2:30pm \$6 Transportation Fee | Lunch on your own

Join us on this trip to experience great Polish cuisine, the food, architecture, and atmosphere, along with every part of the experience at Polka Restaurant was purposefully designed to make our guests feel like they are visiting Poland.

Course: PolkaFW19

FIREHOUSE PUB & GRILL

Friday, February 15, from 11:15am to 2:00pm \$6 Transportation Fee | Lunch on your own

This gastropub sports bar goes beyond burgers, pizza and hot wings. The kitchen also turns out salmon on a cedar plank, St. Louis style dry rubbed ribs, and stellar mac n' cheese.

Course: FirehouseFW19

SEAN O'CALLAGHAN'S PUB

Friday, March 22, 11:00am to 3:30pm

\$6 Transportation Fee | Lunch on your own

Located in downtown Plymouth, at Sean O'Callaghan's Pub you will experience the traditional Irish Public House. They are a Victorian style Pub with custom made mahogany woodwork & hand crafted stained glass. Traditional Irish fare sure to please! Additional shopping opportunity built into the time frame of the day. Limited seating.

Course: O'CallaghansFW19

DINNER TRIP

THE PETERBORO

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm \$6 Transportation Fee | Dinner on your own

The Peterboro is a casual restaurant located in Detroit's Historic Chinatown serving contemporary American Chinese food.

Course: PeterboroSS19

CLASSES

HOW CAN OLSHA HELP YOU?

Date: TBD | Location: Oak Park Community Center

OLSHA (Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency) offers many benefits to older adults, including snow removal, lawn care, Medicaid application help, home injury prevention, and networking with other seniors in and around your community. What can OLSHA help you with? Come hear what this Agency can provide and pick up an application for various services. OLSHA representatives will also be able to help participants fill out applications and answer questions.

ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

Thurs., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free | Registration is required.

Lawyers from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School will talk about wills, power of attorney, and trusts. They will also hold a question and answer session. Register at least one week prior to the event.

Course: 3071FW19 - Thursday, Feb. 21, 10:30am to 11:30am

EAT WELL, LIVE STRONG

6 weeks | Free | Registration is required.

Eat Smart Live Strong is designed to help income-eligible older adults adopt two key behaviors: Increase their fruit and vegetable consumption and the amount of physical activity they engage in.

Enjoy fun and lively activities with other older adults! Talk about easy ways to make smart food choices! Food demos and food sampling takes place in class. Limited space, enroll early!

Course: EatWellpmFW19 - Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16 to Feb. 20 Course: EatWellamFW19 - Thursdays 10 to 11:30 a.m., March 7 to April 11

FITNESS AND EXERCISE

BASIC HATHA YOGA

Thurs., from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res.

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: 3073FW19 - Thursday January 24 to March 14, 8-Week Session Course: 3074FW19 - Thursday March 21 to May 9, 8-Week Session

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Tues., from Noon to 1 p.m. \$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res.

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: 3056FW18 - Tuesday, Nov 20 to Jan 22, 8-Week Session Course: 3057FW19 - Tuesday, Jan. 29 to March 19, 8-Week Session Course: 3058FW19 - Tuesday March 26 to May 14, 8-Week Session

ENHANCE FITNESS

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

Free | Must register at the Recreation Office. 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!



TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

Tues., from 10 to 10:45 a.m. \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

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: 3069FW19 - Tuesday, January 22 to March 12, 8 Week Session

Course:3070FW19 - March 19 to May 7, 8-Week Session

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

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

\$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

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. This class is for experienced students only, ages 18 and up. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang.

Course: 3060FW19 - Tuesday, January 22 to March 12, 8-Week Session Course: 3061FW19 - Tuesday, March 19 to May 7, 8-Week Session

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

10:30am to 11:30am | Fee: \$16 Wed. Only or \$32 for Mon. and Wed. Community Center, Room A | Ages: 18 and Up

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: 3082FW19 - Mon/Wed Jan. 7 to Feb. 25, 8-Week Session Course: 3083FW19 - Mon/Wed Mar. 4 to Apr. 22, 8-Week Session Course: 5083FW19 - Wednesday only Jan. 9 to Feb. 27, 8-Week Session

Course: 5084FW19 - Wednesday only Mar. 6 to Apr. 24, 8-Week Session

SENIOR MEALS

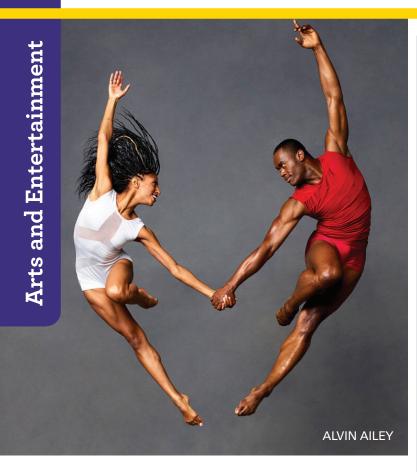
MEALS ON WHEELS "More than just a meal"

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.

