



New City Hall: The Architect's Perspective

According to the architect, Harley Ellis Devereaux, which was contracted to design the municipal complex, here are some interesting facts about the New City Hall:

The City Seal Totem: The city seal totem serves as a symbol of pride for Oak Park residents. The totem atop the entryway of City Hall, which contains a bronze version of the City's seal, rises above existing architectures to gain visibility from Coolidge and Oak Park Blvd.

The Columns and Glass: The building's front door transparency is balanced with massive architectural columns to convey the image of a city with a strong past and a great foundation, while acknowledging the importance of visible city services and a progressive workplace for City workers.

Building upon "Good Bones": The new building's architectural palate carries forward that of the existing brick veneer and façade orchestration of the former City Hall, while offering slices of vibrant color in strategic locations within.

The Information Monolith: The monolith is designed to keep visitors informed with directional signage for the municipal campus and an electronic message board providing updates on news and special events. (It will be positioned on the northwest corner of Oak Park Blvd. and Coolidge Rd.)



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Over the course of several months, we have been shaping the framework for a city-wide economic development strategy. I am happy to report that we have accomplished the next phase of our strategy in hiring Hamil-

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It's Baa-aack... Spooktacular!

Calling all little goblins (ages 5-10)! Halloween Spooktacular, an evening of fun crafts and tasty treats, returns on Thursday, October 31, 5:30-7PM. This free, annual event will take place on the west side of the Community Center in the parking lot – rain

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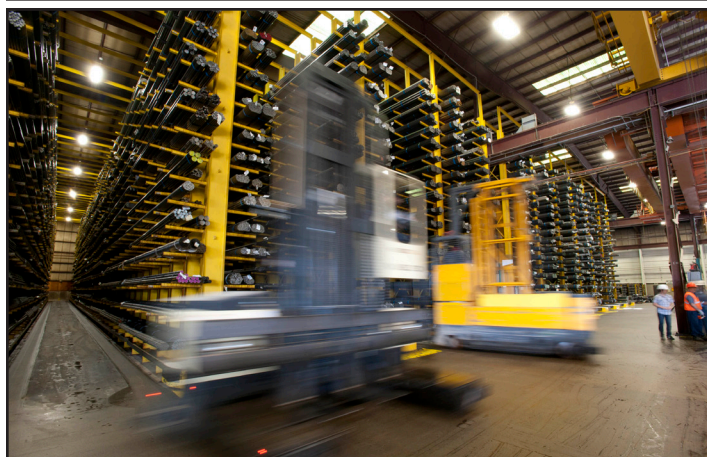
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City Hall Open House

Residents, neighbors and friends are invited to join City officials for a Grand Opening celebration on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 6–8:30PM in the new Gerald E. Naftaly Municipal Complex, located at 14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. The event will include a dedication ceremony and tours.



Guest Feature: Eaton Steel 60-Year Legacy

As a long-standing tradition, the City of Oak Park is home to a number of family-owned businesses that have prospered for many years. This fall, Eaton Steel Bar Company celebrates 60 years of business success in the City. Founded in 1953 by brothers, Albert and Ozzie Goodman, Eaton Steel is currently run by the second and third generations of the Goodman family - Mark, Gary and Jeff Goodman. Eaton Steel, which has remained in the same location since its founding, is the largest special-bar-quality distributor in North America and employs more than 250 people company-wide. The City of Oak Park congratulates Eaton Steel Bar Company on 60 years of success.

Eaton Steel Bar Company – 10221 Capital Avenue, Oak Park, MI 48237 www.eatonsteel.com

New Assistant City Manager

Kevin J. Yee has been appointed Assistant City Manager of the City of Oak Park. City Council approved an amendment to an employee agreement with Mr. Yee, adding to his existing roles of Director of the Department of Public Works and City Engineer. “Mr. Yee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role,” City Manager Erik Tungate said. “I look forward to working with him to maximize the City’s great potential.”



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or shine. Activities will include: Trunk-or-treat street, hayrides, balloon art, Halloween crafts, refreshments and much more. Trick-or-treaters must be accompanied by an adult chaperone at all times and will

need to bring their own bags for goodie collection. Have questions? Call (248) 691-7555.

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ton Anderson Associates to lead the formal development of our strategic economic development plan.

