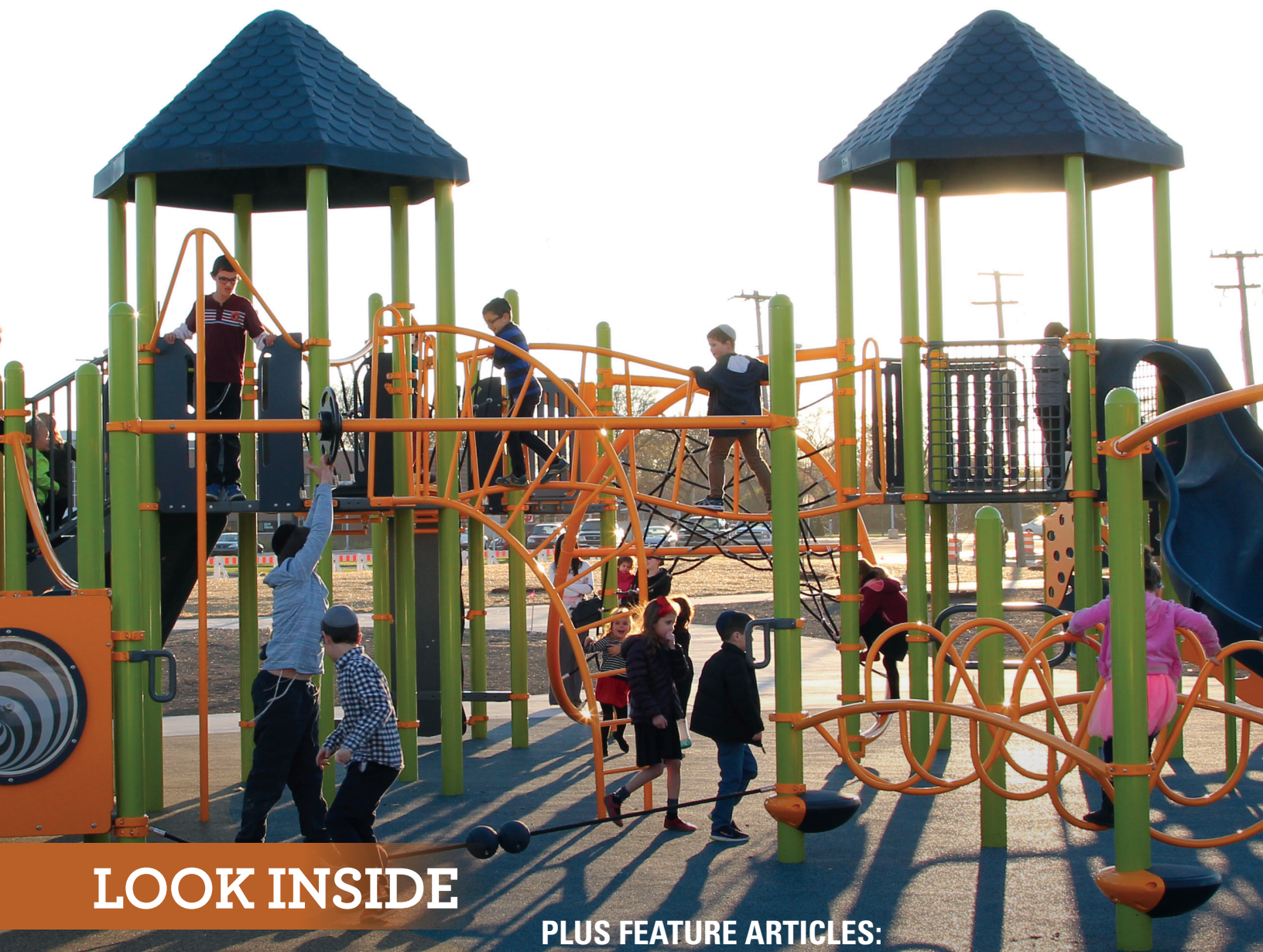


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## Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

For the last several years, the City of Oak Park has focused efforts on beefing up public safety and providing reliable services to each and every one of our residents and business owners. I realize with today's economic uncertainties, how important it is to you that tax dollars are being spent with prudence. You rely on us to represent your best interests and we take pride in living up to your expectations.

The power outage in March that lasted nearly one week exemplified the importance that we, as City government, will never take your safety and welfare for granted. In fact, it always has been, and always will be, our top priority.

That said, you can be assured that we are following up with DTE Energy and other vendors who do business in the City to make sure they are following the same standards as we are. Our message to them is clear; Oak Park is not a place where subpar and unreliable services will be tolerated. We do not operate under those standards and we certainly will not allow anyone else to service our residents in that manner. This is a place of excellence; a City with uncompromising high standards.

As we continue to place checks and balances on companies who serve our residents and business owners, you can also expect the City is committed towards developing and practicing new and improved services and programs. We implement them with a commitment to excellence in service. This includes reinforcing our hiring practices to maintain a diverse pool of the best and brightest candidates.

In fact, in a recent episode of my show, "Meeting with the Manager" I discussed our efforts to pursue even greater diversity in our Public Safety Department with our very own Public Safety Director Steve Cooper and Pastor James A. Friedman, a reputable diversity trainer. "Diversity is variety, and we like variety!" he said, stressing we are all diverse. "It's also cultural awareness."

Pastor Friedman shares that when people come together and have a real dialogue, they become aware of what they have in common. And, more times than not, they have more in common than they have different. Both our differences and our common interests allow us to appreciate one another. When we come together based on our common interests we have a community that celebrates and finds a value in diversity – they've found a way to appreciate one another. Living in a community built on acceptance and appreciation is very different from living in a community that distrusts, shuns or fears diversity.

It's no wonder why the Oak Park community takes pride in our diversity. We, as a community, regularly do things together. We share our opinions at town halls, we enroll in classes at the Recreation Department, we participate in Library programs, we volunteer at the school, and thoroughly enjoy spending time together at our many city-wide events. We support our block clubs, community groups, local businesses and our neighbors. We have a vested interest in our community and in each other. If we use Pastor Friedman's philosophy, it's simply because we chose to learn about one another that we have created a community of excellence here in the City of Oak Park.

Erik Tungate, City Manager  
City of Oak Park

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# State of the City Address

## BRIDGING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

**You know every politician and every city manager will say they have the**

greatest residents in all the land, but I will tell you as someone who has worked in a variety of different municipal organizations... that designation is right here in Oak Park," began Oak Park City Manager at this year's State of the City Address held on February 15. "We really do have the best residents anywhere of any kind and it is just wonderful to serve you."

The theme of this year's event was "Bridging the Past, Present and Future." "We chose that theme because we are a city government that honors our history, we are aware of our present status, and we are building for our future," said City Manager Tungate.



"Oak Park is a very special place. We are a stable, shining example of what a community should be – a place where everyone is welcome," said Mayor Marian McClellan at the start of her address, mentioning that others are beginning to notice the changes in Oak Park. "Elected officials across the county, our residents, and many people from neighboring communities have commented to me about the energy, the optimism, and the spirit of possibility."

Much can be said about the progress made in Oak Park in the last five years. Both the City Manager and the Mayor agree, five years ago things looked less optimistic and often bleak. Staffing was decreased and the City's fund balance required immediate attention. The Mayor used one of the City Manager's quotes, "You can't cut your way out of a bad situation; you have to grow your way out," she said giving much credit to the City Manager's experience, efficiency, and vision. "Thanks to Erik Tungate, our aggressive, visionary, and very efficient City Manager, we have improved our financial status," she said. "He slashed millions in health care costs and refinanced a second road bond saving our taxpayers a combined \$3 million over the life of the loans. He built an exceptional Economic Development Department, and restructured City departments to be more efficient," she said.

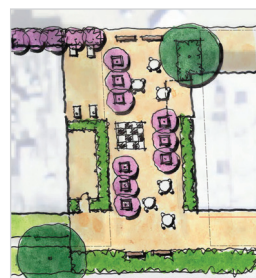
For his part, City Manager Tungate credited the year's success from the undying support of our one-of-a-kind residents, the efforts set forth by the Mayor and City Council, as well as that of his staff.

## Announcements: Put Your Mark on Oak Park

### From the Community and Economic Development Department

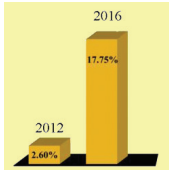
We are calling on innovators and area stakeholders to create a successful pop-up park on Sherman Street, just north of Nine Mile Road. This is your chance to put your mark on Oak Park. To prepare for the upcoming 9 Mile Redesign, Oak Park is piloting a project to close off an underutilized street and transform it into a vibrant public space through the use of placemaking and tactical urbanism. We hope this will become a community and volunteer driven project. Community planning meetings and volunteer meet ups will lead up to the street closure of Sherman St. between 9 Mile and the alley. This space will be closed off to car traffic and transformed into a park for the month of June.

The month-long Pocket Park Pilot will kick off with a celebratory event on June 2. By transforming this space into a park, we hope to create a more walkable, connected, and attractive community. For more information about the Sherman Street Pop-Up Park Project, follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @CityOfOakPark and visit our website ([www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov)) for scheduled events and activities in June. For questions, please call Elizabeth King at (248)691-7561 or email [eking@oakparkmi.gov](mailto:eking@oakparkmi.gov).





