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Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

Dear Oak Park Residents, just a few short months ago, I wrote about a season of anticipation. Today, I'm proud to say that anticipation has become reality.

This summer has marked one of the most exciting and transformational periods in Oak Park's recent history. Projects that residents helped envision, support, and patiently awaited are now open, activated, and being enjoyed by our community every day. From new parks and gathering spaces to major celebrations, Oak Park is experiencing a level of energy and momentum unlike anything we've seen before.

The past several weeks have shown exactly what these investments were designed to do—bring people together.

Our 2026 **State of the City** celebration drew an incredible crowd to the newly opened **Event Hub and Band Shell**, officially marking the completion of **Phase 1 of Elevate Oak Park**. Residents packed the venue, toured the new facility, enjoyed live entertainment, and celebrated the beginning

of a new chapter for our city. The excitement throughout the evening confirmed what many of us already believed: Oak Park was ready for vibrant new spaces that foster community, recreation, and civic pride.

Just days earlier, we celebrated the grand opening of **Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park**, unveiling one of the most ambitious park transformations in our community's history. Through our partnership with Oakland County Parks, this beloved destination now features a destination playground, accessible recreation opportunities, upgraded facilities, and enhanced amenities while preserving the natural beauty and iconic train generations of families have enjoyed. The joy on children's faces and the tremendous turnout made it clear that Oak Park Woods has already become a source of pride for our community.

We also welcomed residents to preview the future of Oak Park during the unveiling of plans for our new **Community Center**, the cornerstone of



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Phase 2 of Elevate Oak Park. Featuring an indoor pool, indoor/outdoor waterslide, elevated walking track, gymnasium, fitness spaces, pickleball, and year-round recreational opportunities, the facility will redefine recreation and wellness in Oak Park. We look forward to breaking ground this spring and bringing this next phase of the community's vision to life. Stay tuned and stay engaged at OakParkMI.gov.

Another major milestone was reached with the opening of the **11 Mile Road Water Tower Social District** improvements. What was once an underutilized corridor has been transformed into a vibrant destination featuring public art, gathering spaces, fire pits, seating areas, landscaping, and amenities that support both residents and local businesses. Together with the continued momentum along Nine Mile Road, these improvements are helping redefine how residents experience Oak Park.

Of course, buildings and infrastructure alone do not create community—people do.

This summer, residents came together to celebrate **Juneteenth**, enjoy **Fourth of July festivities**, visit our weekly **Farmers Market**, attend concerts and community events, support local businesses, and gather in parks and public spaces across the city. Time and again, Oak Park residents demonstrated the pride, connection, and community spirit that make this city such a special place to call home.

We also reached another long-awaited milestone with the launch of our **new city website**. For years, residents, businesses, and visitors have asked for a more modern, accessible, and user-friendly online experience, and we're proud to have delivered that. The new website makes it easier than ever to find information, access services, register for programs, stay informed, and engage with city government. Alongside the website launch, we introduced an updated logo that complements—rather than replaces—our historic Oak Park Seal, providing an additional tool to help represent our community as Oak Park continues to grow and evolve.

Most importantly, these spaces and assets belong to you.

Whether you're exploring Oak Park Woods, attending a concert at the Band Shell gathering with friends at the Event Hub, enjoying the Water Tower



Social District, shopping at the Farmers Market, or participating in one of our many community events, I encourage you to take advantage of everything Oak Park now has to offer.

After years of planning, investing, and building, Oak Park is entering a new era. We are a city on the move, a city investing, and a city creating opportunities for residents of all ages to connect, celebrate, and thrive.

We are open for business. We are open for fun. And we're just getting started.

Sincerely,


Erik Tungate, City Manager



Oak Park CRUISE & GROOVE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
6 - 9 P.M.

CLASSIC CARS - LIVE MUSIC
SOCIAL DISTRICT EATS &
DRINKS

WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT
14700 KINGSTON STREET, OAK PARK

● LIVE Oak Park TOWER TAILGATE

THURSDAY, SEPT 17
7:00PM (8:15 KICK OFF)



VS



11 MILE WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT

PRESENTED BY THE OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

GET READY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!!

9P Family FUN FEST

SATURDAY, SEPT 12
1 - 4 P.M.

PUPPET SHOWS

FACE PAINTING

LIVE MUSIC

SIDEWALK SALES

ARTS & CRAFTS

AND
MORE!



ALONG 9 MILE, BETWEEN THE SENECA & SHERMAN POCKET PARKS



OAKTOBERFEST



10.3.26 4 - 9 PM

FOOD ♦ DRINKS ♦ LIVE MUSIC
CONTESTS ♦ KID'S ACTIVITIES

WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT
14500 KINGSTON STREET, OAK PARK

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The Event Hub:

Oak Park's Newest Destination for Elevated Events

By City Magazine Staff

“It’s the kind of venue that inspires people to think bigger about what’s possible.”

There’s a new buzz around Oak Park’s event scene—and for good reason. The recently opened **Oak Park Event Hub** is quickly becoming one of Metro Detroit’s most exciting new venues, offering a sophisticated, highly flexible space designed for everything from weddings and galas to corporate meetings, community celebrations, markets, and private gatherings. With 4,200 square feet of modern event space, integrated audiovisual technology, a commercial kitchen, indoor-outdoor capabilities, and seating for up to 200 guests, the Event Hub is bringing a fresh level of elegance and functionality to the region.

Located at **14100 Oak Park Boulevard**, the all-season venue was designed to adapt to the needs of virtually any event, creating a blank canvas that planners, designers, caterers, and hosts can transform into something truly memorable.

A SPACE DESIGNED FOR CREATIVITY

For local event professionals, the venue’s greatest strength is its versatility.

“As a floral designer, I’m always looking at a space through the lens of transformation,” says **Angie Kelly event planner and business partner Gregory Brown Lead designer**. “The Event Hub gives us a beautiful foundation to work from. It has a clean, contemporary feel, but it can easily become romantic, modern, luxurious, or whimsical depending on the client’s vision. That’s incredibly exciting from a design perspective.”

Kelly believes the venue fills an important need in the local market.

“It’s rare to find a facility that offers this level of flexibility while still feeling polished and upscale. The indoor-outdoor flow and the thoughtful amenities make it a space where we can create experiences that feel much larger than the footprint itself.”



BUILT FOR TODAY'S EVENT HOST

The venue's roll-up garage doors, adjacent bandshell, integrated AV system, commercial kitchen, and multiple room configurations allow event planners to think beyond traditional banquet hall layouts.

For **Wonda Lewis, owner of Brite Eyes Event Planning & Decorating Company**, those features immediately stood out. "When I first toured the Event Hub, I saw possibilities everywhere," she says. "Clients today want spaces that can serve multiple purposes throughout an event. They want a ceremony that transitions into cocktail hour, then dinner, then entertainment. This venue was clearly designed with that flexibility in mind."

She adds that the space offers something many modern event venues struggle to achieve.

"It feels elegant without feeling intimidating. It's professional enough for corporate functions, beautiful enough for weddings, and functional enough for community events. That's a combination that's surprisingly hard to find."

