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Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

The long wait is over. The City of Oak Park's Municipal Complex reopened to serve the community in person on June 14th after 15 months of turbulence caused by the worst pandemic the world has seen in a century. The State of Michigan has loosened restrictions on safety protocols as nearly 62% of Michigan residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine. It is my extreme pleasure to welcome residents back to City Hall, the Community Center, and the Library once again.

It is with heartfelt thanks that I acknowledge our community partners – Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) and Forgotten Harvest – for their continued community support. Forgotten Harvest and several committed volunteers operate a drive-through pantry in our Community Center parking lot every Wednesday, which the organization established at the beginning of the pandemic lockdown to ensure food security for our residents. HFHS opened a walk-in, mobile clinic in our Community Center, which has provided 1,960 COVID vaccinations for residents and visitors this year since March. (The clinic is still open for walk-ins.)

And I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere appreciation for our administrative staff, Public Safety officers, and Public Works employees, who adapted every day over this past year, working cautiously in highly regulated building environments or from their makeshift home offices, where they responded to forwarded calls and quickly learned to rely on technology to provide the level of service our residents expect. I could not ask for a more dedicated team.

The theme of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget is a tribute to this great city, and encompasses the extraordinary qualities of our residents, administrative staff, and community partners: Realization, Reprioritization, and Resilience (see page 4). This new year is about realizing the fruits of our labor (our commitment to growth and development); reordering our steps efficiently when necessary (our capacity to adapt to social and economic challenges); and recovering from setbacks (our ability to come together and rise as a community).

Despite the challenges many of us confronted (and may still face) related to the pandemic, I hope you will join me in feeling a sense of optimism about this new season.

Sincerely,

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Realization. Reprioritization. Resilience.

“Despite what we’ve been through as a community this past year, we have many reasons to be proud.”

“In recognition of the journey the City has undertaken over the last several years because of the Great Recession of 2008 and the more recent COVID-19 pandemic, the theme of our new budget is Realization, Reprioritization, and Resilience,” Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate said during the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget presentation to Oak Park City Council on May 19, 2021.

Oak Park City Council unanimously approved the FY 2021-22 Budget, which began on July 1st. During a virtual presentation to City Council, City Manager Tungate outlined several, major initiatives for the new fiscal year:

1. There will be no increase in water, sewer, or rubbish collection rates for Oak Park utility customers.
2. The City has implemented a mandatory \$15 per hour minimum wage for all City employees, effective July 1st.
3. To enhance customer service, the City will implement a comprehensive online servicing module and add a Resident Services Coordinator position to handle residents' issues.
4. Public Safety will hire three, highly qualified officers each year for three consecutive years and purchase body cameras for all patrol officers.
5. The City will engage a consultant to conduct an asset and facilities study to determine our next steps in creating better recreation offerings, rehabbing two ballfields, and constructing a new dog park.

“Despite what we’ve been through as a community this past year, we have many reasons to

be proud,” he added. “For instance, the first and third largest employers in Oak Park – Kroger and Fed Ex – are new to the City within the past five years.” Kroger currently employs 432, while Fed Ex has 286 workers. Oak Park Schools is the second largest employer in the city.

“Home market values in Oak Park have steadily increased over the past three years,” City Manager Tungate continued. “Average values increased by 15.9% in the last year alone.” He also emphasized that City Council approved five, new licenses for restaurants and entertainment businesses along 11 Mile Rd. during FY 2020-21 “Our economic development strategy to offer Class C alcohol, tavern (beer and wine), and brewery licenses to attract businesses to Oak Park is working.”

A few weeks prior to the annual budget presentation, City Manager Tungate announced that the Summer Sidewalk Replacement Project scheduled for spring/summer in 2021 would be postponed until 2022. “The COVID pandemic released one of the most difficult years in the history of our great city,” he said. Residents are responsible for funding repairs to sidewalks adjacent to their properties and would ordinarily receive an invoice from the City to cover the cost. “As a result, many of our residents have experienced hardships from lost income and/or unexpected health challenges. The safety and wellbeing of our residents is our top priority.”

“I’m very proud of our progress and excited about next steps,” Mayor Marian McClellan said. “We have proven through relentless positive action that we can overcome anything.”



Anti-Violence Statement

Over these past 15 months, most of us have been consumed with surviving a global pandemic – a virus, which indiscriminately touched everyone – regardless of geography, gender, race, class, or religion.

In our required isolation, we glued ourselves to our television and computer screens desperately looking for answers. But, in addition to the myriad of opinions we heard about the virus – whether they were scientific, philosophical, or conjecture – we inadvertently learned much more about other illnesses that plague our society, such as inequality and bigotry. We learned that in 2020 hate crimes in the United States rose to the highest level in more than a decade.

Mayor Marian McClellan, Oak Park City Council, Public Safety Director Steve Cooper, and I stand together to condemn hate crimes against any human being. Although this type of violence is rare in our community, we pledge to remain vigilant in supporting and protecting all our residents.

We are aware of recent anti-Semitic attacks around the world following last month's violence in the Middle East. We are also extremely conscious of increasing rates of violence against Asian and Pacific Islander and LGBTQ+ individuals.

Please know that our residents' health and safety are our top priority. Our Public Safety Department will continue to monitor our neighborhoods, business corridors, parks, schools, and places of worship to ensure that our residents remain safe and feel respected.

Oak Park is one of the most diverse communities in Southeastern Michigan. We are an inclusive community with a rich history of shared empathy and cooperation. On behalf of your City Council and Public Safety Director Cooper, I want to thank you, our residents, for being a model community and for putting trust in your local government to protect you and your families.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

City Manager Erik Tungate

OPPS Offers Hope



Oak Park Public Safety recently joined forces

with Families Against Narcotics (FAN) to offer two, related initiatives: the Hope, Not Handcuffs (HNH) program and the Comeback Quick Response Team (CQRT) program, which are both designed to encourage people with substance use disorders to get the help they need.

"With Hope, Not Handcuffs, the doors of the Public Safety Department are open for anyone to walk in willingly and ask for help," Oak Park Public Safety Director Steve Cooper commented. The HNH program invites people with substance use disorders to voluntarily visit a law enforcement agency and request help with their addictions. Following a brief in-house interview, a FAN HNH coordinator will then arrive at the station to assist.

The CQRT program expands assistance to include interventions in homes where overdose calls originate. "In the unfortunate event that we have to respond to an overdose call, our FAN-trained officers

provide the victim with Narcan resources and revisit the home within a few days with a FAN peer and family recovery coach to initiate an intervention," Director Cooper said. Narcan is a nasal spray treatment that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses. Oak Park currently has seven FAN-trained officers.