# Ten Major Initiatives Announced at the State of the City Address



## 1. Rainy Day Fund

The City's Rainy Day Fund, a fund that is set aside for unforeseen contingencies, has grown to 17.75%, up 15% from 2.6% in 2012.



## 2. Ice Cream Truck

In an effort to build a positive relationship with the youth in the community and engage them in a positive fashion, the Public Safety Department will be serving free ice cream in their very own ice cream truck. This unconventional, out-of-the-box approach will allow youth to interact with Public Safety Officers in a positive, friendly and relaxed manner. The van was donated through the Public Works Department, the ice cream was donated by Prairie Farms, and an ice cream freezer was provided by Auction Masters.



## 3. Canine Unit

In the coming months, the Department of Public Safety will go before City Council with a proposal for the addition of the Department's very first Canine Unit.



## 4. Increase in Traffic Enforcement

City Manager Erik Tungate has authorized an increase in traffic enforcement to aggressively target violators throughout the community. Public Safety Director Steve Cooper urges residents to abide by the traffic rules as his staff would prefer voluntary compliance rather than issuing traffic violations.



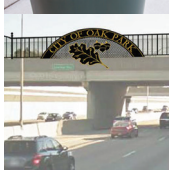
## 5. Sunflowers

The City will once again plant, water and care for flower beds full of vibrant sunflowers in an effort to bring joy to all who live, work, and travel through the City. Last year, the City planted 15,000 sunflowers in 44 flower beds. The project that quickly became a teachable moment in every school across Oak Park ended by being a joyful source of community pride.



## 6. Recycling Bins

Later this year, SOCCRA customers across Southeast Michigan, and including Oak Park, will receive a recycling container delivered by SOCCRA, free-of-charge.



## 7. Bridge Upgrade

The bridge located at I-696 and Coolidge will receive a branded facelift. There are plans to replace the current chain link fencing with new decorative lights, branded seals, and fencing. This will improve pedestrian walkability, bike paths, and enhance bridge aesthetics.



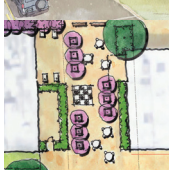
## 8. Water Tower Upgrade

As a budgeted maintenance item, future plans include repainting the City's water tower on Eleven Mile Road. The City will take this opportunity to showcase the City's branding.



## 9. Nine Mile Redesign

The City is close to securing grant funding to finance the Nine Mile Redesign Project. Five lanes for traffic will be redesigned into three lanes with added bike lanes and parking spaces.



## 10. Pop-Up Pocket Parks

The City will establish pop-up parks in vacant or reclaimed areas within the City to be used for resident ingenuity. These pop-up parks require imagination and creativity as the residents are challenged to reimagine and envision how to transition a poorly utilized space into a thriving neighborhood gathering place.

## CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON GRANZON AVENUE

Budgeted for the 2017 construction season, the City of Oak Park is proud to begin construction on Granzon Avenue, from Coolidge Highway to Church Road. This will consist of a total reconstruction of the roadway using new concrete. New storm sewers and handicap accessible ramps will also be installed. Florence Cement Company was awarded the project at the February 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. City staff has a successful history working with Florence for the completion of other paving projects such as the Coolidge Highway White Topping Project and the Patching and Diamond Grinding Projects on both Lincoln Blvd. and Oak Park Blvd. The work associated with this project will require a total closure of Granzon Avenue, leaving only Parklawn Avenue open to through traffic. All corner homes along Granzon will lose access to their driveway for the duration of the project that is projected to last approximately 12 weeks. In an effort to get the information to the residents, a **Granzon Project Open House has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017**. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located in City Hall, 14000 Oak Park Blvd., from 5 to 7 p.m. Representatives from both the Oak Park Engineering Department as well as Florence Cement will be in attendance to take any questions the public may have regarding this project. This is a great time to discuss any potential issues that may arise during the project timeline. While a definitive start date has not been determined, the contractor is eager to begin the work as soon as possible. A preliminary estimate for construction to commence would be in late April, however this is highly dependent on the weather.

For questions or concerns, please contact Project Manager Jennifer L. Wilson at (248) 691-7582 or by email at [jwilson@oakparkmi.gov](mailto:jwilson@oakparkmi.gov).



# OAK PARK PUBLIC SAFETY'S Citizens Academy

A FUN, INTERACTIVE  
AND EYE-OPENING,  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Do you remember the first time you met a police officer?** Did you ever want to ride in that big, yellow fire truck? Control the fire hose? Operate the jaws-of-life to save a trapped accident victim? Have you ever wondered how realistic the CSI television programs portray forensic evidence? When officers are trained to use a taser instead of a gun? If these topics are of interest to you, then you may be an excellent candidate for our next Citizens Academy.

The Oak Park Public Safety's Citizens Academy is an engaging, community outreach program that provides residents with an inside look at how the Oak Park Public Safety Department runs on a daily basis. Classes meet in the evening, once a week, for four weeks and are free to the participants. The program is held in the spring and fall.

"We have a very good relationship between our department and our citizens. They've been very supportive of us," said Oak Park Detective Robert Koch who spearheads the City's program. "We wanted to reach out and bring the residents a little closer and allow them to come behind the scenes and see why we do what we do, and how we do it."

The intent of the program is to foster a greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities

of the City's Public Safety team while providing a venue for both the citizens and the officers to interact and share.

The Oak Park Public Safety Department is the first in the state to require their officers to be trained and certified in the combined roles of police, fire and medical-first response. On any given 12-hour shift, the officers may be required to make traffic stops and accident reports; respond to and inspect a fire; and apply first-aid or perform CPR on a resident in need.

"I just wish all the citizens could take part in this. It's really something to see," said Robert Barnes, a recent Citizens Academy graduate who watched a demonstration of how the officers respond to a fire call in their officer uniform and literally change into firefighting gear on the street within a little over one minute.

Program participants meet police officers, firefighters, dispatch operators, evidence techs, judges, prosecuting attorneys, and more. They learn how many pounds of water the pumper truck holds and how to maneuver the heavy jaws-of-life during emergencies. They wear fire equipment, tour jail cells, and sit in the back (and front) of a police vehicle. They process mock crime scenes, lift fingerprints, and try to discern how to tell a real gun from a toy. Candidates participate



in firearm simulations by making split-minute decisions on when to shoot, or not to shoot. They even pick candidates for police line-ups and review findings for court presentation.

"Overall, it has just really been an eye-opener," said Steve Gold, Chairman of the Communications Commission and past graduate of the program. "It's really, absolutely amazing when you learn what is involved and how much these men and women do for us."

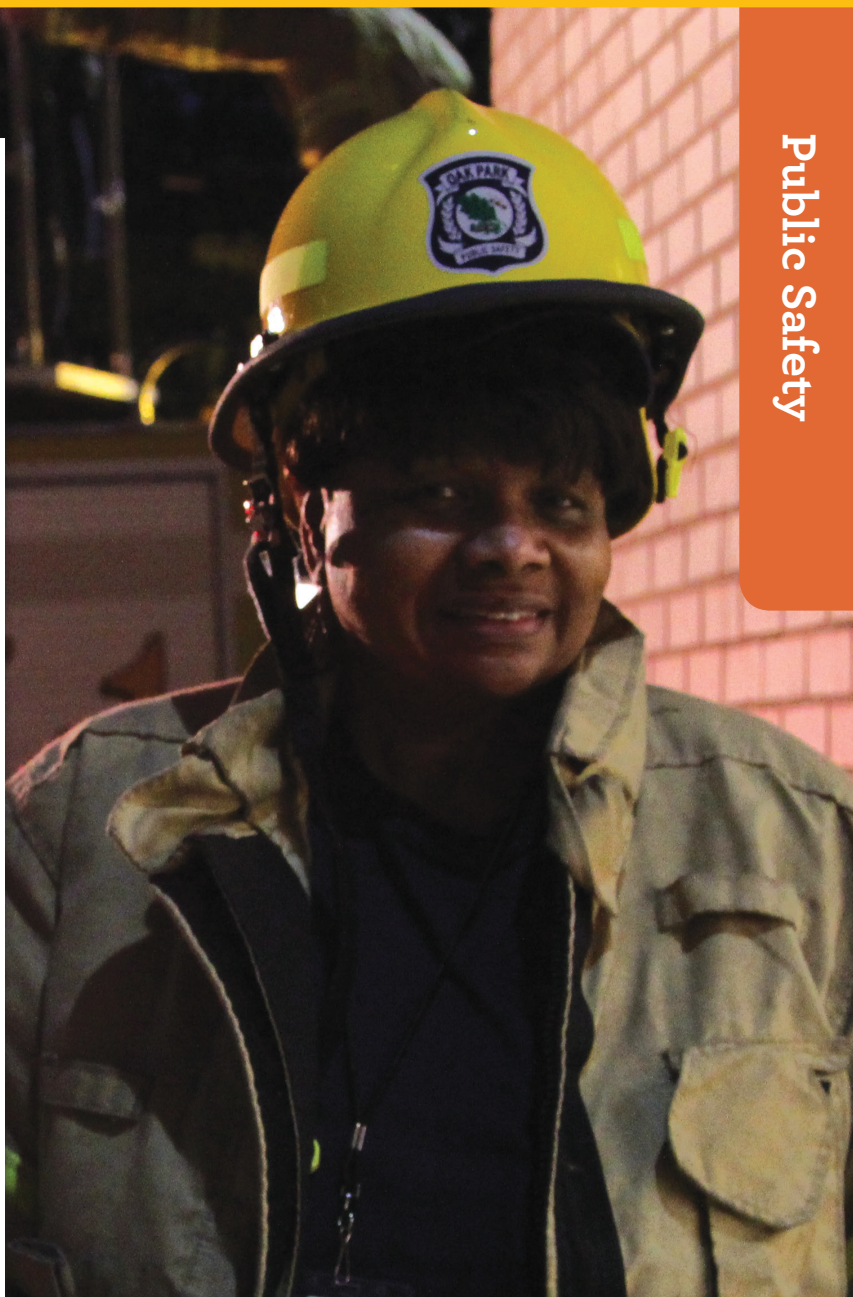
### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CITIZENS ACADEMY?