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS

Beyond hosting celebrations and gatherings, the Event Hub is also creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs. A key feature of the facility is its commercial kitchen, which can help food-based businesses grow and scale within the community.

That prospect is especially exciting for Kayleigh Miglio, owner of Kayl's Bakery and a vendor at the Oak Park Farmers Market.



"I've been an Oak Park resident for nearly six years and, very recently, the owner of a new home-based bakery. I'm just getting started in my journey into baking professionally, and it's been so exciting to be sharing my baked goods with the community at the Oak Park Farmers Market," says Miglio.

"As my business continues to grow, the new commercial kitchen within the Event Hub will provide an incredible opportunity to expand production, develop new products, and take the next steps toward building a sustainable local bakery. I'm so incredibly grateful to be part of such a supportive community and look forward to growing alongside it."

For small businesses like Kayl's Bakery, the Event Hub isn't just a venue—it's a resource that helps local entrepreneurs grow, innovate and invest in Oak Park's future.

MORE THAN A VENUE

What makes the Event Hub particularly compelling is its ability to serve multiple

audiences—from private celebrations and nonprofit fundraisers to business meetings and cultural events. The venue includes seating configurations for banquet, theater, classroom, and other event formats, along with preferred catering and beverage vendor options that simplify planning.

The result is a venue that feels equally prepared for a black-tie gala, a business seminar, a wedding reception, or a neighborhood celebration.

As local planners and vendors begin booking the space, excitement continues to build around what this new addition means for Oak Park.

"This isn't just another rental hall," says Kelly. "It's the kind of venue that inspires people to think bigger about what's possible."

And judging by the early enthusiasm from event professionals, community organizations, and local businesses alike, the Oak Park Event Hub is poised to become one of the city's most sought-after gathering places.



Oak Park Event Hub

14100 Oak Park Blvd. | Oak Park, 48237
(248) 691-7469 | 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Capacity: Up to 200 guests seated

Website: www.OakParkMI.gov

Email: eventhub@oakparkmi.gov

Where Your Next Event Comes to Life.

2026 OAK PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



The City of Oak Park is updating its Comprehensive Plan. Stay tuned for upcoming engagement opportunities!

To learn more about the Comprehensive Plan and participate in online activities, visit: bit.ly/OakParkMP



Oak Park Low-Cost
Pet Immunization Clinic
Saturday, October 3 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Presented by All About Animals Rescue Michigan
www.AllAboutAnimalsRescue.org



Immunizations

Microchip Implants - \$20
Flu and Lyme (if available) - \$30
Heartworm Tests - \$20
Vaccines - \$10

Vaccines include Rabies, DHLPP for dogs, Bordetella, Distemper and Feline Leukemia

Animal Licenses

Cash/Check ONLY 💵

1 Year Dog / Cat License:
Spayed/Neutered - \$7
Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$16

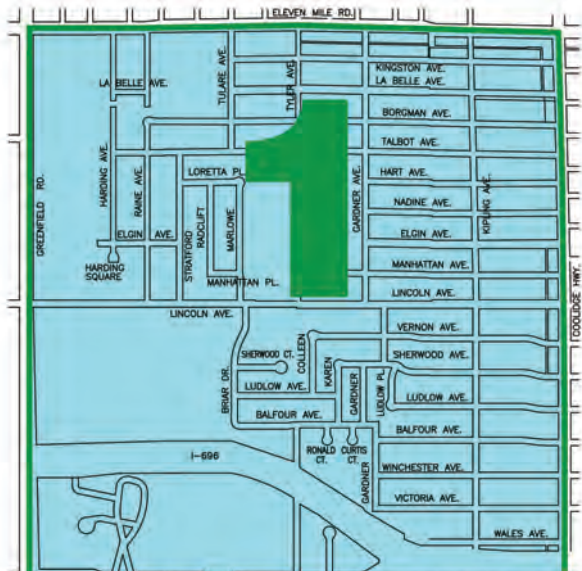
3 Year Dog / Cat License:
Spayed/Neutered - \$15
Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$30

Must bring previous vaccination records to event. Avoid \$10 late fee by obtaining animal license by December 27. Cash and check only for license purchase.

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2026 LEAF COLLECTION DATES



SECTION 1

**OCTOBER 13
OCTOBER 20
NOVEMBER 3
NOVEMBER 24**

SECTION 2

**OCTOBER 14
OCTOBER 22
NOVEMBER 6
NOVEMBER 30**

SECTION 3

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OCTOBER 26
NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 2**

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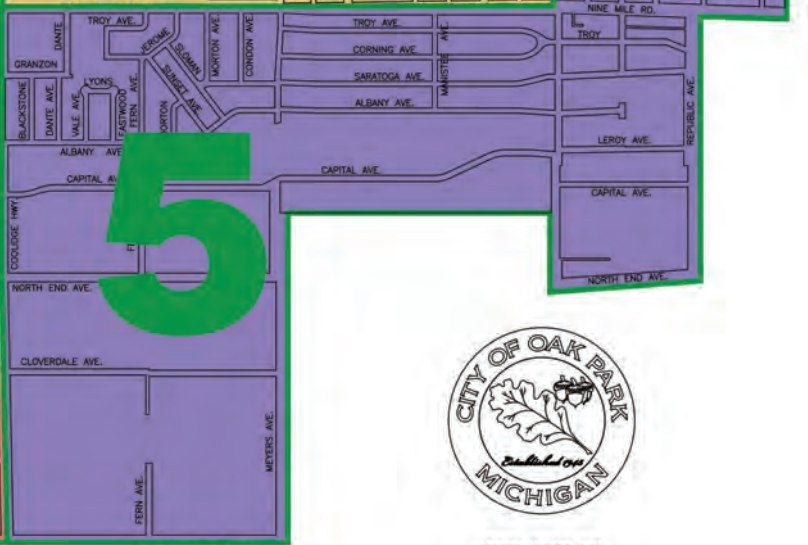
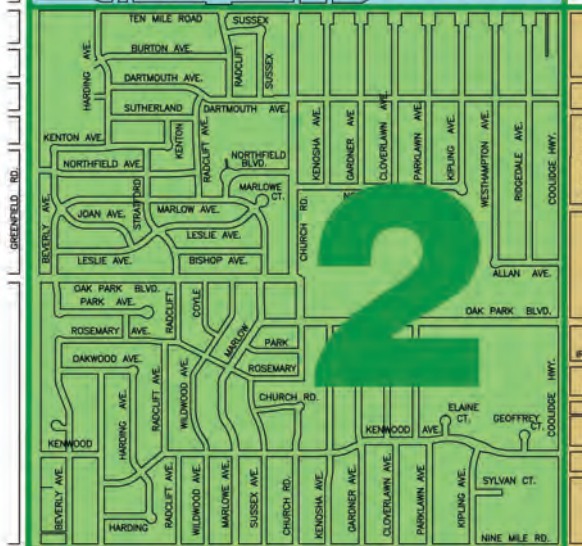
**OCTOBER 16
OCTOBER 28
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 4**

SECTION 5

**OCTOBER 19
OCTOBER 30
NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER 8**

NOTES

- ALL LEAVES SHALL BE PLACED AT THE CURBSIDE BY THE DATE OF EACH SECTIONS COLLECTION
- PLEASE REMOVE VEHICLES FROM STREET ON THE DATES LISTED ABOVE UNTIL THE LEAVES ARE REMOVED



UPDATED: OCTOBER 2024

OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONTACT US!

