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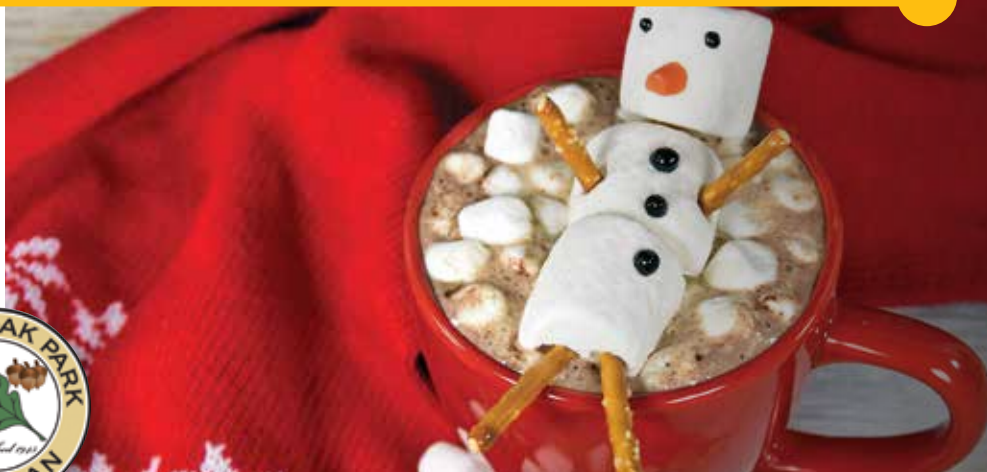
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NEW! LOOK INSIDE

**Introducing Oak Park's
New City Magazine**

**The City's Recreation
Program Guide is Back!**

**The Oak Park Library
is Transforming**



Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

Dear Community Members,

As we celebrate the new year, it seems fitting to turn over a new leaf and try something different. Last year, I had the privilege of meeting with various community members, groups, and businesses. There is a shared pride among our residents and business owners in the services the City provides, the care of our delivery, and in our open form of communication.

Time and again, you have shared that you enjoy the bi-monthly newsletter delivered to your door. For example, you enjoy receiving helpful tips to reduce your water bill, public safety information to protect your family, newsworthy announcements, construction updates, economic development announcements, and event schedules so your family can select the activities and programs you may be interested in attending. You told us you missed the production of an annual Recreation Program Guide and although you like the Senior Odyssey newsletter, our seniors like to be informed of not only senior programs geared to their interests, but programming for the whole family to enjoy. You like being informed, involved, and entertained. You like to feel connected.

That's what makes today's announcement so exciting. Today, I am proud to announce the launch of the first edition of the City's magazine, the Oak Park Magazine and Recreation Program Guide. It is my hope that the magazine will speak directly to the one-of-a-kind community, culture, and commerce we enjoy in Oak Park. The production of the quarterly City Magazine and Recreation Program Guide will allow the City to communicate with our residents on a deeper, more informed level. It is intended to replace the bi-monthly newsletter and the Senior Odyssey with more robust and informative content.

Taking a closer look at our bi-monthly newsletters we also realized there was a significant expense, primarily in the amount of postage required to mail six editions. With this glossy magazine, we can provide more information to you on a quarterly basis at virtually the same cost. You will still receive information delivered to your door, just more of it!

Get ready for behind-the-scenes coverage of the City's service components, an in-depth view of our news announcements, a comprehensive explanation of City initiatives, and an enlightening view of activities and events that are available for your family to enjoy. It's the beginning of a new year and this is a positive change worth celebrating!

Sincerely,

Erik Tungate, City Manager
City of Oak Park

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Snow Emergencies

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

When is a Snow Emergency Declared?

A snow emergency is declared when four or more inches of snow falls or other hazardous conditions necessitate. When a snow emergency is declared, parking is not permitted on City streets until the snow emergency has been lifted. This allows for the Department of Public Works to efficiently clear the roadways.

What Should You Do During a Snow Emergency?

Until the Snow Emergency has been lifted by City Manager Erik Tungate, all vehicles must be removed from curbside and parked off street. The City has eight areas within the City designated for overflow parking, they are:

- Eleven Mile Off-Street Parking Lots
- Victoria Park Parking Lots
- Shepherd Park Parking Lots
- City Complex Parking Lots
- Best Park Parking Lot

- Key Park Parking Lot
- Lessenger Park Parking Lot
- Dewey Park Parking Lot

For a map of available snow emergency parking locations within Oak Park, visit <http://bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencyMap>.

How Will You Know When a Snow Emergency Has Been Declared?

As a general rule, if a significant snow event is anticipated, City Manager Erik Tungate will proactively declare a Snow Emergency in advance to allow residents to properly prepare.

There are several ways in which residents can become informed of a Snow Emergency, they include:

- **Website:** Log onto the City's website at <http://www.oakparkmi.gov/>. An alert will be posted in the lower right of your screen and in the front page news.

A snow emergency is declared when four or more inches of snow falls or other hazardous conditions necessitate.

- **Community eBlast:** Enroll to receive Community eBlasts that arrive in your email. To enroll, visit <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp>.
- **Robo Call Notification:** Enroll to receive robo calls on your landline or your cell phone. To enroll, visit <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp>.
- **Text Message Notification:** Enroll to receive text message notification, visit <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp>.
- **Social Media Posts:** Follow us on the City's Facebook or Twitter accounts @CityOfOakPark.
- **Cable TV:** Tune into the City's Comcast Cable TV15 and 16.
- **Local Television Stations:** The city notifies the following local television stations of snow emergencies: ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox2Detroit.*
- **Local Radio Stations:** The city notifies the following local radio stations of snow emergencies: WWJ and WJR.*

*PLEASE NOTE, although the City reports snow emergencies to radio and television stations, it is the station's prerogative on whether or not (and when) to post the City's announcement.

How is Roadway Snow Removal Prioritized?

During snow emergencies the Department of Public Works prioritizes the roadways.

In general, the City crews treat and plow roadways in the following order:

- **Primary Roadways** - Primary routes are the first priority for plowing and de-icing. Primary routes include major streets, snow emergency routes, around schools and around medical facilities. These roadways include the I-696 service drives, Greenfield, Coolidge, 11 Mile Road, and Nine Mile Road.
- **Secondary Roadways** - Secondary routes are main and heavily traveled thoroughfares. These include streets like Oak Park Boulevard, Scotia, Rosewood, Church, Capital, Lincoln, and Northfield.
- **Residential Intersections** - Tertiary priority is made to residential intersections so that vehicles can properly stop and proceed safely at intersecting roadways. Residential roadways are plowed when appropriate, typically when four or more inches of snow is present or other circumstances necessitate.

What are the City's Snow Removal Requirements?

The following are snow removal provisions contained in Chapter 66 Section 166-167 of the Code of Ordinance:

- Snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks.

- Snow and ice must be removed within 12 hours when it stops snowing during daylight hours.
- Snow and ice must be removed by 6:00 p.m. the next day when it stops snowing during night time.
- It is considered a public nuisance to allow ice and snow to accumulate on sidewalks.
- Failure to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks within the time frames above may result in citations being issued or City removal at the homeowner's expense.

For more information about Snow Emergencies, please contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497.

