



Clerk: Resident Volunteers Keep Order

In addition to the many functions of the Oak Park City Clerk's office -- which include election management, licensing and permits, records management, and Freedom of Information requests, among other duties -- the office also provides support for the City's Boards and Commissions.

Membership in the City of Oak Park's 24 independent Boards and Commissions is comprised of City Council-approved resident volunteers. Each Board and Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Administrative Staff.

The Clerk's office recently conducted trainings designed to provide instruction on meeting efficiency. "Each of our Boards and Commissions performs a vital function for the efficient operation of local government," said Ed Norris, Oak Park City Clerk. "It's important that each membership understands how to develop proper agendas and minutes, as well as how to follow bylaws and conduct meetings under the Open Meetings Act." The State of Michigan's 1976 Open Meetings Act requires that the public is appropriately notified about and welcome to attend certain meetings held by certain public bodies. Such meetings include regularly-scheduled Oak Park City Council meetings and Oak Park

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Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Stabilize. Grow. Prosper. These are the themes I've outlined in next year's budget.

STABILIZE. Thanks to the residents of the City of Oak Park and your generosity in last November's elec-

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Guest Feature: 50 Years Strong

Cloverdale Equipment Co.

The City of Oak Park has a rich history of producing family-owned businesses that thrive, grow and remain in the community. Long-time business resident, Cloverdale Equipment Co., celebrates 50 years in Oak Park this

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Events @ Oak Park Public Library

- Thursday, May 9
- Wednesday, May 15
- Sunday, June 9

Steve Gamburd, Watercolor Artist

"Online Safety" - MI Atty. Gen. Senior Brigade

The Detroit Woodwind Quintet (free concert)

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tion, we are going to be able to avoid more cuts.

GROW. We have decided to include a formal economic development function in the budget to attract and retain businesses in our community that will allow us the chance to rebuild our local economy and take off more of the full burden from our residential taxpayers.

PROSPER. We believe we're on to something good here. For us, the smoke is clearing and a new day has come. We're now in the enviable position of making our city government more efficient and more customer service friendly primarily because we're no longer in financial crisis mode.

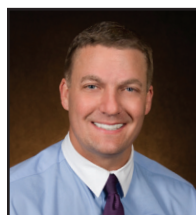
Gone are the days of being a reactionary city government letting the environment shape us rather than our shaping it. While we may not always get it right, I can assure you that my staff and I are looking under every rock and exploring every possibility to deliver the most effective city government in Metro Detroit. From our superb local infrastructure to our solidifying finances, we have to lead the way to a renewed prosperity that we all can share in.

The programs outlined in the budget document are attainable, reasonable, and worthy of your serious consideration. Although this year marked another difficult budget process, this budget will allow the City to continue to provide outstanding services for our citizens.

Thank you for all of your feedback and suggestions as my staff and I put the final touches on the budget. Budget work sessions with City Council have gone extremely well. During the course of this month, we will formalize our plans for next year and ask City Council to adopt the budget.

Now that spring has finally sprung here in Oak Park, I hope you'll all share my renewed enthusiasm for what the future holds for our great city.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
Oak Park City Manager

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Board and Commission sessions.

In May, the City Clerk plans to provide training for the Arts and Culture Commission and Ethnic Advisory Commission. Training is complete for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board, Emergency Services Council, and Beautification Advisory Commission.

Members of the Emergency Services Council recently collaborated with the Public Safety department on an emergency preparedness plan for the City of Oak Park. According to Mr. Norris, this is a good example of the importance of the committees. "In light of recent violence across the country, it's crucial that our City has a crisis plan in place that reflects input from the community," he commented.

"We're currently in the process of interviewing new applicants for the Boards and Commissions. However, Oak Park residents can complete applications at any time, since we occasionally have open seats to fill throughout the year," Mr. Norris added.

For a complete listing of committees or to apply for membership, complete an online application under "Boards and Commissions" at www.ci.oak-park.mi.us or pick up an application ("Request for Appointment to City Board, Commission or Committee") in the Clerk's office, located at 13600 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. Questions? Call the City Clerk's Office at (248) 691-7544.

Warm Weather: Precautions

The sun is finally emerging from behind winter clouds. As the weather gets warmer, we must all remember to take certain measures to ensure that we minimize rodent attraction in our neighborhoods.

Here are seven actions you can take to control the rodent population and help keep our community pest-free:

1. *Properly store and cover your garbage. Use trash cans with tight fitting lids. (Plastic bags are not rodent-proof.)*
2. *Do not leave excess pet food sitting out. Clean dog kennels/pens regularly. Remove dog waste daily. (This is the #1 way that rodents survive!)*
3. *Make sure bird feeders are at least four feet off the ground and that the ground underneath remains clean. (Some rodents can jump up to 3 feet in the air.)*
4. *Get rid of "junk" and large rubbish items around your house.*
5. *Cut weeds and grass regularly.*
6. *Ensure that firewood is stored on racks at least 18-inches from the ground.*
7. *If you find these uninvited guests on your property, hire an exterminator if possible, or follow the instructions on poisons and traps sold in most major chain stores.*

Questions? Contact the Oak Park Code Enforcement & Animal Control Division at (248) 691-7450.

Guest Feature: Cloverdale Equipment Co.

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year. Founded in 1963 by Ben Maibach Jr., the full service construction equipment distributor and rental company has been owned and operated by the same family in the same location since 1963.