FAN began partnering with law enforcement agencies across the state in 2017 to start the HNH program after receiving a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The program has since expanded to include 100 departments statewide, and the addition of the CQRT program. Both programs are now funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"These programs demonstrate law enforcement's understanding that substance use disorder is a mental health issue, not a moral failure," Director Cooper added. For more information about the programs, contact OPPS Sgt. Maureen Bergman at mbergman@oakparkmi.gov or (248) 691-7512 or visit www.hopenothandcuffs.com.

Welcome, New Officers

Veteran Officer Stephen Arbenowske recently assumed the position of Community Resource Officer.

He is a Field Training Officer and Evidence Technician and has served as a Detective in the City's Investigation Bureau for several years. A highly decorated officer, he has received numerous citations and meritorious awards during his distinguished 21 years of service with the Oak Park Public Safety Department. "Officer Arbenowske is an outstanding Officer who is very knowledgeable, professional, patient and kind," Director Steve Cooper commented. "He possesses excellent communication skills and relates well with all citizens. His skillset will only enhance the long-standing and positive relationships already established in the Community Resource Office."

Oak Park's newest Public Safety Officer is **Amanda Bishop**. Officer Bishop graduated from the Oakland Police Academy in the fall of 2020. She recently completed her Field Training Officer Program and is currently attending the Fire Academy. Prior to becoming a Public Safety Officer, Officer Bishop was employed with Alliance Ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). "Officer Bishop is bright, caring, and committed to serving the Oak Park Community," Director Cooper said. "We are extremely fortunate to have her as a member of our team."



Officer **Evan Beauchamp** has been with the Oak Park Public Safety Department for a little more than a year. He is a graduate of the Oakland Police Academy. Prior to joining the Public Safety Department, he served in the United States Army for four years and received an honorable discharge. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division where he works the midnight shift. "Officer Beauchamp has a great attitude and is extremely hardworking," Director Cooper commented. "We are honored to have him as a member of our team."

Vaccination Clinic Open to All

Henry Ford Health System medical professionals assemble in the Oak Park Community Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to anyone in need. Walk-ins are welcome from any community.

This past winter, Oak Park resident Janay Scott, who at that time served as Henry Ford Health System's Global Health Initiative Manager, presented Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate with

a life-saving proposition: opening a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in the Oak Park Community Center.

"Early on, Oak Park had the highest number of positive virus cases in the county," City Manager Tungate said. "We were desperate to find help for our residents from the feds, the state, the county, anybody. Then, like an angel, in stepped Ms. Scott." Henry Ford Health System was just beginning to open vaccine

stations across the region. Ms. Scott quickly worked with Oak Park administrators to establish a vaccine clinic in the Recreation community room, which has been fully functional every Wednesday since then.

"When the clinic first opened, Henry Ford was only vaccinating senior residents of Oak Park," Recreation Director Laurie Stasiak said. "Now, HFHS is vaccinating adults and teens from any community with or without an appointment." According to the State of Michigan website, just over 61% of Michigan residents ages 12 and up have received at least the first dose of the vaccine. "The hope is that we continue to increase vaccination numbers and return to a sense of normalcy as soon as possible," Director Stasiak added. The HFHS mobile clinic is located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48327.



Around Oak Park

Farmers Market Returns

This summer marks the 4th year of the Oak Park Farmers Market, which opened on Wednesday, July 7th in the Oak Park High School parking lot with more than 15 vendors! The annual Farmers Market is a public assembly of local farmers and representatives who sell their products directly to consumers. The City of Oak Park's Recreation Department continues to partner with Signature Sponsor Humana Inc. and sponsor Beaumont Health System to promote healthy food options, education, and a wonderful sense of community. Both partners are on site each Wednesday to provide information on health awareness, nutrition education, and more.

In addition to fresh fruits and vegetables, shoppers experience live music, hot food vendors, and tips on food preparation and preservation courtesy of MSU-Extension. Stop by the Oak Park Recreation tent for a weekly gift and pick up your "Market Punch Card." The market also includes small, Michigan businesses that provide products, such as coffee, jams, baked goods, fresh all-natural juices, Vegetable chow chow, popcorn, house plants, body lotions, skincare, and more. The Power of Produce program also returns for kids and adults. Participants can engage in fun food activities to earn money to shop at the market. All activities are designed as homework to maintain social distancing.

The Oak Park Farmers Market runs every Wednesday this year from July 7th until September 29th on the grounds of the Oak Park High School parking lot facing Coolidge Rd.

MoGo on the Go!

According to the numbers, Oak Parkers are more than simply familiar with the city's five MoGo bike stations installed one year ago. Mogo's 2020 Annual Report states that with 1,667 trips taken, Oak Park had the highest bike usage of any community in the surrounding area, including Ferndale, Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, and Northwest Detroit. Way to ride, Oak Park!

Oak Park Applauds Newest Volunteer Advisors

The City of Oak Park is pleased to welcome the following volunteers to 2021 Boards, Commissions, and Ad Hoc Committees:

Arts & Cultural Commission:

Dawn Henry and Donny Wilson

Board of Review: Aaron Schwartz

Economic Development Commission/

Brownfield Board: Brenda Richard

Corridor Improvement Authority:

Alexander Bishai

Library Board: Cheryl Daniel

Local Officers Compensation Commission:

Leona Burns

Traffic Safety Board: Nadine Coleman

Zoning Board of Appeals: Allyson Andrews

Nine Mile Public Art Ad Hoc Committee:

Zachary Sterling and Mark Newport

Please stay tuned to the City's website at www.oakparkmi.gov to review volunteer vacancies and City Council's approval timeline. We need your voice!



Splash Time!

Swimmers, the long wait is over; pool season has begun! The Oak Park pool opened for business on June 19th, following the unexpected cancellation of the 2020 swim season due to the pandemic shutdown. The Recreation Department took advantage of the closed season to make some needed renovations to the pool, such as resurfacing with marcite (like plaster), giving the pool a clean, brand new appearance.

The pool is open to the public and pre-registration is not required; however, there are new regulations in place to ensure everyone's health and safety. The pool now accommodates fewer people at a time to honor social distancing guidelines. Although the pool is open every day, hours of operation have changed from years past (see hours below).

In addition to open swim times for everyone, the pool offers specific swim times for females only and males only. The municipal pool also offers great family-centered amenities, such as a lap area and the kiddie pool splash area with shooting water! Water aerobics classes and swim lessons are also available. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 or send your inquiry via email to RecOffice@oakparkmi.gov.

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

Open swim: Saturday & Sunday, 1–6 p.m.; Monday–Thursday, 2–6 p.m.; and Friday, 1–8 p.m.

