



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Spring has finally arrived in the City of Oak Park, which invariably takes us into city budget season!

As I previously shared, we began completing two-year budgets last year in an effort to improve government efficiencies and maximize effectiveness. This year's budgeting process will follow the same form.

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Local Treasure Turns 25

Happy 25th Anniversary to Forgotten Harvest! Headquartered in Oak Park on Greenfield Rd., the nonprofit organization focuses on fighting hunger in the Detroit metropolitan area. The City of Oak Park celebrates Forgotten Harvest for inspiring and instilling pride in the community for two and a half decades.

Repurposing Old Technology

The Oak Park Recycling Commission and SOCRRA will host an electronics recycling event on Sunday, June 7th from 10 AM – 2 PM in the Ice Arena parking lot located at 13950 Oak Park Blvd. Residents can drop off used televisions, computers, monitors, printers, CD players, microwave ovens, etc.; and access an industrial-size paper shredder. Limit: two banker boxes of paper. Questions? Call 248-691-7497.

State of the City: Renewed Hope

Mayor Marian McClellan and City Manager Erik Tungate shared the podium in City Hall on March 19th for the third annual State of the City Address. "We took on our challenges," Manager Tungate opened. "We put a plan in place to meticulously and methodically change our course; and we've accomplished many things along the way." Mayor McClellan emphasized that Oak Park is witnessing a rebirth of energy and renewed hope in the future of the city. "We've moved on from being a complacent community to one that embraces change and looks to the future with high expectations," she added. "I couldn't be more proud of our city's progress." Mayor McClellan stated that just three years ago the city was on the governor's watch list for an emergency financial manager appointment; yet, since that time, the city has become financially

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Special Election: May 5th

The City of Oak Park recently partnered with State Rep. Robert Wittenberg (Dist. 27) to facilitate community conversations about May 5th Special Election ballot issues. All Oak Park ballots will include two issues – a statewide proposal on road tax and a local proposal for the "sale of spirits and mixed spirit drinks for consumption on premises." Rep. Wittenberg brought spokespersons to City Hall from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to make brief presentations and answer residents' questions. The local proposal pertains to the sale of liquor only in restaurants. "The city views these licenses as economic development tools designed to

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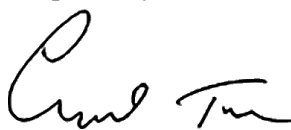
It is important to note that the fiscal year 2015-16 budget further represents a time of financial stability for our community. While we are not planning any major purchases, we will use this time to innovate and find even more ways to deliver more value for our residents using fewer resources. In addition, we will continue to focus on implementing our economic development programs, which are now starting to flourish.

From a public safety standpoint, we have stabilized the department by hiring back eight of the 15 officers laid off in early 2012, which ensures that we will continue to provide residents with safe and secure neighborhoods.

This is a meaningful time for our city and next year will allow us the opportunity to catch our collective breath and focus on delivering the best services possible. Many of the major changes we made starting in 2012 have been fully implemented. Now, it is time to fine tune.

We strive to facilitate a transparent budgeting process. Therefore, there will be opportunities for resident participation in the days to come. I look forward to working alongside staff, residents and City Council in creating a comprehensive city budget that supports responsible government. I hope that you, too, are as excited about our future as I am.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
City Manager



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stable and now has a \$2.1 million fund balance. “We budget very conservatively in order to reserve funds for unexpected events, which truly made a difference this past year as Mother Nature put us to the test,” she added in reference to the summer floods, windstorms and record-breaking snowfalls of 2014. Mayor McClellan also shared that as a result of comprehensive strategic planning last year, city council identified three, main priorities relative to the city’s success, which are summed up by Three C’s: Community, Culture and Commerce. To view the event in its entirety, visit the city’s web site home page.

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increase patronage at local restaurants, which, in turn, will attract additional eateries and increase the city’s tax base,” City Manager Erik Tungate said. “This is just one strategy outlined in the city’s Strategic Economic Development Plan.” In 2013, Oak Park City Council passed an ordinance, which allows restaurants to sell beer and wine following the attainment of a Tavern License. Prior to this, Oak Park was one of few “dry” municipalities remaining in the state of Michigan. “It’s time for Oak Park to start competing with surrounding communities,” Mayor Marian McClellan added. “Our city stands to benefit greatly from the potential growth associated with the additional passage of the spirits proposal.” Recordings of both Town Hall meetings are located on the city’s web site. The polls open on May 5th at 7 AM until 8 PM. See page 3 for polling locations.





WHAT:
Annuals,
Perennials,
Hanging
Baskets

WHEN:
Sunday
May 24, 2015
10:00 AM to
5:00 PM

WHERE:
Community
Center
14300 Oak
Park Blvd.