(248) 691-7480

reference@oakparkmi.gov

HOURS:

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

Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday Closed, Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Kimberly Schaaf, Director

 @ Oak Park Library

 @ oakparkmilibrary

FOR EVERYONE

PUZZLE CONTEST

Sunday, August 2 | 2 p.m.

Our jigsaw puzzle contest is back! Teams of up to four people are invited to sign up to try to be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle or the team with the least amount of pieces left when time is up. Two winners will be awarded a prize: the first all-adult team and the first multi-age team. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.* **Registration required, one registration per team.**

SUMMER READING FINALE

Sunday, August 9 | 1-5 p.m. | All Ages

We're wrapping up a pretty sweet summer with treats and more inflatables! Learn about Cotton Candy Science at 1:30 pm (Kosher options available) then pick up summer reading prizes and head outside to bounce away the last days of summer. Don't forget socks! **Socks are required to use inflatables.**



DETROIT REPAIR CAFE

Sunday, August 23 | 1:30-4 p.m.

Get your things fixed for free! The Detroit Repair Cafe is a first come, first serve repair event where volunteers assist you with their tools and know how to fix clothing, jewelry, electronics, small appliances, furniture, toys, bikes, and more! You will stay with your item the whole time as the volunteer walks you through the diagnosis and repair! **This is a drop-in event.**

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Thursday, September 17 | 4-7 p.m. | Ages 16+

It's Constitution Day and we're celebrating by making sure Oak Park residents are ready to exercise their rights. Can't make it to the city clerk's office on a weekday? No problem! We'll have a librarian ready to help you: register to vote, check your voter registration status or absentee ballot status, apply for an absentee ballot, locate your polling place, or view what's on the ballot this November. Did you know, kids between 16-17 ½ years of age can pre-register to vote? We'll also have some fun stuff to do—like testing your knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and take-home civics activities for kids. **This is a drop-in program, registration is not required.**



FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK LIBRARY BOOK SALE

October 14-16 & 18 | During Library Hours

Great deals on gently used books taking over the entire library space! We will have all new stock for this sale, so you won't want to miss it! Plus, shop the \$3 bag sale on Friday and Sunday. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Oak Park Library, who are dedicated to supporting library events, materials, and other community needs.



DIA FIELD TRIP

Sunday, October 18 | 11:15-3:30 p.m.

It's time for another field trip to the DIA! Enjoy a free coach bus ride to and from the DIA. There are some fun new exhibits to enjoy while we're there: Guests of Honor: Art of Faith from the Jewish Museum, New York which includes a selection of Jewish ceremonial objects, dating from the 1400s to the early 1900s, installed throughout the Detroit Institute of Arts' encyclopedic collection. You are free to explore on your own or grab a bite to eat in the museum cafe before the bus leaves the DIA at 3pm.

Registration required.

Please note: Umbrellas and backpacks or luggage of any type are not allowed in the museum. Backpack-style child carriers are not allowed in the museum. All children under the age of 16 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 21.

Agenda: 11:15 a.m. – Arrive at the library & board the bus
11:30 a.m. – Bus leaves Library
Noon – Estimated Arrival at DIA
3:00 p.m. – Bus leaves DIA
3:30 p.m. – Bus arrives at Library

COMPLIMENT CARDS FOR WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Sunday, November 8 | 1-4 p.m. | All ages

Create a Compliment Card to hand out on World Kindness Day (Nov. 13th). Make one card to give to a friend or family member, and another for the library to hand out. Compliment Cards are a fun and easy way to spread kindness and goodwill in our community. Examples will be provided, and we'll use books, magazines, and other recycled supplies to be kind to the earth, too! **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.** *This program is sponsored by the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission.*

FOR TEENS

TAKE & MAKE: VINTAGE FIDGET

Available Monday, October 5 | Ages 12-18

October 10th is World Mental Health Day! We've created this kit for teens to encourage stress-relief and provide access to supportive mental health resources. Teens will use air dry clay and paint to create a worry stone – their own customized version of the original fidget. **Teen must be present to pick up. One per person, while supplies last.**

CREATE CUSTOM PINS

Monday, October 19 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Ages 12-18

We're breaking out the Button Maker! Teens will create custom pins using a variety of images or by designing their own. **This is a drop-in program, while supplies last. Limit 2 pins per person.**

Thank You

Friends of the Library for sponsoring the 2026 Summer Reading Program.

Creative Arts Studio (Royal Oak), Chuck E. Cheese, and Zap Zone for donating Summer Reading grand prizes.

Scheer Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Oak Park DPW for making our Pint-Size Paleontology and Big Dig programs possible.

Molina Healthcare of Michigan (administered by Superiorland Library Cooperative) for awarding us with a grant to expand our Needlework Neighbors program.

Library Services and Technology Act for awarding us with a grant to bring Family Archiving Kits to the library. Coming soon!

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, IEEE-Region 4 for awarding us a grant for STEM kits, now available to check out & more coming soon!

VIBE Credit Union for sponsoring the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten prize.

Silvio Benvenuti and Dottie Adair for their donation in celebration of **Weston Noah Henry.**

Ken Sherman for his memorial donation in honor of **Duster.**

If you're interested in making a monetary or in-kind donation to the library, please contact our director at 248-691-7480.



FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Self-Paced | Birth-Preschool

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, or toddler. Yes, repeat books count! Sign up at the library, then check-in as you reach each 100-book milestone. Earn small prizes along the way and a big prize when you've read 1,000 books – a free 12-month subscription to Highlights, High Five, or Hello magazine for your child! *Magazine subscriptions sponsored by VIBE Credit Union and available while supplies last. Subscriptions limited to one per family, per year. Stop in any time to get signed up!*

TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursdays, August 6-October 22 | 10:15 a.m. | Ages 0-3

This interactive program is designed for little ones to engage with stories through songs, rhymes, and movement. It's the perfect way to help toddlers develop important skills while having a blast! Older siblings are welcome to attend. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.**

BABY-SITTERS CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, September 13 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Ages 8-12

The Baby-Sitters Club books turn 40 this year! We're celebrating this iconic series with BSC-inspired activities and raffling off two copies of *Baby-sitters on Board!*, the new graphic novel Super Special coming out on September 15th. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required. While supplies last.**

LEGO CLUB

Monday, September 14 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Ages 6-11

Monday, October 26 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Ages 6-11

LEGO lovers are invited to this program to build, socialize, and have fun. Library LEGO will be provided and kids' creations will be displayed in the library after the program. **Registration required.**

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT w/Early On Oakland

Sunday, September 27 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 1-2 who are walking

Bring your child to explore music and movement activities that promote learning and fun! Learn how to make movement a regular part of your child's day through songs, dance, games, and simple toys that enhance growth and development. This program is led by physical and occupational therapists from Early On. For caregivers and kids 1-2 years old who are already walking. **Registration required.**

MINECRAFT MASKS

Sunday, October 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Ages 6-11

We're making Minecraft heads at the library! We'll provide supplies for you to create a character of your choosing. Kids 8 and under may need a caregiver's help creating their mask. **Registration required.**

MINI-MONSTER MASH

Thursday, October 29 | 10:15-11 a.m. | Ages 0-5

Join us for a special monster-themed storytime to read, rhyme, sing, and dance to not-so-spooky books and songs! Costumes are encouraged but not required. **This is a drop-in program.**



FOR ADULTS

AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING:

Prioritize Play! by Rachael Renae

Tuesday, August 18 | 6 p.m.