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.



THEATER TRIPS

The theater season is right around the corner and it promises to be an exciting one for sure! New this year - the opera rehearsal trips will be held on THURSDAYS, instead of Fridays! Several of our trips will also have a lunch stop afterwards, with lunch being on your own.

A FOX ON THE FAIRWAY

Meadowbrook Theatre Jan 23, 2019 \$22/person

\$6 transportation fee

A hilarious romp that pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filed with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over the top romantic shenanigans, it's charmingly madcap adventure about love, life and a man's eternal love affair... with golf.

Course: FoxFW19

THE SPITFIRE GRILL

Meadowbrook Theatre Feb 27, 2019 \$22/person \$6 transportation fee

A feisty parolee follows her dreams to a small town in Wisconsin, and finds herself working at Hannah's Spitfire Grill. The diner is for sale, but there are no takers for the only eatery in the depressed town. Newcomer Percy suggests to owner Hannah that she raffle it off" best essay on why you want the grill wins it! Soon, mail is arriving by the wheelbarrow full and things are definitely cookin'

Course: SpitfireFW19

CANDIDE

March 7, 2019 | Michigan Opera Theatre \$28/person | \$6 transportation fee

New Production! Celebrate the centenary of Leonard Bernstein with this new production featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre Studio Artists! Bernstein's funny, philosophical, quick paced take on Voltaire's biting satire on the tragedy of human nature. Its effervescent score includes the classic songs, Make Our Garden Grow and Glitter and be Gay.

Course: CandideFW19

ALVIN AILEY - DRESS REHEARSAL

March 15, 2019 | Michigan Opera Theatre \$28/person | Lunch on your own at Detroit Beer Company

director and snippets of the dance performance.

\$6 transportation fee *Dance rehearsals are 1 hour in length. It will include a lecture from the

60th Anniversary Tour! Founded in 1958, this "Cultural Ambassador to the World" returns to the Detroit Opera House with their signature repertoire known for its inspiration and empowerment, including audience favorite Revelations. This iconic company celebrates the African-American cultural experience and the American modern dance tradition.

Course: AileyrehearsalFW19

ALVIN AILEY - FULL PERFORMANCE

March 16, 2019 | Michigan Opera Theatre \$56/person | \$6 transportation fee

60th Anniversary Tour! Founded in 1958, this "Cultural Ambassador to the World" returns to the Detroit Opera House with their signature repertoire known for its inspiration and empowerment, including audience favorite Revelations. This iconic company celebrates the African-American cultural experience and the American modern dance tradition. Great Seats! Limited Tickets

Course: AileyFULLPerformanceFW19

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA

April 5, 2019 | Michigan Opera Theatre \$28/person | \$6 transportation fee

MOT Premiere! The classic Brothers Grimm fairytale like you've never seen it before! With award-winning puppetry by Basil Twist, audiences enjoy a lavish production featuring flying angels, dancing gingerbread and a larger-than-life witch. And Humperdinck's rich, lyrical score completes the magic! This is not your kids version of the fairytale! A MUST see!

Course: HanselFW19



DAY TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Travel and Tours to offer an exquisite line of day trips. These trips require us to book well in advance. We are currently booking for the following tours. Full details are available in the lobby of the Recreation Department. Contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more details.

DETROIT HISTORIC CHURCHES TOUR

Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | \$67 per person Round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach. We will make a stop at two beautiful historic churches in Detroit: St. Francis DAssisi, and Old St. Mary's Church. Lunch at Andiamo and dessert at Shantila! A day full of beauty with good friends and great food!

Couse: Churches19.

MARDI GRAS AT CAESARS WINDSOR

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | \$26 per person

Round trip transportation via Bianco. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License Required. Almost 3000 slot machines will have slot fans reeling with excitement! Table players, name your game: Blackjack, Roulette, Baccarat, Let It Ride and more! Package include several nice amenities. Stop by the Recreation Dept. for the complete information.

