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**Message From City Manager Erik Tungate**

Dear Oak Park Residents, this is the moment we've all been waiting for! As spring unfolds across Oak Park, so too does a new chapter for our city. What began years ago as community conversations, planning processes, and bold ideas is now becoming reality—visible, tangible, and ready to be experienced. After seasons of construction, detours, and patience, we are moving from anticipation to activation.

This spring and summer indicate a turning point. With the State of the City on June 30 at the newly constructed Event Hub which will celebrate the grand opening and completion of **Phase 1 of Elevate Oak Park**, along with major progress at Oak Park Woods at **Shepherd Park** and the newly designed Water Tower Social District on the **11 Mile Corridor**, we are opening the doors to spaces designed for connection, celebration, and community pride. These projects reflect the heart of Oak Park—forward-looking, inclusive, and built together.

Following is a look at what's opening, what's next, and how you can continue to be part of the momentum.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES**

**ELEVATE OAK PARK – PHASE 1 (Event Hub & Band Shell)**

Phase 1 of **Elevate Oak Park**, a signature project of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, is nearing completion and will officially debut at the **State of the City on June 30, 2026**.

The four-season **Event Hub**—a 4,200-square-foot flexible community space—is coming together beautifully. The signature garage doors and windows are installed, audiovisual systems are being integrated, and the commercial kitchen is underway. What was once a construction site is quickly becoming a lively gathering place complete with a vibrant mural in conjunction with the Detroit Institute of Art.

Just steps away, the elevated **Band Shell** is also nearing completion and will soon host concerts, performances, and celebrations. Very soon, the sounds of construction will give way to music, laughter, and community life. This is the start of a new civic heart for Oak Park.



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## ELEVATE OAK PARK – PHASE 2 (Future Community Center)

Phase 2 will bring a transformative **new Community Center**, featuring an indoor track, an all-season pool, and expanded amenities for residents of all ages.

The construction management company and architect are now under contract, and selective demolition is slated for early spring. Project planning is well underway and progressing on schedule.

Community input remains central to this next phase. **Please mark your calendars for an upcoming community open house**, where planners and engineers will share updated renderings and gather feedback before the project advances to City Council. This is your opportunity to help shape one of the most impactful investments in Oak Park’s future—come out, weigh in, and be part of the process.

## OAK PARK WOODS AT SHEPHERD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

One of Oak Park’s most beloved spaces is entering an exciting new era.

In partnership with Oakland County Parks and Recreation, **Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park** is receiving major upgrades while preserving the natural character that generations have cherished. Improvements include accessible, nature-inspired play areas, upgraded restrooms, a renovated Shelter No. 1, and continued protection of wooded trails, mature canopy trees, and the iconic train.

Shelter No. 2 will also receive a refresh with new paint, roof, lighting, and electrical outlets.

Construction is nearing completion this spring and summer, and the transformation is already visible. The new **Play Tower** is taking shape, and the massive slide can be seen from nearby sidewalks and neighborhoods. Fun, adventure, and discovery are right around the corner.

Keep on eye out for an upcoming ribbon cutting for this fantastic renovation.

## 11 MILE CORRIDOR – WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT

After months of construction and temporary parking changes, the **11 Mile Water Tower Social District** is nearly ready to welcome residents.

Fire pits, bollards, shade structures, and gathering features are installed, creating a welcoming place to relax and connect. A vibrant mural is underway,

and final asphalt work in the east lot—along with seating, picnic tables, umbrellas, landscaping, and benches—will be completed later this spring.

Be sure to experience the space firsthand to see how this corridor is being reimagined as a destination for community life.

## OAK PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE – THANK YOU FOR GETTING ENGAGED

While many of these exciting changes are visible above ground, another essential effort is shaping Oak Park’s future behind the scenes: the state-mandated update of the City’s **Master Plan and Recreation Master Plan**.

The City has partnered with Giffels Webster to lead this process, which officially kicked off this spring and will continue through December 2026. This plan guides how Oak Park grows over the next five years and beyond—addressing housing, development, mobility, parks, infrastructure, and overall quality of life.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the first community open house on March 23rd and shared your priorities for Oak Park. If you weren’t able to attend, there are many more opportunities ahead.



Visit the City’s website to take the online survey and stay tuned for upcoming meetings, workshops, and events. Your voice helps lay the foundation for our city’s continued growth.

As we move into summer, I invite you to explore these new spaces, attend events, and take pride in what we are building together. Oak Park’s future is opening—literally—and I look forward to celebrating these milestones with you.

Sincerely,

Erik Tungate, City Manager



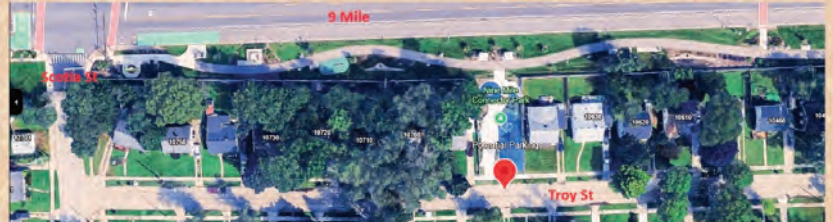


# OAK PARK CLEANS UP

## SUNDAY, MAY 17 @ NOON



Join the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission, friends and neighbors as they spend an afternoon cleaning up Oak Park. This year, the annual City-wide clean-up event will have volunteers spending time on the Nine Mile Linear Park.



- **When:** Sunday, May 17 | Noon - 2 p.m.
- **Where:** 10650 Troy St., Oak Park, MI. 48237
  - **Meet at the Nine Mile Connector Park**
- **No Registration Required**
- **Gloves, Garbage Bags & Grabbers will be provided on site.**

# Oak Park

# Rain Barrels 101



Thursday, May 21  
7 p.m.