With that said, I want to share a few of the key elements of the plan that will be initiated over the next three-to-six months:

- Physical analysis of the City’s commercial districts, including 3-D renderings for each corridor and the Armory site on 8 Mile Rd;
- Market feasibility study to include a retail and office market analysis that will allow the City to gain an understanding of the types and sizes of retail and office businesses that are likely to be supportable in the study areas over the course of the next five years;
- Identification of applicable economic development tools, development sequences, and phasing strategies;
- Study of land use improvements, redevelopment areas, and rehabilitation areas.

I hope to be able to implement the strategic economic development plan fully within the next six months. Coupled with the establishment of our new Community & Economic Development department, this is a crucial step in our pro-growth strategy for the City.

There will be plenty of opportunities for resident engagement, so please plan to take advantage of them as they are presented.

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

Respectfully,

Erik Tungate
City Manager





Curbside Leaf Pickup

The Department of Public Works begins curbside leaf collection in October through the beginning of December. Residents should make sure that leaves are raked out to the curb prior to the dates shown on the map for their areas. Leaf trucks are made strictly for leaf collection. Placing grass clippings, sticks, and other debris in the piles slows down the operation. Instead (or if a leaf pickup date is missed), residents can also bag leaves (and other yard waste) using paper, yard waste bags and place them at the curb for regular trash pickup.

Questions? Call DPW at (248) 691-7168.



Senior Getaways

Two overnight trips have been planned for the Oak Park "50 Up Club":

Dec. 2-3 Niagara Falls "Festival of Lights"
- \$209 (DBL) \$269 (SGL) \$189 (TRP)

Dec. 7-8 Chicago / Christmas Shopping
- \$245 (DBL) \$321 (SGL) \$220 (TRP)

Please contact the Senior Office at 248-691-7577 for more information regarding membership and/or the trips. More information can be found in the "Odyssey" newsletter, which is located in the Senior Office in the Community Center.

LEAF PICK UP DATES

SECTION 1

OCTOBER 1 & 2
OCTOBER 15, 16, & 17
NOVEMBER 5, 6, & 7
NOVEMBER 25

SECTION 2

OCTOBER 3 & 4
OCTOBER 18, 21, & 22
NOVEMBER 8, 11, & 12
NOVEMBER 26

SECTION 3

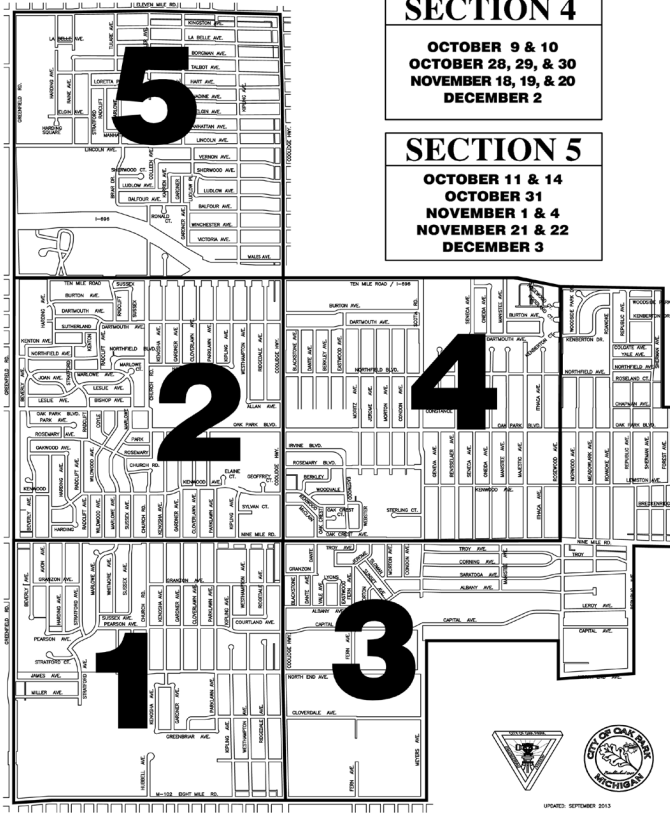
OCTOBER 7 & 8
OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25
NOVEMBER 13, 14, & 15
NOVEMBER 27

