



Erik Tungate, City Manager

After a recent discussion with a prominent real estate developer, I was once again reminded that Oak Park is well positioned for the next real estate rebirth.

As you know, our community is strategically placed in the Detroit metropolitan area, bound by many other successful cities with strong urban cores, namely, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Midtown Detroit, Downtown Detroit, and Birmingham. While our City does not yet have the urban appeal of these aforementioned places, we certainly have all of the ingredients for modern day success.

We have walkability, dense commercial districts, a close proximity to Downtown Detroit and many other regional amenities, as well as an affordable housing stock with quality workmanship. As the preference to live in urban environments like ours continues to grow, Oak Park will undoubtedly have an unprecedented chance to live up to its true potential.

That said, our city council and city administration have put a premium on policies that will help us thrive within this ever-changing environment. Let's all take pride in our city, knowing our future is bright.

2016 GENERAL ELECTION
NOW ACCEPTING ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS
 Tues.-Thurs., November 1-3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Fri., November 4, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sat., November 5, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Mon., November 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 City Clerk's Office • City of Oak Park
 14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237
 (248) 691-7544

Make Your Vote Count in the General Election on November 8

As an American citizen you have the right to exercise your ability to vote for candidates that make very important decisions on your behalf. On Tuesday, November 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. you will have the ability to cast your vote for President of the United States, among other items. In order to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age by November 8, and you must be a registered voter of Michigan and the city or township in which you wish to vote. Some registered voters who qualify will elect to vote via Absent Voter Ballot prior to November 8. Before you place your vote, here are a few helpful tips:

The State of Michigan is Host to the Michigan Voter Information Center

The State of Michigan provides a website full of valuable voter information, see www.Michigan.gov/VOTE. On this site you can easily discover if you are registered to vote, you can view the ballot, learn how to use voting equipment, and find answers to the most frequently asked questions. In addition, the site explains who is qualified to vote Absent Voter Ballot and the process of voting Absent Voter Ballot.

Polling Locations Have Changed Since the Last Presidential Election

Polling locations have changed since the last Presidential Election. We recommend that you review our Voter Precinct Map before you head to the polls. For your convenience, we have printed the Oak Park Voting Precinct Map on page 2 of this newsletter, however, you can also find the map on our website at www.OakParkMI.gov and on the State of Michigan's website at www.Michigan.gov/VOTE.

Straight Ticket Voting Remains on the November Ballot

In the Partisan Section of this year's ballot, registered voters have the option of voting "straight ticket" which means voting for all candidates of one political party. However, voting the straight party ticket will not record any votes in the Non-Partisan Section of the ballot. This portion of the ballot contains judicial, Oakland Community College, and local school board election choices.