Learn how you can capture and reuse rainwater to lower your water bill, prevent flooding, and keep our local rivers and the Great Lakes cleaner and healthier!

**Brought to you by:**  
**Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission**

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Jim Nash, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner**

**Come Join Us:**  
**Oak Park Community Center**  
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# From Dry Roots to Craft Brews:

Oak Park's Next Chapter Takes Shape Along 11 Mile

Oak Park's next chapter is unfolding—one business at a time.

For much of its history, Oak Park was defined by what it lacked. Once a dry community, businesses serving alcoholic beverages was prohibited, and even after restrictions eased to allow for tavern licenses, the city was better known for service and retail than dining or social destinations. That reputation is quickly fading. Today, Oak Park is carving out a new identity as a growing hub for food, beverage, and hospitality—driven by locally owned, design forward businesses rooted in community.

Along 11 Mile and throughout the city, spots like **Dog & Pony**, **Mother Handsome**, **Hansens Hall**, **Oak Parker** and **Unexpected Craft Brewing Company** are reshaping what a night out—or a laidback afternoon—looks like. Craft cocktails, specialty coffee, and small batch beer now sit comfortably alongside longstanding neighborhood staples, creating an atmosphere that feels both familiar and forward looking.

Unexpected Craft Brewing Company, located at 14401 W. 11 Mile, is emblematic of this shift. Since opening in 2021, the brewery has grown into a local anchor, drawing residents and visitors alike. As consumer preferences increasingly favor canned beer, the business is expanding its production capacity to pursue new retail and distribution opportunities across Michigan. That momentum is underscored by owner **Edward Stencel's recent appointment as President of the Michigan Brewers Guild**, a statewide leadership role that highlights both his influence in the industry and Oak Park's rising profile in Michigan's craft brewing scene.

That growth is being supported, in part, by strategic city backed tools. Unexpected Craft Brewing was recently awarded a \$140,000 Urban Main Targets of Opportunity Grant, part of Oak Park's broader approach to helping small





businesses modernize and scale. While grants aren't the headline of the city's transformation, thoughtful public investment continues to play a meaningful behind the scenes role.

Unexpected Craft Brewing joins a growing roster of food and beverage concepts choosing Oak Park for its affordability, accessibility, and engaged customer base. **Dog & Pony** has emerged as a destination for relaxed dining and thoughtfully crafted beers, while **Mother Handsome** blends café culture with evening cocktails in a stylish, community focused space. The Oak Parker is a casual, hip spot, with a central bar and a downstairs lounge featuring DJ sets and craft cocktails. Together, these businesses signal a clear shift toward experiential retail and gathering places.

Momentum continues to build along the **11 Mile corridor**, where reinvestment and new storefronts are transforming once quiet blocks into active destinations. From dry roots to a vibrant food, beverage, and experience scene, Oak Park's next chapter is unfolding—one business at a time.



# OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET



LOCATED INSIDE THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER | 14300 OAK PARK BLVD. OAK PARK, MI 48237

**“SNEAK PEEK” | SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 1 TO 5 P.M.**  
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CITY OF OAK PARK

# JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Bit.ly/OPJuneteenth



FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | 4 TO 8 P.M. | 14300 OAK PARK BLVD, OAK PARK, MI 48237



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# OAK PARK EVENT HUB

The Oak Park Event Hub is nearly complete and ready for your event!

Coming soon, this 4,200 square foot, all-season event space is equipped with integrated AV technology, roll up garage doors for open air programming, a full commercial kitchen and adjacent band shell and variety of both indoor and outdoor seating. Welcome to the next level of events and entertainment.



Prime Location



Tailored Packages



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Friday, July 3, 2026

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# 2026 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

📍 Oak Park Municipal Campus (Community Center Grounds) 📍

★ ★ OPYA PANCAKE BREAKFAST (OP EVENT HUB), INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, FUN FEST ★ ★

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW DATE CHANGE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES  
**FRIDAY, JULY 3 | 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY EVENTS

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PRESENTED BY THE OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

GET READY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!!

## 9<sup>PM</sup> Family FUN FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 6  
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"

## Oak Park CRUISE & GROOVE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13  
6 - 9 P.M.

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# Oak Park Public Library

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## 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



### SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Sunday, June 14

1-4 p.m. | All Ages

We're kicking off a summer of exploration! Learn about the science of bubbles with Michigan Bubble Fun at 2 p.m. and pick up your summer reading supplies. Start logging your activities right away and earn Grand Prize Drawing entries all summer long as you read, attend programs, and visit the library! Can't make it for kick-off? No problem! Stop by the library any time before July 13th to get signed up. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.**

### MINI DINO PHOTO CONTEST

Monday, June 15

Adopt a tiny dino at our Summer Reading Kickoff, then use your dino as the subject for our photo contest. Photos should be submitted by Monday, June 15 and we will share them all on our social media pages! Prizes will be awarded for the most liked photo in three categories: kids, teens, and adults.

### BEL CANTO CHOIR CONCERT

Tuesday, June 16 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this Oak Park community singing group featuring music ranging from showtunes, 1940s, pop songs, and traditional Jewish music. **Registration required.**

### JUMP INTO READING: RETRO INFLATABLES

Sunday, July 12 | 1-5 p.m. | All Ages

Bounce back to the 1980s! Oakland County Parks is bringing inflatables to the library. We'll be in the field next to the Event Hub with a sneaker slide, a boom box bounce house, and some retro inflatable games. We'll hand out popsicles to help you keep cool, while supplies last. Bring some bottles of water and a blanket or chair to relax while the kids play. Don't forget socks! **Socks are required to use the inflatables.**

### SUMMER READING FINALE

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

Join us as we wrap up a pretty sweet summer! Learn about Cotton Candy Science at 2 p.m. (Kosher options provided), then pick up your summer reading prize and head outside to bounce away the last days of summer. Don't forget socks! **Socks are required to use the inflatables.**