SECTION 4

OCTOBER 9 & 10
OCTOBER 28, 29, & 30
NOVEMBER 18, 19, & 20
DECEMBER 2

SECTION 5

OCTOBER 11 & 14
OCTOBER 31
NOVEMBER 1 & 4
NOVEMBER 21 & 22
DECEMBER 3



Vendors Wanted for "Shop Oak Park" Holiday Bazaar November 10

The City of Oak Park is looking for vendors for the "Shop Oak Park" Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 10th. This event is designed to connect residents with goods & services offered by local businesses. The cost is \$30 for a 10'x10' space with 6' table. Deadline is Oct. 30th. More info: (248) 691-7165



Remember to vote on November 5th in the General Election. The following candidates will be named on the ballot:

Candidate for Mayor: Marian McClellan (I)

Candidate for Council Member (Two seats):

Emile J. Duplessis (I), Aaron Tobin, Carolyn Burns, and Keisha Speech

The last day to register to vote is October 7, 2013.

Questions about absentee voting or polling locations? Call the City Clerk at (248) 691-7544.

Mayor
Marian McClellan
Mayor Pro Tem
Angela Diggs Jackson
Council Members
Michael M. Seligson
Paul Levine
Emile J. Duplessis
City Manager
Erik Tungate

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Reach your customers!

Why should you advertise your business in the Branch newsletter? The Branch, which provides readers with updates on news and events from City administration, reaches more than 14,000 mailboxes in the City of Oak Park with each issue. The newsletter can also be accessed on the City's web site, which receives nearly 16,000 visits per month, and from postings in Community eBlasts, Facebook and Twitter. It's recognized, affordable and easy to book. For more info, contact Communications & Public Information at (248) 691-7589.

Employee Recognition: Kevin VanDeWalle

In September, the City Manager and City Council acknowledged Kevin VanDeWalle for consistently providing excellence in his role as Public Service Worker I in the Department of Public Works (DPW). "Kevin sets a great example through his commitment to quality work," commented Kevin Yee, Assistant City Manager, DPW Director.



Kevin VanDeWalle

Where to get the Branch

Find current issues of the Oak Park Branch in residential and business mailboxes and these local establishments: Walgreens, Glory Supermarket, City Hall, An'Des New You Beauty Salon, 45th District Court, Pita Café, Jewish Community Center, the Oak Park Community Center, Sheer's Ace Hardware, Motor City Soul Food, and the Oak Park Library.

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Oct. 1 - Dec. 13

Curbside Leaf Pickup
(Check map for area dates)

Tuesday, October 1

Seniors: The Great Gatsby
12:15PM @ Community Ctr.

Tuesday, October 1

Farm Stand
3-6PM @ Community Ctr.

Thursday, October 3

Beautification Awards Ceremony
7PM @ City Hall

Saturday, October 5

Pet Vaccination Clinic
10AM-2PM @ Community Ctr.

Monday, October 7

City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall

Tuesday, October 8

*Seniors: Fall Color Tour/
Cooks Dairy Farm*
12:30-5PM Cost \$15
Reserve at (248) 691-7577

Tuesday, October 8

Business Roundtable
9AM @ An'Des Salon
15411 W. Nine Mile Road

Wednesday, October 9

*Artist Talk: LaShelle's School
of Dance performance*
Hosted by OPAACC
6:30PM Free @ Library

Thursday, October 10

*Diversity Speaker Series:
Hindu Festival of Dolls*
Hosted by EAC
6:30PM Free @ Library

community happenings

Thursday, October 10

Seniors: Octoberfest
Dakota Inn Rathkeller, Detroit
11:15AM-2:45PM Cost \$29
Reserve at (248) 691-7577

Saturday, October 12

*Hallow-Weekend Cedar Point
Family Trip*
8AM-Midnight Cost \$74
Reserve at (248) 691-7555

Sunday, October 13

*RJ Spangler Jazz Trio feat.
saxophonist Larry Smith*
2PM Free @ Library

Tuesday, October 15

Seniors: Unique Street Signs
10AM @ Community Ctr. \$7

Thursday, October 17

Communication Commission
6PM @ Community Ctr.

Monday, October 21

City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall

Tuesday, October 22

Detroit Historical Museum Tour
9:15AM-1:30PM Cost \$11
Reserve at (248) 691-7577

Wednesday, October 30

Artist Talk: Ara DeLaMora
Hosted by OPAACC
6:30PM Free @ Library

Thursday, October 31

Halloween Spooktacular!