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Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

Dear Oak Park Residents,

As we embark on the Spring season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on exciting updates, progress underway and community celebrations to come. First on the docket, we'll start with City Council updates and new team members:

A big Oak Park welcome to our newest council member **Stephanie Crawford** who was appointed earlier this year! Councilmember Crawford has been an Oak Park resident for the last decade, a member of the Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission for eight years, served as Chairperson on the Juneteenth planning sub-committee, as Youth Coordinator for the neighboring Good Shepherd Church, and brings a variety of experience as a professional, resident and engaged community member to her post. Please help us in welcoming Councilmember Stephanie Crawford!

Additionally, I would be remiss not to congratulate Mayor Pro Tem **Shaun Whitehead** as he takes on this additional leadership role on City Council. We look forward to your continued leadership and service Mayor Pro Tem Whitehead!

Last but not least, I'd like to welcome Deputy City Manager of Community Services **Adam Owczarzak** to the City of Oak Park as well. Adam joins us most recently from the City of Madison Heights where he served in a variety of roles and increased responsibility since first joining them in 2020. His experience includes sizable grant acquisition and administration, capital improvement projects, budget, finance and overall project management and public administration via the city manager's office. He holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration, as well as a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degrees in Public Administration from Oakland University. Welcome Deputy City Manager Owczarzak!

As has been shared, we are embarking on a season of growth (and construction) here in Oak Park. The latest updates include:

- Imminent groundbreaking of the Event Hub Project, a product of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and resulting Elevate Oak Park initiative. Phase 1 includes a new Event Hub and Band Shell breaking ground this Spring right here between City Hall and the Library.

The event hub will be a four-season facility spanning nearly 4,200 square feet including banquet and meeting room space equipped with integrated audiovisual technology, a 1,400 square foot commercial kitchen, rollup garage doors allowing for open air events and our Farmers Market rain or shine. Additionally, plans include an adjacent elevated bandshell that will host our signature summer concert series and provide community groups with a location to showcase talents and gather with friends.

- Phase 2 of the Elevate Oak Park project will feature a new Community Center including an indoor track, an all-season pool, updated play equipment and more. The city is taking the initial steps to begin preliminary planning. The current community center and pool will remain open for activities and fun this season (the pool is slated to open on May 24 weather permitting).

- **Another exciting project taking shape beginning in late April is the Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park Project—** A Regional Investment right here in OP!

Oakland County Parks and Recreation has committed to upgrading playscapes, an accessible
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nature themed playground, new bathrooms, pavilion renovation and more in our communities most utilized, centrally located and well-loved outdoor recreation area while still maintaining some of the signature aspects such as wooded trails, giant trees and beloved train. Construction on **"The Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park"** project begins this Spring as well and is expected to last through December 2025.

- MDOT work continues on I-696. The project includes rebuilding the roadway, bridge work and drainage structures. As part of the project, 60 bridges will be repaired, including the rebuilding of the Church Street Plaza bridge that contains Victoria Park. During that rebuilding, a walkway detour will be in place.



Stay up to date on the latest project information at

<https://DrivingOakland.com/I696-East/> or by scanning the QR code.

INDEPENDENCE DAY IN OAK PARK 2025

Despite ongoing improvement projects, celebrating our sense of community remains a top priority here in Oak Park. With that said, I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly reiterate that the 4th of July Festivities will be taking place regardless of construction. The parade, pancake breakfast and festival will be available (with alterations) for 4th of July 2025 in Oak Park! Notable changes to keep our residents safe and ensure a memorable community event include:

- An alternate parade route (see map).
- An alternate location for the Youth Assistance pancake breakfast (Oak Park Recreation Community Center, 9 a.m.)
- An alternate location for the Fun Fest (see map).
- Due to safety concerns during construction the Mayor's 5K route via Shepherd Park is cancelled.

Again, the parade, pancake breakfast and festival will be available (with alterations) for 4th of July 2025 in Oak Park! We are pleased to report that these alternatives were unanimously adopted by City Council after receiving clear community support for creative solutions despite construction challenges.



Thank you again to all who weighed in, participated and helped put their heads together to find this creative community solution. Lastly, thank you as well for your continued patience as we not only celebrate but elevate Oak Park in the months to come.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting period of growth and development.

Sincerely,

Erik Tungate
Erik Tungate, City Manager

Friday, July 4, 2025
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

4TH OF JULY

Oak Park Municipal Campus (Community Center Grounds)

★ ★ OPYA PANCAKE BREAKFAST (COMMUNITY CENTER), INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, FUN FEST ★ ★



Fork & The Road

Tuesdays, June 24 - August 12

Fork & the Road is a free nutrition program for those age 60+ designed to support healthy aging. Participants will learn about hot topics in health and nutrition while sharing personal experiences and meeting others interested in healthy aging.