Course: MardiGrasFW19

EXTENDED TRIPS

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

THE ARK ENCOUNTER

4 days/3 nights

Tuesday - Friday, April 25-26, 2019 \$317 per person, double occupancy

Course: ArkFW19



PHILDELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

4 days/3 nights

Thursday - Sunday, March 7-10, 2019 \$687 per person, double occupancy

Course: PhilyflowerFW2019

CHICAGO WEEKENDER

2 days/1 night

Friday - Saturday, April 26-27, 2019 \$352 per person, double occupancy

Couse: Chicago2019

NIAGARA FALLS GETAWAY

2 days/1 night

Wednesday - Thursday, May 29-30, 2019

\$221 per double occupancy

Course: Niagara2019

HOLLAND & SAUGATUCK

2 days/1 night

Tuesday - Wednesday, June 18-19, 2019

\$331 per double occupancy Course: HollSauq2019

SHIPSHEWANA INDIANA

2 day/1 night

Tuesday - Wednesday, July 30-31, 2019

\$281 per double occupancy **Course: Shipshewana2019**





ADULTS

AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

Wednesday, Jan. 23, to Mar 13, 8-Week Session 7:00pm to 8:15pm | Fee: \$50 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident Location: Room C, Community Center | Ages: 18 and up

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. *Minimum of 5 participants for class to run.

Course: 1013FW19

YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

Monday, Jan 7 to Mar 4, 8-Week Session 7:45pm to 9:15pm | Fee: \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident Location: Room 4, Community Center | Ages: 18 and up

Yoga is for EVERY BODY! This course is designed to fit the needs of the beginner as well as the returning student. Emphasis is placed on stretching and strengthening the muscles, improving posture, breathing and deep relaxation. Reducing stress is an important benefit! Bring a mat and wear loose clothing. Instructor: Sherry Stone. *Minimum of 5 participants for class to run.

Course: 2016FW18

MIDDLE EASTERN **BELLY DANCE**

Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm \$75 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident

Ages: 20 and Up

This class attracts participants of all shapes and sizes who come dressed in comfortable clothing to learn the art of belly dance. Express yourself through dance and learn fun ways to maintain health. Enjoy the physical and personal benefits of belly dancing - abdominal toning, leg strengthening, self-esteem, and an essence of sensuality. No experience necessary. *Minimum of 5 participants for class to run.

Course: Belly8FW1 - Tues. Jan. 8 to Feb 26, 8-Week Session Course: Belly9FW19 - Tues. March 5 to April 2, 8-Week Session Course: BellyTH7FW19 - Thurs. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 8-Week Session Course: BellyTH8FW19 - Thurs. March 7 to April 25, 8-Week Session

BALLROOM DANCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Thursday, from 11:00am to Noon \$32 Resident/\$37 Non-Resident

Ages: 40 and Up

Learn the latest ballroom dance steps, including Chicago Steppin, salsa, and more. Couples and singles are welcome. No experience necessary. *Minimum of 5 participants for class to run.

Course: 072FW19 - Thurs. Jan. 24 to March 14. 8-Week Session

TABATA FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Wednesday Evening Class, from 7:30pm to 8:15pm \$64 Resident/\$69 Non-Resident Ages 18 and Up

Tabata training is an interval workout consisting of cardio and sculpting exercises. Please bring a water bottle, 2-5 pound weights, and a towel to class. *Minimum of 5 participants for class to run.

Course: TABATAW19 - Jan. 9 to Feb 27, 8-Week Session Course: TABATAWS19 - March 6 to April 24, 8-Week Session



ADULT NEW CLASSES

BASIC SKILLS CAKE DECORATING CLASS

January 19-February 2 Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. \$60 | 3-Week Session | Adults Only

The basic skills class will teach the fundamentals of cake decorating in a fun and laid back environment. Students will learn the cake decorating process from start to finish. From leveling a cake to filling, frosting, and finishing. The class is great for someone who is looking for a new hobby or someone looking to get into the bakery business. This course is taught in 3 sessions. Classes include all supplies. Limited space, register early.

Course: BasicSkill12019

CAKE DECORATING CLASS LEVEL 2

January 19-February 2 Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. \$60 | 3-Week Session | Adults Only

Cake decorating Level 2 class offers students the opportunity to learn more advanced techniques of cake decorating. Students will learn how to stack and decorate a 2 tier cake. Some traditional flower making as well as some beginning fondant decoration. This course is taught in 3 sessions. Classes include all supplies. Limited space, register early.