WARMING CENTERS

Did you know the City of Oak Park opens a warming center when temperatures necessitate? The Warming Center opens daily in the City's Community Center when the weather forecast calls for low temperatures or a combination of precipitation, wind chill, or during wind and temperatures that "feel like" temperatures of 10 degrees, or below. The center operates during the following hours when the warming center is opened:
 Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Or, as otherwise posted.

The Community Center is located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555.



2016: A Year of Economic Vitality

In late 2015 at the groundbreaking ceremony for FedEx, City Manager Erik Tungate stated,

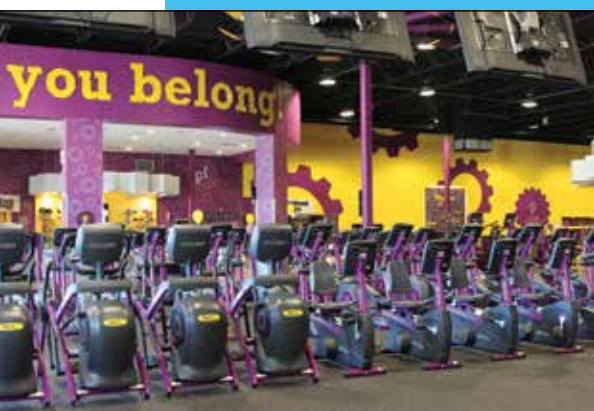
“It is our duty to use this opportunity to invite the next dreamers, the next corporate giants, and all of our business development partners to join us on our journey to build a better City and promote the health and welfare of this great community.” In that spirit, we are proud to announce that 2016 will go down in the City’s history books as a year filled with economic development and growth. Come with us as we take one moment and savor the top 10 developments of 2016.

The City’s Top 10 Economic Developments of 2016, include:

1. **FedEx Ground opens a 304,000-square-foot distribution center** in Oak Park employing approximately 245 employees and increasing the City’s tax base. This development, estimated to cost \$25 million, is historically significant as one of the largest commercial land deals on record in the City. The site was attractive to FedEx as Oak Park is centrally located within the region, bordered by three major thruways (M-10, I-696 and M-102).
2. **Oak Park receives a Five Star Community rating by University of Michigan Dearborn’s iLabs’ eCities Research Program.** The distinction is provided to communities that foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development based on factors that include clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. Twenty-two communities in Michigan were recognized as a five star community. Combined, these communities

account for over 2,000 construction permits; claim commercial constructions worth more than \$875 million; have combined real and personal properties worth more than \$29 billion; and have acquired more than \$21 million in additional assets in the past year. In 2016, building permits in the City rose 201% from the prior year, bringing nearly \$19.7 million in commercial investments to Oak Park. In addition, Oak Park participates in the Oakland County One Stop Ready program by offering a high standard of customer service as well as expediting planning and building processes to those who wish to invest within the City.

3. **Union Joints restaurant group purchases the 8,000-square-foot WWJ transmitter building** on 8 Mile Road with plans to repurpose the one-of-a-kind, historic building into a unique, destination restaurant anticipated to attract visitors from all over the region. Union Joints, co-owned by Curt Catallo and designer wife Ann Stevenson, were drawn to the building’s historic value as an original broadcast house, its Albert Kahn-designed architecture, and the fact that Oak Park is no longer a dry City. “Without that element, I don’t think anybody could look at doing a restaurant or a project like this and make it viable without the revenue from liquor sales,” Catallo stated in a Crain’s Detroit Business article. The restaurant, scheduled to begin construction in 2017, is planning to seat 175 and employ 130.
4. **Community Housing Network, or CHN, starts construction on 60 units of affordable housing** at the former Thomas Jefferson School site. The company secured a tax credit from the Michigan State Housing



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Development Authority to develop 20 one- and two-bedroom apartments and 40 three- and four-bedroom town-home-style units. Twenty-one units will be set aside for supportive housing. CHN has over 1,000 renters already interested in the housing options. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2017, early 2018.

- 5. **The City awards façade improvement funds to assist five businesses in Oak Park.** The funds are used to improve building exteriors, increase property value, and attract new business to Oak Park.
- 6. **The City formed the Corridor Improvement Authority, or CIA,** to fund projects that improve the economic stability, services, and overall appearance of the Coolidge, 11 Mile Road and Nine Mile Road corridors. The CIA consists of a seven member board that represents the interests of local businesses, elected officials, Oak Park Schools and residents.
- 7. **Planet Fitness, known for their Judgement Free Zone® and affordable pricing, opened a 30,000-square-foot facility in Oak Park.** This location is the company's largest facility in the metropolitan Detroit area. The location was chosen for its visibility and accessibility to I-696, the convenience of a large park-

ing lot and the company's membership demographics. The gym has already proven to be a community partner by sponsoring the City's Halloween Boo Bash and for encouraging many in the community to invest in their health.

- 8. **The City plants approximately 15,000 sunflowers and fills 20 large flower pots to brighten the City,** beautify our corridors, and provide residents with a sense of place. A sense of place provides communities with enhanced quality of life and attracts people to the area to live, shop and dine.
- 9. **Oak Park receives the Outstanding Vision Award from Oakland County's Main Street USA program,** a program dedicated towards rewarding communities that create thriving downtowns and wonderful community centers. The City received the award for their vision to develop 9 Mile into a downtown space with bike lanes, additional public amenities and parks. The City hopes to receive funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation to assist this project into fruition.
- 10. **Over 70 businesses opened in Oak Park in 2016,** including The Suit Depot, McDonald's, Primos Pizza (re-opening), Save-A-Lot, Captain Jay's and Valhalla Krav Maga. We wish all our businesses much success in the coming year.

With the holidays behind us, and the new year begun, we look forward to another fantastic year of economic development and growth within the City.

APPEALING YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

The City of Oak Park is required by state law to determine a value for all property within the City as of December 31. The City's Assessor determines the value and mails a "Change in Assessment Notice" to all property owners by the end of February. The change in assessment notice shows any change (up or down) in the State Equalized Value and Taxable Value for each property. Owners that disagree with the assessed value of their property have the opportunity to appeal at the "March Board of Review" which will take place on March 13, 14 and 27. The Board of Review is an independent board of appointed citizens who hear owner's arguments regarding the value of their property and can make adjustments to the assessed value, if justified. In order to appeal an assessment, the property owner is required to request an appointment with the Board by March 14, 2017.

In addition, business owners are required to submit personal property statements by February 14 in order for the City to place a value on personal property. Businesses that have less than \$80,000 in personal property may file a 5076 Affidavit Form by February 10 to request an exemption.

For questions regarding the Change in Assessment Notice, Personal Property Tax Statements, or the deadlines, contact the Assessing Office at (248) 691-7559.

2016 Property Tax Bills

The City of Oak Park bills all property owners for summer property taxes on July 1 and for winter taxes on December 1. The summer tax bills were due without penalty by August 31, 2016. The 2016 winter property taxes are payable without penalty through February 14, 2017. On February 15, 2017, a 3% penalty is

added to the outstanding base property tax balance due on winter bills. February 28, 2017 is the last day that any unpaid 2016 summer or winter property taxes can be paid to the City of Oak Park. Tax bills can be paid in person at City Hall, mailed, or on-line payment with a credit card (please note, the credit card company

charges an administrative fee). Beginning March 1, 2017, all unpaid 2016 summer or winter property taxes must be paid directly to the Oakland County Treasurer. Oakland County will add an additional penalty on the balance turned over by the City and is ultimately responsible for collection at that point.