Oak Park Community Center

14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237

10:30am - 11:30am

To register: Contact Robin Danto at 248-215-6307

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The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. State and federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs. 24-548_12.17.24

The Benefits of Trees in 'The Tree City'

Penned by: Recycling & Environmental Conservation Commission

Planting a tree is an investment in the future.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REQUEST YOUR TREE

As summers get hotter, the Eastern U.S. has stayed cool. What's their secret? Planting trees!

Since the 1930s, almost 58 thousand square miles of forest have been restored along the Eastern seaboard. While average temperatures in most of the world have risen throughout the last century, in this part of the U.S. they were slightly decreasing. A new study attributes much of this phenomenon to the cooling effects of tree coverage.

Researchers found that forested land in the region was up to nine degrees cooler than areas without trees—and a reduction in temperatures was measurable nearly a thousand feet from where the forests ended.

Tree shade is cooler than the shade from umbrellas or porch canopies because trees release microscopic water vapor into the air. Cities nationwide are increasingly encouraging tree planting to mitigate the urban heat island effect, which occurs when concrete, shingles and asphalt absorb heat from the sun and radiate it back into the spaces people occupy.

Shading your home with trees can reduce air conditioning costs and make yard spaces more livable in hot weather. Studies have shown that cities with significant tree coverage spend less on energy overall, potentially reducing costs for taxpayers. Garden plants and grass that receive part-day shade may need less frequent watering than those in direct sun. Even pets benefit, as shaded pavement is less painful to paw pads.

Planting a tree is an investment in the future, making our spaces more energy efficient and comfortable for generations to come. However, all trees are not equal when it comes to supporting Michigan's ecosystem. Native species support pollinators and songbirds as well as providing us with shade.

Oak Park is among the cities attempting to increase its native tree coverage, and the city provides street trees free to eligible homeowners who fill out the following form. www.oakparkmi.gov/departments/public_works/tree_request.php

As the old saying goes, the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.



OAK PARK CLEANS UP

SUNDAY, MAY 18 @ 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 in Shepherd Park.

- **When:** Sunday, May 18, 2025; Noon
- **Where:** Shepherd Park, Pavillion 2
 - **Meet in the East Parking Lot (off Northfield)**
- **No Registration Required**
- **Gloves Provided**

OAK PARK
BEAUTIFICATION
ADVISORY
COMMISSION

Spring

FLOWER SALE!

SUNDAY, MAY 25

10 A.M. - 5 P.M. | COMMUNITY CENTER

14300 OAK PARK BLVD. OAK PARK, MI 48237

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (248) 691-7497



REC ON THE ROAD

TUESDAYS FROM 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
JULY 22 - AUGUST 19

Meet the Mobile Recreation SMART Van at the designated park every Tuesday!

Rec on the Road is a **FREE 5-week program** bringing a safe and fun environment for kids to enjoy arts, crafts, individual and group games, fitness and recreational activities at local community parks.

For more information call 248-691-7555.

Please be Advised: Activities may be canceled if there is rain or excessive heat advisories. Be sure to check the City of Oak Park Facebook or call 248-691-7555 for cancellations before heading out. Parents/guardians must stay in the park during Mobile Recreation programs.



JULY 22: KEY PARK

JULY 29: BEST PARK

AUGUST 5: NINE MILE CONNECTOR PARK

AUGUST 12: BEST PARK

AUGUST 19: DAVID H. SHEPHERD PARK



OAK PARK RECREATION
248-691-7555
RECOFFICE@OAKPARKMI.GOV



Utility Bill Assistance Organizations and Programs

If you are in need of utility bill assistance consider contacting one of the organizations below. This list can also be found at: oakparkmi.gov.

DETROIT WATER PROJECT

DETROITWATERPROJECT.ORG

MI. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

(248) 583-8700

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/emergency-relief/heatutilities
30755 MONTPELIER, MADISON HEIGHTS, MI.

CONNECT 4 CARE UTILITY ASSISTANCE

(844) 211-4994

NEED HELP WITH YOUR WATER BILL?
<https://bit.ly/Connect4CareUtilityAssistance>

HOSPITALITY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

(248) 960-9975

PROGADMIN@HHFP.ORG

SALVATION ARMY

(248) 585-5600

3015 NORTH MAIN, ROYAL OAK, MI 48073

THE HEAT AND WARMTH FUND (THAW)

1-800-866-8429

535 GRISWOLD ST, STE 200, DETROIT 48226

UNITED WAY/WRAP PROGRAM

(248) 983-5656

UNITEDWAYSEM.ORG

WATER AFFORDABILITY/WRAP PROGRAM

(248) 209-2600

RG_TANJAL@OLHSA.ORG

INFO@OLHSA.ORG

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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

EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

FRIENDS BOOK SALE

May 14-16 and May 18: During regular open hours

Great deals on used books taking over the entire library space! All proceeds go to Friends of the Library, who are dedicated to supporting library events, materials, and other community needs.