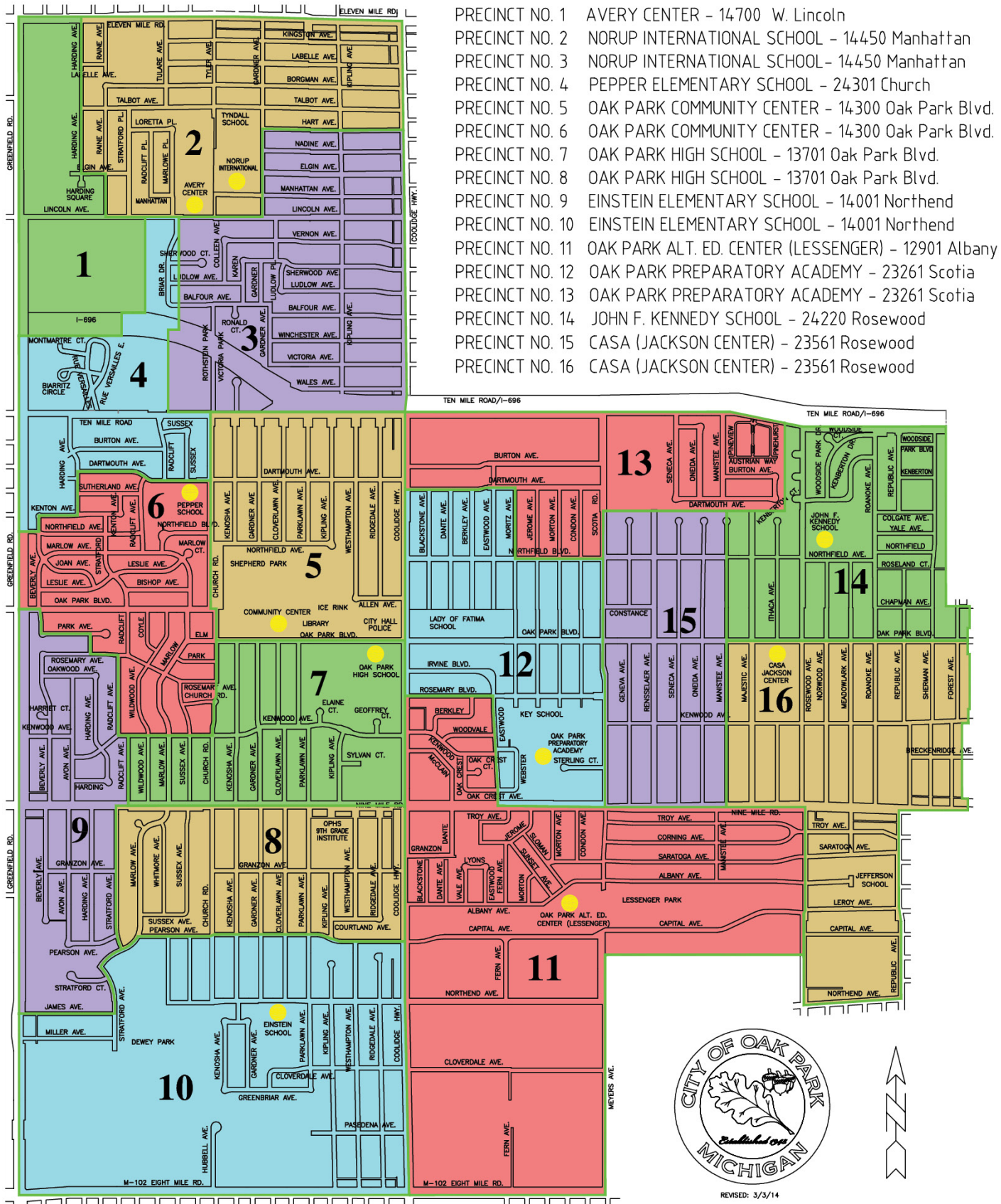
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COMMISSION**

Presents

**The Annual
FLOWER SALE**



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DAY CAMP

JUNE 22ND-AUGUST 21ST

BIKE RODEO

JULY 1ST 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

JULY 3RD 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY
7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

MUNICIPAL POOL

OPENS JUNE 13TH

MINIATURE GOLF

OPENS JUNE 13TH

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

CHECK OUT THE SENIOR
ODYSSEY FOR MORE DETAILS

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9AM-1PM & 2PM-5PM

14300 Oak Park Blvd.
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248-691-7555

Celebrate Summer!

“Every year, summer festivities in Oak Park get better and better,” Mayor Marian McClellan commented with a huge smile. First up: join the fun on Friday, July 3rd for 2015 Independence Day Parade and Fun Day. The Mayor’s 5K Run begins at 8 AM from the Community Center, followed by the annual parade at 11 AM. The procession starts from Coolidge Rd. and ends at Shepherd Park where concerts and picnics take place for the rest of the day. Register for the Mayor’s 5 K Run by calling (248) 691-7555. Then, the weekend of August 8-9, enjoy the third annual Oak Park Summerfest, an arts & craft fair that includes live entertainment, inflatables for the kids, mini golf and swim. To inquire about Summerfest booth rental, contact Kimberly Marrone at (248) 691-7404 or at kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us or go to www.oakparksummerfest.com.