Meet author and artist, Rachael Renae and learn more about the mindset shifts you can make to start seeing play in your everyday. In *Prioritize Play!*, readers will discover that curating a big, juicy life that sparks joy, connection, and fulfillment isn't chasing the title of "creative"; it's prioritizing your play! Copies of *Prioritize Play!* will be available to purchase. **Registration required.**



SUSTAINABLE LIVING INFO SESSION

Tuesday, September 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Looking for ways to live a greener life? This presentation from Sustainable Living Services, will help adults and households improve their quality of life through practical, science-based sustainability strategies. Topics will include healthier habits, home organization, financial sustainability, environmental exposure, and simple changes that support a better daily life. **Registration required.**

CHOPPED CHALLENGE: DESSERT EDITION

Wednesday, October 14

We're back with another round of Chopped, this time with sweet treats! October is National Dessert Month and we're including four mystery ingredients to create a dessert – just like the TV show. Add from your pantry at home and share your creation by October 21 for a chance to win a prize. The dish with the most engagement across our social media pages will be crowned champion on October 23. **Pick up your kit on October 14. While supplies last. One per household.**

ESTATE PLANNING WITH LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

Tuesday, October 20 | 6 p.m.

During this informative presentation from Lakeshore Legal Aid, we'll learn more about wills, powers of attorney, advance directives, and how individuals can plan ahead to protect their wishes and their families. We'll also share information about available legal resources and how attendees can access assistance if needed. **Registration required.**

AFTERNOON TEA

Second Tuesday of the Month | 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy a hot cup of tea and casual conversation with your neighbors! We'll have tea and light refreshments available. **Drop ins welcome.**

NEEDLEWORK NEIGHBORS

Second Thursday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.
August 13, September 10, and October 8

Fourth Thursday of the Month | 2 p.m.
August 27, September 24, and October 22

Spend time working on your project with other needlework enthusiasts and enjoy the company of others! We've expanded this program to offer more needlework equipment and added a second meeting in the afternoon for folks who don't like to travel at night. Yarn will also be available to make items for our upcoming community closet, supplying a selection of hats, scarves, and more for those in need. All levels welcome. Light assistance available. *This program is sponsored in part by Molina Healthcare of Michigan.* **Registration required.**

CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday | 6 p.m. | August 25, September 22, and October 27

Connect with other crafters while we make a new project each month. All supplies provided. Watch our social media pages to see project reveals. **Registration required.**

SWIPE RIGHT: A ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.
August 26, September 23, and October 21

Join us at Mother Handsome in Oak Park to discuss the romance book of the month. Copies of the selected book will be available at the checkout desk one month prior to our meeting. Copies are also available on Libby. **Registration suggested, drop ins welcome.**

**OAK PARK BOOK CLUB**

First Wednesday of the Month | 6 p.m.

Our growing group of readers meet in-person on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.! Copies of each book are available at the circulation desk one month before we meet.

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT

30 minute sessions | FREE

Looking for help with your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Make an appointment where you'll receive personalized instruction tailored to your needs. **Call 248-691-7480, ext. 3 to make an appointment. One appointment per 30 days.**

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library card can do!**


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PUBLIC LIBRARY**



OAK PARK RECREATION

4 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.

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.**

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)

Open every other Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Aug. 14, 28, Sept. 11, 25 and Oct. 9, 23

Closed Holidays: Sept. 7

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 policies apply.



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9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.
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**THE MISSION OF THE RECREATION
DEPARTMENT IS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF
LIFE FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY WHILE
ESTABLISHING A HIGH STANDARD OF
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SUMMER SOUNDS OAK PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday Evenings | 7-8:30 p.m. | Event Hub Amphitheatre

The Oak Park “Summer Sounds” concert series will conclude on August 19. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the wonderful musical performances. Bring a picnic dinner (no grills on site), or enjoy food from our vendors.

August 5: Detroit Opera’s “Summer Serenade” will feature vocalists from Detroit Opera House in a program of opera favorites, art songs and songs from the Broadway stage. This will be a true delight.

August 12: Chris Canas

The Chris Canas Band has a well-blended set of classic covers and clever, roller coaster-like originals that keep the audience captivated and coming back for more. With the bands’ diverse mix of Blues, Funk, and Soul they are always well-equipped to bring the party wherever they go and have the dance moves to boot. With heart-wrenching vocals, pulse-pounding rhythms, and an electric energy that can be felt in the air, this band is unstoppable. Don’t miss an opportunity to see the Chris Canas Band live here in Oak Park.

August 19: Smoke Jones

The Smoke Jones Heart & Soul Band will take Oak Park on a journey of memorable jazz, blues and soul music! Smoke has assembled an All-Star horn section to showcase the big, live Detroit sound that has become famous worldwide! In addition to performing some of his own recently released original music, Smoke will perform a special song dedicated to his late, great friend, Bobby Murray. Let’s end the 2026 Oak Park Concert series season on a bright note!

MOTHER/SON KICKBALL NIGHT

Join us for a fun-filled evening of friendly competition, laughter, and lasting memories! Families will take the field for a 5-inning kickball game, with teams determined based on registration numbers. Throughout the evening, participants can enjoy exciting between-inning contests, upbeat music, and plenty of opportunities to cheer each other on. Every attendee will receive pizza and pop, making it the perfect way to spend quality time together. Whether you’re kicking for the win or just enjoying the experience, this special event is sure to create memories that will last a lifetime!

Saturday, Aug. 15 | 6-9 p.m. | City Field 2
Resident: \$15/couple; \$3 each additional child
Non-Resident: \$20/couple; \$3 each additional child.

FIND YOUR FIT

Join us for a free event featuring rock climbing, fitness activities, inflatables and more for all ages and abilities. Presented by Oak Park Recreation and Oakland County Parks! On-going activities throughout the event include stick-it archery, inflatables, climbing tower, arts and crafts, nature walks and a wellness-themed nature table. **No registration needed.** Food and beverages available for purchase.

Sunday, Aug. 23 | 1-4 p.m. | FREE
Oak Park Community Center Grounds

HAIR BRAIDING

Come join Angel Hunter of “The Braid Standard” and learn how to hair braid! This exciting course will teach proper techniques, twists, and knots! This course will be an 8-week session, and it will start on Tuesday, September 15.

