



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

It gives me great pride to announce that the economic development programs and projects outlined in the city's Strategic Economic Development Plan are now in full swing. We are all excited about the progress taking place on the site of the former artillery armory on 8 Mile Rd. The recent arrival of construction vehicles marks the

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Teacher Honored on Arbor Day

This year the City of Oak Park partnered with Pepper Elementary School for the annual Arbor Day tree planting event on April 24th. Students from Mrs. Lallier's combined 5th and 6th grade class helped plant a Cleveland Select Flowering Pear tree in memory of Mr. Robert Jones, a former paraprofessional at the school. The tree is planted in the city right-of-way on the west side of Church Street just south of Pepper School.



PROGRESS: Corridor Improvement Authority



With demonstrated focus on economic development in Oak Park, City Council recently established a Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) in the areas of Coolidge and 9 Mile Rd, and Coolidge and 11 Mile Rd. "We recognize the importance of redeveloping our commercial corridors

in order to promote economic growth in Oak Park," Mayor Marian McClellan stated. The new entity makes it possible to fund improvement projects by utilizing Tax Increment Financing or TIF, which is a funding method that allows the Authority to capture a portion of regular tax revenue from other existing tax authorities, such as the county, for planning and public improvements in Oak Park. Next steps include appointments to the CIA board and the subsequent development of a comprehensive plan for the two commercial areas. Other projects, which the Authority may consider, include: streetscape and infrastructure improvements, public parking, non-motorized pathways and new parks. "In addition to the new Corridor Improvement Authority, we recently launched a Façade Improvement Program for our existing Oak Park businesses," added City Manager Erik Tungate. "These combined projects represent the city's latest strategies targeting economic development." The Façade Improvement Program provides Oak Park businesses with grants for the purpose of improving building exteriors to attract more customers. For questions on the application process, local businesses can contact Kimberly Marrone at (248) 691-7404 or kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us.

Election News

Residents passed a proposal on May 5th to legalize the sale of alcohol in restaurants. The Special Election followed two town hall meetings in which residents and other stakeholders took advantage of opportunities to ask city administration, as well as state officials, questions about the proposal. "I strongly believe that having the town hall meetings helped pass the proposal," City Manager Erik Tungate said. "Once it was made clear that spirit licenses are only for restaurants and that

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beginning of a long-awaited redevelopment of the property. The city recently launched the façade improvement program, designed to assist our local businesses in sprucing up their exteriors and attracting customers. Additionally, we are reaching some of the final steps in setting up a Corridor Improvement Authority along Coolidge and 9 Mile Rd, as well as down Coolidge and 11 Mile Rd. This authority allows us to concentrate on redevelopment projects and put our already flourishing economic development programs into overdrive.

Bill payment improvements – This past April, I authorized the implementation of a point-of-pay credit card system to be in place by August 15th that will allow our residents and business owners to pay their bills online, as well as through credit card machines at various pay stations in city facilities. It is my hope that these new systems will save our residents time and make it even easier to pay bills.

Preparing for a storm – We know from experience that the summer season can bring intense storms and extensive

downpours. Please make sure your home is prepared for high winds and heavy rainfall at the very least. We now have several ways to communicate with residents during emergency situations – Facebook, Twitter, Community eBlasts, Comcast OPTV, electronic billboards, the city's web site, and in extreme cases - robo-calling. We will do our best to monitor weather systems and get the word out if conditions become threatening.

These are just a few of the great things happening in our city and within your city government. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of service to you.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
City Manager



Oak Park Recycles Big

Oak Parkers showed up in large numbers on June 7th in the ice arena parking lot to recycle electronics, shred personal papers, purchase recycling bins and catch rain barrel demonstrations. "We were hoping to have at least a few residents trickle in throughout the four-hour event," said Oak Park Public Works' Gary Shermetaro. "Fifteen minutes in, we could not believe the turnout. Residents were waiting before 10 AM and still arriving after 2 PM. It was a great success." The event was hosted by the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission and SOCERRA. Vintage Tech, which managed electronics salvaging, reported collecting 4,599 pounds of electronics from the Oak Park event.



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they are designed to attract more dine-in customers to Oak Park, our residents recognized the potential of the economic development strategy and came out in support." The next vote is the General Election on November 2nd. There will be three Oak Park City Council positions up for consideration. There are two, registered candidates for two council member seats; and two candidates for the mayor's position. See page 3 for polling locations.

New TUITION FREE Charter School Opening in Oak Park in the Fall of 2015!



Enroll your child in our Pre-K through 6th grade Rigorous Learning Academy TODAY at www.fdi-academy.org or call the school at (248) 953-2003.