As Told in Pictures



Recognizing Excellence – City Manager Tungate and City Council recently honored Public Safety Director Steve Cooper (center) for outstanding leadership and service.



Local Heroine – Life-long Oak Park resident and former U.S. Marine and medic Teri Falcon (center, with daughter Sadie) received a proclamation from City Council for her brave and selfless act of rescuing an infant from a car crash in February.



With Valor – Oak Park Public Safety and City Council paid tribute to retired Sergeant and Medal of Valor recipient Norman Desimone (center) in the presence of his proud family.



Volunteer Leaders – City Council welcomed five, new commissioners and board members in March: Danielle Francassa, Ben Waxenberg, Alvin Begel, Carla Wallace and Mickey Alderman.



Growing Force – Mayor Marian McClellan swore in new Officer Dwaine Green (center) in March. City Manager Tungate (right) welcomed Green to the “culture of excellence” in Oak Park.

Oak Park Receives Grant

The Project for Public Spaces and Livability Solutions recently announced that Oak Park will be one of nine communities in the nation to receive free technical assistance in 2015, thanks to a place-making grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Sustainable Communities under the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. Oak Park will participate in a one-day “Walkable Streets Design” workshop facilitated by Congress for New Urbanism, which will address ways to improve street livability, accessibility and mobility for residents.

Coming Soon... NEW Oak Park Web Site!

The City of Oak Park’s web site is getting a well-needed overhaul this spring.

What does the web site need to offer in order to be most useful to you?

In order to get it right, we need your help. Please visit the city’s web site, click on the link on the home page and give us your feedback.



According to Nielson Online, today nearly 88% of Americans regularly use the internet. An attractive and easy-to-navigate web site can make all the difference in delivering the information you need when you need it, as well as in providing a great first and lasting impression.

Thanks in advance for your help!



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May 4th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

May 5th

*Special Election
Polls open 7 AM – 8 PM*

May 5th

*Senior Movie
Comm. Center, 12:15 PM*

May 6th

Book Club – Library, 6 PM

May 6th

IDC – Comm. Center, 7 PM

May 9th

*OPAACC Art Project
Universal Studio, 11:30 AM*

May 10th

*Art Make-Ë-Take
w/Jasper Johns – JCC, 2 PM*

May 11th

*Emerg. Serv. Comm.
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

May 11th

*Planning Comm.
Comm. Center, 7:30 PM*

May 13th

*Friends of the Library
Library, 6 PM*

May 18th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

May 19th

*Library Board
Library, 6:30 PM*

May 20th

*Summerfest Mtg.
Comm. Center, 6 PM*

May 20th

*OPAACC
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

May 20th

*Recreation Adv. Board
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

May 21st

*DIA: Behind the Scenes
Library, 6:30 PM*

May 21st

*Recycling Comm.
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

May 24th

*Flower Sale
Comm. Center, 10 AM – 5 PM*

May 25th

*Memorial Day
(City Complex Closed)*

May 26th

*Zoning Board
Comm. Center, 7:30 PM*

May 27th

*Arts & Cultural Comm.
Library, 7 PM*

Wk of May 25th

Trash pick-up delayed one day

May 28-31

City-Wide Garage Sale Days

June 1st

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

June 1st

*Independ. Day
vendor app deadline*

June 2nd

*Senior Movie
Comm. Center, 12:15 PM*

June 3rd

Book Club – Library, 6 PM

June 3rd

IDC – Comm. Center, 7 PM

June 7th

*Youth Baseball/Softball
Opening Day*

June 8th

*Emerg. Serv. Comm.
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

June 8th

*Planning Comm. – Comm.
Center – 7:30 PM*

June 10th

*Friends of the Library
Library, 6 PM*

June 11th

Summerfest vendor apps due

June 12th

Dance in the Park – TBD

June 15th

City Council – City Hall, 7 PM

June 16th

*Library Board
Library, 6:30 PM*

June 16th

*Beautif. Comm.
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

June 17th

*Summerfest Mtg.
Comm. Center, 6 PM*

June 17th

*Rec. Adv. Board
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

June 17th

*OPAACC
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

June 18th

*Recycling Comm.
Comm. Center, 7 PM*

June 23rd

*Zoning Board
Comm. Center, 7:30 PM*

June 25-28

City-Wide Garage Sale Days

July

*National Parks &
Recreation Month*

July 1st

Book Club – Library, 6 PM

July 1st

IDC – Comm. Center, 7 PM

July 2nd

City Hall closed

July 3rd

*Independence Day
Parade & Fun Day*

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