



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Thanks to all of our residents and business owners for your patience as we continue to deal with the fallout from the historic flooding in August. Oak Park was a leader in executing an emergency plan to assist our residents as quickly and effectively as

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Community Study Complete

Oak Park's Community & Economic Development Department engaged the services of Hamilton Anderson Consultants to develop a report on the City's potential for business and residential growth. The firm hosted several community forums, which were well-attended and produced useful feedback relative to residents'

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Caring for your BFF

Your pet can be your best friend! For a full list of rules regarding pet ownership in Oak Park, visit the City's web site at ci.oak-park.mi.us or call (248) 691-7457. Here are three quick tips:

1. Mandatory dog and cat licenses must be obtained annually through the Records Division at the Public Safety Center (proof of immunizations required).
2. Dogs and cats must remain on a leash (or carrier) when outside of the owner's home.
3. Wild animals on residential property are the responsibility of the owner. Please consult a telephone directory under animal removal or pest control for assistance.

Visit the annual, Oak Park Pet Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, October 4th, 10AM – 2PM at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd. All About Animals Rescue Michigan, a nonprofit organization, will be on hand to offer free health screenings, vaccines (\$10), microchip implants (\$20) and heartworm tests (\$20). For more info, go to www.allaboutanimals.org or call 586-879-1745.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 31 • 5:30-7PM

Calling all trick-or-treaters!

Halloween Spooktacular returns on Friday, October 31, 5:30-7PM at the west end of the Community Center at 43000 Oak Park Blvd. This free, annual event invites children, ages 5-10 (with their own goodie sacks and an adult chaperone), to enjoy Trunk-or-treat, hayrides, balloon art, Halloween crafts, refreshments and more. *Questions?*

Call Recreation at (248) 691-7555.

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possible. The resources of our communication network were fully utilized to give you as much information as we possibly could as we were receiving it. While the impact of the storm will be felt for some time, we believe we have a good start in getting to a full recovery. If you still have non-emergency issues related directly to the flood, you can contact City Hall at (248) 691-7410 and we will do our best to connect you with the right resources.

Crises like the flood reminded me that there are great people living among us. I heard directly from amazing people all over our community wanting to help wherever they could. They took initiative to get out the word and help their neighbors and family members in most need. It was truly inspiring. It reminded me of the famous Martin Luther King, Jr. quote: "Fortunately, history does not pose problems without eventually producing solutions. The disenchanted, the disadvantaged and the disinherited seem, at times of deep crisis, to summon up some sort of genius that enables them to perceive and capture the appropriate weapons to carve out their destiny." We saw the measure of these efforts

in Oak Park and surrounding communities. We have much to be thankful for.

Oak Park is a city on the mend. Two years ago, we took on substantial financial issues, which we eventually overcame; and most recently, we found ourselves on the other side of a monumental flood. Our priorities are set in stone and our City is principled in shaping policy that best reflects the very best interests of our residents.

If I have learned anything from the flood, it is that we can get through anything when we work together. Not even a great flood can keep Oak Park down. We will rise again.

Respectfully,



Erik Tungate
City Manager



City Clerk Certified

Oak Park City Clerk Ed Norris recently earned a prestigious certification from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks for completion of the Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) program, which recognizes recipients for mastery of the multifaceted Clerk's profession. "It greatly benefits the City of Oak Park for our City Clerk to acquire a deep knowledge of city government and governance," City Manager Erik Tungate stated.



Election News

The General Election is Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

- Registration deadline is October 6, 2014.
- Note your updated voting precinct on your Voter ID card.
- Registered voters on the permanent absentee ballot list will automatically receive an election application.
- Sample ballots are available on the City's web site or in the Clerk's office.

Questions? Contact the City Clerk by email ssummer@ci.oak-park.mi.us or at (248) 691-7544.