Female-Only Swim: M/W, 7:30–9 p.m. and Sun., 10:30 a.m.–noon

Male-Only swim: T/Th, 7:30–9 p.m.



2021: Year of the Sunflower

"The sunflower head is actually made up of thousands of tiny flowers," states the National Garden Bureau's website, which has designated 2021 as the Year of the Sunflower. Sunflowers bloomed in abundance in Oak Park this past spring thanks to the persistence of the Oak Park Public Works Department.

"It's hard not to love these perfect blooms," Mayor Marian McClellan commented in her June (e-Blast) Mayor's Message. "They're heat-tolerant, resistant to pests, and simply beautiful. Sunflowers symbolize growth and hope, so they are the perfect flower to represent our progressive community!" (To sign up for the monthly Mayor's Message and other important, electronic messages from the City of Oak Park, click on "Stay Informed" on the City's homepage at www.OakParkMI.gov.)



Welcome, New Leadership



Shaun Whitehead,
City Council Member



Jamie Powell-Horowitz,
45th District Court Judge



Megan Burke,
Human Resources Director



Courtney Flynn,
Communications Director



Kimberly Schaaf,
Library Director



11 Mile Road Ribbon Cuttings

The City of Oak Park co-hosted two ribbon cutting ceremonies within 90 days along the 11 Mile Rd. corridor to welcome two, new and exciting food and drink establishments: Oak Park Social and Dog and Pony Show Brewing.

"We're absolutely thrilled to welcome both **Oak Park Social** and **Dog and Pony Show Brewing** to the city, and in particular, to our north side," Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate commented. "In keeping with the city's economic development plan, the 11 Mile Corridor is becoming a destination spot for restaurants and attractions."

Oak Park Social, a gastropub serving New American Cuisine, officially opened its doors for full-service dining on March 12th as the first restaurant in the city's 11 Mile Rd. mixed-use corridor with licenses to provide both bar service and live entertainment. The 4,320 sq. ft.-restaurant includes outdoor dining. "We serve our dishes from an authentic 'scratch kitchen'," owner and corporate administrator Alexander Bishai said.

"Everything we serve is locally sourced and made fresh." Alexander created an homage to the city in the name of the restaurant, as well as in the restaurant's logo, which includes Oak Park's water tower – one of the most iconic structures in the city.

Although **Dog and Pony Show Brewing** is a 7,000 sq. ft.-taproom and brewery, owner Kyle Gierada says he plans to partner with a variety of food truck businesses, which will serve customers inside the building through a reverse drive-through window. "Dog and Pony Show Brewing is all about making great beer and establishing partnerships," Kyle added. Opening day on June 11th, Dog and Pony Show Brewing partnered with Old Bruce J BBQ food truck, hosted a live band, and held a raffle for customized t-shirts and Pewabic tiles. Fun fact: Gierada says he credits his father for the brewery's name. "I grew up in a rambunctious household with two younger brothers," he said. "Our dad often referred to our household as a 'dog and pony show' while we were growing up."

Oak Park Social is located at 14691 Eleven Mile Rd. and **Dog and Pony Show Brewing** is located in the old Randolph Tool Building at 14661 Eleven Mile Rd.



9 Mile Meets the Challenge

Nine Mile Corridor continues to amaze! This past spring, the City of Oak Park launched a crowdfunding campaign in partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to help finance the City's long-term redevelopment project on Nine Mile Road from Greenfield Road to the City's eastern border with the City of Ferndale. Nine Mile Redesign is a largely grant-funded public improvement project.

"We actually exceeded our fundraising goal this past spring," Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate announced. "We're beyond excited about what this means for our community." The MEDC will provide a \$50,000 matching grant through the organization's Public Spaces Community Places program for the addition of playground equipment and other amenities in the Nine Mile Linear Park.

"When the city launched the Nine Mile Redesign project in 2015, our goal was to redevelop the residential and commercial corridor to offer our residents leisure amenities for all ages and abilities, as well as to increase foot traffic for our local businesses," City Manager Tungate said. "It's also our hope that these aesthetic improvements will increase property values and attract new businesses to the area."

In 2020, the city completed construction on two pocket parks, a unique trailhead for pedestrians, and a road diet to accommodate bike lanes east of McClain street. The current phase of the project involves construction of a new linear park on the south side of Nine Mile Road between Scotia and Rosewood streets, and a connector park that bridges the linear park with the neighborhood. The linear park will be built out with elements including play structures for children, attractive seating areas with lighting, and public art installations.

"The Nine Mile Road Linear Park will make a significant contribution to transforming this vital Oak Park corridor into an economic and cultural asset," Oak Park Mayor Marian McClellan said.





SOAR!

SOAR Chamber of Commerce

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The new South Oakland Area Regional (SOAR) Chamber of Commerce primarily serves members in Oak Park, Ferndale, and Hazel Park. According to its mission, the business-focused organization replaces the Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce “to provide economic development, community, and professional resources to help local and regional businesses succeed.” SOAR Chamber President and CEO Joy R. Wells talks about the chamber’s formative activities, growth strategies, and bold vision:

What inspired the transition from a local chamber to a regional chamber?

The organization has been known as the Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce since 2009, although it included businesses from surrounding communities. The former name and leadership structure didn’t reflect the actual mission and wasn’t inclusive of all members.

How does the new chamber convey inclusion?

We’re committed to being a diverse and equitable organization. In fact, it’s one of our tenets, along with partnership & collaboration,

connection, and service. We have a standing number of board seats, for instance, for each of the primary communities we represent.

Is the board comprised solely of business leaders?

Our current board is represented by 50% business leaders and 50% local government. Although we’re a business-driven organization, it’s important right now for municipal leaders to be part of this initial engagement to show that we do more than simply say we’re a community advocate. It demonstrates the legitimacy of the organization and inspires buy-in from our communities. SOAR is also the first chamber with a board representative from Oakland County government. Annaka Norris, Associate Planner from Oakland County Planning and Local Development, is an active member of the board.

When did Oak Park become affiliated with SOAR?

I met with Oak Park’s Mayor Marian McClellan in November 2019 to discuss the idea of transforming the Ferndale Area Chamber into a regional business chamber. We planned to launch a pilot year to construct the program. Of

course, a few months later the pandemic hit. Ironically, the shutdown provided us with more time to reevaluate the former chamber's legacy events and focus on developing the new chamber's strategic plan.

What has been your greatest challenge?