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Nov. 3 | 5-6 p.m. | Ages 10-13
\$80/Resident, \$85/Non-Resident | Oak Park Community Center

ART AT THE HUB

Shop local artists at Art at the Hub! This vibrant pop-up art fair showcases talented artists and makers featuring paintings, pottery, jewelry, fiber arts, mixed media, and more. Browse unique, handcrafted pieces, meet the artists behind the work, and discover one-of-a-kind items perfect for your home or as gifts. Admission is free, making it the perfect opportunity to explore local talent, connect with the community, and experience the newly opened Oak Park Event Hub! Interested in applying? Call 248-691-2347 for an application.

Saturday, Oct. 10 | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | FREE
Oak Park Event Hub

OAK PARK & BARK DOG PARK

21950 Scotia Rd, Oak Park, MI, 48237

\$40/Residents, \$65/Non-Residents | \$10 per additional dog

Oak Park & Bark is open to residents & non-residents! Whether your four-legged companion is making new friends or simply enjoying some off-leash freedom, there's something for every tail to wag about! With plenty of land to let your pup run free. Oak Park & Bark is sure to provide plenty of exercise for your furry friend. **Memberships are valid for one calendar year, January 1 through December 31.**

Documents needed: Dog license, Rabies vaccine, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccine, proof of spay/neuter.



SAVE THE DATE



ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 17 | 1-3 pm | FREE
11-Mile Water Tower Social District

Grab your costumes and mark your calendars for Oak Park Recreation's Annual Trunk or Treat! Get ready for another year transforming the 11-Mile Water Tower Social District into a spook-tacular event! This FREE Trunk or Treat event is one you certainly don't want to miss! Register your ride today at (248) 691-7555!

Senior Market Day

Oak Park Farmers Market

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

14100 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park

**Coupon distribution will end at 1:30pm and must be used the day of the event.*

You will enjoy:

- \$5 produce coupons for Oakland County residents age 60 and up to use at the farmers market (while supplies last)
- Resources and information about Oakland County programs for older adults
- Activities and more!

For more information:

Call 248-365-8954 or
email merzko@oakgov.com



OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET NEWS

Oak Park Farmers Market Season 2026

Thursdays | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Did you know that our market season is now extended to November 19.

Fresh produce, eggs, breads, pasta, baked goods, soaps, candles, coffee, tea and more! Music, cooking demos, nutrition education, classes, specialty days and programs will round out the market.

The market accepts SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, Senior Project Fresh and WIC Produce Connection.

Visit oakparkmi.gov and check the farmers market tab for complete information.

SENIOR MARKET DAY

Thursday, Sept. 17 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our annual Senior Market Day.

Special resource vendors will be on site as well as special \$5 food assistance vouchers for those seniors that are 60 years of age and up and live in Oakland County.

Cooking Demonstrations provided by Edible Wow

Stop by during market hours for a cooking demonstration from Edible Wow! Hear directly from the chef, and even get a taste. Demo begins at 11 a.m.

Save
the
Date!

FOOD SAFETY CLASSES PROVIDED BY MSUE

Held at the Event Hub Kitchen during the Oak Park Farmers Market! All classes are free of charge, and hosted by Sophia Zollner, MSU Extension Food Safety Educator. Limited spots available, two class times offered. All materials and ingredients are provided. All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Advanced registration is required.**

REFRIGERATOR PICKLES

Thursday, Aug. 13 | Ages 8-12 | FREE

Learn how to safely make refrigerator pickles in this hands-on workshop. Every participant will leave with their own pint jar of pickles.

Class time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Course: PicklesMSUEY10

Class time: 12:30-2 p.m.

Course: PicklesMSUEY12

PEACH FREEZER JAM — YOUTH

Thursday, Aug. 20 | Ages 8-12 | FREE

Learn how to safely make peach freezer jam in this hands-on workshop. Every participant will leave with their own 8 oz container of freezer jam, which lasts three weeks in the refrigerator or up to a year in the freezer.

Class time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Course: PeachJamMSUEY10,

Class time: 12:30-2 p.m.

Course: PeachJamMSUEY12

PEACH FREEZER JAM — SENIORS

Thursday, Sept. 10 | Ages 50+ | FREE

Learn how to safely make peach freezer jam in this hands-on workshop. Every participant will leave with their own 8 oz container of freezer jam, which lasts three weeks in the refrigerator or up to a year in the freezer.

Class time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Course: PeachJamMSUES10

Class time: 12:30-2 p.m.

Course: PeachJamMSUES12

CANNED PEACHES

Wednesday, Sept. 16 | Ages 18+ | FREE

Learn how to safely make your own canned peaches in this hands-on workshop with a research-based recipe and food safety practices. Every participant will leave with their own pint jar of canned peaches.

Class time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Course: CanningPeachesMSUE10

Class time: 12:30-2 p.m.

Course: CanningPeachesMSUE12



OAK PARK & BARK HOURS OF OPERATION OPEN DAILY, YEAR ROUND



MONDAY: 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.

CLOSED 7-11 AM FOR MAINTENANCE



TUESDAY - SUNDAY: 7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

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EXTENDED TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Travel and Tours to offer an exquisite line of extended trips. These trips require us to book well in advance. We are currently booking for the following tours. As additional tours become available, we will add the information in the lobby of the Community Center. Full details are available in the Recreation Department lobby! Contact (248) 691-7555 for more details.



***50 Up Membership required for all senior trips:**
this includes theatre, day trips
and lunch trips, Brunch and Learn

FREE ADMISSION OAK PARK Summer CONCERT SERIES PRESENTED BY OAK PARK FAMILY/ FRIENDLY/ FUN Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, and bug spray. Food trucks are available. No BBQing, alcohol or small tents allowed on the premises!	WEDNESDAYS AUGUST 5, 12, 19 7 to 8:30 P.M. AUG. 5 DETROIT OPERA'S "SUMMER SERENADE" AUG. 12 CHRIS CANAS BAND AUG. 19 SMOKE JONES AUG. 26 Motor City Josh and The Big Three OAK PARK EVENT HUB GROUNDS GRASSY AREA OR INSIDE 14100 OAK PARK BLVD OAK PARK, MI 48237
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YOOPERLAND, USA

October 5-9 (5 days/4 nights) | \$1,445/person/double occupancy

This trip sells out every year by August, don't wait!

Featuring: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Boat Cruise, Tour of Copper Country / Keweenaw Peninsula. Including Houghton, Hancock, Calumet, Eagle River, Copper Harbor and Brockway Mountain Drive, Lake of the Clouds, Iron Mountain Iron Mine, Kitch-iti-kipi "The Big Spring". **Stop by the center to pick up complete information.*

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 (5 days/4 nights) | \$1,450/person/double occupancy.

Featuring: Dollywood, Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland Light Tour, Downtown Gatlinburg, Biltmore Mansion & Estate, Antler Hill Village, Great Smoky Mountain Railroad "Polar Express". You'll be immersed in the story as chefs serve you hot chocolate and sweet treats while singing and dancing all the way to the North Pole! **Stop by the center to pick up complete information.*

The highlights of these trips are too many to list!
Stop in the lobby of the Community Center for complete details.