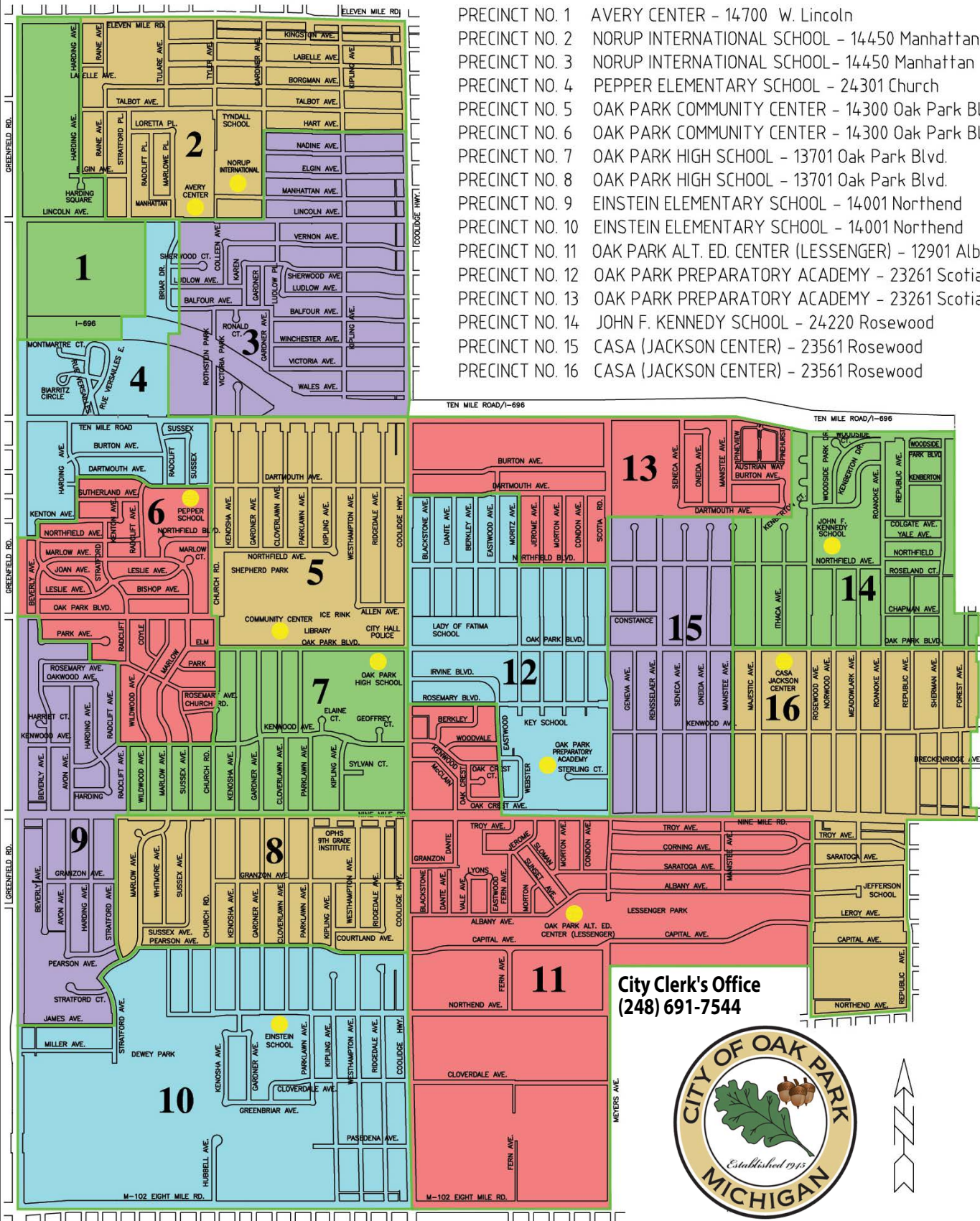
Four Steps to Vote Absentee Voter Ballot

If you are 1) 60 years of age, or older; 2) you plan to be absent from Oak Park while the polls are open on Election Day; or 3) you are unable to vote at the polls without assistance, you can vote by Absent Voter Ballot. To do so, visit the Oak Park City Clerk's Office at 14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. and ask to vote Absentee Voter Ballot. You will be required to complete an Application for Absent Voter's Ballot before being allowed to vote. Voting booths are set up in City Hall for use. If you vote Absentee Voter Ballot, your ballot is processed and tabulated on Election Day by the Absent Voter Counting Board.

When voting, make sure to bring proper identification. If you should have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248)691-7544, email cbrown@coakparkmi.gov, or visit the City's website at <http://bit.ly/VoteOP>.

City of Oak Park Voting Precincts

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 8 - Polls Are Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.





Remember, do not park on or near leaf piles on your neighborhood's scheduled leaf collection days.



The Ins and Outs of Curbside Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection in the City of Oak Park is available until Friday, December 9. The City offers two residential leaf collection options.