My biggest struggle in this role was gaining the trust of the communities we serve. I came to the chamber in 2019 as the sixth leader within four years. The board was fatigued from continuous crisis management related to changes in leadership. And many of the members felt overshadowed by our historical emphasis on Ferndale. We've been extremely focused on engaging our communities throughout this launch, so trust has greatly increased. The challenge now is that we have yet to realize the full impact of the pandemic on our members. Moving forward, I expect greater interest in shared services and resources, so SOAR is ahead of the curve in that regard.

What is SOAR's vision?

Our vision is to become the heart of economic and community development in this region and to be known as the organization that businesses of all sizes join because of

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our solid reputation for providing valuable networking opportunities and access to resources. We also hope to welcome other neighboring communities into the organization and onto the board, such as Pleasant Ridge and Hazel Park. The more diverse voices we have at the table, the better prepared we are to secure resources and opportunities for the benefit of all our members.

What is SOAR doing right now to support its members?

SOAR is very focused on B2B (business-to-business) networking opportunities.

Most of our events are designed to encourage members to get to know each other, exchange ideas, and share information about resources, such as our virtual Coffee Connections or in-person After Hours networking events. We offer a monthly e-newsletter, which highlights member businesses and community events. Of course, a business doesn't have to be located in any one of our three primary communities to be a member. We invite everyone to sign up on our website to receive our e-newsletters. We also encourage those with an interest in doing business in our region to visit our events to see first-hand the benefits of membership in SOAR.

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Utility News

This summer, several changes to customers' "water" accounts will go into effect to simplify the invoice process and provide customers with some relief from hefty invoices.

Name change – First, what we once called the "Water" Division is now the "Utility" Division. Your services include much more than just water. Utility refers to your water, sewer, stormwater runoff, rubbish collection, industrial waste control, and meter services, which are all included in each invoice.

Monthly Billing – Effective July 1, 2021, the City of Oak Park transitioned all residential utility accounts from a quarterly to a monthly billing

cycle. In this manner, your invoices will be smaller and more manageable. In addition, you will be able to detect water leaks much sooner before your utility invoice gets too high.

Different look – Your monthly bills will start arriving in envelopes on a full page instead of on a postcard. This will enable the City to send you other important information inside the envelope with your invoice.

Go Green! – The City now offers paperless billing. To request that your monthly invoices arrive only by email, complete the e-billing form found on the City's website at www.OakParkMI.gov. Print and return the form to the Utility Billing Division either by mail, email, the City Hall dropbox, or in person.

Utility customers were mailed a flyer announcing the changes mentioned above in June. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Utility Billing Division at kvandewalle@oakparkmi.gov or (248) 691-7477.

**Keep an eye out for the
City of Oak Park's annual Water Quality Report
in your mailbox or visit the website to review
and/or download an electronic copy.**

**The Utility Billing Division
is located at City Hall,
14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237.**

THE GIFT OF TREES

ReLeaf Michigan and the Detroit Zoological Society recently partnered with the Oak Park Public Works Department, and more than 45 volunteers from across Oakland County to plant 15 trees in Lessenger Park on the south end of Scotia. The Detroit Zoo, which is dedicated to planting 2,000 trees on its campus, generously donated money for the gardening project.

"We all know that planting trees has both environmental and aesthetic advantages," Public Works Deputy Director David DeCoster said, "An unusual fact is that one mature tree can soak up 1,673 gallons of stormwater every year, which can help to reduce stormwater runoff."

Stormwater originates from rainfall and melting snow and ice. Stormwater that

does not evaporate can either soak into the ground, accumulate on land surfaces (which can cause flooding), or run off into the sewer system. Pervious surfaces, such as grass and dirt where trees live, allow rainwater to seep into the soil, while rainwater on impervious surfaces – such as cement or asphalt driveways, parking lots, and rooftops – runs off into the sewer system.

ReLeaf Michigan partners with communities statewide to replenish community tree canopies through volunteer tree planting events. According to ReLeaf Michigan, trees provide incredible benefits to communities. In addition to reducing stormwater runoff, trees improve air and water quality, improve mental wellness, reduce rates of childhood asthma,



cool neighborhoods, and enhance commercial and economic vitality.

Additional thanks go to Ashley Laux, Project Forester and Detroit Zoo Landscape Supervisor Matt Lapshan for their expert guidance on the Lessenger Park tree project.

City Utility Bills Now On Monthly Cycle

No Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Effective July 1, 2021, the City of Oak Park transitioned all utility accounts from quarterly to monthly billing. The last quarterly bill usage was billed through June 15; the most recent bill reflects prorated charges for the fixed fees. To facilitate the billing cycle change, the final quarterly billing period will vary depending on which cycle an account has historically been billed. Some customers will receive a bill for a shorter billing period. Others will receive a bill for a longer period.

The first monthly utility bill will arrive in your mailboxes sometime in the first week of August and will reflect utility usage charges between June 16-July 15. This bill will include water and sewer usage charges, a stormwater runoff fee (unique to each property), a meter charge, and a rubbish collection fee. Additionally, there will be no increases to

water and sewer rates and rubbish collection fees for the upcoming year and the minimum usage amount will now be 2 units of water per month.

This transition will allow for ease in financial planning for customers, as each monthly bill will be smaller than a quarterly bill would be. This transition also allows for water meters to be read more frequently, meaning leaks and other issues will be exposed sooner than if the City were to maintain a quarterly billing cycle.

While this transition is meant to best serve the residents of Oak Park, the City also understands there are several questions related to the new utility billing cycle. To ensure residents' questions are heard and appropriately responded to a Town Hall is being held on Monday, July 19 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. During this Town Hall City Manager Erik Tungate, along with City



staff, will provide a thorough presentation on the updated utility bill format, how water, sewer and stormwater rates are determined and a general overview of how the City of Oak Park ensures residents have clean water. Feedback and questions from residents will be welcomed following the presentation and staff will also be onsite to answer individual billing questions.

Those with immediate questions are also welcomed to call the Utility Division at (248) 691-7410.

Our Frequently Asked Questions section on page 16 may also provide additional insight into this transition and our utility billing process.

EYES ON THE STREET DURING HEAVY RAINFALL

In the case of heavy rain events please be aware that City of Oak Park Public Works crews monitor local streets and clear catch basin covers as necessary. To lessen the possibility of flooding, residents can also remove debris covering the catch basins by using a rake or shovel. If storm drain covers or manhole covers are displaced, residents are asked to please call the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 during normal working hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm or during non-working hours contact Public Safety Dispatch at (248) 691-7520; do not attempt to move these on your own.

The City of Oak Park, along with our neighboring cities, use a combined stormwater and sanitary sewer system. This system



allows household water and stormwater to flow to the Kuhn Water Retention and Treatment Basin.