We are currently enrolling recruits for the Citizens Academy to be held every Wednesday in June from 6 to 9 p.m. To qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age or older and pass a background check. Applications are available at the Oak Park Public Safety Department, located at 13800 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Applications must be received no later than May 10. Call Detective Robert Koch at (248) 691-7514 for details.

#### Congratulations to our Fall Citizens Academy graduates:

Gwendolyn Baker  
Mary Barnes  
Lois Beard  
Leroy Berry  
Phyllis Berry  
Wanda Bradley  
Douglas Craig  
Christopher Davis  
Cloteal Fowler  
Catherine Gorski  
Selena Houston  
Gloria Jefferson  
Kotto Jones  
Margie Jones

Armata Jones-Smith  
Preston Lorick  
Yvonne Lorick  
Lynnsay Machese  
Val Moskalik  
Barbara Malone  
Phillip Nichols  
Ruth Nichols  
Denzel Pugh  
Lawrence Rood  
Keith Sturdevant  
Glynn Thornton  
Alicia Wilson  
Greg Young



### THE NUMBER OF HOME INVASIONS DECREASED DUE TO COMMUNITY EFFORTS

When Public Safety Director Steve Cooper analyzed recent crime statistics he was pleasantly surprised to discover that the number of home invasions are down by nearly 33 percent in Oak Park. When it comes to home invasions and vehicle thefts, Director Cooper stresses that it's the simple things that make us vulnerable.

"When I looked at our home invasion statistics, in some cases there were no forced entries; meaning someone left the door or window open or unlocked," said Director Cooper. "Some of the other safety tips that we've been stressing is about keeping the lights on when you're not home, especially at night time. And, trim away large shrubbery and bushes from the windows to make your home less attractive to criminals." Director Cooper also believes the block clubs and community group decision to use the "see something, say something" approach is working.

"Give us a call. Let us come out and dispel what you think it may be and if it is something, we will address it aggressively," he says. "It is those things that really help us to turn the corner in terms of driving crime numbers down."

When residents go on vacation or away from their homes for a few days, he suggests they request a home check while they are away. To take advantage of the program, residents submit a form to the Public Safety Department. When on regular patrol, the officers (manpower permitting) will check on your home in your absence. To learn more about this program, call (248) 691-7520.

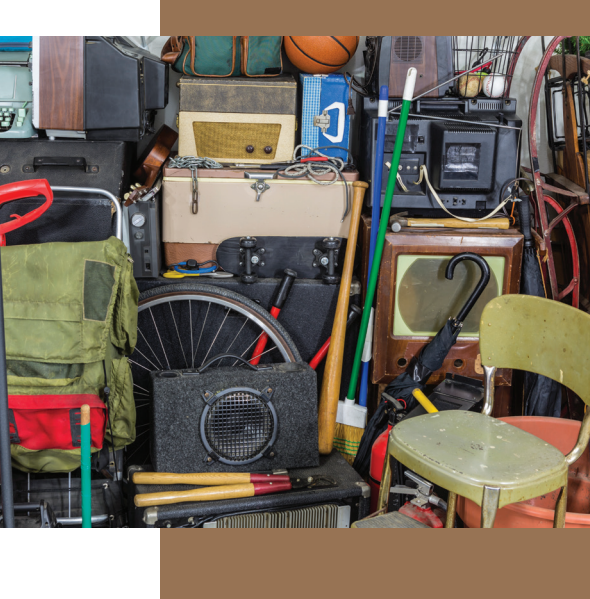
To deter vehicle theft, Director Cooper would like community members to be mindful of the simple things - park your cars in your driveways, use the garage whenever possible, lock car doors, and never leave your keys in the ignition while your car is running unattended.



# Is Your Home Appealing



## TO THE UNINVITED GUEST?



**As humans, we like to go where we are welcome, where the food is readily available, water is plenty,** and shelter is accommodating. We like to raise our families in environments that are conducive to our wellbeing. Perhaps, then, it is no surprise to discover that rats, like humans, like to be welcomed guests, as well. In fact, rats will live within 100 to 150 feet of their main food source and rarely travel more than 300 feet away from their nests.

In the United States there are two main types of rats, roof rats that are found within 100 yards inland of the coastal regions, and Norway Rats which are predominantly found all throughout the country, including Michigan.

Norway rats, formally called *Rattus Norvegicus*, are commonly known as the house, super and sewer rats because they travel mostly by ground and water as compared to the roof rat that primarily lives in attics and above ground. Norway rats have sturdy bodies, small eyes, small nose, and short tails. They can reach up to 16 inches in length. The Norway rat can jump up to three feet in the air, climb vertical and horizontal wires, enter your property through a hole no larger than a nickel, and prefer to burrow 12 inches underground to colonize and breed. They can swim up floor drains, sewer lines and through your toilet bowl trap.

### Do you have visitors?

Although rats are nocturnal and prefer to be active at night, it's rather easy to find traces of their existence. They are creatures of habit that will travel the same path over and over, eventually leaving a trail. They leave rat droppings (approximately three-quarters of an inch in length) and urine stains around pet dishes, on counter tops, around food containers, and in recycling bins. They chew and gnaw marks on the bottom of doors, windows, walls, pipes,

and stored materials. There will be greasy rub marks on walls, baseboards, pipes, and home exteriors. Norway rats hide under refrigerators, stoves and dishwashers. They create nests in boxes, drawers, and woodpiles that are within 18 inches of the ground. And, they burrow beneath compost piles, around trash containers, along fencing, under bushes, in debris and alongside foundation walls.

Although the Norway rat will eat almost anything, they do prefer a nutritionally balanced diet of fresh and wholesome items over stale and contaminated foods. They enjoy cereal grains, meats, fish, nuts and some fruits. They require up to one ounce of water on a daily basis when foods are dry, but less when available foods are moist. Individuals who encourage their presence often leave food containers partially open, food on the counter, garbage in trash bags, cans without lids, food in compost piles, pet food left in dishes through the day, pet droppings in the yard, or bird seed scattered on the ground. They like that!

### Can your uninvited guest bring harm to your family?

The answer is yes. Although they tend to look cute and a little cuddly, they can cause serious health concerns for people, pets and other domestic animals. They contaminate food and animal feed, transmit diseases to humans and livestock, damage garden crops,



destroy insulation, disable electrical wires, and occasionally bite. Rat scratches and bites have been known to result in infection, illness and can even lead to death, including the bubonic plague, Typhus, and rat-bite fever. The unknowing consumption of rat feces or urine can lead to kidney and liver damage from leptospirosis. They transfer fleas and mites. And, if you come in contact with a rat that has been poisoned, they can transfer toxins into your system.

### **If you ignore your guest, will they go away?**

Norway rats are communal nesters, meaning they live in groups of one to six female rats and, at times, a dominant male rat. Although rats have a short one-year life span, they reproduce often during that year. Female rats have six to 12 pups per litter and have 4 to 7 litters per year. Of the 24 to 84 pups per year, only half live to be weaned. Female pups usually add to the burrowed nest, while weaned male rats leave the nest. With these statistics, it doesn't appear that the problem will eventually go away. In fact, the number of inhabitants can increase quite rapidly for those that are content with their present living arrangements.

### **How can we evict these intruders?**

There are ways of evicting these uncooperative and unwanted house guests from taking up permanent residency. Not all methods of removal are considered humane. There are three steps to effective rat control:

- **Inspection** – Find the location of the rodents, typically within 100 to 150 feet of a sighting or trace. They like to go where they are welcome; places where food, water and shelter are abundant and where they can raise their offspring.

- **Exclusion** – Exclusion requires making it difficult for the rodents to enter the property and discouraging their stay. This includes sealing gaps that are one-half inch in width, fixing holes in window screens, closing gaps in door and window frames, and flushing water through their burrows. If rats are already taking up residency, exclusion includes their removal from the premises either by trapping (snap trap, glue traps, electronic traps and live traps), repellents (cats, ultrasonic devices, chemicals and organic scents), or rodenticides (poisons/first-generation and second-generation anticoagulants). Some prefer to contract with a professional pest exterminator, especially those that specialize in integrated pest management techniques that minimize the impact on human health and the environment.
- **Sanitation** – Sanitation involves taking away their food source and making shelter unappealing to rats that may be touring the area. The less appealing you are in meeting their needs for food, water and shelter, the more likely they won't take up residency on your property. Sanitation measures include keeping your property clean, maintaining your yard, eliminating clutter, attending to landscaping details, properly storing food sources, sealing trash containers, elevating items off the ground, removing animal waste, and repairing sewer leaks.