## FOR TEENS

### TAKE & MAKE: HIEROGLYPHIC ART

Monday, July 13 | Ages 12-18

Chalk like an Egyptian with this fun history-based art kit for teens. Brainstorm then create a hanging piece of art straight out of ancient Egypt. We'll provide pastels, papyrus (construction paper), bamboo rods, and string, along with sample hieroglyphics for teens to make a personalized piece of decor. **Limited to one per person, teen must be present to pick up.**

### TECH TAKE-APART

Monday, July 27 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Ages 10-18

Is your teen curious about how things work? Do they enjoy taking things apart or tinkering with electronics? This exploration-based program is for them! We'll have some tools and common pieces of tech for kids to team up and take apart. Identify components, examine how pieces fit together, and spark curiosity about how each item works. **Registration required.**

## FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### SHOW AND TELL: OP KID COLLECTIONS

June-August | Ages 5-18

Does your child have a collection (rocks, matchbox cars, figurines, etc.) they're proud of? We want to share it with the community! Oak Park kids are invited to apply to have their collection showcased at the library this summer. Caregivers will drop off and pick up items at the library on specific dates, along with a short bio of their child that includes information about the collection. We'll display the collection for a week or two in the Children's Area for all to admire. **Check our website and social media for a link to the Kids Show and Tell Application, space is limited.**

### 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!**

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT W/EARLY ON OAKLAND

Sunday, May 3 | 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, finger plays, 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.**

## Thank You

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

Scheer's Ace Hardware for donating the kiddie pools for our Big Dig and Pint Sized Paleontology.

Oak Park Department of Public Works for sponsoring the sand for our Big Dig and Pint Sized Paleontology.

Red Oaks Nature Center for sponsoring seat program.

Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and Michigan Humanities for sponsoring the Michigan Notable Book Tour.

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

Savvy Sliders (Oak Park) for sponsoring our CASA Book Club snacks.

F&M Bank (Troy) for sponsoring our CASA Book Club books.

Silvio Benvenuti and Dottie Adair for their memorial donation in honor of Anthony Ezra Henry Jr.

Ken Sherman for his memorial donation in honor of Duster.

Mayor McClellan for sponsoring the purchase of new toys for the Kids Play Area.

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



**TODDLER STORYTIME: MAY & JUNE****Thursdays, May 7-June 25 | 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 the skills they'll need to learn to read, all while having a blast! Older siblings are welcome to attend. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.**

**PAGES IN THE PARK STORYTIME: JUNE & JULY****Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. | 6/16 Peasley (HW), 6/30 Best (OP), 7/7 Peasley (HW), 7/21 Inglebrook (SF)****Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. | 6/23 Peasley (HW), 7/14 Peasley (HW)**

We're teaming up with Huntington Woods and Southfield libraries again to offer storytime in our local parks! Bring a blanket or chairs so you and your little one can enjoy reading, rhymes, songs, and fresh air. Check our social media or call the library for cancellation in case of inclement weather. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.**

**FARMER'S MARKET STORYTIME: JULY****Thursdays 10-10:30 a.m. | July 9, 16, 23, 30**

Join us as we read, sing, and rhyme through the month of July at the new Farmers Market space around the Event Hub! This program is designed for preschoolers and early elementary students, but all ages are welcome to attend. Make a whole morning of it by coming to storytime, then shopping at the market. **This is a drop-in program, registration not required.**

**TAKE & MAKE: SHADOW STORIES****Monday, June 22 | Ages 2-5**

Get creative and build literacy skills with this fun spin on shadow puppets. Create stories with your toddler/preschooler and use shadow items you create to act them out. Make up new tales every time you play! Play-based storytelling is fun and helps your child learn about story components like beginning, middle, and end, characters, and setting. Spending time with your child doing literacy-based activities sets them up for success later in life! **Limited to one per family, child must be present at the library to pick up.**

**WHAT'S THE STORY WITH SCAT?****Monday, June 22 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ages 7-10**

In this fun and informative program, kids will learn how to identify different types of animal poo, how it can be used to track animals, and what it can tell us about an animal's health. Kids will have the opportunity to examine examples of poo (plastic molds) from animals found in the backyards and forests of Michigan, before applying their new poo knowledge to win prizes at bingo. *Scat molds provided courtesy of Red Oaks Nature Center.* **Registration required.**

**WHAT'S THE STORY WITH POLLINATORS?****Friday, June 26 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Ages 6-11**

In this interactive program, we'll explore how bees, butterflies, and other pollinators rely on native plants and how plants, in turn, depend on these creatures. Then we'll roll up our sleeves and make seed balls filled with native wildflower seeds. Each participant will take home one seed ball to help support pollinators in their own outdoor space. *Program presented by Huron-Clinton Metroparks.* **Registration required.**

**PINT SIZED PALEONTOLOGY****Monday, June 29 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Ages 2-5**

Do you know a dino-loving toddler or preschooler? This is the perfect program for them! This fun sensory program allows kids to dig and sift through sand. Find mini dinosaur figures, including skeletons and glow-in-the-dark dinos, and take them home to keep. Kids should wear clothes that can get dirty. *This program is made possible through support from Scheer's Ace Hardware, the Oak Park Public Works Department, and Friends of the Library.* **Registration required.**

**THE BIG DIG****Monday, June 29 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Ages 6-11**

Calling all rockhounds, gem lovers, and fossil hunters! This fun sensory program allows kids to dig and sift through sand to unearth a variety of geological treasures to take home and keep. Kids should wear clothes that can get dirty. *This program is made possible through support from Scheer's Ace Hardware, the Oak Park Public Works Department, and Friends of the Library.* **Registration required.**