MS. AUDREY WITH A WORLD OF MUSIC & STORIES

Sunday, June 1 | 2 p.m. | All Ages

Kick off the month of Juneteenth with a lively and musical afternoon full of storytelling, African-American history, and all kinds of hands-on fun!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Sunday, June 8 | 2-4 p.m. | All ages

Stop by the library any time between 2-4 p.m. to sign up for our all-ages summer reading program! This year's theme is *Color Our World* and we're kicking things off with some flashy, splashy, fun. This summer will be filled with exciting programs and a chance to win fun prizes by reading, attending events, and completing activities. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.



GRAB & GO: TINY ART

Monday, June 16 | Ages 10+

Show off your artistic side by creating a tiny masterpiece we'll display in the library this summer! Use any medium of your choice (acrylic paint, watercolor, collage, sketch, sculpture, etc.) to turn a tiny canvas into art. Return your completed canvas to the library by Monday, June 30th for display! **One per person, while supplies last, must be present to pick up.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

PET PORTRAITS

Tuesday, June 17 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Ages 10+

Immortalize your beloved pet in a vibrant work of art! You'll transform a photo of your pet into a colorful masterpiece you can proudly display. This program offers a fun and unique way to celebrate your furry family members and add a pop of personality to your home décor. **Registration required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

BEL CANTO CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Monday, June 23 | 6:30 p.m.

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

COLORS IN NATURE

Thursday, July 10 | 3:30 p.m. | All ages

Nature is a kaleidoscope of color. Learn about what color animals use for warnings, which colors they use for camouflage, and what colors they use to try and trick you. Find out how the power of color affects the natural world at this program by Oakland County Parks. **No registration required.**

FOREST FRIENDS**Thursday, July 10 | 5 p.m. | All ages**

This interactive program by Oakland County Parks includes fun animal facts, pelts, and other cool natural history items that highlight the forest as a wildlife neighborhood. Discover what animals call the forest home and learn how unique adaptations help them survive there. **No registration required.**

TIE-DYE BOOK BAGS**Monday, July 14 | 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m. | Ages 8+**

Unleash your creativity and design your very own colorful, one-of-a-kind book bag to keep forever. It's a simple, fun way to create a unique piece of art that's both functional and fabulous! Two sessions are available.

Registration required, register for one session only. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST**Sunday, July 20 | 2-4 p.m. | All ages**

Back by popular demand! Win a prize by being the first team to complete a 500-piece puzzle or the team with the fewest pieces left when time is up. We will have two winning categories: adult team and multi-age team. Families/teams up to 4 people. **Registration required, one registration per team.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

BOOK BINGO**Tuesday, July 22 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Ages 11+**

We're using the big board! Bring your middle or high schooler and play bingo together in Community Room B. Get a bingo, choose a free book! Both adults and kids can win. **Space is limited, registration required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

GRAB & GO: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS**Monday, July 28 | Ages 8+**

We're going retro with this kit. These colorful threads and easy-to-follow instructions show you how to make old-school friendship bracelets. Whether you make them for yourself, friends, or both, this is a fun and relaxing way to get creative and spread some love. **One per person, while supplies last, must be present to pick up.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

**EVENTS FOR ADULTS****POLLINATOR GARDENS WITH THE ROCHESTER POLLINATORS****Tuesday, May 6 | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us to learn about how native plants benefit your yard, pollinators, birds, other wildlife and people! **Registration required.**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP DAY!****Thursday, May 8 | 6:30 p.m.**

Get involved! Join us for light refreshments, games, prizes, and fun as we learn all about what this non-profit organization has done for the library and our community!

**EXPUNGEMENT INFORMATION: NEW BEGINNINGS: UNDERSTANDING RECORD EXPUNGEMENT****Thursday, May 15 | 6:30 p.m.**

Michigan's laws have changed in recent years, allowing more people to clear their criminal records. Join an attorney with Lakeshore Legal Aid to learn more about expungement eligibility, free expungement resources in the community, and how to get the process started.

Note: This presentation will not constitute legal advice; instead, all information, content, and materials in the presentation are for general informational purposes only. Information in the presentation may not constitute the most up-to-date legal or other information.

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.

Registration required.**Thank You**

Friends of the Library for sponsoring the Summer Reading Program.
Papa's Pizza in Oak Park for their sponsorship of the Oak Park High School Book Club.
Savvy Sliders in Oak Park for their sponsorship of our book club at the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts (CASA).