Option No. 1 - Dispose of Leaves During Weekly Refuse Collection

As a resident of Oak Park, you are able to dispose of leaves during your regularly scheduled leaf collection days. For this option, leaves must be placed in a paper compost bag no larger than 30-gallons or in a trash can no heavier than 35 lbs. that has a yard waste decal affixed to it. Decals are available at the Department of Public Works and at City Hall.

Option No. 2 - Rake Leaves Into the Street for Curbside Leaf Collection

You have the option to rake leaves into the street for curbside leaf collection in accordance with the Curbside Leaf Collection Schedule that is published by the Department of Public Works, see the schedule on the adjoining page. With this option, you must rake leaves at least four inches from the curb to ensure rain drains are not blocked by leaves. Large vacuum trucks and loaders remove the leaves from the street and sweeper trucks sweep the streets. To ensure collection, residents must rake leaves to the curb prior to the first collection date assigned for that week and for their section. For example, if you live in Section 2, and your second scheduled dates of collection are October 26 and 27, leaves should be raked to the street prior to October 26 to ensure collection on either of those two days. Leaves that are mixed with debris, brush, or grass clippings will not be collected. If you should miss the final collection day for your section, leaves can be bagged and placed to the curb for collection on the regularly scheduled trash day.

Snow Emergencies: What You May Want to Know

A snow emergency is declared when four or more inches of snow falls or other hazardous conditions necessitate. This allows the Department of Public Works to efficiently and safely remove snow from roadways. Parking on City streets is prohibited until the snow emergency has been lifted. All vehicles must be removed from curbside and parked off the street. For designated snow emergency parking, refer to the Snow Emergency Parking Map on the City's website at www.OakParkMI.gov.

When a snow emergency is called or lifted, local television channels (ABC, NBC, Fox2Detroit, and CBS) and radio stations (WWJ and WJR) are notified. The City also announces snow emergencies on the City's website (www.OakParkMI.gov), social media channels (Facebook and Twitter), Comcast OPTV16 Cable channel, and through community eBlasts, robocalls and text messaging. To register for Community eBlasts and emergency correspondence, please visit <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp> or request to be added via email (ContactUs@OakParkMI.gov).

The Department of Public Works Prioritizes Roadways for Snow Removal During Emergencies

During snow emergencies, the Department of Public Works, or DPW, is in communication with the Department of Public Safety to address and respond to emergent and unsafe roadway conditions. In general, DPW crews prioritize roadways for snow removal 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, roadways around schools and streets that surround medical facilities. In Oak Park, I-696 service drives, Greenfield, Coolidge, 11 Mile Road, and Nine Mile Road are considered primary roadways.

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 intersection roadways. Residential roadways are plowed when appropriate, typically when four or more inches of snow is present or other circumstances necessitate.

The City Has Snow Removal Provisions

The following are snow removal provisions contained in Chapter 66, Section 166-167, of the City's Code of Ordinance as it applies to provisions for snow removal:

- Snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks.
- When it stops snowing during daylight hours, snow and ice must be removed within 12 hours.
- When it stops snowing during night time, snow and ice must be removed by 6 p.m. the next day.
- 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.