Autumn Approaches

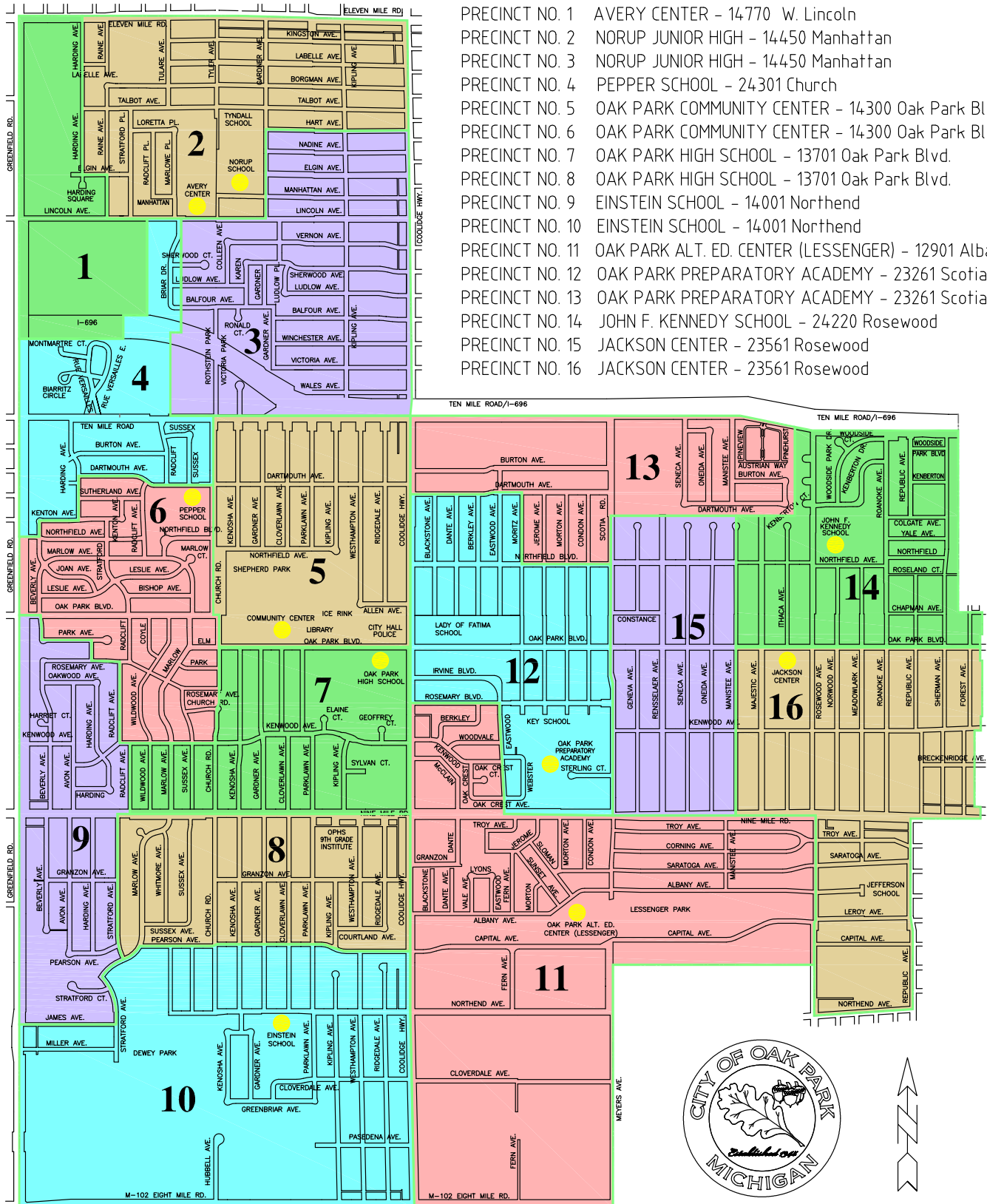
Curbside leaf collection begins in October through December. Leaves must be raked into the street no more than two-feet from the curb line prior to collection date. Please see the map for scheduled collection dates in your area. Residents may also dispose of leaves and yard waste by placing them at the curb in paper yard waste bags on the day of regular trash collection. Please note that curbside leaf service is for leaf collection only. If grass clippings, sticks, trash or other debris are in the pile, the driver has been directed to bypass the home. *Questions? Contact DPW at (248) 691-7497.*



Priority One: Safety

In the council chambers of city hall on July 14, Mayor Marian McClellan swore in three Public Safety Officers - Jeffrey Motta, David Gifford and Mathew Duncan - bringing Oak Park's total to eight, new officers since the passage of PA 345 in 2012.