### **What is the most humane way to rid your home of rodents?**

The Humane Society believes the truly human way of treating rat populations is by not enticing them to thrive in your environment.

"There are no truly humane ways to kill rodents, only methods that are less inhumane. Rats are killed with poisons, snap traps, glue

boards, and maze-type traps that drown them. Based on what is known about these methods, the traditional snap trap, and perhaps the newer traps that use an electrical charge to stun and kill, seems to be the least inhumane. This doesn't mean that rats won't suffer in these traps—they almost certainly will," reports the Humane Society's online resource. "So keep in mind, the need to control rats is largely the result of lack of cleanliness in the immediate environment."

It is important to note, that even though there are lethal and non-lethal methods to catch rats, some live-catch traps still require you to find a humane way to relocate or dispose of the catch.

### **Questions to ask when considering an exterminator.**

It is helpful to obtain at least three quotes when hiring an exterminator or pest control company. To hire an exterminator, ask friends and family for referrals, prepare questions, conduct interviews, obtain quotes and contract for services. Some helpful questions are:

- What type of methods do you use?
- How many visits will it require?
- How will you dispose of the rodents?
- Do you offer a guarantee?
- Do you offer prevention tips or services?
- Do you provide free estimates?
- What is your suggested timetable?

## **How Can The City Help?**

The City of Oak Park is dedicated towards helping residents and business owners to eradicate the rat population within the city. To do so, we create awareness of the conditions, stress the importance of cleaning premises, enforce property code violations for cleanliness, blight and property upkeep measures within our purview, and are available to help inquisitive residents and business owners. The City encourages residents to purchase the durable polyethylene mini-dumpsters and recycling bins with tight-fitting lids that are available at City Offices (Department of Public Works and City Water Department) to purchase. For further questions, please visit the City's website at [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov), download the Questions and Answers About Rodent Control pamphlet from Technical and Planning Division's Code Enforcement page, or call the Technical and Planning Division at (248) 691-7450.







# The Value of Friends

## WHEN GIVING GIVES BACK FULL CIRCLE

### Five Acts of Generosity that Give Back

"Without the wonderful support of the Friends, and that which we receive from our community members, our programming would not be as rich and fruitful," said Library Director Brandon Bowman, indicating that the Oak Park community has always been supportive of Library events which are free to attend. "The support inspires every one of us that work or volunteer at the Library to create the most interesting and cutting-edge programs for the whole community to enjoy. It truly comes full circle."

There are five simple acts of generosity that our community members make that reap wonderful benefits for the Library. These simple acts provide services, programs and events that everyone in the community enjoys at the Oak Park Library without charge.

- 1. Join the Friends of the Oak Park Library.** For a small donation of \$10 per year, you can officially become a proud member of the Friends of the Oak Park Library, or "Friends," a non-profit organization whose mission is to fund events, activities and initiatives of the Oak Park Library. Your membership fee is donated towards the group's initiatives that host and sponsor Library programs.
- 2. Donate to Friends.** If you prefer, you can donate directly to Friends of the Oak Park Library (without seeking membership) to receive a tax write-off on your taxes. Friends is a registered 501(c)3. It's a win-win for everyone!
- 3. Enroll in Kroger Rewards Program.** Kroger donates millions of dollars a year to charity organizations across the country. The Kroger Community Reward Card program is the company's way of letting the community decide which charity will receive a portion of their donations. To participate, it requires a yearly online visit to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com), where participants enroll in the Kroger Rewards Program and designate Friends of the Oak

Park Library (organization number 20807) as the Community Rewards beneficiary. Every time you shop at the grocery chain with your Kroger card, Kroger will donate a portion of their proceeds to Friends of the Oak Park Library. Remember, Kroger Reward charity designations must be renewed annually in, or after, March.

- 4. Buy Books at a Great Deal!** Twice a year, Friends holds its Spring and Fall Friends Book Sale. At these sales, you not only receive excellent prices on great books, but Friends donates all their proceeds to the Oak Park Library programs, including the Summer Reading Program! Mark your calendars, the Spring Friends Book Sale begins on April 27!
- 5. Donate Your Time to Friends.** Friends is always looking for volunteers to participate in our meetings and help host our events. If you would like to be active within the community, Friends would love to have you join. Friends of the Oak Park Library meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

**For more information, call the Oak Park Library at (248) 691-7480.**

### Update Your Library Card!

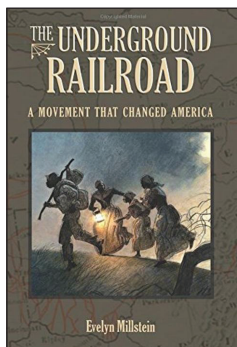
Don't forget to update your Library Card every year on or near your birthday. Many of the Library services require that the Library have up-to-date information on its Library Card holders. To update your Library Card, please stop by the Library's information desk with a copy of your photo identification and proof of residency.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: A MOVEMENT THAT CHANGED AMERICA

Author Evelyn Millstein Meet and Greet



**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Evelyn Millstein, the author of *The Underground Railroad: A Movement that Changed America*, will make an appearance at the Oak Park Library to discuss and sign her books and meet-and-greet. Author Evelyn Millstein is a Librarian who holds two masters degrees; one in Library Science, the other in Health Care Delivery Systems. She studied African American history for 70 years.

### HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

**Mondays, April 17 to May 22, 6-Week Session | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

The Heartfulness Meditation Program offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises which, when practiced daily, help restore life balance, relieve stress, enhance health, improve ability to sleep, and most of all will lead to inner calm and peace. The relaxation and meditation techniques taught by experienced certified Heartfulness trainers covers both the conceptual framework as well as practical meditation and relaxation sessions. As classes progress, the trainer adds more advanced techniques to help participants enter a deep meditative state, faster.



### HYPNOTHERAPY WITH HYPNOTHERAPIST PHIL ROSENBAUM

**Wednesday, April 19 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Phil Rosenbaum, a Hypnotherapist with a Masters Degree in counseling, will dispel common myths about hypnotism and talk about hypnotherapy's many healthful uses, including weight loss, smoking cessation, and more. If time permits, Mr. Rosenbaum will demonstrate the progressive relaxation techniques.

### MONEY SMART WEEK®

**April 22 to April 29**

Money Smart Week® is a week-long program co-sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union League and Affiliates and the Friends of the Oak Park Library to help community members to better manage personal finances. The collaboration will work together to create greater public awareness of resources that are available within the community. For more information, contact the Oak Park Library at (248) 691-7480.

#### LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

### SPRING FRIENDS BOOK SALE

The annual Spring Friends' Book Sale is coming! Make sure to stop by the Oak Park Library between April 27 and May 1 (sorry, the Library will be closed Saturday, April 29) for some great book deals and a wonderful cause! We have hundreds of books for sale. The profits from the sales help to support the Oak Park Summer Reading Program and other activities and events that are sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library. Don't forget to participate in our basket raffles!

**Thursday, April 27, 1 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, April 28, 1 to 5:30 p.m.**

**The Library is closed on Saturday, April 29.**

**Sunday, April 30, 1 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Monday, May 1, 1 to 7:30 p.m.**

### STAR WARS DAY

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 4:30 to 7:45 p.m.**

Join us for a fun, Star Wars filled day here at the Oak Park Public Library. We will have Star Wars related activities, photo opportunities and a movie! May the Fourth be Star Wars Day!

### MICHIGAN KIT HOUSES

**Thursday, May 18, 2017 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Join Sears Kit Home owners Andrew and Wendy Mutch for "Michigan Kit Houses." Their presentation explores the fascinating history of catalog and kit homes. Learn about Michigan's role in the kit house industry and the process of buying and building of a catalog home. The program includes a photographic tour of kit homes located in and around Oak Park. Mr. and Mrs. Mutch are kit house enthusiasts, researchers, and owners of a 1926 Sears and Roebuck Kit home located in Novi, Mich., named The Hamilton.

### BUILD A BETTER WORLD SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Registration Begins: June 1 | Kick-Off: June 20**

**Reading Logs Due: July 31**

The value of a summer reading program is far-reaching. As parents read to children, children learn to pronounce and recognize words. As children read to parents, they gain confidence, a love for books and literary skills. Literacy skills not only help individuals learn and communicate, it's the foundation to excel in all other subjects. This year's theme is to "Build a Better World" encouraging children to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others. Activities include:

- June 1:** Registration Begins
- June 20:** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Kick Off with Oakland County Park Inflatables
- June 29:** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Nelson's Wildlife Safari with Live Animals
- July 10:** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Bounce That House Inflatables, Red Oaks Nature Center, Oakland County Parks
- July 13:** 2:30-3:15 p.m., Nature Discover Program, Red Oaks Nature Center, Oakland County Parks.
- July 16:** 2-3 p.m., Miss Carissa, Music for the Littles
- July 20:** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Exotic Zoo, Live Animals
- July 25:** 2-3 p.m., Drummunity with the Ferndale District Library in Geary Park.
- July 31:** Summer Reading Ends, Last Day to Turn in Summer Reading Logs





## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

### MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

**Rated PG | FREE**

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

Monday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. - Pete's Dragon, 102 minutes

Monday, May 15, 5:30 p.m. - Moana, 113 minutes

Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. - Fantastic Beasts, 133 minutes

### IT'S STORY TIME

**Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. | FREE**

**Ages: 2-6 | Children must be accompanied by an adult**

Our story time is a drop-in program for parents with children under the age of six. Come make friends, bond with your child, and learn to play. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing your child to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, we read, sing, dance, move and play.