Stay Informed

Enroll to receive emergency notifications and community announcements

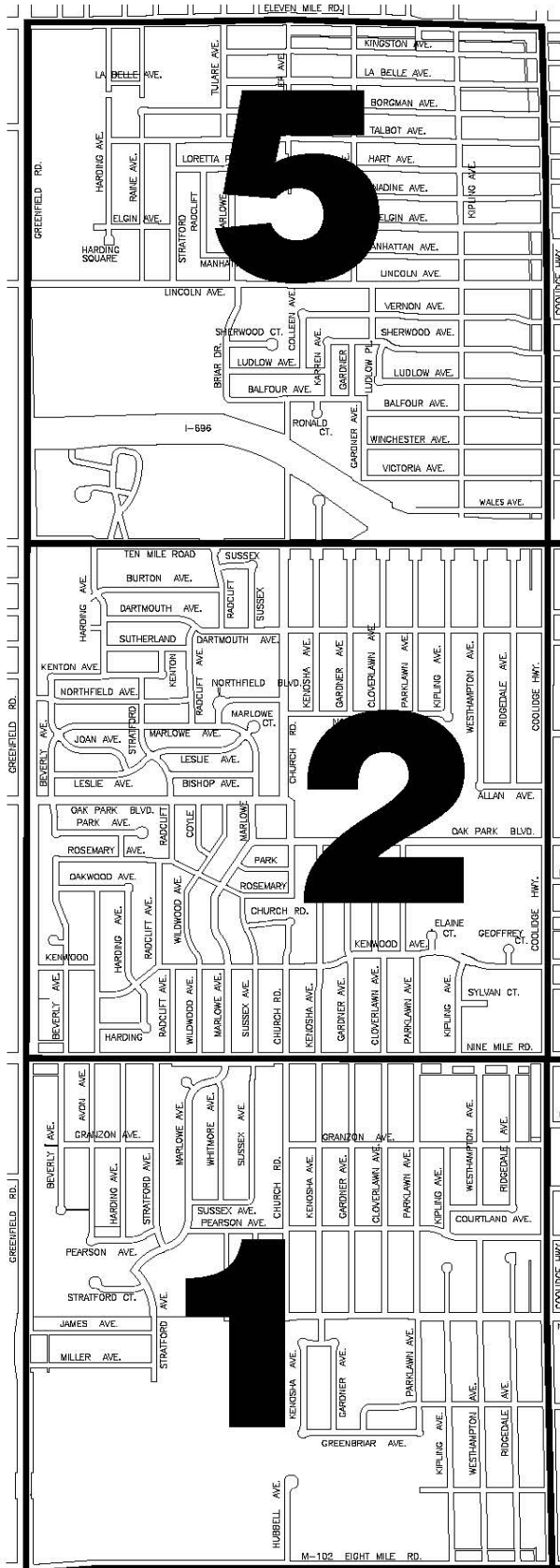
TEXT • EMAIL eBLAST • ROBOCALL

Enroll for Emergency Notifications Today!

At the City of Oak Park, we strive to provide you with efficient and timely dissemination of information in the manner that suits your unique preferences. In today's increasingly social environment there are several ways in which to obtain information from the City.

We realize that some prefer to receive publications in the mail, while others choose to connect via mobile devices, interact on social media, visit our website, or receive emails to obtain information. That's why we provide choices. To get started, simply log onto <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp> and check the types of notifications you would like to receive in the manner you would like to receive them. You can sign-up for Community eBlasts, robocalls and emergency text messages.

2016 LEAF PICK UP DATES



SECTION 1

**OCTOBER 17
OCTOBER 24 & 25
NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 9
NOV. 30 & DEC. 1**

SECTION 2

**OCTOBER 18
OCTOBER 26 & 27
NOVEMBER 10, 11, & 14
DECEMBER 2 & 5**

SECTION 3

**OCTOBER 19
OCTOBER 28 & 31
NOVEMBER 15, 16, & 17
DECEMBER 6 & 7**

SECTION 4

**OCTOBER 20
NOVEMBER 1 & 2
NOVEMBER 18, 21, & 22
DECEMBER 8 & 9**

SECTION 5

**OCTOBER 21
NOVEMBER 3 & 4
NOVEMBER 23, 28, & 29
DECEMBER 12 & 13**



MDOT's Construction on the Bridge Deck over I-696, Victoria Park and Church Street is on Schedule to Open the Second Week in November

"The MDOT project is on schedule for a November completion," says Assistant City Manager Kevin Yee, noting that some tree planting will be completed in the spring. In April, MDOT embarked on a reconstruction project that "is as big as it gets," they said at the time. In order to fix leaks that were causing hazardous driving conditions for vehicular traffic that travel I-696, MDOT removed everything above the bridge including sections of Church Street, Victoria Park, the parking lot, sidewalks, trees, lights and play structure. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$4.4 million.