CITY OF OAK PARK VOTING PRECINCTS



REVISED: 1/2/14

LEAF PICK UP DATES

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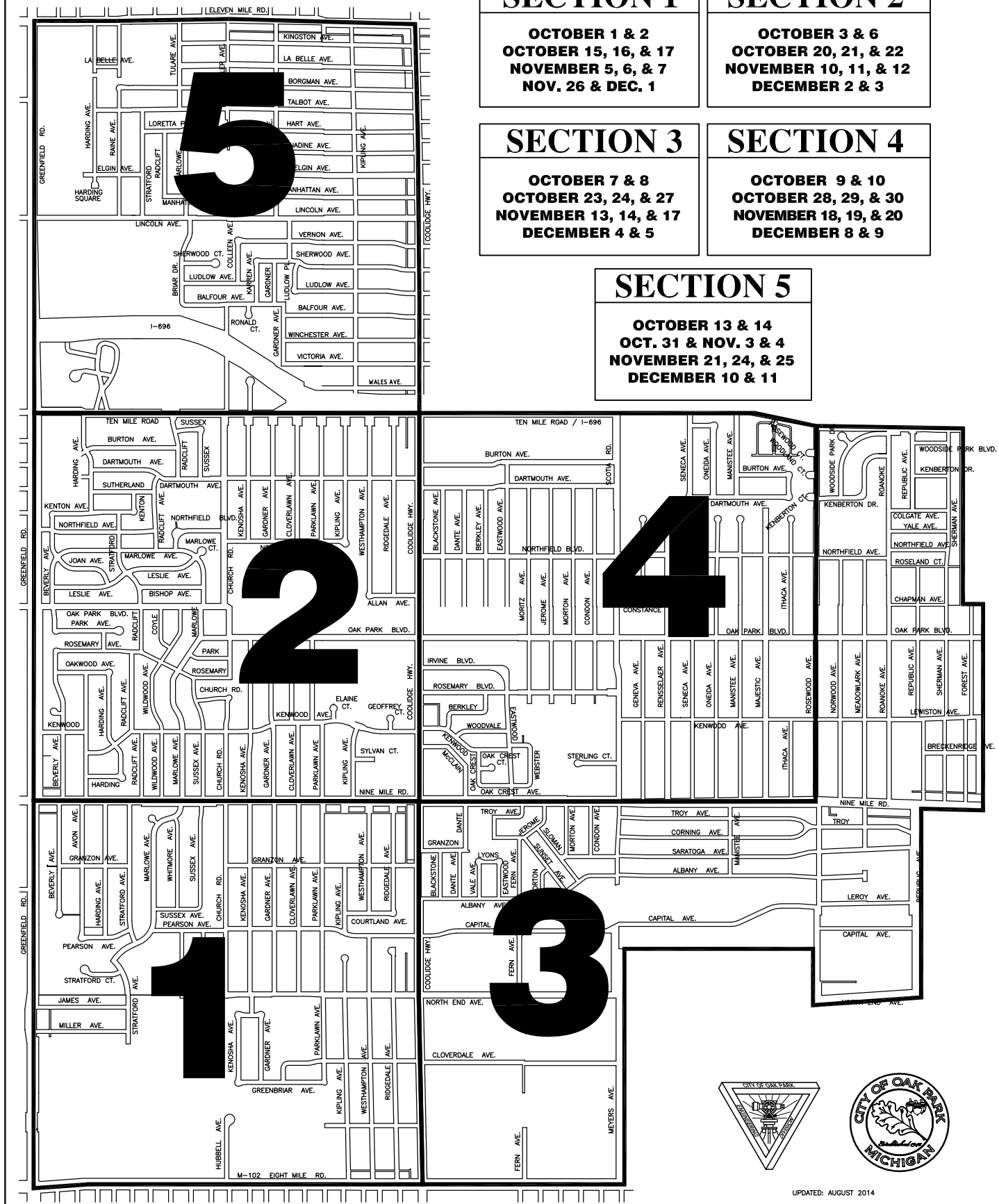
OCTOBER 3 & 6
OCTOBER 20, 21, & 22
NOVEMBER 10, 11, & 12
DECEMBER 2 & 3

SECTION 4

OCTOBER 9 & 10
OCTOBER 28, 29, & 30
NOVEMBER 18, 19, & 20
DECEMBER 8 & 9

SECTION 5

OCTOBER 13 & 14
OCT. 31 & NOV. 3 & 4
NOVEMBER 21, 24, & 25
DECEMBER 10 & 11



Shop Oak Park Holiday Bazaar

Wanted Holiday Vendors

Showcase your local business to the 12,000 + households in Oak Park to keep their holiday dollars local this year at the 2014 "Shop Oak Park" Holiday Bazaar on November 9th. Interested in a table? Registration deadline is October 31st. For more information, contact Kimberly Marrone at kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us or (248) 691-7404.

Monthly Employee Recognition:



Pictured L-R: Councilman Michael Seligson, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Levine, City Manager Erik Tungate, Shawn Hairston, Mayor Marian McClellan, Councilwoman Kiesha Speech, Councilwoman Carolyn Burns

In August, City Manager Erik Tungate and Oak Park City Council recognized Shawn Hairston for outstanding performance in his role as Code Enforcement Officer/Animal Control.