### MONEY SMART WEEK SPECIAL STORY TIME PRESENTATION

**Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. | FREE | Ages: 2-6**

As part of the Money Smart Week at the Library, we are going to extend the Money Smart® theme to our It's Story Time for children ages 2 and up. During this special session we will talk to the children in an age-appropriate manner about money and how it is used. This program is sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union League and Affiliates and the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

### ADULT COLORING CLUB

**Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | FREE**

If you would like to relax, exercise creativity and dabble in artistic projects, come join our Adult Coloring Club. When focusing on coloring as an art form, worries wash away. Coloring generates wellness, solitude, and stimulates areas of the brain that involve motor skills, the senses, and creativity. If you are new to adult coloring, no worries. The Oak Park Library supplies patterns, coloring pencils and gel pens.

### TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS

**Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: Youth and Adults | FREE**

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



## YOU CREATE... BEATS!

**Ages: Youth and Adults | FREE**

Did you know that with the iMashine2 application and an Apple iPad you can create music anywhere, on-the-go? The Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission is teaming up with the Oak Park Library to host three separate courses on how to create entire tracks, rhythm, beats, patterns and more with this fascinating application. This is sure to be a hit with teens. You must pre-register for this event. Hurry, space is limited. Suggested age: 6th grade and above.

Thursday, April 20, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



### STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE

**Every Other Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE**

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

Wednesday, April 12: Button Making

Wednesday, April 26: Strawbees

Wednesday, May 10: 3Doodlers

Wednesday, May 24: Fingerprint Art

Wednesday, June 7: Ozobots

Wednesday, June 21: Sensory Bottles

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Every Thursday, 6-7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE**

Family game night is a great excuse for the whole family to enjoy a fun-filled evening, together. It's a time when the Oak Park Library unleashes their game collection for game lovers of all ages and abilities to create memories that last. Our game collection includes Leaping Lemmings, Monopoly, Munchkin, The Pact, Ravenous River, Red7, Skip-Bo®, The Tomb Game, Tycoon Games, The Witches, UNO, and more!

## MEETINGS

#### Friends of the Library

Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.

#### Historical Society Meetings

Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m.

#### Library Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

#### Library Book Club Meetings

Wednesday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 6 p.m.



You are cordially invited to the

## Recreation Master Plan Community Input Meeting

Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10 at 11 a.m.

Location: Community Center

We are in the process of updating our Recreation Master Plan in an effort to shape and guide our future endeavors. The Master Plan allows us to pinpoint our successes, challenges and our community member wish list. This is where we need your help. As community stakeholders your experiences, opinions and suggestions matter. Please consider joining us at one of the scheduled meetings to share ideas and insight. We'll be discussing programs, facilities, services, park land usage, upgrades and possible park and facility renovations.



Recreation Department



## Oak Park Pool to Open in June

"We are excited for the summer pool season to begin!" said Recreation Director Laurie Stasiak. "This year we will host family swim, senior swim, ladies swim, water aerobics, and special aquatic events to meet the diverse needs of our culturally rich community." Opening weekend for the pool is June 3 to 4. Then the Recreation Department will take a week off and re-open the pool from June 10 to August 26. Find us on Facebook @CityOfOakPark or on our website at [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov) for more details.

## Summer Camp Begins June 19

This year's Oak Park Summer Camp is full of fun, energetic, structured activities that will keep your child engaged, involved and intrigued. Each week's activities will center around a fun theme. The theme will influence our daily activities, like cooking experiments, science projects, art appreciation, journal workshops, and more. Come to our Summer Camp Open House on April 19 from 6 to 7:30 pm. in the Community Center for more details.



## We Are Now Booking Shelter and Room Rentals

If you have a family function, a wedding shower, a birthday party or a family reunion, consider renting one of Oak Park's community rooms or park shelters. We can accommodate varying group sizes at very affordable rates! For more information on community room rentals call (248) 691-7555.



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**Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**  
**9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.**  
**Every Other Friday**  
**8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**THE MISSION OF THE RECREATION  
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WHILE ESTABLISHING A HIGH STANDARD  
OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR PROGRAMS,  
ACTIVITIES, PARKS AND SERVICES.**

**FOLLOW US ON:**



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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®

## 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**. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are open every other Friday: April 7 and 21; May 5 and 19; and June 2, 16 and 30.

### AFTER HOURS DROP BOX REGISTRATION

How to register via drop box:

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

### BY PHONE

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

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



# Registration Form

## OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-7555 | [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov)

Head of Household's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CSV Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's First Name	Participant's Last Name	Birth Date	Program Name	Class No.	Start Date

### NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Non-residents of Oak Park are welcome to participate. There will be an additional \$5 non-resident charge, unless otherwise indicated. Some programs and camps have a slightly higher fee. Please contact the Recreation Department to confirm the non-resident registration charge.

### REFUND POLICY

A full refund will be processed if the activity is canceled by the Oak Park Recreation Department, or if the program is full. Refunds must be requested in person. Bring your original receipt. Refunds will only be granted for cancellation of class if requested before the second class or practice. Class refunds are not prorated should you miss a portion of the class for any reason. A \$5 service fee will be accessed for all refund requests. Refunds may take up to four weeks to process.

### RETURNED CHECK POLICY

There will be an additional charge determined by the Finance Department for all checks returned due to non-sufficient funds and the check writer will no longer be able to pay by check for Recreation Department programs in the future.





## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

### 50 Up Club Membership

**Fee: \$6 Res./\$12 Non-Res. | Calendar Year Renewal**

The mission of the 50 Up Club membership is to provide Oak Park's diverse, mature population with education, exercise and recreation programs to challenge the mind and body to greater heights of personal achievement. Join our Senior 50 Up Club and enjoy our weekly senior drop-in sessions at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. Call (248) 691-2357 for more information.

**HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed between 1 to 2 p.m.  
Every other Friday the Recreation Office is closed.

You must be a 50 Up Club member to enjoy the following drop-in programs:

### MONDAY

Quilters Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., free  
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., free  
Bingo, every second and fourth Monday, Noon to 2 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Senior Walking Group, 10 to 11 a.m., free  
Watercolor Drop-In, 1 to 3 p.m., \$5 per person fee  
Contemporary Quilters, every third Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Blood Pressure Clinic, 10 to 11 a.m., free  
Bingo, Noon to 2 p.m., inquire about fee  
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., free  
Scrabble Club, Noon to 5 p.m., free

### THURSDAY

Senior Walking Group, 9 to 11 a.m., free  
Drop-In Hustle, 10 to 11 a.m., \$4 resident/\$5 non-resident fee  
Pickleball, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$2 per person fee  
Bid Whist, 1 to 4 p.m., free

## LECTURE SERIES

Presentations, lectures and author meet and greets are available. Visit the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide for more information.

## DAY TRIPS

Casino and theatre trips are also available. Visit the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide for more information.

## LUNCH BUNCH

### JIM BRADY'S DETROIT

**Transportation Fee: \$6 Res./\$8 Non-Res. | Lunch on Your Own**

Jim Brady's Detroit is a homage to the 1954 legendary original location on 7 Mile and Greenfield. Sticking with tradition, Jim Brady's Detroit serves "The finest of beverages and the most delicious of foods for the most selective of appetites." They take pride in using products from local companies to serve world class cuisine. Age: 50 and up.

**Course: 0026LNTR17** - Friday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### THE WHITE HORSE INN

**Transportation Fee: \$6 Res./\$8 Non-Res. | Lunch on Your Own**

Originally established in 1850 as a general store, an inn, and a working stagecoach stop, the White Horse Inn has been restored and decorated to pay homage to Metamora's equestrian heritage. The White Horse Inn serves classic, yet adventurous cuisine in a historic, cozy cabin style atmosphere. Age: 50 and up.

**Course: 0027LNTR17** - Friday, May 5, 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### THE TOWNHOUSE

**Transportation Fee: \$6 Res./\$8 Non-Res. | Lunch on Your Own**

The Townhouse provides guests with inspired interpretations of their favorite American comfort foods and libation flare with world-class service. They provide fine dining hospitality and artistic culinary fare. As the Town House proclaims, "Our house is your house, so sit back and allow us to take great care of you." Age: 50 and up.

**Course: 0027LNTR17** - Friday, June 2, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### THE DIME STORE

**Transportation Fee: \$6 Res./\$8 Non-Res. | Lunch on Your Own**

The Dime Store, established in 2014, is an American brunch bar in Detroit that serves brunch (breakfast, brunch or lunch) with traditional and creative twists. The menu is a unique blend of scratch-made traditional favorites and creative combinations that include the House Sausage Omelette, Smoked Salmon Benny, Duck Reuben Sandwich and Sweet Poached Pear Salad. They also serve craft beer, wine and classic cocktails.