Please also note the part of the line from residents' basements to the City's sewer, including the connection, is the homeowner's responsibility.

While the City cannot provide specific directions for your household, a few tips for dealing with problems you may face during these heavy rainfalls include:

- Stay away from damaged electrical outlets and devices near standing water.
- Turn off your central air or furnace at the control device unit.
- If you smell natural gas or suspect an electrical issue in your home, please contact the appropriate utility companies immediately:
Natural Gas – Consumer's Energy (800) 477-5050
Electricity – Detroit Edison (800) 477-4747
- If you have standing water in your home, call a plumber and assume it is not safe.
- Dry out wet areas as soon as possible; open windows in your basement if you have them.
- If you have a sump pump, make sure it is working correctly.



Utility Bill: FAQ

WHERE DO I GO TO PAY MY UTILITY BILL ONLINE?

Utility bills can be paid online by visiting oakparkmi.gov, by mail or in-person at City Hall.

HOW IS THE UTILITY BILL CALCULATED?

Utility bills are determined by the amount of water that passes through your water meter multiplied by the current water and sewer rates. For example, if you receive a bill and in the "current usage" column you were billed for 7 units of water, we would calculate your bill as follows:

\$31.57 - Water Rate 7 x 4.51
 \$34.02 - Sewer Rate 7 x 4.86
 \$1.59 - Typical Meter Charge
 \$12.91 - Garbage/ Collection Fee
 \$29.08 - Stormwater Runoff
 \$109.17 - TOTAL

Effective July 1, 2021. Water and Sewer rates were approved by City Council on June 21, 2021. Stormwater treatment cost is displayed as an individual line item on all customers utility bills. For more information on our stormwater billing changes, visit this webpage.

HOW WILL THE UTILITY BILL LOOK DIFFERENT?

In the past, utility bills have included line-item charges for the meter, water consumption, sewer usage, and garbage & collection. Until now, stormwater charges

were included in the sewer usage charge. The new bill will separate the stormwater runoff charge into its own line item.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY BILL IS ESTIMATED?

If there is an E printed in the TYPE column on your bill, your usage was estimated. Batteries on outside reading devices can sometimes need replacements or the devices can require upgrades. Because of the high volume of replacements, new products on back-order, and limited available staff, some bills do receive estimated reads. If you receive an estimated bill, you have the option to contact us to request an actual read.

SUDDENLY I HAVE RECEIVED A HIGH BILL, WHAT COULD BE THE CAUSE?

When you receive your bill, be sure to check for estimates. Consecutive estimated bills could result in under billing and once an actual read is obtained, all of your unbilled usage will be applied to that bill resulting in a higher than normal bill. It is advised to periodically check for leaks. Leaking faucets and running toilets are usually the culprits, especially basement toilets. Sudden high bills can be a result of underestimates, undetected leaks, or a combination of both. Also, be sure to check the usage dates printed on your bill. Since we bill in arrears, you are likely paying for water you began using over a month ago. Remembering this bit of information will help you prepare for your summer bill, which is usually your highest bill.

HOW CAN I MONITOR MY WATER USAGE AND CHECK MY LEAK DETECTOR?

The red diamond or triangle on the face of your meter is your leak detector and only spins/agitates when water is passing through it. To check, shut all faucets off and do not flush toilets immediately before checking. At this point, your detector should be still. If it is moving, you are losing water somewhere. Another way to check your meter is to write the numbers from your meter down before leaving for work. If, upon returning home, the numbers have changed, you could have a leak. You can also do this before bedtime and check the numbers the next morning.

MY NEIGHBOR HAS MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR HOME THAN I DO AND THEIR BILL IS LESS THAN MINE, HOW IS THAT?

We often hear residents say that they've compared their bills to their neighbors. This is not an accurate way to gauge your utility bill usage. Although your neighbor could have more people living in their home, their water habits/usage can be completely different. For instance, they could only take baths or have newer/different appliances (i.e. dishwasher, washing machine). There are several variables that cause differences between you and your neighbor's bills so it is best monitor your usage and take measures to use less.

WHAT IS A FINAL BILL AND WHEN SHOULD I REQUEST ONE?

Final bills are special billings done per request when property changes possession. They are essential when either moving into or out of a property. Final bills provide you with a bill that will verify what charges belong to you and what was incurred prior to your occupancy. This is ideal if you are moving into a home and need to forward old charges to landlords or agents.

WHAT SHOULD I DO, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A UTILITY BILL?

We understand that sometimes things get lost. This could be during delivery or it could have possibly just been overlooked. If you haven't received a bill during your billing month, contact the utility department to receive your balance. Alternatively, balances are available online. Visit us at www.oakparkmi.gov and click on the Finance Department. Not receiving a bill will not waive penalty and does not release you from the responsibility of paying.



Library Updates

WELCOME KIMBERLY SCHAAF

This past spring, Oak Park welcomed **Kimberly Schaaf** to the library to serve as its new director. Formally with the Springfield Township Library, Director Schaaf is active in the Michigan Library Association and holds a position on the state library committee. "Director Schaaf brings innovation, collaboration, and high energy to Oak Park," City Manager

Tungate said. "She's already hit the ground running." In her first week, she introduced patrons to the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Partnership, which allows any Oak Park library card holder to check out "hotspots" for mobile internet access at home or on the go. For more information on the hotspot offer and any of the programs outlined below, contact the Library at (248) 691-7480 or visit the Library's webpage at **www.OakParkMI.gov**.



LEARNINGEXPRESS LIBRARY

Offers free resources for Michigan residents of all ages, such as online tutorials, practice tests, and e-books related to job searches and workplace skills; skill-building in reading, writing, math, and basic science; career certification and licensure exam preparation; college and graduate school entrance test preparation, e.g., GED, ACT, SAT, AP tests; professional exam preparation for military entrance, nursing, law enforcement and emergency services, CDL, civil service, and more.

Access the program at **www.learningexpresslibrary3.com** or contact the library to learn more.



GETSETUP PROGRAM

Offers free, live-interaction, online classes for older adults (taught by older adults). Topics include using Zoom, fitness, social interests, technical devices, maintaining independence, and more. This program is part of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) GetSetUp Michigan Initiative.

Visit **www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan** or contact the Library for more information.

MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS (MAP) PROGRAM

Allows library card holders to print passes for Metro Parks and coupons for other fun, family-friendly venues. Most popular: Yankee Air Museum and Sea Life Aquarium. Visit MAP 2020 at **www.plymouthrockets.com** or contact the Oak Park Library.