**TAKE & MAKE: NATURE COLLAGE****Monday, July 6 | Ages 2-11**

Celebrate the beauty of nature with this fun Take & Make kit. We'll provide everything you need to make an interesting and unique piece of hanging art – except the art. Kids will collect flowers, leaves, grasses, sticks, dead bugs, feathers, etc. from backyards and other outdoor spaces then use them to create a collage. **Limited to one per person, child must be present at the library to pick up.**

**DINO BUILD****Monday, July 6 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Ages 9-12**

Build and bling out a dinosaur skeleton in this puzzle-based program for tweens. Each child will receive a wooden puzzle (23-42 pieces) to complete before decorating it with a medium (or two!) of their choosing. Kids will leave this program with a unique dinosaur curio to display on the shelf at home. **Registration required.**

**DINO PAINTING****Monday, July 20 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5**

Bring your toddler or preschooler to the library for some painting fun you don't have to clean up after! We'll use the resist painting technique to create a fun dino-based landscape image to take home. Hang it on the fridge so your child can admire their handiwork! **This program is designed for one adult to bring 1-2 children and registration is required.**

**WHAT'S THE STORY WITH ART?****Monday, August 3 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Ages 8-12**

Investigate a reproduction of one of the DIA's artworks and create your own piece of art! We'll learn about the art piece by asking who, what, where, when, and why before using what we've learned to create our very own project to take home. *Program presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts.* **Registration required.**

## FOR ADULTS

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME NIGHT

First Tuesday of the Month | May 5, June 2, July 7 | 6 p.m.

New to D & D or a seasoned player? Join our Dungeon Masters for a fun evening of tabletop roleplaying. We can help you learn how to play! Ages 14 and up. **Registration suggested.**

### CANVA FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WITH OAKLAND THRIVE

Tuesday, May 12 | 5:00 pm

From First Click to First Sale breaks down how potential customers discover your business, interact with your website, and ultimately decide to take action. This workshop connects marketing channels, website behavior, sales psychology, and basic analytics to help you understand what's working, and what's causing customers to drop off. Attendees will leave with a clearer message, a better understanding of their customer journey, and practical insights to turn more clicks into real sales. **Registration required.**

### RAIN GARDENS WITH MSU EXTENSION

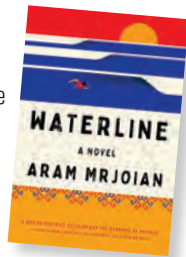
Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30 p.m.

Does your yard get swampy? Are you looking for more eco-friendly ways to deal with stormwater runoff? Let the master gardeners at MSU Extension show you how to create a rain garden, which not only helps with water collection, they also help reduce pollutants! **Registration required.**

### MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK TOUR: ARAM MRJOIAN, *WATERLINE: A NOVEL*

Tuesday, May 28 | 6 p.m.

A sweeping family epic, *Waterline: A Novel*, shares one family's history surviving the Armenian Genocide and their perseverance decades later. Written by Michigan native, Aram Mrjoian, and selected as one of Michigan Notable Books for 2026. Mrjoian is a creative writing professor at the University of Michigan. Books will be available to purchase. *This program is made possible by Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and Michigan Humanities.* **Registration required.**



### AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING: BLACK SUMMERS EDITED BY DESIREE COOPER

Sunday, May 31 | 2-4 p.m.

Remember frolicking outside during the long, jubilant days of summer? This vibrant collection, ranging from poetry to essay, creative nonfiction to comics, invites readers to breathe deeply and return to the "care-free" season. From riding bikes with friends to hopping the ferry to Boblo Island, thirty Detroiters share the struggles and triumph of staking their claim to public spaces. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. **Registration required.**



### MICHIGAN ROOTS: AFRICAN AMERICAN MIGRATION IN MICHIGAN

Tuesday, July 14 | 6 p.m.

If you enjoyed our Finding Your Black Ancestors presentation last quarter, you won't want to miss this event when local genealogist, Rozlyn Kelly, returns to the library for Juneteenth! This presentation discusses the migration of Blacks to Michigan in the mid-1880s, before the Great Migration from the south, with specific examples in Marquette, Midland, and Detroit. **Registration required.**

### GROWN UP SHOW & TELL

June 15-July 31

Do you have a rad collection you want to share with the community? We are opening up our display cases to showcase six different collections from Oak Park residents. Each week, we'll feature new items, unearthing the stories of our neighbors. Applications open May 18. Displays begin June 15 and run through July 31. **Registration required.**

### UNEARTH YOUR STORY: GENEALOGY BASICS

Tuesday, June 30 | 6 p.m.

Want to start your family tree but don't know where to begin? We'll show you how to start the process of uncovering your family history! **Registration required.**

### AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING: DARCI HANNAH

Wednesday, July 15 | 6 p.m.

Meet Michigan author, Darcy Hannah, and learn more about how she creates cozy mysteries. Her newest publication, *Murder at the Campfire Cookout*, comes out in early July and takes place in the UP with a lighthouse bakeshop owner on a glamping trip with her mother. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. **Registration required.**

### MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Tuesday, July 21 | 2 p.m. OR 6 p.m.

You're invited to Heathcliff Manor, where Lord Heathcliff is hosting a dinner party to celebrate his recent marriage. But before anyone can toast his happiness, Lord Heathcliff is killed with the candlestick in the pool room. Can you help solve the crime? Light snacks served. **Registration required, two sessions are offered, please only sign up for one.**



### MEDICARE 101

**Second Friday of the Month**

**May 8, June 12, July 10 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Receive free information and guidance with your Medicare questions when a representative from Priority Health joins us on the second Friday of the month for drop-in appointments. **This is a drop-in event.**

### AFTERNOON TEA

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

Enjoy a hot cup of tea and 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.**

Spend the evening working on your project with other needlework enthusiasts. We'll have a small selection of yarn and needles to help you get started. All levels welcome. Light assistance available.