**Course: 0028LNTR17** - Friday, July 14, 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## CLASSES

### AARP'S SAFETY DRIVER'S TWO-DAY COURSE

**Senior Lounge**

**Fee: \$20 for AARP members/\$25 for Non-AARP members**

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premiums upon completing this TWO DAY COURSE. Participants must attend BOTH days to receive a certificate of completion. \*Class limited to the first 20 to register.

**Course: 0002SRCL17** - Monday to Tuesday, May 15 to 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

**10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: Free | Preregistration is required**

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

**Course: 3409SS17** - Thursday, May 18, One Session

**Course: 3410SS17** - Thursday, July 20, One Session



## WELLNESS

### THE ANTHONY L. SOAVE FAMILY MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY AND HEALTH SCREENING CENTER

**Friday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Recreation Center**  
**Fee: Unit accepts all insurances. Those without insurance coverage, please call (248) 691-7462 | Spots are Limited.**

The Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center is a mobile unit that features advanced 3D/Tomosynthesis imaging in an effort to reduce the risk of breast cancer in women by providing access to high quality mammography. The St. John Providence Health System's "Because We Care" program and the Anthony L. Soave Family are dedicated to serve all, including those who are uninsured, underinsured, and those who require financial support for their care. Age: 40 and up. To register, please call (248) 691-7462 or visit the Oak Park Recreation office. The number of seats are limited.

### St. JOHN PROVIDENCE MOBILE HEART AND VASCULAR SCREENING CENTER

**Friday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Recreation Center**  
**Fee: Basic Screening is Free.**

**Intermediate Screening is \$55 per person | Registration is Limited. Must register in-person at Recreation Center or call (248) 691-7462.**

For many people, heart disease does not present symptoms until a problem develops. We use state-of-the-art technology and all diagnostic studies that are performed and read by board certified physicians. Results of each study are sent directly to the patient/employees home to share with their primary care physician. Stop in the Recreation office to obtain complete information and to enroll. The number of seats are limited.

## FITNESS AND EXERCISE

### BASIC HATHA YOGA

**10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res. | Room A, Comm. Ctr.**

This class provides a basic yoga foundation. Instruction is personalized around the unique needs of those enrolled. Don't forget to bring your own mat. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bob Smith

**Course: 3063SS17** - Thursdays, May 11 to June 29, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3064SS17** - Thursdays, July 13 to August 31, 8-Week Session

### GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

**Noon to 1 p.m. | Fee: \$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res. | Room 3, Comm. Ctr.**

Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bobby Calhoun

**Course: 3047SS17** - Tuesdays, May 9 to June 27, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3048SS17** - Tuesdays, July 11 to August 29, 8-Week Session



## ENHANCE FITNESS

**9 to 10 a.m. | Fee: Free with 50Up Membership | Room A, Comm. Ctr.**

Enhance Fitness is a fitness program geared toward improving the overall functional fitness and well-being of older adults. A certified fitness instructor provides opportunities for social stimulation and physical benefits twice a week on Monday and Wednesdays. This class focuses on cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility and balance training. The benefits include improved strength, boost in activity level, improved mood, and fun!

**Course: 3033SS17** - Mondays/Wednesdays, April 3 to May 24, 8-Week Session

## TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

**10 to 10:45 a.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res. | Room A, Comm. Ctr.**

Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation in an effort to develop flexibility, coordination, and slow down the aging process. Ages: 18 and up. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy

**Course: 3060SS17** - Tuesdays, May 9 to June 27, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3061SS17** - Tuesdays, July 11 to August 29, 8-Week Session

## TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

**11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.**

**Room A, Comm. Ctr.**

This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. \*Experienced students only, ages 18 and up. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

**Course: 3051SS17** - Tuesdays, May 9 to June 27, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3052SS17** - Tuesdays, July 11 to August 29, 8-Week Session

## SPORT LEAGUES

### SENIOR SOFTBALL

**10 a.m. to Noon | Fee: \$84, plus NPRA Membership Dues**

Location: Joe Forbes Field at Oak Park Baseball Fields

The annual men's Senior Softball League partners with the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association, or NPRA. Senior softball is a wonderful way to stay fit while enjoying a team sport. Ages: 55 and up.

**Course: 3000SS17** - Mondays, April 24 to August 2, 15-Week Session

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### "More than just a meal"

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### SMART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for residents who are seniors, age 55 or above, and individuals who have a disability. Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport. For more information, contact (248) 691-7555. Subject to availability. There is a fare to use the bus. You must be a 50 Up Club member to use the SMART buses.



## LECTURE SERIES

### JACOBSON'S: I MISS IT SO!

Presented by Historian Bruce Kopytek

Tuesday, April 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2 | Course: 0008SRLC17

From the time Abram Jacobson opened his first Jacobson's Store in Reed City, Michigan in 1868 until its last 18 stores closed in bankruptcy 2002, "Jake's" was known as an elegant regional department chain which provided a sophisticated social, shopping and dining destination to upscale shoppers. Join historian Bruce Kopytek as he reveals the secrets behind why Jake's charm and allure is so profoundly missed by those who once shopped Jacobson's in its day.

### VOGUE!

Presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts

Tuesday, May 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2 | Course: 0009SRLC17

Humans have used fashion, jewelry and body art as a form of personal expression and cultural identity throughout history. Come explore select objects from the Detroit Institute of Arts' collection. You might be surprised by what you learn!



### 20th CENTURY RETAILING IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Presented by Historian Michael Hauser

Tuesday, June 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2 | Course: 0010SRLC17

At its peak in the 1950s, Woodward Avenue in Downtown Detroit became one of America's preferred retail destinations, boasting over four million-square-feet of retail. Join Historian Michael Hauser as he shares images, vintage ads, catalogs and architectural elements from some of the most popular downtown emporiums. There will be opportunities for a question and answer session and for participants to share their personal memories.

### DETROIT'S CORKTOWN

Presented by Historian Armando Delicato

Tuesday, July 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$5 | Course: 0011SRLC17

From Irish immigrant settlements in the 1840s who sought reprieve from their homeland's poverty and oppression, to the diverse working class and young, urban pioneers of the 21st century, Detroit Corktown remains the sentimental heart of the Irish American community of metropolitan Detroit. Join Historian Armando Delicato on July 11 as he reminisces about Corktown's various transformations.

## DAY TRIPS

### FIREKEEPERS CASINO TRIP

Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. | Ages: 21 and up

Fee: \$38 Res./\$43 Non-Res. | Course: 0030SRTR17

The Firekeepers Casino trip is hosted by

Bianco Travel and Tours, Inc.

Playing for keeps is about to become more intense! Slot machines, poker tables, Blackjack, 200 seat bingo room, and more. Five sizzling restaurants, blazing hot bars, and beautiful lounges! The trip includes \$20 slot credit and \$5 to be used for food, slot play or gift shop.

### TOUR OF DETROIT'S FBI BUILDING

Friday, June 9, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$6 Res./\$8 Non-Res.

Ages: 50 and up | Course: 0033SRTR17 | Register by May 26.

Back by popular demand. If you missed last year's "Mystery Trip" then you have another chance to tour the Federal Bureau of Investigation's operations in downtown Detroit. The tour includes FBI history, fraud techniques and scams, fingerprint processing, and more. We will lunch at Detroit Seafood Market. The fee covers transportation, however participants are responsible for their lunch and gratuities.

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

DETROIT TIGERS - Senior Days | Ages: 50 and up

Come with us and travel to Comerica Park to see the Detroit Tigers in action. The fee includes transportation, lower baseline box section seats, and a food voucher for one hot dog, a small bag of chips and a small soda. Tickets are limited, so sign-up early! Ages: 50 and Up.

Course: 0034SRTR17 - Tigers vs. Los Angeles Angels - Register by May 12  
Thursday, June 8, Noon to 4 p.m. | Fee: \$40 Res./\$46 Non-Res.

Course: 0035SRTR17 - Tigers vs. New York Yankees - Register by July 27  
Thursday, August 24, Noon to 4 p.m. | Fee: \$48 Res./\$53 Non-Res.

Course: 0036SRTR17 - Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox - Register by August 10  
Thursday, September 4, Noon to 4 p.m. | Fee: \$28 Res./\$32 Non-Res.

## THEATRE

### MOTOWN: THE MUSICAL

Sunday, April 23, 1 to 5:30 p.m. | Ages: 20 and up

Fee: \$95 Res./\$100 Non-Res. | Fisher Theater | Course: 0031SRTR17

It began as one man's story, became everyone's soulful music, and is now a Broadway musical. Motown: the Musical is the true American dream story of Motown Founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul. He launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, and many more!

### THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 9 a.m. Departure, 10 a.m. Show

Ages: 20 and Up | Fee: \$10 Res./\$15 Non-Res.

Course: 0032SRTR17 | Register by April 13

Lunch on your own at P.F. Chang's China Bistro

The Secret Life of Bees, a performance based on the New York Times bestselling novel authored by Sue Monk Kidd about Lily Owens, a 14-year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her mother's passing and troubled by her relationship with her father. Set in 1964, Lily and her caregiver escape to Tiburon, South Carolina, the place that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by a trio of black beekeeping sisters they learn about the transforming power of love.