According to Todd Moilanen, current President and grandson of Cloverdale's founder, one of the fundamentals of business longevity is having sufficient capital to run the business and support its growth. "People make the difference; relationships matter," he adds. "Attract and retain the best people available at all levels. Take care of them, and they will take care of you. Your word is your bond; honor your commitments. It's not just what you do, but how you do it that matters."

The City of Oak Park congratulates Cloverdale Equipment Co. on 50 years of success.

Cloverdale Equipment Co. is located at 13133 Cloverdale Ave. Oak Park MI 48237, (888) 415-8502, www.cloverdaleequipment.com



Todd Moilanen, President, Cloverdale Equipment Co.

The City of Oak Park is proud to serve as home to many long-time businesses:

<i>Scheer's Ace Hardware</i>	<i>67 years</i>
<i>Eaton Steel Bar Company</i>	<i>60 years</i>
<i>Ernie's Market</i>	<i>58 years</i>
<i>The Book Beat</i>	<i>31 years</i>

To share your company's history, contact Emily Doerr, Director of Community and Economic Development, at (248) 691-7404 or edoerr@ci.oak-park.mi.us.

Community: Garage Sales

Summer 2013 Information

For some Oak Park residents, summer means the big treasure hunt begins. In 2013, the City of Oak Park will offer residents the opportunity to host garage sales without purchasing a permit during the first weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of each month in June, July, August and September.

During community garage sale weekends, only the requirements for permits and fees will be waived. All



other regulations for approved garage sales must still be met, such as hours of operation between 9 AM and 7 PM, and advertising and merchandise display restrictions on the homeowner's property. The City of Oak Park regulates garage sales through the City Code and the City Zoning Ordinance.

Each homeowner is entitled to purchase permits to host two, additional, five-day garage sales during the year. Residents must visit the City Clerk's office to apply for a permit in person, supply a valid driver's license or state identification, and purchase the permit for \$5.00 per sales event. Renters must provide written approval from the homeowner.

Residents purchasing a permit will have their garage sale dates listed on the City's web site and receive an official sales sign, which must be placed in a visible area on the homeowner's property during sales days. Homeowners participating in the free, community garage sale will not be required to post a City-issued sign and will not have a listing on the web site.

For more information please see "Garage Sales" under the City Clerk department at www.ci.oak-park.mi.us or call (248) 691-7544.

May Business Roundtable

Date: May 14, 2013
9 – 10 AM

Guest speaker: Greg Doyle
Director of the Oakland County
Business Center

Location: Coolidge Café
13400 W 9 Mile Rd,
Oak Park, MI

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



JFK Elementary first-graders, teachers, parents & DPW staff

Arbor Day 2013: A Tale of Two Trees

Students beautify Best Park

To celebrate Arbor Day in April, first-graders from JFK Elementary School planted two, new trees in Best Park and named them "Lavender" and "Double Oaks Seven." Students plan to visit their trees throughout the year to ensure that they are well cared for.

Sunday, May 5

Community Clean Up Day
Residents & City employees help clean up various parts of Oak Park, or commit to sprucing up their own yards.

More info: 248-691-7495

Monday, May 6

City Council Mtg.

Council convenes at City Hall in the council chambers. Regularly scheduled meetings begin at 7PM. Find info via the City web site: ci.oak-park.mi.us/

Wednesday, May 8

Friends of the Library Mtg.

Join fellow residents to support, sponsor and plan fun and educational programs, as well as coordinate annual book sales. Community Center Meeting Room #5 at 7PM

Thursday, May 9

Artist Talk at the Library

Steven Gamburd, Oak Park native, discusses his career & his role at Phoenix Cafe. This event is free courtesy of OPAACC. 6:30-7:30PM.

community happenings

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 15

"Online Safety"

Presented by the Senior Brigade of the Attorney General of Michigan's Office. Held at Oak Park Library. 7PM.

Thursday, May 16

Family Evening Story Time

Enjoy stories, movement and a craft activity for ages 2-6 with parent or caregiver. Free drop-in 6:30PM at the Library

May 16 - 19

Library Used Book Sale

Bargain prices, broad selection; Something for everyone! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Rooms 2&3 of the Community Center. Thurs. Noon-8PM, Fri. Noon-6PM, Sat. Noon-6PM & Sun. Noon-4PM

Monday, May 20

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Wednesday, May 22

Arts & Cultural Comm.

Join fellow residents to study and recommend plans for City-wide cultural programs. Community Center Room #3 at 7:30PM

Monday, June 3

Author Event at the Library

Author, Edward 'Ted' McClelland discusses his book, *Nothin' But Blue Skies: The Heyday, Hard Times, and Hopes of America's Industrial Heartland*. 6:30PM. **More info: 248-691-7480**

One of Our Own: Coach of the Year

State Recognition

The City of Oak Park congratulates resident Chad Lathwell, whose been named Coach of the Year by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. Coaching soccer and baseball for the past five years, Coach Lathwell lives in Oak Park with his wife, Shana; sons, Gaven, 8, and Issac, 5; and daughter, Avery, 1.



Coach Lathwell & Family

Employee Recognition: Scott Lemarbe



Scott Lemarbe

In April, the City Manager and City Council recognized Department of Public Works Foreman, Scott Lemarbe, as an outstanding employee for exceeding expectations in providing exceptional customer service.