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Oak Park Voters to Decide on Three Millage Renewals

August 4 ballot to bring up renewals for public safety, recreation, and library

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OAK PARK, MI – On the August 4, 2020 primary election ballot, Oak Park voters will have the opportunity to renew three important millages: one for the Public Safety Department, one for the Recreation Department, and one for the Oak Park Public Library. Originally passed in 2010, these millages help fund the personnel, equipment, and operations of three of the City’s most essential and admired departments.

Over the past 10 years, the Public Safety Millage has helped fund community policing and engagement initiatives like the Public Safety Ice Cream Truck, Coffee with a Cop, the Annual Open House, and the department’s new K-9 Unit. The Recreation Millage helps fund Oak Park’s regionally-known events like the Independence Day Parade, Summer Concert Series, and Boo Bash, as well as daily recreation programs and activities for residents of all ages. As for the Library Millage, it has helped fund improvements and additions to the Library’s book collection, as well programs and events like Story Time, Movie Mondays, and Adult Computer Classes.

“The Public Safety Millage has been critical to ensuring that our Officers are properly equipped when responding to emergency calls. Further, it has been paramount in funding the community policing initiatives that help make Oak Park a safe and friendly place to live,” says Oak Park Public Safety Director Steve Cooper. “The same goes for the other two millage renewals. These are vital to continuing the services and programs that residents have come to know and love.”

Important to note is that these millages, if renewed, will not increase residents’ taxes. In fact, residents will actually see a decrease in City taxes due to statutory millage rollbacks and the refinancing of debt. Renewing these millages will have a positive impact on funding City services and amenities in the Public Safety and Recreation Departments as well as the Library at a time when the City is facing budget constraints affecting personnel and programming.

Residents can learn more and ask questions at two virtual town halls scheduled later this month: one on [Monday, July 27 at 1:30pm](#), and one on [Wednesday, July 29 at 5:30pm](#). The City also held two other virtual town halls toward the beginning of the month.

Residents can also learn more about the three millage renewals on the City’s dedicated millage renewal webpage, found here: bit.ly/2020millagerenewals

To view a sample ballot for the August 4 primary election, click here: mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot

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Situated within the southeast corner of Oakland County, the City of Oak Park has a long history of being an integral, inner-ring suburb of Detroit. With approximately 30,000 residents in 5.16 square miles, we pride ourselves on the richness of our cultural diversity and our safe, secure neighborhoods.

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