**Registration suggested.**

### CRAFT NIGHT

**Tuesday | May 26, June 23, and July 28 | 6 p.m.**

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.**

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 HISTORY HELPERS!

**Second Wednesday of the Month | 6 p.m.**

Attention Oak Park history lovers! We're looking for area residents who can share their Oak Park historical knowledge to identify the "who, what, where, and when" of our historic photo collection. Join us on the second Wednesday of each month. **Registration required.**

### 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. Copies of each book are available at the circulation desk one month before we meet. **Drop ins welcome.**



### TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT

**30 min 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.**

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Every Other Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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# 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](http://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.: May 8, 22, June 5, July 17, 31  
Closed Holidays: May 25, June 19, July 3

### 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.





## KICKOFF PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

Start the celebration early! Kickoff Parks & Recreation Month with Oak Park Recreation and Oakland County Parks! Join us for a fun outdoor pop-up event. Enjoy active games, nature exploration, and hands-on activities for all ages. Discover the outdoors, learn about local nature, and kick off the month with movement, play, and community fun in the park.

**Sunday, June 28 | 1-3 p.m.**  
**Oak Park Community Center Grounds**

## 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, Sept. 13 | 1-4 p.m. | FREE**  
**Oak Park Community Center Grounds**

## Save the Date!

### 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

This year we will be hosting the Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 3rd.

The annual 4th of July celebration will see a few changes this year due to construction in the surrounding area. The activities will take place on the Community Center Grounds at 14300 Oak Park Blvd. The annual FunFest will host many of our traditions such as inflatables from Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Tootsie and Silly Me, petting farm and music.

The concert will take place at the Event Hub Amphitheatre along with the food court. The parade will kick off at 11 a.m. starting at the same location of 9 Mile and Coolidge and will conclude at the newly-updated Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park.

#### Important information:

**Pancake Breakfast** opens at 9 a.m. at the OP Event Hub

**FunFest** starts at 11 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

**Parade** kicks off at 11 a.m.

**Concert** begins at 1 p.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

**Food Court** opens at 11 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.





## 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.

## DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Sunday, July 19 | 12-3 p.m. | FREE  
 Oak Park & Bark Dog Park, 21950 Scotia Rd

This fun-filled event is perfect for pet lovers and their furry friends! Dog Day Afternoon is FREE to attend, and there will be treats and services for purchase. Explore a variety of vendor booths featuring unique pet products and services including custom pet jewelry, leashes, pet treats, a mobile dog treadmill, and pet grooming services! Find your next best friend through on-site pet adoptions, watch your dog enjoy the excitement of lure coursing. Lure coursing is available for purchase \$4/1 run, \$10/3 runs, CASH ONLY! Enjoy food for purchase from Topp Dogg and take part in photo opportunities at Oak Park & Bark.

## MOTHER & SON BRUNCH & GAMES

Saturday, May 2 | 12-2 pm | Oak Park Community Center  
 Resident: \$45/couple; \$12 each additional child  
 Non-Resident: \$50/couple; \$12 each additional child.

Create lifelong memories with a brunch celebrating the connection between mother and son! Included is brunch, dance, photo booth, fun games and a rose for mom! Register by calling the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555. No tickets sold the day of the event at the door.

## Save the Date!

### "SUMMER SOUNDS" OAK PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Oak Park "Summer Sounds" concert series will kick off on July 15 and conclude on August 19. The concerts will now be held at the Event Hub Amphitheatre. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the wonderful musical performances. Bring a picnic dinner (*no grills on site*), or enjoy food from our vendors. Check out the City website as we update the calendar of scheduled performers.

Wednesdays | July 15-August 19 | 7-8:30 p.m.





## OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET “SNEAK PEEK”

Sunday, May 31 | 1-5 p.m.

Oak Park Community Center | 14300 Oak Park Blvd.

Come and meet some of our vendors. Shop for starter plants, baked goods, pasta, breads, coffee, tea, and more! Experience cooking demonstrations! Learn how to earn “Market Bucks” this summer for children 5 years and up and seniors!

## OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET SEASON 2026

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

Opening day: June 25

The Oak Park Farmers Market opens its 9th year on June 25, 2026. Our opening day will be in the parking lot of the Community Center on June 25, then we will move to the Event Hub starting July 2, for our final “home”. Numerous veteran vendors will be returning as well as many new vendors for your shopping experience and enjoyment. 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. We are also pleased to offer free yoga sessions and story time on select dates – stay tuned for more information!

- Our regular Market season will run from June 25-November 19.
- Family Market Day will be on July 23.
- Senior Market Day returns on September 17.
- The Market accepts SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, Senior Project Fresh and WIC Produce Connection along with Prescription for Health Coupons.

Visit [oakparkmi.gov](http://oakparkmi.gov) and check the Farmers Market tab for complete information.



# 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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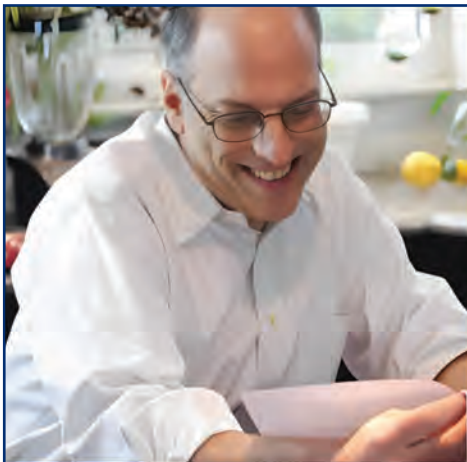
■ The Recreation Department would like to thank our gracious sponsors that helped to make **Winterfest** a blast! Memories were made possible with the support of our wonderful sponsors! These are **Andrew Attisha, 9 Mile Shell, Scotia Stop, RealTeam Real Estate, Motor City Cruise, Dunkin Donuts Greenfield location** and **the Michigan National Guard**. Our volunteers also made sure that the event ran smoothly, ensuring fun for all. Thank you



to **Jean Jones, Norma Pope, Bess Rosemond, Juanita Bell, Alexander Simpson** and **Tom Novik**. Several of our Oak Park Commissions provided “make and take” crafts for the youngest of our attendees – a big “thanks” to the **Oak Park Recycling Commission, Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission,** and **the Oak Park Library**. **Trevor West** and **Jennifer Szonye** brought their spectacular **Winterfest Lego display!**

■ **Daddy Daughter Dance 2026:** A special shout out to our dedicated volunteers - **Jean Jones, Grace Raddon, Amy Lumley, April Hughey-Jackson** and **Juanita Bell** for being our gracious hostesses for the evening. Thank you to **Joyful Tot’s Childcare** for continuing to provide a keepsake “snapshot”, by sponsoring the photobooth.