Course: CakeLevel22019



COOKING MATTERS FOR FAMILIES

January 12-February 16

Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | FREE

Cooking Matters for Parents is a six-week series designed to help parents and caregivers of young children prepare and shop for healthy meals on a budget. Courses meet for two hours once a week. Lessons cover meal preparation, grocery shopping, food budgeting, nutrition, and helping kids develop healthy eating habits. Participants practice skills like proper knife techniques, reading nutrition labels, and making healthy meals that serve at least four people for \$10 or less. Parents are provided with a book of recipes and healthy eating information, and receive the main ingredients for the sample recipes that are prepared in class. Limited space, register early.

Course: CookingFamFW19

PARENT & CHILD CAKE POP CLASS

Saturday, February 9

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \mid \$20 for both parent and child

This class is tons of fun for kids of all ages. Students will learn the traditional method of rolling, dipping, and decorating cakes pops!

Course: Cakepop19

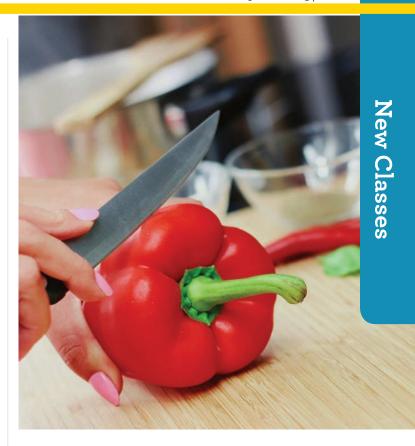
PARENT & CHILD CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | \$20 for both parent and child

This class is tons of fun for kids of all ages. Students will learn different techniques of piping yummy frosting on cupcakes. This class teaches how to fill cupcakes and make cupcake art! All supplies included!

Course: Cupcakes2019



COOKIE DECORATING FOR KIDS

Saturday, April 6 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$20 for both parent and child

Students will learn how to decorate festive cookies using traditional royal icing. This class is fun for kids of all ages! All supplies included!

Course: Cookies2019

DONATIONS PLEASE?

The Recreation Department is looking for donations of tea cups, saucers and teapots in order to begin hosting senior teas in the spring and fall 2019. Tea cups and saucers do not need to match. We will pack them carefully in bubble wrap to ensure many years of their use! Call 248-691-2357 with any questions you may have, and thank you for your support!





YOUTH LEAGUES

SPRING SOCCER

Registration Begins January 7 Registration Ends March 11

Teams will play in the Quad City Alliance Soccer League, competing with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed soccer league. Players are provided with jerseys, shorts and soccer socks. Shin guards are not included but must be worn at all games and practices.

U4 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$40 Res./\$45 Non-Res. | Age: 3 Course: 2208SS19 - April 6 to May 18

U6 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res. | Ages: 4 to 5 Course: 2209SS19 - April 6 to May 18

U8 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$60 Res./\$65 Non-Res. | Ages: 6 to 7 Course: 2210SS19 - April 6 to May 18

U10 SPRING SOCCER

Fee: \$65 Res./\$70 Non-Res. | Ages: 8 to 9 Course: 2211SS19 - April 6 to May 18

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

Registration Begins Jan. 7 | Registration Ends April 19

Teams will play in the Quad City Alliance Baseball League, competing with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed baseball league. Players are provided with jerseys and ball caps. Teams will be provided bats, balls, and batting helmets. Coaches are responsible for choosing practice times and locations.

T-BALL 5/6

Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 5 to 6 Course: 1010SS19 - June 3 to July 26

COACH PITCH 7/8

Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 7 to 8 Course: 1011SS19 - June 3 to July 26

PONY 9/10

Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 9 to 10 Course: 1012SS19 - June 3 to July 26

MINOR 11/12

Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 11 to 12 Course: 1013\$\$19 - June 3 to July 26

MAJORS 13/14

Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70 | Ages: 13 to 14 Course: 1014SS19 - June 3 to July 26



DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH KARATE

Tuesday, 6:15 to 7 p.m.

\$55 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident | Ages: 4 to 10

Dragon's Eight Youth Beginner Karate is an introductory class specifically designed for children and beginners. 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: 3022FW19 - Tuesday, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26, 8-week Session Course: 3023FW19 - Tuesday, Mar. 5 to Apr. 23, 8-week Session

DRAGON'S EIGHT KARATE

Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m. \$65 Resident/\$70 Non-Resident

Ages: 8 and Up (Depends on Experience)

Students are challenged in 16 classes of the Dragon's Eight fighting system, 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.