Oak Park Library is Transforming

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Libraries across the nation are transforming, and so is the Oak Park Library. People, particularly the younger generation, are changing the way in which they learn and socialize, largely in part due to the onset of technology and social networks. Today's market is more apt to be do-it-yourselfers, thinkers and entrepreneurs who need more hands-on and interactive experiences. They seek a forum to network with peers and subject experts. They prefer to learn at their own pace, when needed, and are the true epitome of lifelong learners.

Traditionally, we learn by book, lecture and obtain degrees in a career category. Today, people are able to connect with technology in real time. The movement is working towards utilizing readily available technology for research, social networks to connect with others, and faster ways in

which to informally master a skill or topic of interest. Somewhere in between this change, libraries are transforming to meet the emerging needs.

"The Oak Park Library is transforming to something that's a little bit more community-centered," states Library Director Brandon Bowman who has added more events and programming to the mix and expanded Library hours. "For libraries, it's always been about community knowledge, but now we are incorporating new technologies, tapping into local experts, and bringing culture into the mix."

The Oak Park Library invites local experts to share their knowledge with others on topics of interest to groups of patrons. For example, the Library recently held a presentation on how to buy, appraise and sell hidden treasures with well-known antique appraiser Bob Ramsey. On February 6, the Library will host the Motor City Ghost Hunters, a group of locals who investigate paranormal activity throughout Southeast Michigan. On March 16,

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Gwen Lewis’ Family Literacy Workshop will provide parents with helpful tips and valuable pointers to encourage their child to succeed in reading. The Library will also host Teen Tech Week on March 6-10, as part of a national initiative to encourage teens to use all the great resources that are available in libraries to make positive changes in their lives and within the community. These are resources that are available to teens for college and for 21st century careers.

The Library has opened its programming to multi-generational audiences as lifelong learning becomes more prevalent. For example, the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) Generation Makerspace programs are now open to adults and seniors, and not just an after school teen program anymore. The Library partners with the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission to coordinate a new monthly art appreciation program called, “You Create.” And, through a grant funded by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Library patrons will be encouraged to explore the science of shadows, silhouettes, and cityscapes during a four-week program on Thursday afternoons in February.

Meanwhile, the Oak Park Library has become a gathering space for individuals with like interests. Take, for example, the Adult Coloring Club, Library Book Club, Historical Society, Tournament Tuesday card gaming crowd, Monday Movie Night followers, and the Family Game Night participants. Libraries are one of the few remaining gathering spaces for people with like interests to socialize, interact, share, explore, create, succeed and conquer.

“Just recently, the Adult Coloring Group has expressed an interest in learning how to shadow and tint their art,” states Bowman. “So, we are scouring the area for individuals who may be able to visit the Club and share their expertise in advanced coloring techniques.”

Realizing that not everyone is fluent in every technology, the Oak Park Library continually updates their technology and expands their partnerships to provide forums

for users of varying skill levels to further their ability to use the internet, access emails, post on social media, photograph with smart phones, and stay conveniently connected to the latest news and developments through today’s ever-changing technologies.

The Oak Park Library is located at 14200 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, Mich. For more information on Oak Park Library events and activities, call (248) 691-7480.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, closed

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAN ON THE RUN

Author Carl Weber Meet and Greet

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE

Carl Weber, the author of "Man on the Run," will make an appearance at the Oak Park Library to discuss his book, meet the public, and sign books. Copies of Mr. Weber's book will be available for purchase. This event is co-sponsored by the Oak Park Library and Book Beat.

YOU CREATE

FREE

The Oak Park Library is partnering with the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission once a month for fun, artsy and creative experiences with our "You Create" projects. Whether we create make-and-take tiles, heads on a stick, or pet rocks, you can count on the experience being a little artsy and tad bit over-the-top fun.

Thursday, January 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Make and Take Tiles

Thursday, February 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Heads on a Stick

Thursday, March 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Pet Rocks



SHADOW PLAY

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 4:30-5:15

Ages: Children of All Ages | FREE

Join us for a series of Shadow Play workshops based on the books of Ezra Jack Keats. We'll explore the science of shadows, trace our own shadows, create colorful silhouettes, construct cityscapes, and make collaborative large format banner creations. Shadow Play is funded by a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.

MOTOR CITY GHOST HUNTERS

Monday, February 6, 7-9 p.m.

Ages: Adult | FREE

Join us for an evening with the Motor City Ghost Hunters, a group of locals who investigate paranormal activity throughout Southeast Michigan. They will share stories of their experiences and the equipment they use to investigate. They will also share their findings from Holly Hotel, Historic Fort Gratiot and the Farmington Winery. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library.



VALENTINE'S DAY IS FOR BOOK LOVERS!

Tuesday, February 14, All Day

Author Meet and Greet 6:30-7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Make Valentine's Day a day for book lovers! Plan a blind date with a good book or available author at the Oak Park Library. Visit the Library between 6:30-7:30 p.m. for an opportunity to speed date (interact, obtain autographs and buy books) with over 10 visiting authors. Mark your calendar, dress for comfort, and choose the good company of one great book, or date a variety of novels with topics that are of interest to you.

TEEN TECH WEEK – BE THE SOURCE OF CHANGE

Monday-Friday, March 6-10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ages: Youth | FREE

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative to encourage teens to use all the great resources that are available in the Oak Park Library to make a positive change in their lives and within their community. These are resources that are available to teens for college and for 21st century careers. Teens will walk away with make and take projects every day during Teen Tech Week.

FAMILY LITERACY WORKSHOP WITH GWEN LEWIS

Thursday, March 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ages: Adults | FREE

Gwen Lewis' Family Literacy Workshop is an interactive presentation designed to provide parents and grandparents with helpful tips and valuable pointers to encourage their child to succeed in reading. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library.



DROP-IN PROGRAMS

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE

Rated PG | FREE

If you're looking for a wonderful excuse to wander out of the house during these cold winter nights, come join our Monday Movie Night at the Oak Park Library. Our movies are family appropriate and fun – a great excuse to spend quality time with the family away from home.

Monday, January 9, 5:30 p.m. – Finding Dory, 103 minutes

Monday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. – The BFG, 108 minutes

Monday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. – Zootopia, 117 minutes

IT'S STORY TIME

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:05 a.m. | FREE

Ages: 2-6 Accompanied by an Adult

Our story time is a drop-in program for parents with children under the age of six. Come make friends, bond with your child, play and learn. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing your child to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. We read, sing, dance, move and play.

ADULT COLORING CLUB

Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. | FREE

If you would like to relax, exercise creativity and dabble in artistic projects, come join our Adult Coloring Club. When focusing on coloring as an art form, worries wash away. Coloring generates wellness, solitude, and stimulates areas of the brain that involve motor skills, the senses, and creativity. If you are new to adult coloring, no worries. The Oak Park Library supplies patterns, coloring pencils and gel pens.



TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, 6-7:45 p.m. | Ages: Youth and Adults | FREE

If you're a tabletop gamer who enjoys the competitive gaming experience, join us on Tournament Tuesdays at the Oak Park Library. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Some games on our repertoire include, Force of Will, Magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and other collectible card games. Whether you are collecting, trading or enjoying the game, come join in the fun! Tournament Tuesdays are sponsored by Collectible Investments.

STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE

Every Other Wednesday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) initiative is part of a larger effort to expose patrons to the fields of engineering and design by building skills in math, science and the arts. Through interesting projects, participants learn crucial problem-solving skills while gaining appreciation for various industries. Programs include, button making, fingerprint art, Ozobots, sensory bottles, Strawbees, and 3Doodlers.

Wednesday, January 4, Button Making

Wednesday, January 18, Fingerprint Art

Wednesday, February 1, Ozobots

Wednesday, February 15, Sensory Bottles

Wednesday, March 1, Strawbees

Wednesday, March 15, 3 Doodlers

Wednesday, March 29, Button Making

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursdays, 6-7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Family game night is a great excuse for the whole family to enjoy a fun-filled evening, together. It's a time when the Oak Park Library unleashes our game collection for game lovers of all ages and abilities to create memories that last. Our game collection includes Leaping Lemmings, Monopoly, Munchkin, The Pact, Ravenous River, Red7, Skip-Bo®, The Tomb Game, Tycoon Games, The Witches, UNO, and more!

MEETINGS

Historical Society Meetings

Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Oak Park Library

Monday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Library Book Club Meetings

Wednesday, January 4, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 6 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 26, 5-8 p.m.

Join us at the Oak Park Library to help us plan for the Library's future.

YOU'VE ASKED FOR IT, NOW WE'VE GOT IT!

The Oak Park Recreation Program Guide is Back!



5 Ways to Register for Recreation Programs

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register online for activities by clicking on the "Click Here to Register" button on the Recreation Department's page of the City's website, at www.OakParkMI.gov. Or, go directly to the online registration page at <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>.

When registering online, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>.
2. Enter the required information to generate your customer identification and password.
3. Click on the activities you want to register for.
4. Pay with a credit card, print your receipt, and receive an instant email confirmation of your purchase.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

A mail-in registration is available for most activities, except when athletic contracts are required for registration. For athletic contracts, register in person. To register via mail:

1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
3. When a birth certificate is required for registration, a copy of the birth certificate can be mailed or the original can be delivered in-person to the Recreation Department.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Register in-person during regularly scheduled business hours. The Recreation Department is located in the City's Community Center at **14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park**. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are open on the following Fridays: Jan. 13 and 27; Feb. 10 and 24; and March 10 and 24.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX REGISTRATION

How to register via drop box:

1. Complete the Recreation Registration Form, see form on adjacent page.
2. Include check or money order payable to the City of Oak Park. Do not include cash or credit card numbers.
3. Drop in secure drop box, located next to the Recreation office.

BY PHONE

Register by phone with a credit card (American Express®, Visa®, MasterCard® or Discover®) by calling (248) 691-7555.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register early! Refund and return policies apply.

OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 Oak Park, MI 48237

(248) 691-7555
www.OakParkMI.gov

Hours:
 Monday-Thursday
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.
 Every Other Friday
 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

THE MISSION OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY WHILE ESTABLISHING A HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR PROGRAM, ACTIVITIES, PARKS AND SERVICES.

FOLLOW US ON:



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PAYMENT METHODS

We accept checks or money orders made payable to the City of Oak Park, cash paid in-person, and the following credit cards:

American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®

Registration Form



OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-7555 | www.OakParkMI.gov

Head of Household's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Payment Method Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ CSV Code _____

Card Holder Name _____ Authorized Signature _____

Participant's First Name	Participant's Last Name	Birth Date	Program Name	Class No.	Start Date

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Non-residents of Oak Park are welcome to participate. There will be an additional \$5 non-resident charge, unless otherwise indicated. Some programs and camps have a slightly higher fee. Please contact the Recreation Department to confirm the non-resident registration charge.

REFUND POLICY

A full refund will be processed if the activity is canceled by the Oak Park Recreation Department, or if the program is full. Refunds must be requested in person. Bring your original receipt. Refunds will only be granted for cancellation of class if requested before the second class or practice. Class refunds are not prorated should you miss a portion of the class for any reason. A \$5 service fee will be accessed for all refund requests. Refunds may take up to four weeks to process.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

There will be an additional charge determined by the Finance Department for all checks returned due to non-sufficient funds and the check writer will no longer be able to pay by check for Recreation Department programs in the future.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Join our Senior 50Up Club to enjoy our weekly senior drop-in offerings at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Call (248)691-7555 for details. Membership is \$6 per person/per calendar year. Non-Resident is \$12/per person.

MONDAY

Quilters Club, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Free
Ping Pong, Noon-2 p.m., Free
Bingo, (Every 2nd and 4th Monday), Noon-2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Senior Walking Group, 10-11 a.m., Free
Watercolor Drop-In, 1-3 p.m., \$5
Contemporary Quilters (Every third Tuesday), 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Blood Pressure Clinic, 10-11 a.m., Free
Bingo, Noon-2 p.m.
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free
Scrabble Club, Noon-5 p.m., Free

THURSDAY

Senior Walking Group, 9-11 a.m., Free
Drop-In Hustle, 10-11 a.m., \$4 Res./\$5 Non Res.
Pickleball, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., \$2
Bid Whist, 1-4 p.m., Free



CLASSES

LAPTOP COMPUTER CLASSES

11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Fee: \$60

The laptop computer class is a class where beginners and advanced students, alike, bring their own laptop to class and learn to safely use Windows. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited to 4. Instructor: Marta Sandoval

Ages: 50 and up
Course: 3014FW17
Location: Room 2, Comm. Ctr.
Mondays, Jan. 9-March 13, 8 Week Session

ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

10:30-11:30 a.m. | Free | Pre-Registration Required

Lawyers from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School will talk about wills, power of attorneys and trusts. They will also hold a question and answer session. Pre-register at least one week prior to the event.

Course: 3407FW17, Thursday, January 19, 1 Session
Course: 3408SS17, Thursday, March 16, 1 Session

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

BASIC HATHA YOGA

10:30-11:30 a.m. | Fee: Call for pricing

This class provides basic yoga foundation delivered on a personal basis. This class provides treatment based on the person's needs. Don't forget to bring your own mat. Instructor: Bob Smith

Ages: 50 and up
Course: 3062FW17
Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.
Thursdays, March 9-April 27, 8 Week Session

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Noon-1 p.m. | Fee: \$24 | Location: Room 3, Comm. Ctr.

Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Instructor: Bobby Calhoun

Ages: 50 and up
Course: 3046FW17
Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session
Course: 3046SS17
Tuesdays, March 7-April 25, 8 Week Session

SIT AND GET FIT

9-10 a.m. | Fee: \$46 | Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

Sit and Get Fit enhances participant's strength and flexibility by incorporating dumbbells, bands and small balls to its exercises. All exercises are performed in the comfort of a chair or wheelchair. Balls can be purchased from instructor for \$7.