■ A special thanks goes out to **Dedicated Senior Medical Centers** for their involvement with our **Monday Senior Bingo** group. **Dedicated Senior Medical Centers** bring wonderful pizza snacks on the first Monday of every month! This is something the Bingo group looks forward to and appreciates very much. **Thanks Kelsey!**



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## YOUTH BASEBALL

### Registration open now thru May 15

Oak Park teams will participate in the Tri City Alliance Baseball League, competing with teams from Ferndale and Hazel Park. This is a co-ed baseball league. Participants are provided with jerseys and ball caps. Teams will be provided bats, balls, and batting helmets. Coaches are responsible for choosing practice times and locations. Practices are in Oak Park. Games are in Ferndale and Hazel Park.

**Practices begin the week of May 18. Games run from June 15-August 7. Games played on weeknights and Saturdays.**

### T-Ball - Ages 5-6

**Fee:** \$50 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident

### Coach Pitch - Ages 7-8

**Fee:** \$50 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident

### Pony - Ages 9-10

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

### Minors - Ages 11-12

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

## ARCHERY

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.

### Thursdays, May 7-May 28

**Oak Park Community Center | \$20 Resident/\$25 Non-Resident**

**Seniors: 3-4 p.m. | Youth: 4:15-5:15 p.m.**



## 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 Jes Alger at [jalger@oakparkmi.gov](mailto:jalger@oakparkmi.gov) or call the Recreation Office (248) 691-7555.



## FALL YOUTH SOCCER

### Early registration opens July 1

Oak Park will participate in the Quad-City Alliance Soccer League. They compete with teams from Ferndale, Hazel Park and Pleasant Ridge. This is a co-ed soccer league. Participants are provided 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

### U12 SOCCER

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

### U14 SOCCER

**Fee:** \$80 Resident/\$85 Non-Resident  
Some travel required. Games may be Saturdays, Sundays, or Wednesdays.

## LEARN TO SKATE

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.

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

**Tuesdays, June 9-July 28 | 6-7pm | Ages 3-14 | \$120**

**Location: Hazel Park Ice Arena (1555 E. Woodward Heights Blvd.)**





TRAVERSE CITY FIREWORKS

## EXTENDED TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Travel and Tours to offer an exciting 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.

### THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER

July 5-7 (3 days/2 nights) | \$795/person/double occupancy  
 Featuring an open air trolley tour of Starved Rock State Park, Waterway Visitor Center and Utica, Illinois. Plus, Nostalgia Entertainment brings you "Heatwave! Vintage Songs of Summer!" Capture the essence of summer with songs that range from the 1920s-1980s and feature artists like The Beach Boys, Martha and the Vandellas, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Van Morrison, The Beatles, Donna Summer, Otis Redding, The Drifters, Chicago and Irving Berlin!

### NIAGARA FALLS GETAWAY

July 14-16 (3 days/2 nights) | \$1,045/person/double occupancy  
*This trip sells out quickly!*

### MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK \*NEW THIS YEAR\*

September 6-7 (2 days/1 night) | \$325/person/double occupancy  
 Featuring casino package, Mackinac Bridge Walk, shopping time in downtown Mackinaw City.

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

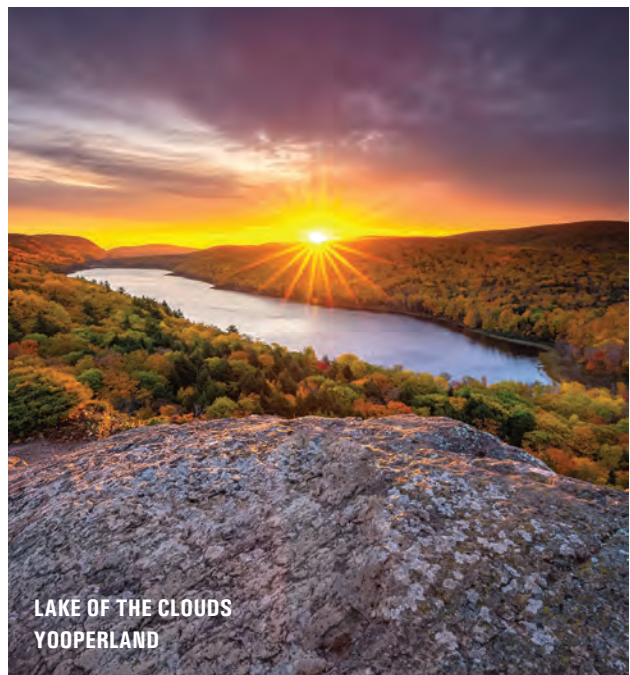
### TRAVERSE CITY FIREWORKS

September 10-12 (3 days/2 nights) | \$899/person/double occupancy  
*This trip sells out quickly!*

### YOOPERLAND, USA

October 5-9 (5 days/4 nights) | \$1,445/person/double occupancy  
*This trip sells out every year by August, so don't wait!*

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



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INDIGO LAVENDER FARMS IN IMLAY CITY

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scheduled, we will post the full details in the lobby of the Recreation Department. Day trips sell out quickly, so don't hesitate. Contact (248) 691-7555 for more details.