All For

GETTING YOU BACK TO NORMAL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

Henry Ford Health System COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic



In partnership with
The City of Oak Park

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to anyone age 12 or older. People under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

No insurance needed, but bring your insurance card if you have insurance. Vaccinations are free.

Walk In Clinic.



ALL FOR YOU

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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®



Recreation

5 Ways to Register for Recreation Programs

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register online for activities by clicking on the "Click Here to Register" button on the Recreation Department's page of the City's website, at www.OakParkMI.gov. Or, go directly to the online registration page at <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>.

When registering online, follow these easy steps:

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

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Register in-person during regularly scheduled business hours. The Recreation Department is located in the City's Community Center at **14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park**.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)

Open every other Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 23, August 6 and 20, and September 3 and 17.

Closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.

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.



FALL YOUTH SOCCER

Register now through August 7

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

U4 FALL SOCCER

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

Ages: 3 | 9 weeks

Course: 1000FW20 - Saturday, August 28 to October 23

U6 FALL SOCCER

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

Ages: 4 to 5 | 9 weeks

Course: 1002FW20 - Saturday, August 28 to October 23

U8 FALL SOCCER

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

Ages: 6 to 7 | 9 weeks

Course: 1001FW20 - Saturday, August 28 to October 23

U10 FALL SOCCER

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

Ages: 8 to 9 | 9 weeks

Course: 1003FW20 - Saturday, August 28 to October 23

KARATE

GO-TI BEGINNER KARATE

Tuesday, 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60

Ages: 4 to 10 | 8 weeks | Room A, Comm. Ctr

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.

Tuesdays, July 13 to August 31

Tuesdays, September 14 to October 26

GO-TI ADVANCED KARATE

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70

Ages: 8 and Up Depending Upon Experience

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

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.

July 13 to September 2

September 14 to October 28

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

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. Oak Park administrators will help provide you with practice plans and provide you with the equipment you need. If you have any interest, Please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Interested in sponsoring a team? Donate money to your favorite youth sport and get your logo on the back of each player's jersey. Contact our office at (248) 691-7555. Sponsoring a team? Donate money to your favorite youth sport and get your logo on (???)

BASKETBALL

SKILLS & DRILLS

Saturday, September 11 from 12 to 2 p.m.

FREE | Ages: 6 to 17 | Shephard Park Basketball Courts

Ready to step back out on the court!? Local Oak Park coaches will be teaching skills and drills. Learn valuable skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork. Please contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more information.

YOUTH & ADULT ESPORTS

Think you have skills? Put them to the test in our new NBA 2k and Rocket League, leagues! Each participant must own a gaming console, the games, and have an internet connection. WE DO NOT PROVIDE ANY GAMING DEVICES. This is completely virtual league where gamers can compete in the comfort of their own homes. Champions receive a Championship T-shirt and bragging rights! Please contact our recreation office at (248) 691-7555 for more information.

NBA 2k21 League

(Xbox One/PlayStation 4)

September 9 to October 7 | \$20/person | Ages: 13-17

Four week league + playoffs

Course: 2KYouthSum

Adult NBA 2k21 League

(Xbox One/PlayStation 4)

September 9 to October 7 | \$20/person | Ages: 18+

Four week league + playoffs

Course: 2KYouthSum

Rocket League Duos

(Cross Platform)

September 11 to October 2 | \$20/person | Ages: 13+

Four week league + playoffs

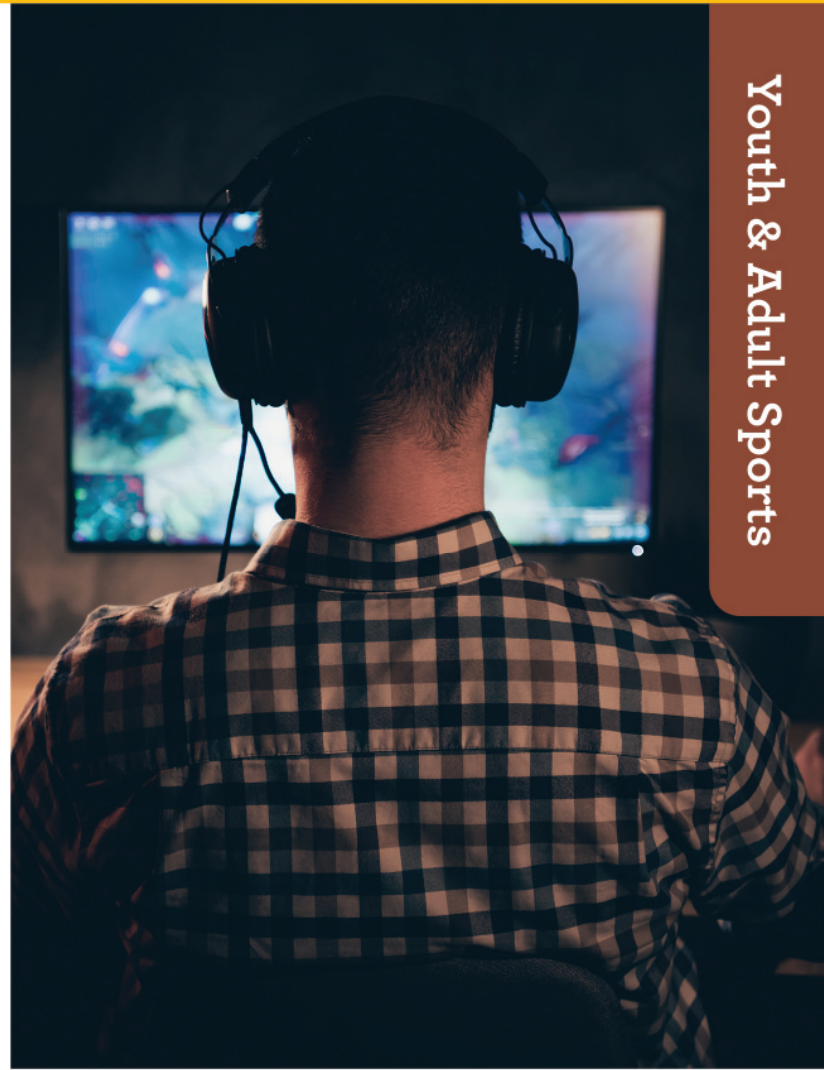
Course: RLSum21

TEEN COUNCIL

We are inviting all of our teens the opportunity to join our teen council! We will be hosting monthly meetings via Zoom. This will allow YOU the chance to help us develop new, fun, and innovative programs for all teens. So, start brainstorming, and together we will come up with a strategy to make those ideas come true! Please contact the Recreation Office for more information at (248) 691-7555.