Ages: 50 and up
Course: 3031FW17
Monday, Jan. 9-Wednesday, March 6, 8 Week Session
Course: 3032FW17
March 13-Wednesday, May 1, 8 Week Session

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

10-10:45 a.m. | Fee: Res. \$56/Non-Res. \$61

Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility, coordination, and slow down the aging process. All experience levels welcome!
Instructor: Holly Malloy

Ages: 18 and up
Course: 3058FW17
Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.
Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$56/Non-Res. \$61

This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the negative aspects experienced in the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. *Experienced students only. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

Ages: 18 and up

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

Course: 3049FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

Course: 3050SS17

Tuesdays, March 7-April 25, 8 Week Session

ZUMBA GOLD

10-11 a.m. | Fee: Res. \$48/Non-Res. \$53

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.

Zumba Gold takes the popular Latin dance inspired workout of Zumba and makes it accessible for seniors, beginners and others in need of exercise modifications.

Ages: 50 and up

Course: 3502FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

SPORT LEAGUES

SENIOR SOFTBALL

10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Fee: \$84, plus NPRA Membership Dues

Location: Joe Forbes Field at Oak Park Baseball Fields

The annual men's Senior Softball League partners with the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association, or NPRA.

Ages: 55 and up

Course: 3000SS17

Mondays, April 24-Aug. 2, 15 Week Session

LUNCH BRUNCH

BAHAMA BREEZE LUNCH TRIP

Friday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Let's take a lunch brunch holiday to the islands! Let's go to Bahama Breeze, where they serve up the finest Caribbean fare.

Ages: 50 and up

Course: 0024SRTR17

Fee: Res. \$6/Non-Res. \$8. Lunch fee is separate.

BEANS AND CORNBREAD LUNCH TRIP

Friday, March 24, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where else can you enjoy savory, soul food accompanied by Southern sides while listening to smooth music!

Ages: 50 and up

Course: 0025SRTR17

Fee: Res. \$6/Non-Res. \$8. Lunch fee is separate.



NUTRITIAN

EAT SMART, LIVE STRONG

10-11:00 a.m. | FREE Event

Eat Smart, Live Strong is a researched and evidenced-based curriculum that is geared towards adults 60-years-old and older. This dynamic series focuses on fruits, vegetables and physical activity. It is customized specifically for older adults and offers a variety of exercises and recipes that are easy to duplicate. Food demonstrations and samples are included to all who participate. This series is brought to you by the Michigan State University Extension Program.

Ages: 60 and up

Location: Room 4, Community Center

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 6 Week Session

MEALS ON WHEELS

"More than just a meal"

Meals on Wheels home delivery is available in Oak Park as long as you call at least one week in advance. Lunch can be served with a preordered meal. For more information, call Senior Meals on Wheels at (248) 689-0001.

TRANSPORTATION

SMART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for residents who are seniors, age 55 or above, and individuals who have a disability. Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport. For more information, contact (248) 691-7555. Subject to availability. There is a fare to use the bus.

DAY TRIPS

Casino and theatre trips are also available, see the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide for more information.

LECTURE SERIES

HISTORIAN BRUCE KOPYTEK'S LECTURE ON CROWLEY'S

Tuesday, January 10, 1-2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2

Known as one of Detroit's top three downtown retailers, Crowley's operated in the shadow of the enormous J.L. Hudson Company. Join us as we travel back in time with historian Bruce Kopytek to explore the grandeur of Crowley's six-story building where guests perused floor after floor of luxurious merchandise and friendly service. Learn what made Crowley's such a special retail destination.

Ages: 20 and Up

Course: 005SRLC17

Guest Presenter: Historian Bruce Kopytek

Location: Room B, Comm. Ctr.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART PRESENTS "TO DIE UPON A KISS"

Tuesday, February 14, 1-2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2

Scientists have proven that when experiencing love, brain cells release dopamine, a natural stimulant to many regions of the brain that affect human behavior. These areas of the brain are associated with desire, motivation, focus and craving. View a selection of works that explore the variety of behaviors associated with love.

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 007SRLC17

Guest Presenter: Detroit Institute of Art

Location: Room B, Comm. Ctr.



AUTHOR MICHAEL HAUSER PRESENTS DETROIT'S DOWNTOWN MOVIE PALACES

Tuesday, March 14, 1-2:30 p.m. | Fee: \$2

Detroit's Downtown Movie Palace Lecture by Author Michael Hauser takes a walk back in time to the "Golden Age of Cinema." Don't miss this magical presentation!

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 0006SRLC17

Guest Presenter: Author Michael Hauser

Location: Room B, Comm. Ctr.

LUNCH BUNCH

11:30-2 p.m. | Transportation Fee: Res. \$6/Non-Res. \$8

Join us on our monthly lunch trips. We provide the transportation, however you will be on your own to pay the cost of lunch and tip.

Bahama Breeze: Friday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Beans and Cornbread: Friday, March 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

SHOPPING TRIPS

Times Vary | Transportation Fee: Res. \$6/Non-Res. \$8

They say shopping is retail therapy for a reason. So, we would like to provide you with the opportunity to shop until your heart is content. We provide the transportation via SMART bus.

Walmart: Friday, January 20, 10 a.m.-Noon

Somerset Mall: Friday, February 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Target: Friday, March 17, 10 a.m.-Noon

DAY TRIPS

Did you know we provide trips to the local casinos?

SMART bus provides the transportation and you provide the luck!

Transportation Fee: Res. \$6/Non-Res. \$8 | Ages: 21 and up

MGM GRAND DETROIT CASINO TRIP

Friday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.-4p.m.

MOTORCITY CASINO HOTEL

Friday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The following casino trips will be coordinated by Bianco Travel and Tours, Inc.:

