



Look for the OPA! Fair!

"It's going to be fun for the whole family!" – Dawn Sketch, Arts & Cultural Commission

This August, the City of Oak Park's Arts & Cultural Commission will host the first art fair in the City since 1999. The OPA! Fair (otherwise known as the Oak Park Art Fair) takes place from 10:00AM – 5:00PM on Saturday, August 3rd in the Oak Park Community Center.

"This event has many layers – all of them fun – including artists, music and food, much like a more intimate version of Royal Oak's Arts, Beats & Eats," commented Dawn Sketch, an Arts & Cultural Commission member since December 2012. The event is designed to help promote, both, businesses and the arts in Oak Park. About 20-30 artists will be selling drawings, paintings, photography, jewelry, glass art and sculptures.

In partnership with the Arts & Cultural Commission and the Oak Park Recreation Department, the Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce will also host "Oak Park Summer Splash" at the Community Center on the same day. The family-themed event will include music, food vendors, pool time, putt-putt golf, inflatables and other activities for the kids at the Oak Park Recreation Complex on Oak Park Boulevard.

For more information and to learn more about how to sponsor these events, visit online at www.Facebook.com/OPAACC and vwww.oakparksummersplash.com.



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Now that summer is in full swing I hope you are getting time to enjoy the many City assets that we have to offer. Our parks, our pool and our many other City facilities are one of a kind in this quadrant of Oakland County.

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Welcome: New Advisors

City Boards & Commissions

On June 17th, Mayor Marian McClellan swore in 11 Oak Park residents as new members of the City's Boards and Commissions. The City of Oak Park has 24 independent Boards and Commissions consisting

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Puppets Ahoy!

Friends of the Oak Park Library present a free, family puppet show as part of the summer reading series, "The Adventures of Wanda and Wendall: Treasure Hunt," on Wednesday, July 10th at 2:30PM in the Library at 14200 Oak Park Blvd. Questions? Call (248) 691-7480

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One of the things I am most proud of is the support our residents have given us over the years that has allowed us to maintain such great public spaces. I have said many times that we have “good bones” and these wonderful spaces make our neighborhoods shine even brighter.

I urge you to take advantage of every opportunity to see your tax dollars at work and use your parks and facilities. Whether you're looking to host a family reunion or trying to cool off in the middle of the day, we have something to offer you.

Among other things, I would like to invite you to our annual July 4th parade, which starts at 11AM on July 4th and

runs from Coolidge to Shepherd Park. Also, our City pool is open 1-6PM Monday thru Saturday.

You can receive more information regarding these events and many of the other happenings by visiting the City web-site at www.oakpark-mi.com.

Your support is greatly appreciated. As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
City Manager

ADVISORS

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Newly appointed members at June 17, 2013 Council Meeting
of Council-approved resident volunteers, who serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and the City's administrative staff. New members included:

Leona Burns, Ethnic Advisory Commission
Jason Deneau - Beautification Advisory Commission
Julie Edgar, Communications Commission
Michael Eizelman, Building Board of Appeals
Michael Eizelman, Planning Commission
Ken Gaynor, Emergency Services Council
Demetra Johnson, Independence Day Commission
Kevin Keys, Building Board of Appeals
Val Moskalik, Economic Development Corporation/
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Solomon Radner, Zoning Board of Appeals
Richard Readus, Building Board of Appeals
DeLashea Strawder, Arts & Cultural Commission

For a complete listing of committees or to complete a membership application, visit the City's web site under “Boards and Commissions” at www.ci.oak-park.mi.us. Hard copy applications are also available in the Clerk's office, located in City Hall at 13600 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. Questions? Call the City Clerk at (248) 691-7544.

**Get Connected: And WIN!**

When you provide the City with your email address, we can add you to the E-blast distribution list so that you can receive regular updates on upcoming special events, changes in your services and general news. To register for E-blasts, send an email request to: oakpark@ci.oak-park.mi.us.

As a bonus, the first 250 people to submit their email addresses will be added to a drawing for one of the summer prizes listed below, courtesy of the City of Oak Park Recreation Department. One entry allowed per email address. Drawing will take place on August 14, 2013. Winners will be notified by email.

Grand Prize: Your choice of a free Family Pass for the Community Pool (up to seven members) or One free rental of Shelter One in Shepherd Park for an event (schedule TBD).

Register now and increase your chances of winning big!