DOLLYWOOD AT CHRISTMAS TIME



DAY TRIPS

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FRANKENMUTH

Wednesday, October 7 | \$122/person

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach. Enjoy a visit to the Michigan Hero's Museum, then on to the Bavarian Inn for the World Famous Family Style Dinner with platters of golden fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered noodles and much more! There will be shopping time in downtown Frankenmuth, and the day finishes up with a wine tasting at St. Julian Winery. Stop by the Recreation Department for full details.

THE HISTORIC WHITNEY

Wednesday, November 4 | \$116/person

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach. Take a guided stroll through the Whitney mansion, Detroit's most iconic mansion, while sipping champagne. Enjoy lunch at the Hudson Café, and finish up the day with a tour of the Detroit Opera House. Stop by the Recreation Department for full details.

EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE

Wednesday, December 2 | \$115/person

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach. A 2-hour guided tour of the Home and Garden. There will be docents throughout the Home to answer questions. A buffet lunch is also included. Stop by the Recreation Department for full details.



MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

The Recreation Department has secured tickets for the entire 2026-2027 season. Stop by the Recreation Department for up-to-date information. *50 Up Membership is required.

THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE

Wednesday, October 21 | \$80/person

Included lunch at The Auburn Standard

Journey into the Wild West, 1890 in this classic story of good versus evil. When a young scholar from New York City travels west in search of a new life, he arrives beaten and half dead on the dusty streets of Twotrees. Rescued from the plains, the town soon becomes his home. A local girl gives him purpose in a broken land, but is it enough to save him from the vicious outlaw who wants him dead? Lunch at Alfocinno's. *Limited to 23 seats.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

January-March

Registration Begins: Sept. 14

Registration Ends: Nov. 20

Teams will play in the Tri-City Alliance basketball league, competing with teams from Ferndale and Hazel Park. Games are played on Saturdays in Ferndale, with select games during the week in Hazel Park and Ferndale. All practices are in Oak Park. This is a Co-ed basketball league focusing on skill development in a fun and safe atmosphere.

CoEd Basketball (Grades K-2)

Fee: \$75 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident

CoEd Basketball (Grades 3-4)

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident

CoEd Basketball (Grades 5-6)

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident

CoEd Basketball (Grades 7-8)

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January-March

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Registration Ends: Nov. 20

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Girls Basketball (Grades 3-5)

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident

Girls Basketball (Grades 7-8)

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident



YOUTH SOCCER

REGISTRATION OPEN THRU SEPT. 1

Games are Saturdays and some weeknights.

Oak Park will participate in the Tri-City Alliance Soccer League. They compete with teams from Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed soccer league. Participants are provided with a jersey. Shin guards are not provided but must be worn at all games and practices. Practices are in Oak Park. Games are played in Ferndale.

U4 SOCCER: **Fee:** \$45 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident

U6 SOCCER: **Fee:** \$60 Resident/\$65 Non-Resident

U8 SOCCER: **Fee:** \$65 Resident/\$70 Non-Resident

U10 SOCCER: **Fee:** \$70 Resident/\$75 Non-Resident

U13 SOCCER: **Fee:** \$75 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

BECOME A VOLUNTEER COACH

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. Volunteer coaches must complete a volunteer application, pass a background check and complete concussion training. For more information contact Brody LeBlanc at bleblanc@oakparkmi.gov or call the Recreation Office (248) 691-7562.

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE

Registration Open Now through Aug. 10
Friday Evenings beginning Aug. 14
Ages 18+

Get ready to kick off the fall season with our Adult Kickball League! This fun and competitive league begins August 14, with additional games scheduled for August 21, August 28, and September 11. There will be no games on September 4 due to the holiday weekend, and playoffs will be held on September 18. Teams will enjoy a 6-game guarantee plus playoffs, with games played at either City Field #2 or Joe Forbes Field. The team registration fee is \$165 for up to 20 players, along with a refundable \$50 forfeit fee. Please note that each team is responsible for referee payments. Gather your friends, coworkers, or family members and join us for a great season of kickball fun!

TUMBLEBUNNIES GYMNASTICS

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 20 | Oak Park Community Center

TumbleBunnies gymnastics will teach cartwheels, handstands, back walkovers, rolling, and other skills. Balance bars, beam, vault, and trampolines are some examples of what your children will be learning in our classes. We include MOVEMENT TO MUSIC in every class which creates a fun atmosphere, builds coordination, rhythm, and timing which are all necessary to be successful at sports.

Ages 3-4 | 6-6:30 p.m. | \$95 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
Ages 5-6 | 6:35-7:05 p.m. | \$95 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident



POWER PLAYGROUND FITNESS

Wednesday, Sept. 9-Oct. 28

Come join us at the Oak Park Community Center on Wednesday evenings. At Power Playground, we believe in every child's inner power — and we're here to help them discover it. Our mission is to create a safe, inclusive space where kids develop strength, resilience, and self-esteem through physical activity and guided support.

We envision a generation of kids who are physically active, emotionally resilient, and empowered to lead — on and off the playground.

Ages 7-9 | 5-6 p.m.
\$65 Resident/\$70 Non-Resident

Ages 9-12 | 6-7 p.m.
\$65 Resident/\$70 Non-Resident

Mother/Son Kickball Night

Join us for a fun-filled evening of friendly competition, laughter, and lasting memories at our Mother/Son Kickball Night! Families will take the field for a 5-inning kickball game, with teams determined based on registration numbers. Throughout the evening, participants can enjoy exciting between-inning contests, upbeat music, and plenty of opportunities to cheer each other on. Every attendee will receive pizza and pop, making it the perfect way to spend quality time together. Whether you're kicking for the win or just enjoying the experience, this special event is sure to create memories that will last a lifetime!

Saturday, Aug. 15 | 6-9 p.m. | City Field 2
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Non-Resident: \$20/couple; \$3 each additional child.



LEARN TO SKATE

Hazel Park Ice Arena's Learn to Skate Program

From your tiniest tot to your rising star, this is where it all begins. Our arena follows the Bear Basics curriculum designed exclusively for Black Bear arenas. This program offers quality instruction with comprehensive skill levels for skaters wanting to play hockey, figure skate, or to simply skate recreationally with friends! Our professional instructors will conduct classes in a positive atmosphere, making learning to skate a fun experience for skaters of all ages! The Hazel Park Ice Arena is located at 1555 E. Woodward Heights Blvd., 48030.

- Pre-registration is required for the entire session of classes.
- All beginners ages 5 and under are required to wear a helmet; helmets are recommended for everyone.
- Skaters should wear warm layers including gloves/mittens to class.
- Fee includes skate rental.

Sundays | 5-6 p.m. | Ages 3-14 | \$90 | Hazel Park Ice Arena
Sessions: Aug. 2-Sept. 6, Sept. 13-Oct. 18,
and Oct. 25-Nov. 29

ARCHERY

Thursdays, Oct. 1-22 | \$20 Resident/\$25 Non-Resident
4 weeks | Oak Park Community Center

Oak Park Recreation is very excited to partner with USA Archery to provide archery classes to our youth and seniors! No experience is required and all equipment will be provided by Oak Park Recreation. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 248-691-7555.