Please visit and like our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FDIAcharter>

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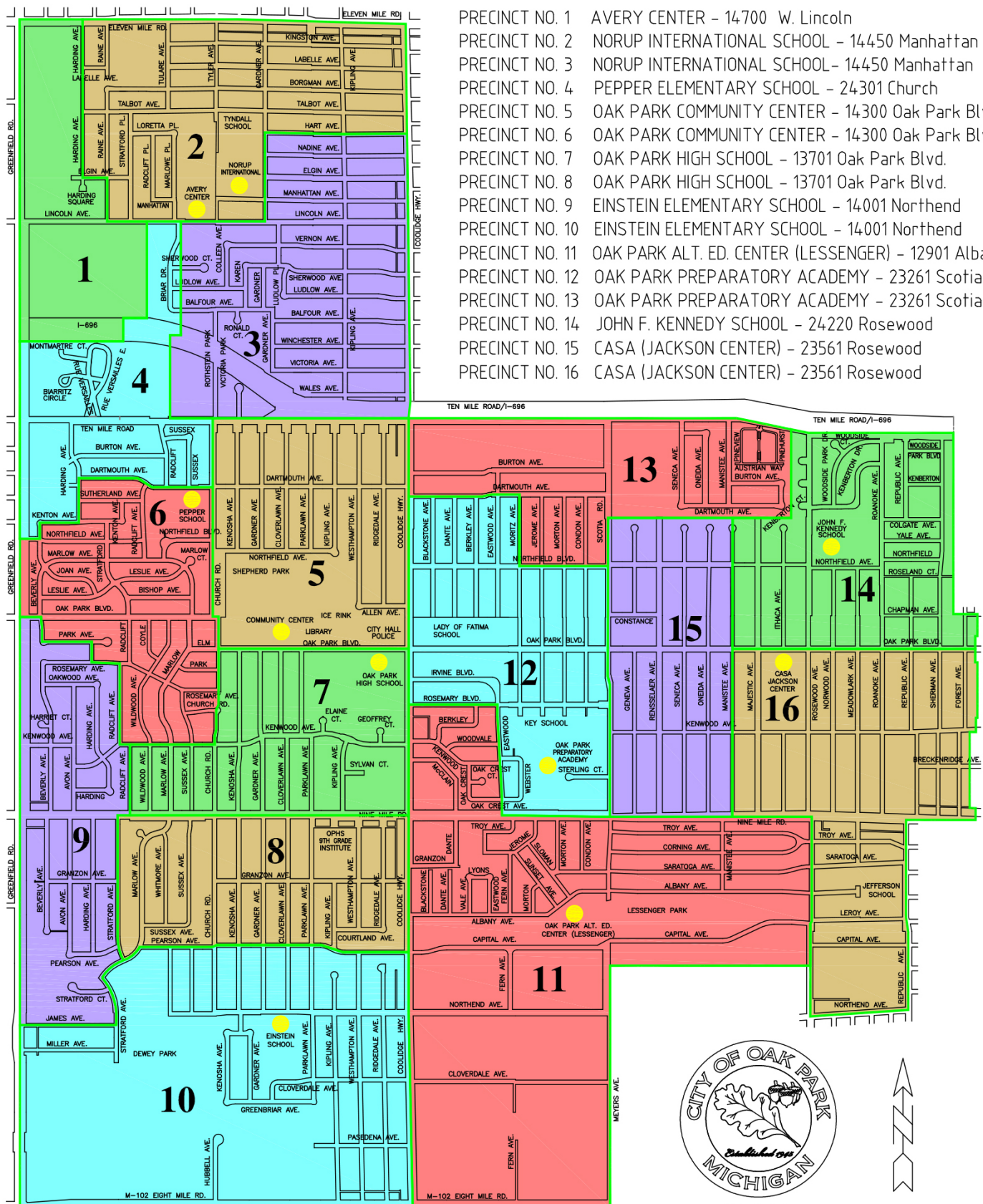
Rules & Regulations for Lawn Maintenance

1. Grass growth on improved property must be maintained to a height of less than eight inches. Unimproved property is permitted to grow to not more than 16 inches.
2. If owners/occupants do not comply, typically, a courtesy/warning notice will be issued which gives the property owner 24 hours to cut the grass.
3. If the grass is not cut within 24 hours, the city will have the grass cut and send an invoice to the property owner/occupant, which will be charged at the city's discretion for the following:
 - Equipment use
 - Drive time
 - Labor to complete the cutting (actual time)
 - Plus a 15% administrative cost



4. Every owner/occupant must cut and remove all grass and weeds as often as necessary to comply with the above provisions.
5. Failure to maintain grass and weeds may result in the issuance of a citation requiring a court appearance.
6. No person shall scatter or leave any grass clippings in the street or on sidewalks.

CITY OF OAK PARK VOTING PRECINCTS



REVISED: 3/3/14

SUMMERFEST 2015 Aug 8 & 9, Noon-10 p.m.

CARNIVAL GAMES • ARTIST BOOTHS • HEALTH FAIR • CLASSIC CAR SHOW
HOOLA HOOP CONTEST • AMERICAN BANDSTAND • OAK PARK IDOL
SCAVENGER HUNT • PUPPETS • INFLATABLES • MINIATURE GOLF
FACE-PAINTING • ROCK WALL • GAME TENT • AND MORE!

As the third, annual Oak Park Summerfest fast approaches, major opportunities still remain for artists, sponsors and volunteers. For more information, please call (248) 691-7404 or send email to kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us.