TOP 10

Top Ten: Reasons to Buy Local*

1. KEEP MONEY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

For every \$100 dollars spent at a locally-owned business, \$45 goes back into the community – and our tax base.

2. INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY: Local businesses are often owned by people who live here, work here, and are invested in our future.

3. PUT YOUR TAXES TO GOOD USE: Local businesses in neighborhoods need comparatively less infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community.

4. EMBRACE WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE: Where we shop, where we eat and hang out – all of it makes our neighborhood home. One-of-a-kind independent businesses are real. If we wanted to live somewhere that looked like everywhere else, we wouldn't be living and working in Oak Park.

5. BUY WHAT YOU WANT, NOT WHAT SOMEONE ELSE WANTS YOU TO BUY: A marketplace of several small businesses means low prices over the long-term. Small businesses, choosing products based on what their customers love and need guarantees a more diverse range of product choices.

6. SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROUPS: Nonprofits receive an average 350% more support from local business owners than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

7. CREATE MORE GOOD JOBS: Small local businesses are one of the largest employers nationally, and local businesses often offer incomparable loyalty to their employees.

8. GET BETTER SERVICE: Local businesses often hire people who have a better understanding of the products they sell, and take more time to get to know customers.

9. HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT: Small businesses usually make purchases requiring less transportation and set up shop in commercial corridors and in-town instead of developing on the fringe. This means less sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.

10. KEEP OAK PARK AUTHNETIC: In an increasingly homogenized world, people are more likely to invest in or move to communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and unique attitude.

**Adopted from the Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance*

July Business Roundtable

Date: July 9, 2013
9 – 11AM

Guest speaker: Mary Huttlinger
Small Business Majority

Topic: Effects of the Affordable
Care Act on small businesses

Location: Chappell Fine Art Studio
14701 W. 11 Mile Rd.
Oak Park

R.S.V.P./Questions: Emily Doerr
(248) 691-7404 or
edoerr@ci.oak-park.mi.us.



New Community Farm Stand

Every Tuesday, July 9th - October 1st

"You double your dollars when you buy fresh, local food," said Emily Doerr, Director of Community and Economic Development, in reference to the debut of the City's Community Farm Stand where Oak Park residents and surrounding communities can shop for garden-fresh produce from local farmers in an outdoor gallery.

From July 9th - October 1st, farmers selling locally-grown fruits and vegetables will set up shop on the lawn of the Oak Park Community Center every Tuesday from 3-6PM. Anchoring the stand will be the Eastern Market Farm Stand program, providing 15 different types of vegetables for sale.

If you have questions or would like to participate as a vendor of fresh or prepared foods, flowers, baked goods, or arts and crafts, contact Emily Doerr at (248) 691-7404 or by email at edoerr@ci.oak-park.mi.us.



The Parade: Here it comes!

Annual Independence Day Celebration

Grab your lawn chair (and a bottle of water to stay hydrated)! The Oak Park Independence Day Commission presents the annual Oak Park Independence Day Parade! The spectacle of floats, marching bands, characters and local leaders begins at 11AM on July 4th from the traditional starting point at the intersection of Coolidge Rd. and McLean. From there, the parade route continues on the south side of Oak Park Blvd., down Church St. to Shepherd Park (at Northfield and Church).

Holiday festivities begin at 7AM with the Mayor's 3 Mile Run, followed by a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Oak Park Youth Assistance in Shelter One. Visitors are welcome to join Fun Day activities in the park -- including games, food vendors, a free concert and Battle of the Bands -- before, after and during the parade from 10AM to 3PM.

Questions? Call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555. See you there!

Employee Recognition: Matthew Brandimarte



Pictured: City Manager Erik Tungate, Matthew Brandimarte and IT Director Jeff Schefke

In June, Matthew Brandimarte received well-deserved raves and cheers from the Oak Park City Manager and Oak Park City Council for consistently performing above and beyond in his role as Cable/ Information Technology Coordinator in the IT Department. Hats off to Matt!

Monday, July 1

City Council Mtg.
City Hall 7PM

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 10

Puppets at the Library
2:30PM

Friday, July 12

*Last day to register for
Summer Reading Programs*
Oak Park Library

community happenings

Monday, July 15

City Council Mtg.
City Hall 7PM

Wednesday, July 24

Arts & Cultural Comm.
7PM *

* Event held at Oak Park
Community Center

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