CAESARS WINDSOR CASINO TRIP

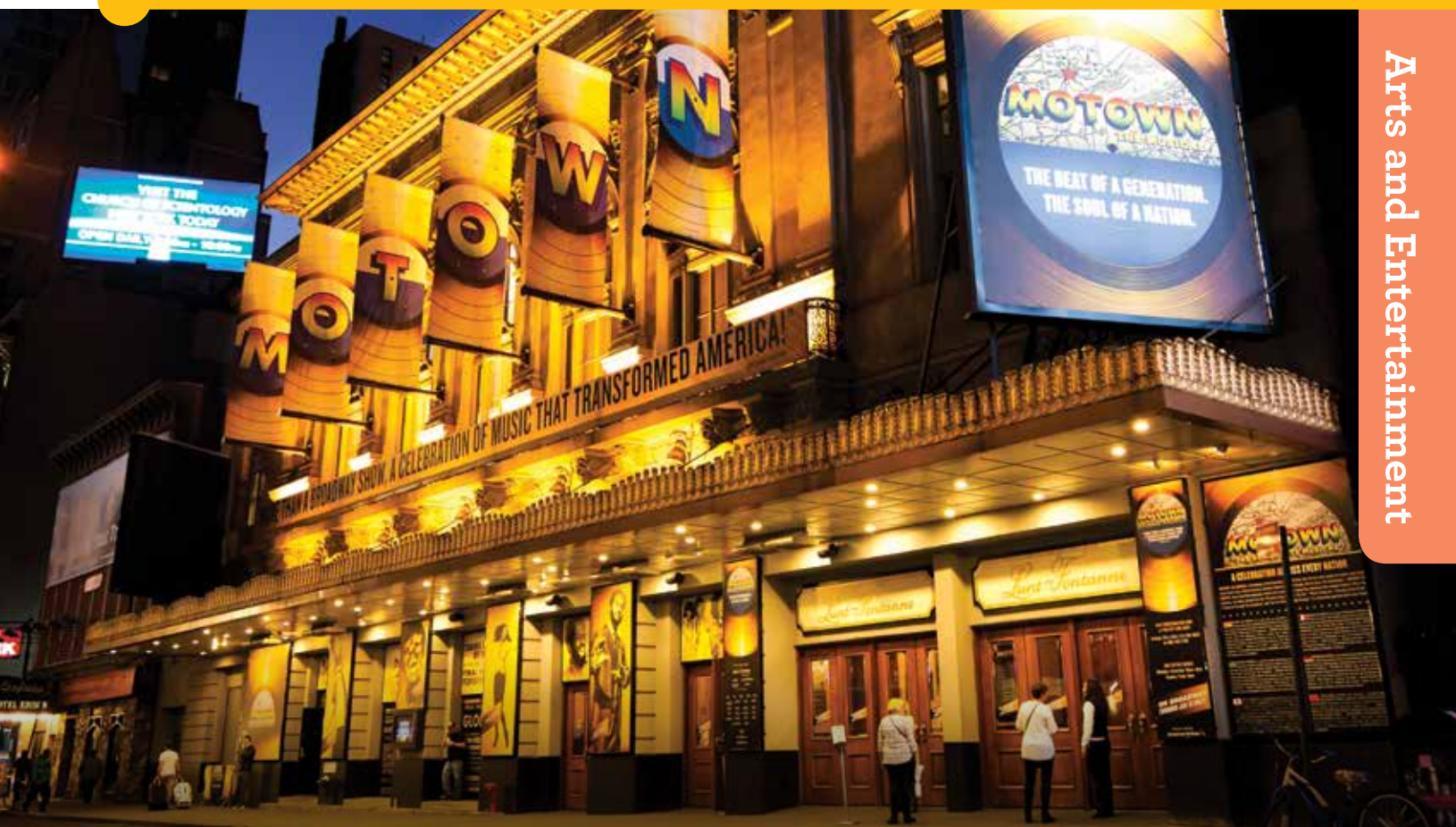
Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | Ages: 21 and up
Fee: Res. \$26/Non-Res. \$31 | Course: 0029SRTR17

Let's go to Caesars Windsor Casino, Ontario's first casino and destination resort. You'll have access to 3,000 slot machines, Casino Blackjack, Roulette, Baccarat, Caribbean Stud Poker, craps, and so much more! The trip includes a choice of a free lunch buffet; \$15 meal voucher; or a \$15 coin voucher. Coffee, paczkis and Mardi Gras entertainment will be provided on the bus! *You must have an enhanced driver's license or passport to enter Canada.

FIREKEEPERS CASINO TRIP

Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. | Ages: 21 and up
Fee: Res. \$38/Non-Res. \$43 | Course: 0030SRTR17

Playing for keeps is about to become more intense! Slot machines, poker tables, Blackjack, 200 seat bingo room, and more. Five sizzling restaurants, blazing hot bars, and beautiful lounges! The trip includes \$20 slot credit and \$5 to be used for food, slot play or gift shop.



THEATRE

DISNEY PRESENTS THE LION KING

Saturday, February 18, 1-5:15 p.m.

Fee: Res. \$95/Non-Res. \$100 | Register by Friday, Feb. 3

When giraffe's strut, birds swoop, and gazelles leap, the entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. Disney's *The Lion King* is making its triumphant return to the Detroit Opera House. Get your tickets early as this event is sure to sell out!

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 0026SRTR17

Location: Detroit Opera House

GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Friday, March 31, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Fee: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 | Register by Friday, Feb. 24

Puccini's opera set in the American West during the Gold Rush, brings to life the story of Minnie, a gun-toting, saloon-owning Sunday school teacher. All the cowboys want to marry Minnie. With a high stakes poker game and the most romantic serenades from a bandit, turned lover, this trip is sure to entertain! This is a rehearsal day time performance.

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 0027SRTR17

Location: Detroit Opera House

ALVIN AILEY DANCE

Friday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Fee: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 | Register by March 17

Designated as "a vital American cultural ambassador to the world" by U.S. Congressional Resolution in 2008, this group celebrates the uniqueness of the African-American cultural experience. Beloved by Detroit audiences, Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater provides four masterful performances from its expansive repertoire, including their signature performance, *Revelations*. This is a sure sellout, so get your tickets early.

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 0028SRTR17

Location: Detroit Opera House

MOTOWN: THE MUSICAL

Sunday, April 23, 1-5:30 p.m.

Fee: Res. \$95/Non-Res. \$100 | Register by March 17

It began as one man's story, became everyone's soulful music, and is now a Broadway musical. *Motown the Musical* is the true American dream story of Motown Founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul. He launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, and many more!

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 0031SRTR17

Location: Detroit Opera House

SENIOR

BALLROOM DANCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11 a.m.-Noon | Fee: Res. \$32/Non-Res. \$37

Learn the latest ballroom dance steps, including Chicago step, salsa, and more. Couples and singles are welcome. No experience necessary.

Ages: 50 and up

Course: 3060FW17, Thurs., Jan. 12-March 2, 8 Week Session

Course: 3061FW17, Thurs., March 9-April 27, 8 Week Session

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.



ADULT

MIDDLE EASTERN (BELLY) DANCE CLASS

7-8:30 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$75/Non-Res. \$80

This class attracts participants of all shapes and sizes who come dressed in comfortable clothing to learn the art of belly dance. This class provides participants with the opportunity to express themselves through dance and learn fun ways to maintain health. Enjoy the physical and personal benefits of belly dancing, abdominal toning, stronger legs, self-esteem and an essence of sensuality.

Ages: 20 and up

Course: 3401FW17, Mon., Jan. 9-March 6, 8 Week Session

Course: 3402FW17, Mon., March 13-May 1, 8 Week Session

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.



TEEN

JAZZ/TAP COMBO DANCE

8-8:45 p.m. | Fee: \$40 | Ages: 11-17

This jazz and tap combination class fuses the funky sounds of tap with the technical side of Jazz! Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program. Participants will work on a performance piece. Level: Beginner

Course: 5007FW17, Wed., Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 5008FW17, Wed., Feb. 8-March 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 5009SS17, Wed., March 8-29, 4 Week Session

Course: 5010SS17, Wed., April 5-26, 4 Week Session

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

TEEN HIP HOP DANCE

Time & Fee TBD | Ages: 11-17

This course provides an introduction to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of the hip hop movement. This high energy class is taught to teen students with a passion for dance! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that will allow ease of movement (no jeans, please). Include dance shoes or sneakers. Level: Beginner

For more information, call Maralee Rosemond (248) 691-2357.

BALLET/JAZZ COMBO DANCE

7:15-8 p.m. | Fee: \$40 | Ages: 6-10

This combo class introduces the fundamentals and terminology of ballet and the technical side of Jazz. Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program. Level: Beginner

Course: 0006FW17, Wed., Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 0007FW17, Wed., Feb. 8-March 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 0008FW17, Wed., March 8-29, 4 Week Session

Course: 0009FSS17, Wed., April 5-26, 4 Week Session

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

JUNIOR HIP HOP DANCE

6:30-7:15 p.m. | Fee: \$40 | Ages: 6-10

This course is an introduction to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of the hip hop movement. This high energy class is taught to students with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that will allow ease of movement (no jeans). Include dance shoes or sneakers

Course: 6003FW17, Wed., Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 6004FW17, Wed., Feb. 8-March 1, 4 Week Session

Course: 6005FW17, Wed., March 8-29, 4 Week Session

Course: 6006FW17, Wed., April 5-26, 4 Week Session

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.