## SENIOR

### BALLROOM DANCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11 a.m. to Noon | Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res.

Learn the latest ballroom dance steps, including Chicago Steppin, salsa, and more. Couples and singles are welcome. No experience necessary.

Ages: 50 and up. Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 3061FW17** - Thurs., March 9 to April 27, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3062SS17** - Thurs., May 11 to June 29, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3063SS17** - Thurs., July 13 to August 31, 8-Week Session

## YOUTH

### JUNIOR HIP HOP DANCE

6:30 to 7:15 p.m. | Ages: 6 to 10 | Level: Beginner

This course is an introduction to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of the hip hop movement. This high energy class is taught with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that will allow ease of movement (no jeans). Bring dance shoes or sneakers. Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 6006FW17** - Wed., April 5 to April 26, 4-Week Session, Fee: \$40

**Course: 6007SS17** - Wed., May 3 to June 7, 6-Week Session, Fee: \$60

### BALLET/JAZZ COMBO DANCE

7:15 to 8 p.m. | Ages: 6 to 10 | Level: Beginner

This combo class introduces the fundamentals and terminology of ballet and the technical side of Jazz. Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program. Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 0009SS17** - Wed., April 5 to April 26, 4-Week Session, Fee: \$40

**Course: 0010SS17** - Wed., May 3 to June 7, 6-Week Session, Fee: \$60

### JAZZ/TAP COMBO DANCE

8 to 8:45 p.m. | Ages: 11 to 17 | Level: Beginner

This jazz and tap combination class fuses the funky sounds of tap with the technical side of Jazz! Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program. Participants will work on a performance piece. Level: Beginner. Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 5010SS17** - Wed., April 5 to April 26, 4-Week Session, Fee: \$40

**Course: 5011SS17** - Wed., May 3 to June 7, 6-Week Session, Fee: \$60



Dance

## ADULT

### MIDDLE EASTERN (BELLY) DANCE CLASS

7 to 8:30 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

This class attracts participants of all shapes and sizes who come dressed in comfortable clothing to learn the art of belly dance. Express yourself through dance and learn fun ways to maintain health. Enjoy the physical and personal benefits of belly dancing, abdominal toning, leg strengthening, self-esteem, and an essence of sensuality. Ages: 20 and up.

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 3402FW17** - Mon., March 13 to May 1, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3403SS17** - Mon., May 8 to July 3, 8-Week Session

**Course: 3404SS17** - Mon., July 17 to September 11, 8-Week Session

## CHILDREN

### TAPS AND TUTU'S DANCE CLASS

9:30 to 10:15 a.m. | Ages: 3 to 5 | Level: Beginner

Taps and Tutu's Dance Class is a fun way in which to introduce little ones to the magic of dance! Classes are provided by Impulse Dance Academy. This class strives to foster a love of movement with fun and energy! The introductory level class explores rhythm, song, body awareness, coordination skills, imagination and creative expression. The lesson plans take into consideration the students' attention spans and keeps them happily engaged while learning to translate music into movement. Children must be potty-trained and able to be separated from their parent while in class. Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 8007SS17** - Sat., April 1 to April 22, 4-Week Session, Fee: \$40

**Course: 8008SS17** - Sat., May 6 to June 10, 6-Week Session, Fee: \$60

### MINI HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

10:20 to 11:05 a.m. | Ages: 4 to 6 | Level: Beginner

Impulse Dance Academy introduces dance hip hop to the younger crowd in a fun manner! Participants will be introduced to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of the hip hop movement. This high energy class is taught with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes that will allow the ease of movement (no jeans, please). Bring dance shoes or sneakers. Location: Room C., Comm. Ctr.

**Course: 9005SS17** - Sat., April 1 to April 22, 4-Week Session, Fee: \$40

**Course: 9006SS17** - Sat., May 6 to June 10, 6-Week Session, Fee: \$60





## OAK PARK EGG ROLL

**Sunday, April 2, 1-3 p.m. | Fee: Free Event | Course No.: 1606SS17**  
**Location: Hamilton Hill in David H. Shepherd Park**

What's better than searching for eggs outside during a nice spring day? Chasing candy-filled plastic eggs down the hill, of course. Come join us. We'll place children into age groups during this activity (i.e., 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) to better ensure they can chase and collect eggs with other children in the same skill and age level. Enroll today. Ages: 3-12 | Pre-registration is required.

## BUNNY TRAIL

**Wednesday, April 12, 4-7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$20 | Ages: 0-12**  
**Course No.: 1610SS17 | Location: Bunny Visits Your Home!**

Surprise your child with a special appearance from Peter Rabbit! Peter will visit 15 homes in Oak Park. He will visit with the family, pose for photo opportunities and leave a special gift behind. Sign-up while spots are available. You must be home between the hours of 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 to qualify. Due to limited availability this event is only open to Oak Park residents.

## Thank You to Our Sponsors

We wish to thank our generous sponsors who make our events such great successes! Please join us in taking a moment to thank our generous sponsors for their support and participation. Remember, they welcome our support, as well!

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### DADDY DAUGHTER SPONSORS:

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## SUMMER DAY CAMP

**Open House: Wednesday, April 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Community Center | Summer Camp Begins: June 19 to August 18.**

Come join us on Wednesday, April 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to meet the Camp Director, review the schedule of events, and to participate in our question-and-answer session. This year's Oak Park Summer Day Camp is sure to be full of fun, energetic and structured activities meant to keep your child engaged, involved and intrigued.

## WAGS AND WHISKERS

**Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Mark the date for an afternoon dedicated to our beloved pets. We'll feature pet rescues, the Michigan Husky Club, and question-and-answer sessions with the veterinarian. Low cost dog and cat vaccinations, pet supplies, and Oak Park pet licenses will be for sale.

## BIKE RODEO

**Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to Noon | Course No.: 1608SS17**

**Location: Community Center**

If your child is riding a bike, or going to be training soon, be sure to join us at the annual Bike Rodeo. This fun event is focused on providing safety tips and activities to help your child recognize the importance of safety. Bring your bikes and try our obstacle course. License your bikes and get fit for a helmet.



## SAVE THE DATE

### REGISTER NOW MAYOR'S 5K RACE

**Tuesday, July 4, 8 a.m. | Course No.: 1608SS17**

**Location: David H. Shepherd Park | Check-In at 7:30 a.m.**

**Race begins at 8 a.m.**

Mark your calendars for the Mayor's 5k Race to be held on Tuesday, July 4 in David H. Shepherd Park. Pre-register prior to the event, check-in at 7:30 a.m. and race at 8 a.m. Medals will be given to winners of each division; divisions are based on age. All registered participants receive a t-shirt, post-race snacks, and refreshments. Advanced racers as well as those out for a nice morning stroll are welcome to participate. For more information, call Recreation Coordinator Daniel Parker at (248) 691-7562.

### FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

**July 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | David H. Shepherd Park**

**Youth Breakfast, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Parade, 11 a.m.**

**Fun Fest, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

**Thursdays in July from 7 to 8:30 p.m. | David H. Shepherd Park**

## CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS

We are currently seeking volunteers and sponsors for upcoming events. Call Maralee Rosemond at (248) 691-2357 or email her at MRosemond@OakparkMI.gov for more details.





## ADULT

### TOTAL BODY WORKOUT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Call for Fee | (248) 691-7555

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages 18 and Up

Come join this exciting total body conditioning and exercise class where participants can work at their own pace. Instructor: Suzi Skotarczyk

Course: 4073SS17 - Mondays, March 20 to May 8, 8-Week Session

Course: 4074SS17 - Mondays, May 22 to July 10, 8-Week Session

Course: 5073SS17 - Wednesdays, March 22 to May 10, 8-Week Session

Course: 5074SS17 - Wednesdays, May 24 to July 12, 8-Week Session

Course: 3073SS17 - Mon. & Wed., March 20 to May 10, 8-Week Session

Course: 3074SS17 - Mon. & Wed., May 22 to July 17, 8-Week Session

### YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

7:45 to 9:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Location: Room 4, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

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

Course: 2007SS17 - Mondays, March 13 to May 8, 8-Week Session

Course: 2008SS17 - Mondays, May 22 to July 17, 8-Week Session

Course: 2009SS17 - Mondays, July 31 to Sept. 25, 8-Week Session

### TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS!

10 to 10:45 a.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and moving meditation. The course's healing properties develop flexibility, coordination, and slow down the aging process. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy

Course: 3059SS17 - Tuesdays, March 7 to April 25, 8-Week Session

Course: 3060SS17 - Tuesdays, May 9 to June 27, 8-Week Session

### TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Room A, Comm. Ctr.

This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. \*Experienced students only, ages 18 and up. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

Course: 3051SS17 - Tuesdays, May 16 to July 11, 8-Week Session

Course: 3052SS17 - Tuesdays, July 11 to August 29, 8-Week Session

### AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

7 to 8:15 p.m. | Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

Dance to old and new hustles that have been combined into aerobic workouts. This class is a great way to achieve 3,500 to 5,000 steps per class! Bring a water bottle and a towel.