### ONTARIO WINE TOUR

Friday, May 29 | \$147/person

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach. Trip includes wine tasting at Viewpointe Estate Winery, followed by lunch and wine tasting at North 42 Degrees Estate Winery and Bistro42, ending the day at Cooper's Hawk Vineyard. *\*Passport or Enhanced Drivers license is required for proof of citizenship to cross the border.*

### MYSTERY TRIP

Wednesday, June 17 | \$102/person

Don't miss this exciting "Mystery Trip" as we sell out this 55-passenger bus quickly! Trips always include education, fun, food, and great memories. We have never done this particular itinerary before, so don't delay and sign up today. It's guaranteed to be a sellout!

### MICHIGAN GROWN

Wednesday, July 22 | \$97/person

This is a wonderful fun-filled day exploring the Indigo Lavender Farms in Imlay City, stopping for lunch at Stevo's Bar and Grill, extending our day with a stop at Seven Ponds Nature Center and finishing out the day at the Country Smoke House! This is a day trip not to be missed!

### FIESTA DETROIT: A MULTICULTURAL TOUR

Tuesday, September 15 | \$124/person

On our Multicultural City Tour, the step-on guide will meet us at Eastern Market and take us on a tour of Detroit, highlighting the diversity of the city. Areas that will be visited include Delray, Corktown, Mexicantown and several sections of the city where various ethnic groups resided. Enjoy lunch at Mexican Village and end the day with the sweets from MexicanTown Bakery.



## MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

The Recreation Department has secured tickets for the entire 2025-2026 season. Stop by the Recreation Department for up-to-date information.

### ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID

Wednesday, June 3 | \$75/person

Included lunch at The Auburn Standard

On the night of their senior prom, Libby, Deedra, Monette and Charlie promise that they will be bridesmaids in one another's weddings... no matter what. Now, over thirty years later, these Southern gals are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. 'For better or for worse' takes on a whole new meaning in this delicious comedy about old friends. From the writers of "The Golden Girls" and "Kingdom Come".



## 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: HathaMay26** – May 14-June 25 (7 weeks)  
\$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident

**Course: HathaJuly26** – July 9-Sept. 3 (no class 7/30)

## 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 ChairMonMay26** – May 11-June 29 (no class 5/25)  
(7 weeks) \$25 Resident/\$30 Non-Resident

**Course: Gentle ChairMonJuly26** – July 6-Sept. 14  
(no class 7/27, 8/3 & 9/7)

**Course: Gentle ChairThMay26** – May 14-June 25 (7 weeks)  
\$25 Resident/\$30 Non-Resident

**Course: Gentle ChairThJuly26** – July 9-Sept. 3 (no class 7/30)

## TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

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

**Ages 18 and up | \$84 Resident/\$89 Non-Resident | 12 weeks**

This is the redesigned 12-week class to get all participants through the entire curriculum to transfer more quickly into the next level. 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: TaiChiBegJune26** – June 23-August 18 (no class 7/14)  
(8 weeks) \$56 Resident/\$61 Non-Resident

## TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Tuesday, from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 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: TaiChiRet26** – Summer break. Returns September 2026.

## 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: SeniorsMay26** – May 19-June 30 (no class 6/9 & 6/11)  
(11 classes) \$28 Resident/\$33 Non-Resident

**Course: SeniorsJuly26** – July 7-Sept. 10  
(no class 7/28, 7/30, 8/4 & 8/13)

## 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: StretchMay26** – May 5-June 23

**Course: StretchJuly26** – July 7-Sept. 8 (no class 7/28 & 8/4)

**Course: StretchThursMay26** – May 14-June 25 (7 weeks)  
\$31 Resident/\$36 Non-Resident

**Course: StretchThursJuly26** – July 9-Sept. 3 (no class 7/30)

## 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: YogaEveryBodyMay26** – May 18-June 29 (no class 5/25)  
(6 weeks) \$42 Resident/\$47 Non-Resident

## HUSTLE CLASS BEGINNERS

**Wednesdays from 7:30-9 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: BegHustleApril26** – Apr. 29-June 17

**Course: BegHustleJuly26** – July 8-Sept. 2 (no class 7/29, 8/5)  
(7 weeks) \$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident

## HUSTLE CLASS INTERMEDIATE

**Wednesdays from 6-7:15 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 rhythm and blues, jazz, country and music featuring elements of mild rap. Instructor: Maurice Adams

**InterMedHustleApr26** – Apr. 29-June 17

**InterMedHustleJuly26** – July 8-Sept. 2 (no class 7/29 & 8/5)  
(7 weeks) \$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident



## ZUMBA FOR ALL

**Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m.**

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

Forget you're 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: ZumbaApril26** – Apr. 28-June 16

**Course: ZumbaJuly26** – July 7-Sept. 8 (no class 7/28 & 8/4)

## 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: ZumbaMay26** – May 14-June 25

(7 weeks) \$42 Resident/\$47 Non-Resident

**Course: ZumbaJuly26** – July 9-Sept. 3 (no class 7/30)

## 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: MatPilatesJune26** – June 1-June 29

(5 weeks) \$47 Resident/\$52 Non-Resident

**Course: MatPilatesJuly26** – July 6-Sept. 14 (no class 7/27, 8/3 & 9/7)



### 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: **FunctionalMay26** – May 6-June 24

Course: **FunctionalJuly26** – July 8-Aug. 26

### 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: **BallroomBegMay26** – May 29-June 26 (no class 6/19)

(4 weeks) \$20 Resident/\$25 Non-Resident

Course: **BallroomBegJuly26** – July 10-Sept. 11 (no class 7/24 & 7/31)

### 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: **BallroomAdvMay26** – May 29-June 26 (no class 6/19)

(4 weeks) \$23 Resident/\$28 Non-Resident

Course: **BallroomAdvJuly26** – July 10-Sept. 11 (no class 7/24 & 7/31)

# LSO DANCE

## NEW LOCATION

SAME STUDIO, NEW SPACE!