Youth Archery | 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Senior Archery | 3-4 p.m.





OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET



INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR PLEASE CALL (248) 691-2357

EVERY THURSDAY | JUNE 25 - NOVEMBER 19 | 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIP CALL (248) 691-7555

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BASIC HATHA YOGA

Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 50 and up | \$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for the class to run. This class provides a basic yoga foundation. Instruction is personalized around the unique needs of those enrolled. Don't forget to bring your own mat. Instructor: Bob Smith.

Course: HathaSept26 – Sept. 10-Nov. 5 (*no class 10/29*)

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Monday OR Thursday from 9-10 a.m.

Ages 50 and up | \$29 Resident/\$34 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for this class to run. Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Instructor: Rachel Ekert

Course: Gentle ChairMondaySept26 – Sept. 14-Nov. 16

Course: Gentle ChairThursSept26 – Sept. 3- Oct. 22

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, from 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 18 and up | \$91 Resident/\$96 Non-Resident | 13 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. This is the newly redesigned 12-week class to get all participants through the entire curriculum to transfer more quickly into the next level. This fee still works out to \$7/class. Learn the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation in an effort to develop flexibility and coordination, and to slow down the aging process. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy.

Course: TaiChiBegSept26 – Sept. 1-Dec. 15

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ages 18 and up | \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. This class utilizes the ancient Chinese system of exercise and movement meditation to develop flexibility and coordination while striving to improve the aging process. Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi. This class is for experienced students only. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang.

Course: TaiChiRetSept26 – Sept. 1-Oct. 6



SENIORS IN MOTION

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m.

Ages: 50 and up | \$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 16 classes

Raymond Defoe, the energetic guru of senior exercise will be providing these morning classes designed to energize your day! The class includes warm up, cool-down, low impact aerobics, strength and balance training and flexibility exercises. Each class maintains core fitness exercises that have proven to be effective in assisting participants to maintain and improve strength, balance, posture, flexibility and stamina. The SIM program allows instructors to be creative with their aerobic routines and provide modified exercises to match the participants' varying levels of ability. Instructor: Raymond DeFoe.

Course: SeniorsJuly26 – July 7-Sept. 10

(*no class 7/28, 7/30, 8/4 & 8/13*)

Course: SeniorsSept26 – Sept. 15-Nov. 24

(*no class 10/6 & 8, 10/27 & 29, 11/3*)

STRETCH IT OUT

Tuesdays OR Thursdays, 10:15-11 a.m.

Ages 50 and up | \$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

Stretch It Out is a low impact, low intensity workout that will tone your muscles, increase your range of motion and flexibility, and help you relieve stress. While working through a series of stretching and toning exercises, participants will also develop breathing techniques to complement this resistance training workout. This class is for everyone who would like to improve their health by practicing intentional, yet simple, movement and balance, borrowed from several disciplines, including yoga, safe therapeutic movement, and beneficial stretching. Comfortable, unrestrictive clothing suggested. Instructor: Rachel Ekert

Course: StretchTuesSept26 – Sept. 8-Nov. 10 (*no class 10/27 & 11/3*)

Course: StretchThursSept26 – Sept. 3-Oct. 22



YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

Mondays from 7:15-8:45 p.m.

\$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident | Ages: 18 and up | 8 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for class to run. Yoga is for EVERY BODY! This course is designed to fit the needs of the beginner as well as the returning 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: Lynne Cottrill.

Course: YogaEveryBodySept26 – Sept. 14-Nov. 2

HUSTLE CLASS BEGINNERS

Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45 p.m.

\$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

This class is tailored for individuals with little to no experience in Hustle dancing. Participants will learn to combine two or three dance steps in a repeating sequence to the rhythm of music, completing at least three different hustle dances each class meeting.

Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: BegHustleSept26 – Sept. 16- Nov. 11 (no class 10/28)

HUSTLE CLASS INTERMEDIATE

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

\$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

This class is designed for individuals with prior experience in Hustle dancing and a solid understanding of basic Hustle steps. Participants will focus on mastering the coordination of 5-8 different dance steps in a repeating sequence, set to popular music styles such as a rhythm and blues, jazz, country and music featuring elements of mild rap.

Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: InterMedHustleSept26 – Sept. 16- Nov. 11 (no class 10/28)

ZUMBA FOR ALL

Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m.

\$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

Forget your working out and join a dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. Zumba combines high energy and motivating music to create a fun and energetic workout that is just infectious! Bring a towel, water, and yourself. Ditch the workout and join the party! Instructor: Alicia Jackson

Course: ZumbaSept26 – Sept. 22-Nov. 24 (no class 10/27 & 11/3)

ZUMBA GOLD (Evening Session)

Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.

\$48 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

It's time to live your life like it's golden! This is perfect for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. The class introduces easy to follow choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion, and coordination. Whether you are new to Zumba or just looking to have fun and move, come ready to sweat and prepare to leave feeling empowered and feeling strong! Instructor: Renee Carter

Course: ZumbaJuly26 – Sept. 10-Nov. 5 (no class 10/29)

MAT PILATES FUSION

Mondays from 7-8 p.m.

\$75 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

Traditional pilates elements (exercises) with blending other disciplines: yoga, strength training, barre and possible ballet moves. The class aims to provide a diverse and total body workout experience while focusing on core strength. Bring a non-slip exercise mat, water bottle and a towel. Instructor: Darlene Cheatom

Course: MatPilatesSept26 – Sept. 21-Nov. 23 (no class 10/26 & 11/2)



BALLROOM DANCE BEGINNERS**Fridays from 6-7:15 p.m.****\$40 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

Detroit Style Ballroom dance is a partner dance where the cha cha is the basic step. It's not a formal traditional ballroom dance like the waltz and Foxtrot. It's easy and fun. This style of dance originated over 60 years ago and is still popular, not only in Detroit, but around the country. Learn new dance steps AND get your steps in for getting in shape. Showcase your ballroom moves at the next social event you attend! Bring a partner or come alone. Yes, even YOU can learn to dance. Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: BallroomBegSept26 – Sept. 18- Nov. 20*(no class 10/23 & 10/30)***BALLROOM DANCE ADVANCED****Friday from 7:30-9 p.m.****\$45 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

The prerequisite for this class is that you have taken the beginner ballroom class, or you are familiar with the basic Detroit Style Ballroom beginner steps. This class builds from where the Beginner class left off with more sophisticated combinations of dance moves. Bring your partner or come alone. Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: BallroomAdvSept26 – Sept. 18-Nov. 20*(no class 10/23 & 10/30)***FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH****Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m.****\$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident | 8 weeks**

Combining bodyweight exercise and a few simple pieces of equipment, you will gain strength for better mobility and endurance. The instructor of will lead you in a wide variety of muscle-strengthening moves, including core and balance. Please bring a set of dumbbells 5 lbs or less and a mat. Instructor: Rachel Ekert

Course: FunctionalSept26 – Sept. 2-Oct. 21

Classes are in session!

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Join us for our Fall 2026 classes!

