



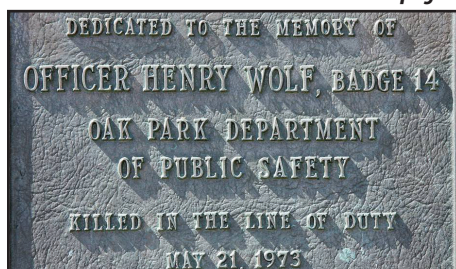
Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

I would like to use this month's column to thank all of the City staff, residents, and City Council members for their efforts in getting the fiscal year 2013-14 budget approved.

Next year's budget paves the way

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We Remember

Officer Henry Wolf

In May, the Oak Park City Council held a 40th anniversary memorial service to pay tribute to Oak Park Public Safety Officer Henry Richard Wolf, a five-year veteran who was killed in the line of duty on May 21, 1973. A

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Recreation: Summertime Fun

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The City of Oak Park Recreation Department offers one of the best, complete summer programs in the region; and summer of 2013 will be no exception.

DAY CAMP – June 17th – August 23rd

How do you make happy campers? Enroll them in Oak Park Day Camp where they can experience daily arts, crafts and games; swim three days a week; and take exciting, weekly fieldtrips. This summer, the Recreation Department is offering 10 weeks of day camp for boys and girls, ages five to 12. Weekly camps run Monday – Friday, 9AM – 4PM. Price: \$85.00 per child/ per week. Also available: before-care \$20/week (7:30 – 9AM) and after-care \$25/week (4 – 6PM).

COMMUNITY POOL – Opens June 15th

Oak Park families find the cool City Pool irresistible on a hot summer's day. This year, the pool is open Monday through Saturday, 1 – 6PM. The City offers Adult-Only Lap Swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30AM – 12:30PM, and on Saturdays, 9:15 – 10AM. Trained, certified lifeguards are on duty. Please remember that lined swimsuits are required and no food or coolers are allowed in the pool area. Concession stand purchases are available. Children must be

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Events @ Oak Park Public Library

• Monday, June 3, 6:30PM

Author, Ed McClelland

• Sunday, June 9, 2PM

The Detroit Woodwind Quintet (free)

• Monday, June 17

Summer Reading Program begins for Preschool-Teen

• Wednesday, June 19, 6:30PM *Jeffrey Beyer, flute & Sharon Sweet, piano (free)*

• Tuesday, June 25, 6:30PM

Animal Magic (suitable for all ages)

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accompanied by an adult at all times. Free lockers supplied. Bring your own lock or purchase one for \$2.00. Pool price: \$3.00 for ages 4 – 54; \$2.00 for ages 55+; and ages 3 and under visit free. The Pool is located behind the Community Center at 14300 Oak Park Boulevard.

MINIATURE GOLF – Opens June 15th

Fore! Adjacent to the Community Pool, residents can enjoy a fun and challenging round of 18 holes of golf. Equipment is supplied. Price: \$1.00 per player.

CITY PARKS – Now Open

The City of Oak Park boasts 10 neighborhood parks in total, which each include a children's play structure and an open grass area. Most parks also offer access to baseball diamonds. One of the features in three of the City's main parks – Shepherd, Victoria and Rothstein – includes the presence of City Park Rangers. Every Saturday and Sunday



from 9AM to 9PM, five park rangers will patrol the three parks by car. "It's our rangers' role to ensure that the parks run smoothly and that the environment remains friendly," said Cristin Spiller, Director of Recreation. "Our rangers are there to assist park visitors with challenges, to manage shelter reservations, and to maintain cleanliness in the park rest rooms." By City ordinance, all City parks are open for visitation from dawn until dusk.



(Pictured: Phil Miller)

Welcome: New Finance Administrator

Phillip Miller

*Senior Financial Analyst, Treasury Department
Former City of Kalamazoo Grant Finance Officer for
Community Planning & Development
Belleville resident (living in a house his grandfather
built)*

"Thanks to the residents of Oak Park, the passing of Public Act 345 last fall enabled the City to hire an experienced professional who can contribute to maintaining efficiency in the Finance Department," Finance Director Sandra Crawford commented. "Phil has a strong analytical background, which will prove very valuable as we manage the department's relocation to the new City Hall building later this summer and implement a new accounting system."

"Initially, I was attracted to the challenge of improving the City's financial analysis and reporting functions," Mr. Miller said. "I've been pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome I've received by the staff and residents of Oak Park. It's rare to find a professional opportunity in which you're inspired by the work and also made to feel at home in such a short time."



Road Project: Paving the Way

The Department of Public Works will host an informational community meeting on Monday, June 10th from 5 – 7PM to discuss the upcoming road improvement project on Oak Park Boulevard.