Course: 1002SS17 - Tuesdays, March 7 to April 25, 8-Week Session

Course: 1003SS17 - Tuesdays, May 9 to June 27, 8-Week Session

### R.I.P.P.E.D. FOR A "SHREDDED" BODY

6 to 7 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Location: Room B, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and Up

This one-stop body shock exercise program is plateau proof. This workout helps to maintain continuity, consistency and challenge in each and every R.I.P.P.E.D. class. R.I.P.P.E.D. stands for resistance, intervals, power, plyometric and endurance. The instructor provides workouts along with diet suggestions to help participants attain and maintain physique in fun, safe, doable and extremely effective ways. Participants achieve undeniable results in minimal time by burning 750 to 1,000 calories in just 50 minutes.

Course: 3508SS17 - Tuesdays, March 14 to May 2, 8-Week Session

Course: 3509SS17 - Tuesdays, May 16 to July 11, 8-Week Session

### ZUMBA

6 to 7 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

Join the party and ditch the workout! Zumba is a dance fitness party that incorporates Latin and world dance movements to music that is energetic and fun! Zumba is easy to follow for all ages and fitness levels. Relieve stress and build strength, coordination and fitness levels.

Course: 3506SS17 - Mondays, March 13 to May 1, 8-Week Session

Course: 3507SS17 - Mondays, May 15 to July 10, 8-Week Session

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
<http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>



## YOUTH LEAGUES

**Spring Youth Baseball Registration Ends April 10**

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70 | Various Locations**

Teams sponsored by Oak Park play for the Southeast Oakland Baseball League. They compete with teams from: Ferndale, Hazel Park and Pleasant Ridge. This is a coed baseball league.

### T-BALL 5/6

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 5 to 6**

**Course: 1212SS17** - Mon./Wed., May 8 to July 26, 12-Week Session

### MACHINE PITCH 7/8

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50 | Ages: 7 to 8**

**Course: 1213SS17** - Mon./Thur., May 8 to July 27, 12-Week Session

### PONY 9/10

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 9 to 10**

**Course: 1214SS17** - Tues./Thur., May 9 to July 27, 12-Week Session

### MINOR 11/12

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60 | Ages: 11 to 12**

**Course: 1215SS17** - Mon./Wed., May 8 to July 26, 12-Week Session

### MAJORS 13/14

### SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

**6 to 9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70 | Ages: 13 to 14**

**Course: 1216SS17** - Tues./Thur., May 9 to July 27, 12-Week Session



## KARATE

### DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH KARATE

**6:15 to 7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$50/Non-Res. \$55**

**Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 4 to 7**

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. Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

**Course: 1011SS17** - Tuesdays, May 2 to June 20, 8-Week Session

### DRAGON'S EIGHT KARATE

**7 to 8 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$60/Non-Res. \$65**

**Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 8 and Up**

Students are challenged in 16 classes of the Dragon's Eight fighting system, a traditional, street oriented approach to the martial arts. There are eight life skills that are incorporated in this sport: focus, memory, teamwork, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. Students should dress comfortably for class. Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

**Course: 1018SS17** - Tues./Thur., May 2 to June 22, 8-Week Session

## 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. If you have any interest, contact Dan Parker at (248) 691-7562 for more information.

### 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 Dan Parker for more information at (248) 691-7562.





## ADULT LEAGUES

### KICKBALL

**6 to 10 p.m. | Fee: \$350 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee**  
**Ages: 18 and Up | Location: David H. Shepherd Park**

The Oak Park adult coed kickball leagues are back. They've grown into a great social activity for adults. The game with the BIG RED BALL that Oak Park residents played during recess is becoming increasingly more interesting. People have been known to travel far and wide to enjoy this sport, it's not just for kids anymore. Kickball is organized, laid back, fun, and entertaining. This sport offers a way in which to relieve stress and to exercise.

### KICKBALL (FRIDAYS)

**Ages: 18 and Up**

**Course: 2206SS17** - Fridays, May 12 to Aug. 18, 15-Week Session

### KICKBALL (MONDAYS)

**Ages: 18 and Up**

**Course: 2205SS17** - Mondays, May 15 to Aug. 21, 15-Week Session



## SOFTBALL

### MEN'S ADULT SOFTBALL

**6 to 10 p.m. | Ages: 18 and Up | Location: David H. Shepherd Park**  
**Fee: \$575 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee**

Oak Park Recreation offers a slow-pitch double header softball league through United States Specialty Sports Association, or USSSA, on Thursday nights. Games are played at the USSSA C/D level. Fees include prepped fields for 14 games, playoffs, USSSA registration, game balls, and championship awards. \*NOTE – All teams must pay a \$13 umpire fee per game for all regular season and playoff games. This fee is paid on the field.

**Course: 2200SS17** - Thursdays, May 11 to Aug. 17, 15-Week Session

### CO-REC SOFTBALL

**6 to 10 p.m. | Ages: 18 and Up | Location: David H. Shepherd Park**  
**Fee: \$575 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee**

Oak Park Recreation offers a slow-pitch, Co-Rec League through the United States Specialty Sports Association, or USSSA, on Tuesday nights. There will be at least 14 games and a post season tournament with awards. \*NOTE – All teams must pay a \$13 umpire fee per game for all regular season and playoff games. This fee is paid on the field.

**Course: 2201SS17** - Tuesdays, May 9 to Aug. 15, 15-Week Session

### SENIOR SOFTBALL

**10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Ages: 55 and Up**  
**Fee: \$84, plus NPRA Membership Dues**  
**Location: Joe Forbes Field at Oak Park Baseball Fields**

The annual men's Senior Softball League partners with the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association, or NPRA.

**Course: 3000SS17** - Mon./Wed., April 24 to Aug. 2, 15-Week Session

### NEW POLICY FOR ADULT LEAGUES

A refundable \$50 charge will be assessed at the time of registration to prevent forfeits. The forfeit fee will be returned to the team captain following the season if the team has not forfeited any games.



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**Upcoming Events**

**OAK PARK** 

**Haul Your Own Junk Away, April 7-10 and June 9-11**

**Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding**  
**June 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

\* Please note, the service shuts down promptly at 2 p.m. Depending on the length of the line, sometimes we need to shutdown the line at 1:30 p.m. to accommodate all who are waiting.  
Ice Arena Parking Lot is behind the Oak Park Library at  
14200 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237

 **Electronics Recycling**  
Residents can drop off used televisions, computers, monitors, printers, CD players, microwave ovens, etc.

**Paper Shredder**  
Residents will have access to an industrial size paper shredder. Limit: Two banker boxes of paper. Before arriving, please remove any metal clips, spines, etc. Staples are okay.

Hosted by the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission and SOCRRA  
For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497

**Healthy Lawn Seminar**  
April 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. | Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI | (248) 691-7497



**Guest Speaker Gary Eichen, Mike's Tree Service**  
Sponsored by the Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission







**World Dance Day Sponsorship Packages**  
**Saturday, April 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Oak Park Community Center**  
**14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-7573**  
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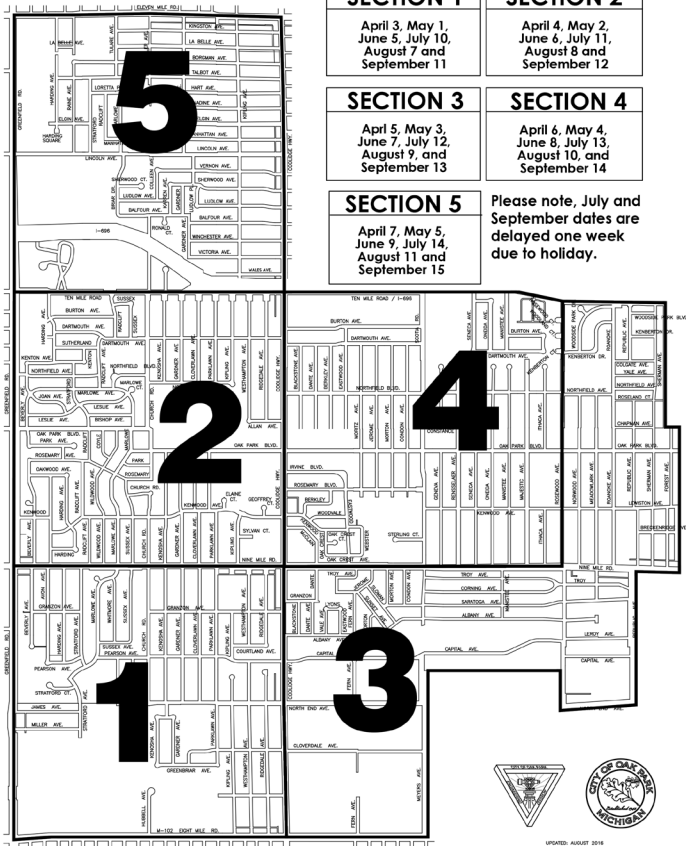
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**2017 Street Sweeping Schedule**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2
April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7 and September 11	April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 8 and September 12
SECTION 3	SECTION 4
April 5, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 9, and September 13	April 6, May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14
SECTION 5	Please note, July and September dates are delayed one week due to holiday.
April 7, May 5, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 15	



Updated: August 2016

If day of sweeping is missed due to bad weather, equipment issues or other reasons, sweeping will be performed on the following week on the regularly scheduled day.