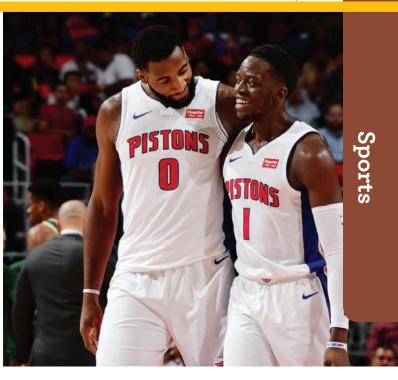
Course: 4022FW19 - Tues/Thurs. Jan. 8 to Feb. 28.

8-Week Session

Course: 4023FW19 - Tues/Thurs, Mar. 5 to Apr. 25,

8-Week Session





FUN FOR THE FAMILY

DETROIT PISTONS GAMES AT LITTLE CAESARS ARENA

Includes a game ticket, \$10 food voucher, and transportation to and from Little Caesars Arena. The first 10 people to register will get the opportunity to stand with the players on the court during pre-game warm-up and shoot free throws on the court after the game! Limited space available, contact David Pitts at dpitts@oakparkmi.gov or call us at 248-691-7555.

Feb 8 - vs New York Knicks at 7 p.m. | \$50

March 6 - vs Minnesota Timberwolves at 7 p.m. | \$50

March 30 - vs Portland Trailblazers at 7 p.m. | \$50

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

BECOME A VOLUNTEER COACH

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Become a volunteer coach! Even if you are not an expert in the sport, we need more positive role models in the lives of our youth to help them develop into well-rounded individuals. For more information contact David Pitts at (248) 691-7562 or email at dpitts@oakparkmi.gov.

BECOME A SPONSOR

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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



ADULT LEAGUES

KICKBALL

Registration Begins: January 7 Registration Ends: May 3

6 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$350 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee (Paid Separately) | Location: David Shepherd Park

The Oak Park adult co-ed kickball league is an organized, great way to stay active and have fun! Teams are provided shirts, scorebooks, and two WAKA regulation kickballs. Teams pay a \$13 umpire fee at each game in addition to the league fee. Season ends with a single elimination playoff. No games Memorial Day or week of July 4.

KICKBALL (MONDAYS)

Ages: 18 and Up

Course: 3205SS19 - May 20 to August 19

KICKBALL (FRIDAYS)

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 3206SS19 - May 17 to August 16

ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration Begins: January 7 Registration Ends: April 26 Game time: 6 to 10 p.m

Fee \$450 + \$50 Refundable Forfeit fee (Paid Separately)

Location: David Shepherd Park

Softball is back in Oak Park! Tuesday (men's senior league) and Thursday men's double header league. Both leagues operate under USSSA softball rules with minor modifications and bat regulations. No games the week of July 4. We will also offer Fall Softball, contact David Pitts at dpitts@oakparkmi.gov or call us at (248) 691-7555.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Ages: 50 and up | Tuesdays

Course: 5201SS19 - May 7 to August 13

MEN'S C/D LEAGUE

Double Header | Ages: 18 and up | Thursdays **Course: 5200SS19** - May 9 to August 15



- Registration Begins Recreation Community Center Resident Registration Monday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. Non-Resident Registration Monday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.

- Shelter Rental Timeslots
 Morning Rental 6 hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Afternoon Rental 6 hours, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 Full Day Rental 13 hours, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Payment Information
 Bring proof of residency to resident registration.
- Cash and credit cards are accepted, no checks.
- All fees due in full at time of reservation.

For more information, including rates, visit the Oak Park Recreation 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Ml., or call (248) 691-7555.

Birthday Parties | Family Reunion | School Reunions | Graduations | Block Parties | Company Picnics



2019 SEASON

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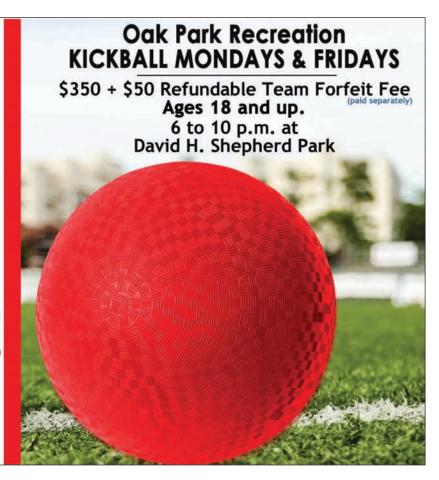
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