Beginning in mid-June, the City of Oak Park will initiate a patching and diamond grinding project on Oak Park Boulevard, designed to remove and replace poor sections of pavement and result in a smoother roadway. During the project, traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction and parking will not be permitted. Marked driveways will be inaccessible for approximately one week. Some residents in the area also will have modifications made to sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

The meeting will be held at the City of Oak Park Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Boulevard. *Questions? Call DPW at (248) 691-7497.*

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to financial stability for years to come. We are now on our way to a strong recovery. Among other factors, next year's budget includes an 8% fund balance that will guard against unforeseen expenses along the way.

Stabilize. Grow. Prosper. These themes that I have outlined in previous columns are now in place; and we are moving in the right direction.

To view my full budget message to the community, please visit the internet link at the following address:

www.ustream.tv/recorded/33501417.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to building an even brighter future with you in the days and weeks to come.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
Oak Park City Manager

Community: A Most Notable Resident

The ancient, spring festival known as "May Day" now shares its date (May 1st) with a distinguished Oak Park resident. Mr. Manny Hauer celebrated his 102nd birthday this year on that date. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Marian McClellan celebrated the momentous occasion by recognizing Mr. Hauer with a proclamation declaring May 1st as "Manny Hauer Day" in the City of Oak Park.

Mr. Hauer, who was born in Poroskov, Czechoslovakia in 1911, trained in several trades as a young man including blacksmith, tailor, plumber and mechanic. He relocated to Detroit in 1939 and served as a highway construction engineer during WWII. Following the war, he managed an industrial laundry until his retirement at age 70. Afterwards, he developed a passion for race-walking, which has earned him several gold medals in the Michigan Senior Olympics, including his most recent accomplishment at the age of 101, when he completed the 1500 meter race-walk with a time of 17:08! Mr. Hauer and his wife, Helen, of 72 years, have three daughters and sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Hauer's advice for longevity is to "walk daily, eat healthy food, and avoid red meat." ***The City of Oak Park celebrates the life and times of Mr. Manny Hauer!***

If you are an Oak Park resident celebrating a milestone event, such as 100+ birthdays, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 691-7544.

June Business Roundtable

Date: June 11, 2013
9AM

Guest speaker:

*Belinda Turner-DuBois
Oak. County Microloan Program
Business Center*

Location:

*Dunkin Donuts
25170 Greenfield
Oak Park, MI*

R.S.V.P. by June 6th/Questions:

*Emily Doerr
(248) 691-7404 or
edoerr@ci.oak-park.mi.us*

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(Pictured: Director Steve Cooper and the Public Safety Department)

proclamation from Mayor Marian McClellan stated: "It is important to honor those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community."

This past April, City employees and Council were saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Lawrence Connelly, who served as the sole witness to Officer Wolf's murder and whose testimony forty years ago led to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

The families of both, Officer Wolf and Mr. Connelly, were present to receive proclamations and expressions of gratitude from City officials during the memorial events. The City of Oak Park honors Officer Henry Wolf and Mr. Lawrence Connelly.

Fourth of July: What's Planned



**Thursday
July 4, 2013
Shepherd Park**
(Northfield and Church)



In the words of author Erma Bombeck:

"You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism!"

Let the 4th of July celebrations begin!

- 7AM: Mayor's 3K Run – 8AM shotgun start (\$15 by July 3rd, \$20 race day)
- 9AM: Youth Assistance Pancake Breakfast (Shelter #1)
- 10AM – 3PM: Games & Food
- 11AM – Noon: Independence Day Parade
- Noon – 1PM: Battle of the Bands
- 1PM – 3PM: Free Concert – "Leilani" (award-winning, R&B/Motown band)
- 1PM – 6PM: Open Swim at the Community Pool

Questions? Call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555

Employee Recognition: Amber Dawkins

In May, the City Manager and City Council recognized Amber Dawkins as the Employee of the Month. Ms. Dawkins received a certificate of appreciation and well-deserved accolades for consistently performing above and beyond in her role as Finance Clerk in the City's Treasury Department.



(Pictured: Amber Dawkins)

Congratulations, Ms. Dawkins!

Now through June 9

Junk-A-Way Days

Monday, June 3

Author Event at the Library
Edward McClelland
6:30PM

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City Council Mtg.
City Hall 7PM

Thursday, June 6

*Today's Recyclables –
Yesterday's Trash*
Recycling seminar
6:30PM *

Wednesday, June 12

Friends of the Library Mtg.
7PM *

Friday, June 14

Flag Day

**community
happenings**

Saturday, June 15

Oak Park Pool Opens!

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Monday, June 3

City Council Mtg.
City Hall 7PM

Wednesday, June 26

Arts & Cultural Comm.
7:30PM *

* Event held at Oak Park
Community Center