Concerts Set to Rock the Park

The 2015 Summer Concert Series heats up as the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission announces four of the upcoming, free performances coming to Shepherd Park:

- 1) Toppermost Beatles Tribute, July 9th
- 2) Mark Mixx and tha Street Jazz Cartel, July 16th
- 3) The Amazing Clark –
Magician and Puppeteer, July 23rd
- 4) Big Ray and the Motor City Kings, July 30th

If you are a performing artist interested in booking an open date, call (248) 691-7404 or send email to kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us.



**Toppermost
Beatles Tribute**

July 9th
Shepherd Park –
Pavilion 1,
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**Mark Mixx and
tha Street
Jazz Cartel,**

July 16th
Shepherd Park –
Pavilion 1,
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**The Amazing
Clark – Magician
and Puppeteer**

July 23rd
Shepherd Park –
Pavilion 1,
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**Big Ray and the
Motor City Kings**

July 30th
Shepherd Park –
Pavilion 1,
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Want to know more
about crime scene
investigations
& Forensics?**

**Interested in
law enforcement
or firefighting?**

JOIN THE OAK PARK PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ACADEMY

4-Day Academy
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
6pm-9pm

**At Oak Park Department
of Public Safety**

**Free for
Oak Park
Residents 18+**

Brochures can be picked up
at the Public Safety Dept. or Community Center.
Please return applications by July 17.

QUESTIONS? CALL 248-691-7514

As Told in Pictures



Honoring Excellence – City Council and Manager Tungate paid tribute to Gail Credit, Director of Finance, in June. Director Credit retired on June 30th following several significant accomplishments in her role, including an efficiency redesign of the city's budgeting process and implementation of a new accounting software program.



Open for Business – Mayor McClellan welcomed two, new businesses to Oak Park in May during open house events: James Tailoring and Alterations at 8236 W. Nine Mile Rd. and Fresh Baked Prints (T-shirts and signs) at 13807 W. Nine Mile Rd.



Work Sessions – In June, more than 100 residents and stakeholders participated in the Walkable Streets Design sessions facilitated by Congress for New Urbanism.



Celebration of Cultures – In May, Mayor Marian McClellan joined Oak Park Ethnic Advisory Commissioner Sudha Chandrasekhar for a celebration of traditions at Oak Park High Schools' International Day.



Beautification Awards Inspire Pride

Each year, the Oak Park Beautification Commission hosts an awards ceremony to recognize Oak Parkers who demonstrate community pride through the appearance of their properties. Residents are welcome to submit nominations for their own homes or other neighboring residents or businesses located in Oak Park. At a minimum, eligible properties must meet the following criteria: neat, natural, manicured landscaping; paint in good condition; bushes and trees cared for; concrete with minimal to no vegetative growth in cracks and no differential settlement; garbage cans not visible; gutters and roof in good condition from the street; no artificial flowers; no for sale signs or commercial advertising signs in the yard; and outstanding overall with an extra-nice appearance. This year, the nomination deadline is Friday, July 24th. For more information, contact Tiffany Brown at tbrown@ci.oak-park.mi.us or at (248) 691-7497.

Summer Clean-Up

Keep your household trash neat and orderly with a 95-gallon container cart. 250 carts are on order and should arrive by July 1st. Carts are sold to residents on a first come, first served basis and can be pre-purchased at the Water Department counter in City Hall at 14000 Oak Park Blvd. The \$60 charge includes delivery to your home or business. Also, now is a good time to do some summer cleaning! The City of Oak Park waives permit fees for community-wide garage sales on designated weekends in the summer. The next fee-free dates are: July 23-26, August 27-30 and September 24-27.

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July

*National Parks &
Recreation Month*

July 1st

*Bike Rodeo – Recreation
Parking Lot, 5:30 PM*

July 1st

Book Club – Library, 6 PM

July 1st

IDC – Comm. Center, 7 PM

July 2nd

City Hall closed

July 3rd

*Mayor's 5K Run,
Independence Day
Parade & Fun Fest*



July 6th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

July 9th

Concert in the Park – Toppermost

July 16th

*Concert in the Park –
Mark Mixx and the
Street Jazz Cartel*

July 20th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

July 23rd

*Concert in the Park –
The Amazing Clark*

July 23rd-26th

Free Garage Sale Weekend

July 24th

*Beautification Awards
Nomination Deadline*

July 30th

*Concert in the Park –
Big Ray/MC Kings*

August 3rd

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

August 5th

*Citizen's Academy –
OPPS, 6-9 PM*

August 8th-9th

*SUMMERFEST,
Noon-10 PM*

August 12th

*Citizen's Academy –
OPPS, 6-9 PM*

August 17th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

August 19th

*Citizen's Academy –
OPPS, 6-9 PM*

August 26th

*Citizen's Academy –
OPPS, 6-9 PM*

August 27th-30th

Free Garage Sale Weekend

CITY OF OAK PARK

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
& FUN DAY**

Friday, July 3, 2015

8 AM Mayor's 5K Run
11 AM Parade (Coolidge to Shepherd Park)
Afternoon Fun in the Park

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