STEPPIN OUT ON FAITH LEARNING CENTER

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expectations of the City's "public image," community development, public policy, transportation, public spaces and housing. To see a copy of the final report, please visit the City's web site at www.ci.oak-park.mi.us or contact Kimberly Marrone at kmarrone@ci.oak-park.mi.us or at (248) 691-7404.



Students film the Fourth

For a second year, Oak Park's Communications and IT departments successfully teamed with college interns and the Oak Park High School (OPHS) video club to film the Independence Day Parade and Fun Day. The fun-filled video can be viewed on Comcast OPTV-15. [Pictured: Darlene White - Oak Park Communications Intern (WSU) (l); OPHS supervisors Ed McNeal (front) and Devon Hakeem (r); students: Marie Allen, Marlorry Allen (MSU) and Artea Facey; and Torri Mathes (Oakland U - not pictured)]



Comcast offers family program

Comcast will now include up to 6 months of complimentary service for any Oak Park family that has not yet applied for Internet Essentials. The application deadline is September 20th. Comcast also offers an amnesty program for certain low-income families that could qualify for Internet Essentials, but have a past due balance for more than one year. The new program provides eligible families with low-cost broadband services, purchase options on low-cost computers and multiple options to access free digital literacy training. Go online to www.internetessentials.com/partner for more details.

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OAK PARK BRANCH, September - October 2014 - 6

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Monday, September 1

Labor Day - City Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2

*Summer 2014 Tax Due
without penalty*

Tuesday, September 2

*City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall*

Thursday, September 4

*Oak Park Farm Stand
3:30-6PM @ Comm. Ctr.*

Thursday, September 4

*OPAACC Inside|Out Bike Tours
6PM @ JCC, Bring Bike/Helmet*

September 4-6

Trash Collection Delayed One Day

September 4-8

*Finance counter closure
In-person payments not available*

Sunday, September 7

*Family Brass Concert
1-3PM FREE @ JCC*

Weds., September 10

Friends of the Library @ 7PM

Thursday, September 11

*Oak Park Farm Stand
3:30-6PM @ Comm. Ctr.*

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*OPAACC Inside|Out Bike Tours
6PM @ JCC, Bring Bike/Helmet*

Thursday, September 11

*Ethnic Advisory Commission
Meeting 7PM @ Comm. Ctr.*

Sunday, September 14

*DIA Inside|Out Bus Tour 1PM
Register by 9/10, call 691-7404*

Tuesday, September 15

Last day to file Senior Deferments

community happenings

Monday, September 15

*City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall*

Thursday, September 18

*Oak Park Farm Stand
3:30-6PM @ Comm. Ctr.*

Thursday, September 18

*OPAACC Inside|Out Bike Tours
6PM @ JCC, Bring Bike/Helmet*

September 18-21

*Free City Wide Garage Sale
Permit/fee requirements waived*

Saturday, September 20

*Mom-2-Mom Sale
10AM-2PM @ Community Ctr.
\$1 Admission*

Weds., September 24

OPAACC Meeting @ City Hall

Sept. 26 - Oct. 5

Haul Your Own Junk A Way Days

October 1 - December 1

Oak Park Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

Monday, October 6

*City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall*

Saturday, October 4

*Pet Vaccination Clinic
10AM-2PM @ Comm. Ctr.*

Monday, October 6

*Last Day to Reg. to Vote for
November election*

Monday, October 6

*Resident Shelter Reservations
begin at 8AM, call 691-7555*

Monday, October 6

*City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall*

Wednesday, October 8

Friends of the Library @ 7PM

Monday, October 20

*City Council Mtg.
7PM @ City Hall*

Wednesday, October 22

OPAACC Meeting @ City Hall

Thursday, October 23

*OPAACC Inside|Out Bike Tours
6PM @ JCC, Bring Bike/Helmet*

Friday, October 31

*Halloween Spooktacular
5:30-7PM @ Community Ctr.*

Tuesday, November 4

General Election, polls open 7A-8P



Thank you, Local Businesses!

In July, City Manager Erik Tungate hosted a picnic lunch for Oak Park employees to demonstrate his appreciation for everyone's hard work and commitment to excellence in service delivery. Thanks to the following local businesses for generously sponsoring that event with delicious food, refreshments and gifts for the employee raffle:

- 7-11 Coolidge Hwy.
- Autometric of Ferndale
- Artistry of Hair
- Chase Bank
- Ernie's Market
- Four Seasons Garden Center
- Front Page Deli
- Garan Luow Miller P.C.
- Happy's Pizza
- Huntington Bank of Southfield
- KFC
- Motor City Soul Food
- Oak Park Michigan Works
- PNC Bank Oak Park
- Sahara Restaurant
- Tai Fai

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