Upcoming Teen Council Meeting Dates

4 p.m. on July 28, August 25 and September 29



ADULT LEAGUES

FALL KICKBALL

6 to 10 p.m. | \$200 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee

David Shepherd Park | Age: 18+

The Oak Park adult, coed kickball leagues are back. Relieve stress, socialize with peers, and get some exercise! Registration open now.

Monday League: Course: 3205SS20 - September 13 to November 1

Friday League: Course: 3206SS20 - September 10 to October 29

ADULT TOURNAMENTS

Teams listed below. Registration is \$250 per team, and \$15 on-site officials fees, per team each game. Each team will receive four guaranteed games. Playoffs are single elimination. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

Coed Softball Tournament, July 31

**All programs are subject to
rescheduling/cancellation due to COVID-19**



HEALTH & WELLNESS

As the weather breaks and the state restrictions are slowly being lifted, we are in the process of reaching out to our instructors and participants to gauge the re-opening of our senior programs. We realize the toll this has taken on our adult population and want to reengage these opportunities as soon as possible. We are doing so in a safe and well thought out manner, always keeping the wellbeing of our seniors foremost in our thoughts.

Please know that when our classes and social activities are back up and running in the community center, we will be reaching out to all of you.

Until then we are looking into programming some classes outside as the weather warms and the sunshine returns. These classes may include, but not be limited to:

- Chair Yoga
- Tai Chi for Beginners
- Tai Chi for Returning Students
- Yoga Is For Every Body
- Hatha Yoga
- Yoga is for Every Body

Instructors are being secured for:

- Hustle class/drop in
- Stepping Class
- Ballroom Dance

IN THE KNOW

SENIOR SCOOP BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Many of you are familiar with the bi-monthly Senior Scoop newsletter that is available at the Community Center entrance. The Senior Scoop is designed to keep our seniors up to date and "in the know" in between our city magazine issues. The Senior Scoop provides resource information for health and fitness, nutrition education, updates on classes either virtual or in person as mandates allows. It also provides links and pathways to view theatre performances, dance segments, art opportunities, brain teasers recipes and more. So, stop by the Community Center entrance-way and pick up your edition of the Senior Scoop!

Publication dates for the Senior Scoop are:

July 21 and September 21

Additional issues will occur as state guidelines change and may affect programs, events etc.

Questions? Call 248-691-2357, we are happy to help!

REASSURANCE CALLS

The recreation department has been in contact with many of our senior residents to "check in" and see how they are doing. If you would like to have Maralee give you a call to chat and see how you are doing in these times, please call 248-691-7555 and leave your name and the BEST number to get in touch with you. Residents of Oak Park, if you have a loved one, a neighbor or friend that would benefit from these calls, please forward that information on to our office as well.



SPECIAL EVENTS

SENIOR SUMMER PICNIC LUNCHES

Fridays, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Shelter 1, David Shepherd Park

\$5-\$6/person

Start your weekends out on a positive note by joining your friends and neighbors for lovely picnic lunch. Interesting programming and activities will be provided while you enjoy a summer picnic lunch. Includes main meal, beverage, and dessert! Pre-registration is required with payment 1 week in advance. Covid precautions closely followed, and mask required when not eating.

Dates:

July 23, registration deadline Monday, July 19 by 4 p.m.

August 13, registration deadline Monday August 9 by 4 p.m.

August 27, registration deadline Monday August 23 by 4 p.m.

Meals will be announced by time of registration. This is being held on a trial basis and will be determined by number of seniors registered. Dress for the weather. Program is moved inside or converted into a "carry out style" in the case of inclement weather or Covid issues.

SENIOR SUMMER "MINI CONCERTS"

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. | FREE Event

Senior Summer Mini Concerts are in the process of being developed at various parks within our City of Oak Park. These concerts will be scheduled for Thursday afternoons and will provide a variety of music styles / genres for your enjoyment. Meet up with old friends and meet new ones! Sit back, relax, tap your toes, smile, laugh and let the stress of 2020 go! Program may be cancelled due to inclement weather and Covid issues. Please check with the recreation office for up to date information. Attendee's need to bring their own lawn chair.

July 29 | Grassy area between Library and Municipal bld. grounds

August 5 | Shed One David Shepherd Park

August 19 | Grassy area of Library and Municipal

BINGO MONDAYS

Join us for Bingo as we get reacquainted with our friends and neighbors that we have not seen in in what seems like a life time! Bingo will now be held in the community center Room B. Call 248-691-7555 for more information. Call 248-691-7555 to inquire about fee.

Every Monday Starting July 12

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



SENIOR MEALS

MEALS ON WHEELS

"More than just a meal"

Meals on Wheels home delivery is available in Oak Park as long as you call at least one week in advance. Lunch can be served with a pre-ordered meal. For more information, call Senior Meals on Wheels at (248) 689-0001.

TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that the Oak Park Recreation Department has two SMART busses for seniors 50 years and older or if you are disabled?

Our busses run Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for your convenience. Whether you need transportation for medical visits, pharmacy pick up, grocery or clothing shopping, hair appointments, banking etc. we are here for you! Regular weekly trips include, Kroger, Meijers, Walmart, Target and more. For complete information please call: 248-691-7555 today!

Summer Pool Season Through August 21



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

POOL EVENTS

LAST DAY - Saturday, August 21

DAILY RATES

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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

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

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.

SPECIAL POOL HOURS

WOMEN-ONLY AND MEN-ONLY SWIM

Oak Park Pool will be hosting separate female-only and male-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. We are operating on a first come, first served basis.

Women-Only Swim:

Female lifeguards will be assigned during women-only swim.

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

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Men-Only Swim:

Male lifeguards will be assigned during men-only swim.

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

ADULT-ONLY LAP SWIM

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

**One lane will be available.*

Morning:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.

TEEN SWIM

Saturday, July 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Age: 13-17 | Cost: \$2 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident

TEENS! Oak Park Recreation is hosting more teen-only swim times.

Activities include music, games and mini golf! Bring your friends and come hangout and celebrate the summer at the Oak Park Pool. **MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE UPON ENTRY.**

DOG DAY AT THE POOL

Sunday, August 22 from noon to 3 p.m.

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

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

Small Sized Dogs (under 30 lbs.) Noon to 12:55 p.m.

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

Large Sized Dogs (70 lbs. and up) 2 to 2:55 p.m.

WATER AEROBICS

Through August 20 | \$3 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m.
Sunday (Female-Only): June 20-August 15 from 9 to 10:00 a.m.

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

SWIM LESSONS

Classes will begin the week of June 21 with morning sessions at 10 a.m. and evening sessions at 5 p.m. For more information, including start times contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

5 to 8 years old, 9 to 15 years old, and adults.