CHILDREN

TAPS AND TUTU'S DANCE CLASS

9:30-10:15 a.m. | Fee: \$40 | Ages: 3-5

Taps and Tutu's Dance Class is a fun way in which to introduce your little one to the magic of dance! Classes are designed and provided by Impulse Dance Academy. This class strives to foster a love of movement with this fun, energetic class! The introductory level class explores rhythm, song, body awareness, coordination skills, imagination and creative expression. The lesson plans take into consideration the students' attention span and keeps them happily engaged while learning to translate music into movement. Children must be potty-trained and able to be separated from their parent while in class. Level: Beginners

Course: 8003FW17, Sat., Jan. 7-28, 4 Week Session

Course: 8005FW17, Sat., Feb. 4-25, 4 Week Session

Course: 8006FW17, Sat., March 4-25, 4 Week Session

Course: 8007SS17, Sat., April 1-22, 4 Week Session

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.

MINI HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

10:20-11:05 a.m. | Fee: \$40 | Ages: 4-6

Impulse Dance Academy introduces dance hip hop to the younger crowd in a fun way! Participants will be introduced to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of the hip hop movement. This high energy class is taught to students with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes that will allow the ease of movement (no jeans, please). Bring dance shoes or sneakers. Level: Beginner

Course: 9002FW17, Sat., Jan. 7-Jan. 28, 4 Week Session

Course: 9003FW17, Sat., Feb. 4-Feb. 25, 4 Week Session

Course: 9004SS17, Sat., March 4-25, 4 Week Session

Course: 9005SS17, Sat., April 1-22, 4 Week Session

Location: Room C., Comm. Ctr.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>

OR CALL

(248) 691-7555
TODAY!



YOUTH LEAGUES



SPRING SOCCER

Location: Oak Park and Ferndale

Youth soccer is a popular choice for kids who want to be active and learn to develop their skills as a soccer player. Oak Park sponsored teams play as part of the Southeast Oakland Soccer League and compete with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Pleasant Ridge. This is a coed soccer league. Practices will be held Monday through Friday in Oak Park and games will be held on Saturday mornings and some weekday evenings in Ferndale.

SOCCER U4 - SPRING

Fee: Res. \$40/Non-Res. \$45

Ages: 3-4

Course: 1208SS17

Saturdays, April 8-May 13, 6 Week Session

SOCCER U6 - SPRING

Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60

Ages: 5-6

Course: 1209SS17

Saturdays, April 8-May 13, 6 Week Session

SOCCER U8 - SPRING

Fee: Res. \$60/Non-Res. \$65

Ages: 7-8

Course: 1210SS17

Saturdays, April 8-May 13, 6 Week Session

SOCCER U10 - SPRING

Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70

Ages: 9-10

Course: 1211SS17

Saturdays, April 8-May 13, 6 Week Session

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70

Various Locations

Teams sponsored by Oak Park play for the Southeast Oakland Baseball League. They compete with teams from: Ferndale, Hazel Park and Pleasant Ridge. This is a coed baseball league.

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (T-BALL)

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50

Ages: 5-6

Course: 1212SS17

Mondays, May 8-July 26, 12 Week Session

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (MACHINE PITCH)

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$50

Ages: 7-8

Course: 1213SS17

Mondays, May 8-July 27, 12 Week Session

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (PONY 9/10)

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60

Ages: 9-10

Course: 1214SS17

Tuesdays, May 9,-July 27, 12 Week Session

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (MINOR 11/12)

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$55/Non-Res. \$60

Ages: 11-12

Course: 1215SS17

Mondays, May 8-July 26, 12 Week Session

SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL (MAJORS 13/14)

6-9 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$65/Non-Res. \$70

Ages: 13-14

Course: 1216SS17

Tuesdays, May 9-July 27, 12 Week Session

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Become a volunteer coach. Even if you are not an expert in the sport, we need more positive role models in the lives of our youth to help them develop into well-rounded individuals. If you have any interest, contact Dan Parker at (248) 691-7562 for more information.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Interested in sponsoring a team? Donate money to your favorite youth sport and get your logo on the back of the each player's jersey. Contact Dan Parker for more information at (248) 691-7562.

DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH KARATE

6:15-7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$50/Non-Res. \$55

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

The Karate Program is an introductory karate class specifically designed for children ages 4-7. It enhances a child's focus, memory, teamwork skills, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. All this is achieved through exciting and fun games and activities. Wear loose fitting clothes. A responsible adult must remain in attendance during class. Instructor: Gand Master Robb Hogan

Ages: 4-7

Course: 1010FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

Ages: 4-7

Course: 1011FW17

Tuesdays, March 7-April 25, 8 Week Session

DRAGON'S EIGHT KARATE

7-8 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$60/Non-Res. \$65

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

Students are challenged in 16 classes of the Dragon's Eight fighting system, a traditional, street oriented approach to the martial arts. There are eight life skills that are incorporated in this sport: focus, memory, teamwork, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. Students should dress comfortably for class. Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

Ages: 8 and up

Course: 1022FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Thur., March 2, 8 Week Session

Ages: 8 and up

Course: 1018FW17

Tuesdays, March 7-Thur., April 27, 8 Week Session

ADULT LEAGUES

KICKBALL

6-10 p.m. | Fee: \$350 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee

Ages: 18 and up | Location: David H. Shepherd Park

The Oak Park adult coed kickball leagues are back. They've grown into a great social activity for adults. The game with the BIG RED BALL that Oak Park residents played during recess is becoming increasingly more interesting. People have been known to travel far and wide to enjoy this sport, it's not just for kids anymore. Kickball is organized, laid back, fun, and entertaining. This sport offers a manner in which to relieve stress and to exercise.



KICKBALL (FRIDAYS)

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 2206SS17

Fridays, May 12-Aug. 18, 15 Week Session

KICKBALL (MONDAYS)

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 2205SS17

Mondays, May 15-Aug. 21, 15 Week Session

MEN'S ADULT SOFTBALL

6-10 p.m. | Fee: \$575 + \$50 Refundable Team Forfeit Fee

Location: David H. Shepherd Park

Oak Park Recreation offers a slow-pitch double header softball league through United States Specialty Sports Association, or USSSA, on Thursday nights. Games are played at the USSSA C/D level. Fees include prepped fields for 14 games, playoffs, USSSA registration, game balls, and championship awards. *NOTE - All teams must pay a \$13 umpire fee per game for all regular season and playoff games. This fee is paid on the field.

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 2200SS17

Thursdays, May 11-Aug. 17, 15 Week Session

SENIORS

SENIOR SOFTBALL

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fee: \$84, plus NPRA Membership Dues

Location: Joe Forbes Field at Oak Park Baseball Fields

The annual men's Senior Softball League partners with the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association, or NPRA.