Dates	Times	Fee Resident/Non-Resident	MONDAYS
9/14 - 11/2	4:30 - 5:00pm	\$98/\$103	Tumble Tots Age 3 - 5
9/14 - 11/2	5:00 - 6:30pm	\$98/\$103	Acrobatics Ages 6 & up
9/14 - 11/2	5:00 - 5:45pm	\$98/\$103	Hip Hop Tots Ages 3 - 5
9/14 - 11/2	5:45 - 6:30pm	\$98/\$103	Kid's Hip Hop Ages 6 - 10
9/14 - 11/2	6:30 - 7:30pm	\$98/\$103	Kids Combo (Ballet/Jazz) Ages 8 - 12
			TUESDAYS
9/15 - 11/3	4:30 - 5:15pm	\$98/\$103	Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap) Ages 5 - 7
9/15 - 11/3	5:30 - 6:15pm	\$98/\$103	Tots Dance (Ballet/Tap) Ages 2 - 4
9/15 - 11/3	6:30 - 7:15pm	\$98/\$103	Tap Lab Ages 8 - 17
9/15 - 11/3	7:15 - 8:00pm	\$98/\$103	Teen Combo (Ballet/Jazz) Age 13-17
9/15 - 11/3	8:00 - 8:45pm	\$98/\$103	WERK - Youth Hip Hop Age 11-18

REGISTER BY PHONE: 248.691.7555

DANCE



SMART TRANSPORTATION

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for Oak Park residents who are seniors, age 50 or above, and individuals who have a documented disability. We are able to begin scheduled pickups at 8:30 a.m. with return times no later than 4 p.m. (when prior arrangements are made), Monday through Friday. In addition to our regular Kroger and Meijer trip days, we are adding shopping opportunities to Target, Walmart, Aldi and Marshalls! Riders must have a current 50 Up Club Membership to participate. Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department at 248-691-7555.

Please note that when the Oak Park schools close due to snow/ice/the transportation busses will not run.

SENIOR SCOOP

Stay up to date with The Senior Scoop. The Senior Scoop is a monthly edition of the programs, classes, trips, lunches, and more offered to our seniors in the Community Center. As opportunities arise, the Recreation Department provides "add-ons" to its services. This document also highlights our instructors, volunteers, Recreation Commission members and more to give a personal side to the story.

Puzzles, recipes and fun facts are also included. Please stop by the Community Center to pick your copy up and say "Hi" to our staff. We look forward to seeing and meeting you.



AGEWAYS: NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES

The Area Agency on Aging 1B is now AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services! New Name. Same great people. Same great programs. The new name reflects what they do best: Helping older adults age in the ways they choose. For more information please visit: AgeWays.org/NewName.



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BRUNCH & LEARN

Our groups always have such a great time at the Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit that we are headed back for more fabulous topics about Michigan and elsewhere while we have a wonderful light brunch and then head off to a local restaurant for lunch.

The trips leave Oak Park at 8:15 a.m., with the program starting at the Adventure Center at 9 a.m. We will tour the building from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and then we will leave for our restaurant destination, which is TBD. The cost for each Brunch and Learn at the Outdoor Adventure Center is \$9/person. Lunch will be on your own. **LIMITED** seats available, sign up today to reserve your seat.

Preregistration is required and tickets will go fast!
50 Up membership required.

ISLE ROYALE'S WOLVES MOOSE PROJECT Tuesday, November 10

Jeffrey Holden has spent a quarter century leading groups on Isle Royale in support of the world's longest running predator-prey study. His one-hour presentation/book reading includes: a high level discussion of Isle Royale and its history, the history of the Wolf-Moose Study and how it got started, the Winter Study it entails and how it sets the stage for the Summer Study. The Summer Study: how the project depends upon the volunteers to find dead moose year-in and year-out, science of the study and examples of findings, moose and wolf bone show and tell, enjoy a short chapter or excerpt from the book.

Jeffrey M. Holden is the author of the award-winning *Dead Moose on Isle Royale*. He's been associated with the Wolf-Moose Project since 2002, when he first volunteered to look for dead moose on Isle Royale. He quickly became a group leader, and he has led at least one group every year since 2005. He is the president of the Wolf-Moose Foundation, a nonprofit whose mission is to advance research and education that promotes the conservation predators and their prey, especially the wolves and moose of Isle Royale. Lunch Destination TBD.

SUMMER LUNCH DATES

These lunches will be held at the Oak Park Event Hub
Lunch served: 12 - 1 p.m.
Entertainment: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$17/person. Includes full lunch and entertainment
***50 Up Membership required**

AUGUST 21

Menu: Burgers, fries, coleslaw, beverage, dessert.
Entertainment: Trivia

SEPTEMBER 25

Menu: Deep fried fish, fries, coleslaw, roll, butter, beverage, dessert.
Entertainment: Juke Box Bingo

OCTOBER 23

Menu: Chicken kabobs, yellow rice, tossed salad, beverage, dessert.
Entertainment: Denise Davis Duo Concert

MEALS ON WHEELS MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

Meals on Wheels home delivery is available in Oak Park as long as you call one week in advance. Lunch can be served with a pre-ordered meal. For more information call the Senior Meals on Wheels at their NEW NUMBER (248) 223-9160.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Join us as we welcome Meals On Wheels to our Community Center for our monthly congregate meals and entertainment series. Meals On Wheels will be serving delicious hot meals buffet style in our Community Center once a month. Meet up with old friends and discover new ones! Stop by to pick up a flyer with complete details.

Community Center | Noon-2:30 p.m.
Seniors ages 60+up \$4/meal
Seniors ages 50-60 yrs \$7/meal

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

50 UP CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Fee: \$6 Res./\$12 Non-Res. | Calendar Year Renewal

The mission of the 50 Up Club Membership is to provide Oak Park's diverse, mature population with education, exercise, and recreation programs to challenge the mind and body to greater heights of personal achievement. Join our 50 Up Club and enjoy our weekly senior drop-in sessions at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park. Call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch)
Every other Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

50 Up Club Membership required to enjoy drop-in programs:

MONDAY

Bingo, every Monday, 11:30-1:30 p.m., Inquire about fee.

TUESDAY

Watercolor Drop-In, 1-3 p.m.
Contemporary Quilters, every third Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Scrabble, 1-4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Dominoes, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Bid Whist, 1-4 p.m.
Drop In Hustle, Noon to 1 p.m., \$5/resident; \$7/non-resident
Chess, 6-9 p.m.

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- The Recreation Department would like to thank **Dorsey College, Roseville Campus, Culinary School** for providing our wonderful cooking demonstration at the "Sneak Peek at The Market" event. Chef Sam Bullock and several of his culinary students provided generous samples of culinary delight! All the produce needed for the dish can be found at the Oak Park Farmers Market this summer. **Thank you Dorsey Culinary College!**



- **Oak Park Farmers Market Sponsors**

Special acknowledgement for our current generous sponsors of the Oak Park Farmers Market: **Dedicated Senior Medical Centers, Henry Ford Health, Westborn Market, 9 Mile & Greenfield Shell and Beshara Printing.** Their generous support enables the market to provide educational programs, the Power of Produce Program, and so much more! If you are around these businesses, stop in and say Thank You.



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