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COMMUNITY PRESS RELEASE

City of Oak Park Opens Warming Center

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237
Saturday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 11, 2018, Oak Park Michigan - Weather forecasts for the upcoming days call for a mixture of rain, sleet, and new snow. This will cause roadways and walkways to be slippery. We ask that everyone use caution and stay safe. At this time, we do not anticipate a snow emergency to be issued as snow is not expected to reach four inches. However, the City is monitoring weather and roadway conditions and will update the community in the days to come if circumstances change.

Because weather is anticipated to "feel like" 10 degrees or below on Saturday, the City will open the Oak Park Warming Center on Saturday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide community members with warmth and shelter from inclement weather. The City of Oak Park Warming Center is located in the City's Community Center at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park.

The Warming Center opens daily 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.

Hours of Operation

The Warming Center will operate during the following hours on the days that fit the above mentioned conditions:

Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Or, as otherwise posted.

Location

Community Center
City of Oak Park

14300 Oak Park Blvd.
Oak Park, Michigan 48237
(On Oak Park Blvd., west of Coolidge, east of Greenfield, and between 9 and 10 Mile Roads)

Contact

- Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 during Warming Center operations
- Department of Public Safety at (248) 691-7520 for non-emergency calls after hours
- Or, call 9-1-1 in an emergency

Purpose

The City's purpose for offering the Warming Center is to provide temporary shelter in an effort to prevent injury to persons who may be exposed to the elements.

Please note, the City of Oak Park's Warming Center operates as a temporary warming center (not to be confused as an overnight shelter). The Oak Park Warming Center is **not** equipped to provide overnight stays, serve meals, or provide shower facilities. Tables, chairs and restroom facilities are available at the Warming Center.

Warming Center Guidelines

Individuals using the Warming Center must comply with all rules and policies of the Community Center and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please bring your own reading material and any other personal items you require. Amplified sound devices are prohibited.
- Please supply your own water and snacks.
- Please note that there are no medical services provided at the Oak Park Community Center.

Notification Process

When the City of Oak Park's Warming Center opens, the Recreation Department staff will post information at the Community Center and on the City's website at <http://www.OakParkMI.gov>. Every effort will be made to also announce Warming Center operations via a Community eBlast and on the City's Facebook and Twitter sites @CityofOakPark. For further information on the City's Warming Center, contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555.

If you would like to be notified when the City issues community announcements and/or emergency alerts, enroll at <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp>.

About the City of Oak Park

The City of Oak Park is situated on the southern-most border of Oakland County, Michigan, and serves as a suburban ambassador to Detroit. Incorporated as a city in 1945, Oak Park's current population exceeds 29,300 and is home to more than 1,000 local businesses, including corporate headquarters.

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