Oak Park Community Center

Dates	Times	Fee <small>Resident/Non-Resident</small>	MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
7/6 - 8/12	3:00 - 3:45pm	\$150/155	Tot's Dance (Ballet & Tap) ages 3-4
7/6 - 8/12	4:00 - 4:45pm	\$150/155	Pre-Dance (Ballet & Tap) ages 5-6
7/6 - 8/12	5:00 - 5:45pm	\$150/155	Kid's Dance (Ballet & Jazz) ages 7-10
<b>TUESDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS</b>			
7/7 - 8/13	3:00 - 3:45pm	\$150/155	Hip Hop Tots ages 4-6
7/7 - 8/13	4:00 - 4:45pm	\$150/155	Kid's Hip Hop ages 7-10
7/7 - 8/13	5:00 - 5:45pm	\$150/155	WERK (Teen Hip Hop) ages 11-18
<b>MONDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS</b>			
7/6 - 8/13	6:00 - 6:45pm	\$150/155	Teen Technique (Ballet & Jazz) ages 11-18

Classes meet twice a week for the 5 week summer session  
No Classes July 27th - 31st Due to Elections

REGISTER BY PHONE: 248.691.7555

Classes are in session!

Our new home is under construction! Join us at our remote location.

# DANCE

## SUMMER SEND OFF CAMP

### Week of August 10-14

Embark on one last week of summer camp as we end the season with a splash. Summer Send Off Camp offers 3 field trips, one park swap and a Summer Send Off Party on Friday! Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Fees must be paid in advance. We do not take deposits. *Latchkey will not be provided during Summer Send Off.*

Full Week (5 Days) | Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm  
 \$150 per week, Resident | \$160 per week, Non-Resident

## SPORTS SAMPLER CAMP

### Week of August 17-21

#### Ages 8-12 only

Sports Sampler Camp invites kids to explore the wide world of athletics in a fun and supportive environment! From soccer to basketball, and even archery, campers will enjoy trying out various sports and discovering their favorites. Our staff provide guidance and encouragement, fostering skill development and confidence in every participant. *Latchkey will not be provided during Sports Sampler Camp.*

Full Week (5 Days) | Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 \$150 per week, Resident | \$160 per week, Non-Resident



## SUMMER CAMP

### JUNE 15 to AUG. 7

#### Registration Open Now!

Summer Camp with the City of Oak Park Recreation Department offers a fun-filled and engaging experience for children throughout the summer. Campers will enjoy a wide variety of activities designed to keep them active, creative, and social. Daily programming includes organized games, arts and crafts, team challenges, and group activities that encourage teamwork and creativity.

Throughout the summer, campers will also take part in exciting field trips to local destinations such as the Hazel Park Ice Arena, the Michigan Science Center, Greenfield Village, and more, giving participants the opportunity to explore new places and learn through hands-on experiences. In addition to larger trips, campers will enjoy visits to nearby splash pads to cool off during warm summer days and take weekly trips to the local Thursday Farmers Market to experience fresh foods and community vendors.

With a balance of recreation, exploration, and creativity, Summer Camp provides a safe and supportive environment where kids can make new friends, stay active, and create lasting summer memories. Each week brings new adventures, making every day at camp something to look forward to.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Payment in full must be made at the time of registration. We do not take deposits.

Latchkey participants must be enrolled in Summer Day Camp or Tot Lot Day Camp to be enrolled in the Latchkey program. For additional information call Oak Park Recreation at (248) 691-7555.

#### TOT LOT DAY CAMP (Age 5-7)

#### SUMMER DAY CAMP (Ages 8-12)

#### Full Week (5 Days)

Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm  
 \$150 per week, Resident | \$160 per week, Non-Resident

#### June 29-July 2 (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 3)

\$122 Resident | \$132 Non-Resident

#### LATCHKEY (Ages 5-12)

#### AM Latchkey

8 to 9am | Full Week (5 Days)  
 Monday-Friday | \$30/Resident, \$35/Non-Resident  
 4 Day Week (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 3)  
 June 29, 30, July 1, 2 | \$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident

#### PM Latchkey

4 to 5pm | Full Week (5 Days)  
 Monday-Friday | \$30/Resident, \$35/Non-Resident  
 4 Day Week (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 3)  
 June 29, 30, July 1, 2 | \$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident



## 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](http://AgeWays.org/NewName).**



## MEALS ON WHEELS A NEW LOOK, SAME GREAT SERVICE

Learn how Meals On Wheels can assist you, your neighbors, and loved ones to have access to healthy meals delivered right to their home in addition to our monthly luncheons.

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.

## 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.**

### THE ANISHINAABE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT LAKES Thursday, June 18

Discover the culture of the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes, presented by the team of Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center. See items such as baskets, stone tools, and regalia up close and learn how the Nokomis Center is preserving the history, arts, culture, and language of the Anishinaabe people. Lunch Destination TBD.



## MEALS ON WHEELS COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

Join us as we welcome Meals On Wheels for our monthly congregate meals and entertainment series. Meals On Wheels will be serving delicious hot meals buffet style at 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 1:30 p.m., \$5/resident; \$7/non-resident

Chess, 6-9 p.m.

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**TUESDAY  
30 JUNE**

**5:30 P.M. EVENT HUB RECEPTION**

**6:30 P.M. FORMAL PROGRAM**

**8 P.M. COMMUNITY CONCERT**

City of Oak Park

**\*\*NEW\*\* Location: Op Event Hub & Band Shell, 14100 Oak Park Blvd.**