Mondays and Wednesdays | 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. | 50 minutes

\$48 Residents/\$53 Non-Residents

Session 2: July 19 to August 4

Parent/Tot (Ages 1-4)

Saturdays at Noon | 50 minutes

\$48 Residents/\$53 Non-Residents

Session 2: July 24 to August 14



POOL RENTALS

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

Availability:

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

Rental Fees

Up to 75 people: \$350 Resident/\$400 Non-Resident for three hours

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.

DAY CAMP & LATCHKEY

JULY 12 to AUGUST 6

Oak Park Summer Day Camp will follow the guidelines set by CDC and Oakland County Health Department regarding COVID-19 precautions. All staff and campers are asked to wear masks and socially distance if a mask is not possible. Additional rules modifications are set in place to protect our campers and staff.

DISCLAIMER: Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Fees must be paid in advance. We do not take deposits. Latchkey participants must be enrolled in Summer Day Camp or Tot Lot Day Camp to be enrolled in the Latchkey program.



TOT LOT AND SUMMER DAY CAMP

Tot Lot Day Camp, age 5-6

Summer Day Camp, ages 7-12

Full Week (5 Days)

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

\$120 per week Resident

\$130 per week Non-Resident

Dates and Themes for the week:

July 12-16 Career Week

July 19-23 Science Week

July 26-30 Hollywood Week

August 2-6 Hawaii Week

LATCHKEY, Ages 5-12

AM Latchkey: 8 to 9 a.m.

Full Week (5 Days) | Monday-Friday

\$20/week Resident, \$25/week Non-resident

PM Latchkey: 4 to 5 p.m.

Full Week (5 Days) | Monday-Friday

\$20/week Resident, \$25/week Non-resident

For more information call Oak Park Recreation at (248) 691-7555.

LIMITED SPACES!

MUST REGISTER FOR EACH WEEK!



ON-GOING

OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays July 7 through September 29, 2021

Hours: 9am – 2pm

The Oak Park Farmers Market is entering its 4th year! New location! Oak Park High School parking lot on Coolidge. We are pleased to announce that our regular vendors will be returning along with some fresh new faces. The Oak Park Farmers Market is a Michigan market, which means the produce is grown in Michigan in time lines with the season's offerings!

Your fresh vegetables and fruit come from no farther than three hours away. You are able to talk with the farmers and growers face to face for suggestions on food preparation, how to make your purchases last longer in your fridge or counter top and more. Hot foods to go, music and more will be on hand!

The Oak Park Farmers Market accepts all forms of food assistance: EBT/Bridge Card, the P-EBT Card, Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb), WIC coupons and Senior Project Fresh coupons.

Returning this year will be our popular **Power Of Produce for Kids**. This is a creative and interactive program that encourages drawing, thought process, food education and awareness, taste testing, scavenger hunts and more! Children will earn \$3 each of the 6 weeks that they can spend at the market.

The **Power of Produce Program for Seniors** will also be back with activities that promote our Wednesday Walk, taste testing of foods, and a recipe sharing opportunity! Seniors as well can earn \$3 per visit.

Each program (children and seniors) is limited to 75 participants. This program last year was at capacity each of the 6 weeks that it was running.

Sign up early to reserve your spot!

Call 248-691-7555 or email Mrosemond@oakparkmi.gov

AUTUMN FEST

October 2

New this fall, we bring you Oak Park AUTUMN FEST. With the cancelation of Summer Blast, we postponed this great event to the fall to ensure the safety of our Oak Park residents while attending a fun family event!

This will be fun for the whole family! BBQ Battle, petting farm, kids craft, corn hole tournament and more!

Keep an eye out for more information

FAMILY EVENTS

REC ON THE ROAD

Oak Park Rec is taking programs on the road! This summer we will be bringing organized, fun, and safe recreational programs, for youth, to our local parks. Our mobile recreation programs will include sports, arts and crafts, games, karate and many more! All supplies are included, and pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.



TRIVIA NIGHTS

Thursday Nights | 6:30 p.m. | \$5/night per team

If you enjoy trivia, please join the Recreation Department for some fun nights of trivia at the Community Center. Please see the dates below for themes for each night. Prizes will vary such as gift cards and champion t-shirts. Please contact the recreation office for more information.

SEPTEMBER 9: The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

OCTOBER 14: Schitt's Creek

NOVEMBER 11: Parks and Recreation

SAVE THE DATE



MOTHER SON DANCE

Saturday, August 28 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Mother Son Dance is returning this summer, outdoors! This is a ticketed event and pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.



THEATER TRIPS

Theater season is right around the corner and we have a terrific line up coming your way for 2021-2022. Trips are updated regularly. Limited tickets available. Call 248-691-7555 for the most up to date information.

FANCY

September 29 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

Meadowbrook Theater

\$34/ticket. Includes transportation

Lunch on your own. Restaurant to be determined

Inspired by Reba McEntire's hit recording, FANCY is the story of a young girl turned out of her mother's house with nothing but her guitar and the clothes on her back who rises to superstardom in the world of country music. But at what cost? Featuring a glorious score of chart topping crossover hits. A great way to start the fall!

CLUE

October 29 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook Theater

\$59/person: Includes ticket, lunch at Kruse & Muer and transportation

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, CLUE is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

We are awaiting more information from the Michigan Opera Theater and the Fisher Theater.

Check with the Recreation office for up to date information.

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- Recreation Program Support: Hersch's Wholesale and Self Storage
- Outdoor Movie Night: Built by Intrust Homes
- Annual Boo-Tification and Holiday Decoration Awards: Best Friend's Child Care & and Early Childhood Education Center
- Holiday Hug, Train Your Brain; Brain Booster Packets and Comfort Packets for our Seniors: Humana Inc. and SMART
- Find The Magic Scavenger Hunt: The D Loft Café, Walgreens, Fortson Dentistry, and Kroger. We are grateful for your interest and involvement!
- Shamrock Shenanigans Scavenger Hunt: Star Bakery, Book Beat, Scheers Ace Hardware, Oak Park Social, and Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins
- Fun on The 4th Family Fun Pack: PNC Bank
- Power of Produce FREE Book Program: Joyful Tots Childcare Learning Center
- A HUGE Thank You goes out to **Jean Jones** for her unwavering dedication, time, work and consistent positive attitude and humor!
- Thank You to **Mr. James Shaw, Beth Jones, and Sigmund Glaser** for helping our vaccine clinic run smoothly.



SPECIAL LIMITED-TIME OFFERS!

\$50 NEW PATIENT DENTAL VISIT
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