Ages: 55 and up

Course: 3000SS17

Mondays, April 24-Aug. 2, 15 Week Session

NEW POLICY FOR ADULT LEAGUES

A refundable \$50 charge will be assessed at the time of registration to prevent forfeits. The forfeit fee will be returned to the team captain following the season if the team has not forfeited any games.

ADULT

FOR MEN AND WOMEN TOTAL BODY WORKOUT

10:30-11:30 a.m. | Call for Fee | (248) 691-7555

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr. | Ages 18 and up
Mondays, Jan. 9-March 6, 8 Week Session

Come join this exciting total body conditioning and exercise class where participants can work at their own pace.

Instructor: Suzi Skotarczyk

Monday Only, 4072FW17

Wednesday Only, 5072SW17

Monday and Wednesday Combo, 3072FW17



YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

7:45-9:15 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$42/Non-Res. \$47

Location: Room 4, Comm. Ctr.

Yoga is for EVERY BODY! This course is designed to fit the needs of the beginner as well as the continuing student.

Emphasis is placed on stretching and strengthening the muscles, improving posture, breathing and deep relaxation. Reducing stress is an important benefit! Bring a mat and wear loose clothing.

Instructor: Sharon Stone

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 2006FW17

Mondays, Jan. 9-March 6, 8 Week Session

Course: 2007SS17

Mondays, March 13-May 8, 8 Week Session

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS!

10-10:45 a.m. | Fee: Res. \$56/Non-Res. \$61

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and moving meditation. The course's healing properties develop flexibility, coordination, and slow down the aging process. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 3059SS17

Tuesdays, March 7-April 25, 8 Week Session

AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

7-8:15 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$50/Non-Res. \$55

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr.

Dance to old and new hustles that have been combined into aerobic workouts. This class is a great way to achieve 3,500 to 5,000 steps per class! Bring a water bottle and a towel.

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 1001FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

Course: 1002FSS17

Tuesdays, March 7-April 25, 8 Week Session

R.I.P.P.E.D. FOR A "SHREDDED" BODY

6-7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$75/Non-Res. \$80

Location: Room B, Comm. Ctr.

This one stop body shock exercise program is plateau proof. This workout helps to maintain continuity, consistency and challenge in each and every R.I.P.P.E.D. class. R.I.P.P.E.D. stands for resistance, intervals, power, plyometric and endurance. The instructor provides workouts along with diet suggestions to help participants attain and maintain physique in fun, safe, doable and extremely effective ways. Participants achieve undeniable results in minimal time by burning 750-1,000 calories in just 50 minutes.

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 3507FW17

Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 8 Week Session

ZUMBA

6-7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$75/Non-Res. \$80

Location: Room A, Comm. Ctr.

Join the party and ditch the workout! Zumba is a dance fitness party that incorporates Latin and world dance movements to music that is energetic and fun! Zumba is easy to follow for all ages and fitness levels. Relieve stress and build strength, coordination and fitness levels.

Ages: 18 and up

Course: 3505FW17

Mondays, Jan. 9-March 6, 8 Week Session

Course: 3506SS17

Mondays, March 13-May 1, 8 Week Session





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WINTERFEST

Sunday, January 29, 1-4 p.m. | Free Event
Location: Community Center and Grounds

What better way to ward off the winter blahs than with an outdoor winter celebration! Join us at the Community Center and grounds on Sunday, January 29 between 1-4 p.m. for our annual Oak Park Winterfest. This free event features dog sled demonstrations by the Michigan Husky Club; cross country skiing and snowshoeing provided by Oakland County Parks; and ice skating from 1-3 p.m. in the Oak Park Ice Skating Arena. We'll have carriage rides, reindeer pens to visit, face painting, cookie decorating, ice sculpting, sledding, DJ entertainment, and more. You won't want to miss the s'mores, chili and hot chocolate. Don't forget to dress for outside weather. Ages: All

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Sunday, February 12, 5-7 p.m. Fee: \$20 for father and daughter; \$10 for each additional participant
Location: Community Center | 001SPEV17

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of dinner and dancing with the special "girl" in your life. The fee includes admission for one gentleman and one lovely, little lady. We will provide dinner, dancing, photo booth, surprises and giveaways. Ages: 3 and up. Register by Wednesday, February 8.



OAK PARK EGG ROLL

Sunday, April 2, 1-3 p.m. | Fee: Free Event | 1606SS17
Location: Hamilton Hill in David H. Shepherd Park

What's better than searching for eggs during the holiday? Chasing candy-filled plastic eggs down the hill, of course. Come join us. We'll place children into age groups during this activity (i.e., 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) to better ensure they can chase and collect eggs with other children in the same skill and age level. **Enroll today.** Ages: 3-12 | Pre-registration required.

BUNNY TRAIL

Wednesday, April 12, 4-7 p.m. | Fee: Res. \$20 | Ages: 0-12
Location: Bunnies Visits Your Home! | 1610SS17

Surprise your child with a special appearance from Peter Rabbit! Peter will visit 15 homes in Oak Park. Peter Rabbit will visit with the family, pose for photo opportunities and leave a special gift behind. Sign-up while spots are available. You must be home between the hours of 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 to qualify. Due to limited availability this event is only open to Oak Park residents.

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City Council

7 p.m. City Hall
Tues., Jan. 3
Tues., Jan. 17
Mon., Feb. 6
Mon., Feb. 20
Mon., March 6
Mon., March 20

Arts and Cultural Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Wed., Jan. 25
Wed., Feb. 22
Wed., March 22

Beautification Advisory Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Tuesday, Feb. 21

Board of Review

City Hall
Mon., March 13
Mon., March 14
Mon., March 27

Building Board of Appeals

Meets as needed.

Communications Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Wed., Jan. 18
Wed., March 15

Corridor Improvement Authority Board

Noon, City Hall
Thurs., Jan. 19
Thurs., Feb. 16
Thurs., March 16

Economic Development Corporate Board/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Meets as needed.

Election Commission

Meets as needed.

Emergency Services Council

7 p.m., City Hall
Mon., Jan. 9
Mon., Feb. 13
Mon., March 13

Employees Retirement System Board

4:30 p.m., City Hall
Mon., Jan. 23

Ethnic Advisory Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Thurs., Jan. 12
Thurs., Feb. 9
Thurs., March 9

Friends of the Oak Park Library

6:30 p.m., Library
Mon., Jan. 9
Mon., Feb. 13
Mon., March 13

Independence Day Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Wed., Feb. 8
Wed., March 1

Library Board of Directors

6:30 p.m., Community Center
Tues., Jan. 17
Tues., Feb. 21
Tues., March 21

Local Officers Compensation Commission

Meets as needed.

Municipal Building Authority Commission

Mon., Jan 9

Planning Commission

7 p.m., City Hall
Mon., Jan. 9
Mon., Feb. 13
Mon., March 13

Public Safety Retirement System Board

4:30 p.m., City Hall
Mon., Jan. 23
Mon., Feb. 27
Mon., March 27

Recreation Advisory Board

7 p.m., Community Center
Wed., Jan. 18
Wed., Feb. 22
Wed., March 15

Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission

7 p.m., Community Center
Thurs., Feb. 16

Water Board of Hearing

Meets as needed.

Zoning Board of Appeals

7:30 p.m. City Hall
Tues., Jan. 24
Tues., Feb. 28
Tues., March 28

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