"We are pretty much destroying the whole thing and putting it back together again," said Nanette Alton, LLA, Landscape Architect for MDOT at a previous Town Hall meeting. MDOT's intent was to replace everything in-kind, taking everything that was in the park and bringing it back to at least the level it was before construction.

"It's pretty amazing if you go by there and take a look at the playground structure - it's pretty neat," said Assistant City Manager Yee. "They are expecting to complete the project on schedule in the second week of November with the exception of some tree plantings and soil restoration which will take place in the spring.



Oak Park Recreation · Day Trip

HISTORIC HOUSES of WORSHIP TOUR

Monday, November 7 · 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. · (248) 691-7555

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An inspirational and eye opening tour of five beautiful churches that contributed to the development of Detroit and it's surrounding communities.



Shelter Rentals

Residents Only
Monday, Nov. 14, 2016
Please provide proof of residency (i.e., driver's license, passport or state identification)

Non-Residents
Monday, Jan. 9, 2017

Doors Open 8 a.m.
Reservations begin at 8:30 a.m.

Cash and Credit Card Only
All fees due in full at time of reservation

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Up in the Attic

Antiques, Shopping, Appraising
Bob Ramsey's antique program
Up in the Attic, Under the Stairs
How to Find Antiques in Your Own Home

The first 35 people to email friends.oakparklibrary@gmail.com will be allowed to bring in items for Bob Ramsey to appraise!

Wednesday, November 16
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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14200 Oak Park Blvd.
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 691-7480

Brought to You By Friends of the Oak Park Public Library

Bob Ramsey

Friday, November 18
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY
@ YOUR LIBRARY

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Phone: (248) 691-7480

Entertainment and Enrichment!

Oak Park Holiday GIFT-O-RAMA

Shop Local
Home Decor · Clothing
Accessories · Jewelry
And, More!

Saturday, November 26, 2016
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. · Oak Park Community Center
Become a Vendor · (248) 691-2357

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Meadow Brook Holiday Home Tour

Thursday, December 1
11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Meadow Brook Hall
Auburn Hills, MI

\$39 per person



Day Trip to Meadow Brook Hall for a Holiday Home Walk. Lunch included!

Fleece Blankets

Thursday, December 1
3:30-5:00 p.m.
*For grades 6th-12th only

Pre-registration Required



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Phone: (248) 691-7480

Create a no-sew fleece blanket to keep or to donate

Huckleberry Railroad HOLIDAY MAGIC

Oak Park Seniors
Friday, December 9, 2016
Departs 2 p.m. - Returns 10:15 p.m.

Dress for the weather.
This is an indoor/outdoor event.

\$65.00

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Obtain Your Animal License Before December 28 to Avoid a \$10 Late Fee

1 Year Dog/Cat License: Spayed/Neutered - \$7 Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$16	3 Year Dog/Cat License: Spayed/Neutered - \$15 Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$30
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All persons who own a dog or a cat must obtain a license from the Records Division of the Department of Public Safety every year. (Proof of immunization is required.) It is unlawful to own or possess an unlicensed dog or cat six months of age or older.



Records Bureau · Dept. of Public Safety · City of Oak Park
13800 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI · (248) 691-7526
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

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community happenings

November 2016 Dates to Remember

November 1-3 – City Clerk's Office, Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for Absentee Voting
November 2 – Library Book Club Meeting
November 2 – STEAM, Button Maker, Library
November 3 – Shadow Play, Library
November 4 – City Clerk's Office, Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for Absentee Voting
November 4 – City Offices are Open, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
November 5 – City Clerk's Office Open, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for Absentee Voting
November 6 – Daylight Savings Ends
November 7 – City Clerk's Office Open, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for Absentee Voting
November 7 – Historic Houses of Worship Tour, Recreation
November 7 – City Council Meeting
November 8 – General Election, Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
November 8 – Presentation Tuesdays, Recreation
November 10 – Shadow Play, Library
November 10 – Ethnic Advisory Commission Meeting
November 11 – Veterans Day
November 11 – City Offices are Closed (Friday)
November 11 – Detroit Opera House, Silent Night. Recreation
November 14 – Shelter Registration for Residents
November 14 – Planning Commission Meeting
November 14 – Emergency Services Commission Meeting
November 14 – Friends of the Oak Park Library Meeting
November 15 – Lecture Series with Armando Delicato,
The History of Cass Corridor, Recreation
November 15 – Library Board of Directors Meeting
November 16 – "Up in the Attic, Under the Stairs," Antique Shopping
and Appraising with Bob Ramsey, Library
November 16 – TEAM, Ozobots, Library
November 16 – Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
November 16 – Communications Commission Meeting
November 16 – Oak Park Historical Society Meeting
November 17 – Estate Planning Clinic, Recreation
November 17 – Corridor Improvement Authority Board Meeting
November 18 – International Games Day, Library
November 18 – City Offices are Open, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
November 18 – Mystery Trip, Recreation
November 21 – Monday Movie Night, Captain America: Civil War, Library
November 21 – City Council Meeting
November 22 – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
November 23 – Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission Meeting
November 23 – Library Closes at 6 p.m. (Due to the Holiday)
November 23-25 – City Offices are Closed (Due to Holiday)
November 24 – Thanksgiving Day
November 24-25 – Library Closed (Due to the Holiday)
November 24-25 – Trash Collection Delayed One Day (Due to Holiday)
November 26 – Small Business Saturday
November 26 – Oak Park Holiday Gift-O-Rama, Recreation
November 27-December 24 – Advent
November 28 – Public Safety Retirement System Meeting
November 30 – STEAM, Strawbees, Library

December 2016 Dates to Remember

December 1 – Winter Property Taxes are Levied, Treasury
December 1 – Youth Basketball Registration Deadline, Recreation
December 1 – Meadow Brook Hall for the Holiday Home Walk, Recreation
December 1 – Fleece Blankets, Library
December 2 – City Offices Open, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
December 5 – City Council Meeting
December 7 – Library Book Club Meeting
December 7 – Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission Meeting
December 8 – Ethnic Advisory Commission Meeting
December 9 – Curbside Leaf Collection Ends
December 9 – Huckleberry Railroad/Crossroads Village Holiday Magic, Recreation
December 12 – Planning Commission Meeting
December 12 – Youth Basketball Practice Begins, Recreation
December 12 – Emergency Service Commission Meeting
December 12 – Friends of the Oak Park Library Meeting
December 13 – Board of Review Meeting
December 13 – Lecture Series with Michael Hauser, Recreation
December 14 – STEAM, Sensory Bottles, Library
December 15 – Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting
December 15 – Corridor Improvement Authority Board Meeting
December 16 – Yard Waste and Brush Collection Ends
December 16 – City Offices Open, 8 a.m.-4p.m.
December 19 – City Council Meeting
December 20 – Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting
December 20 – Library Board of Directors Meeting
December 21 – First Day of Winter
December 21 – Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
December 21 – Communications Commission Meeting
December 22-23 and 26 – City Offices Closed (Due to the Holiday)
December 22-23 – No Delay in Trash Collection
December 23 and 25-26 – Library Closed (Due to Holiday)
December 24 – Christmas Eve, Advent Ends, and Chanukah Begins
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 26 - January 1 – Kwanzaa
December 27 – Public Safety Retirement System Meeting
December 27 – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
December 28 – Last Day to Obtain Cat and Dog License Without Late Fee
December 29-30 – City Offices Closed (Due to Holiday)
December 29-30 – No Delay in Trash Collection
December 30 – Library Closed
December 31 – New Year's Eve

Happy Holidays!

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