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



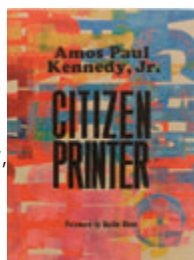
AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING: CHERYL L. NEELY
No Human Involved: The Serial Murder of Black Women and Girls and the Deadly Cost of Police Indifference.
Thursday, June 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Utilizing intensive historical research of cases in cities such as Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, and Los Angeles, Cheryl Neely calls attention to serial cases of Black female murder victims and a lack of police action. Neely, winner of the Gold Medal Midwest Book Award in 2016, is a sociology professor at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak.

Registration required.

AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING:
MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK TOUR
Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.: Citizen Printer
Wednesday, June 25 | 6:30 p.m.

Well-known author and artist, Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr. will speak about his book and artwork. A self-described "humble negro printer," Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr., is internationally recognized for his type-driven messages of social justice and Black power, emblazoned in rhythmically layered and boldly inked prints made for the masses. Citizen Printer features more than 800 reproductions representing the breadth of Kennedy's letterpress prints. Books will be available for purchase. **Registration required.**



"People ask me when I got into social justice. I tell them August 14, 1950: the day I was born colored in these United States of America."



NEEDLEWORK NEIGHBORS
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday Evening
6:30 p.m. (starting May 8th) | FREE

Come to the library and work on your project with others! Bring your crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, needlepoint, or other needlework project. We'll have books out for inspiration. **No registration necessary.**

COLORING WITH FRIENDS
Every Wednesday | 5-7 p.m.

We'll set out coloring pages and supplies to create your own masterpiece!
No registration necessary.

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.

1-ON-1 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.**

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TODDLER STORYTIME
Thursdays in June | 10:15-10:35 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. **No registration required.**

FARMERS MARKET STORYTIME
Thursdays in July | 11 a.m. | Ages 0-7

July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st (no storytime on July 3rd)
 Bring your little one to the Farmers Market to pick up some fresh produce, support local vendors, and enjoy an open-air storytime! Have some fun in the sun while we read, dance, and sing in the shade.

PJ STORYTIME
Thursdays, May 22, June 26 & July 17
6:30-7 p.m. | Ages 0-5

Can't make it to our morning storytimes? End the day with a little fun and imagination, instead! We'll explore a different theme each week and go on adventures by reading, singing, rhyming, and moving our bodies. Pajamas are optional. Older siblings are welcome to attend. **No registration required.**



PAGES IN THE PARK

Tuesdays, June 24-August 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-5

We're taking storytime on the road again! This summer we'll be reading, rhyming, singing, and dancing at a park near you. Grab a blanket to sit on, get out of the house, socialize, and have fun while helping your child build important literacy skills. Call or check our social media pages for cancellations in case of inclement weather.

- June 24** - Peasley Park in Huntington Woods
- July 8** - Inglenook Park in Southfield
- July 15** - Peasley Park in Huntington Woods
- July 22** - Key Park in Oak Park
- July 29** - Best Park in Oak Park
- August 5** - Civic Center Park in Southfield

GRAB & GO: COLOR OUR WORLD WITH KINDNESS

Monday, June 16 | Ages 2-10

Color our world with kindness by doing small acts of service for others! Get the mail for a neighbor, make a sibling's bed, or do something kind for a friend and leave colorful felt hearts behind as a symbol of care and community. Give away all your hearts and bring your sheet to the library for an extra entry into the grand prize drawing! **One per person, while supplies last, must be present to pick up.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

EARLY LITERACY BINGO

Wednesday, June 25 & July 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 4-7

Bring your child to bingo. Each session will focus on literacy-building skills like rhyming, recognizing letters, and phonics. Get a bingo, win a new book! **Space is limited, registration required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

BOOK BINGO

Wednesday, June 25 & July 16 | 11:15 a.m. | Ages 8-10

Play bingo and win books! This program is designed for kids to have a fun literacy-based experience. **Space is limited, registration required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

GRAB & GO: MELTED CRAYON MOBILE

Monday, July 7 | Ages 5-10

Perfect for young artists (with caregiver assistance), this fun project is inspired by our summer theme Color Our World and helps kids explore colors while expressing their creativity! This kit includes everything you need to create a colorful masterpiece to brighten up their room. **One per person, while supplies last, must be present to pick up.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

BABY PICASSO

Friday, July 11 | 10:30-11 a.m. | Ages 0-2

Let your tiny artist explore and make art in a fun, safe, mess-free way. Little ones will crawl, squish, and move to create a colorful masterpiece. Parents will leave with a unique, one-of-a-kind piece of art to cherish as a memory of your baby's creativity. **Registration required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.



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

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

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PAYMENT METHODS

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

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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. Or, go directly to the online registration page at <http://bitly.com/OPRegisterOnline>.

When registering online, follow these easy steps:

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

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Register in-person during regularly scheduled business hours. The Recreation Department is located in the City’s Community Center at **14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park**.

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 9, 23, June 6, 20, and July 18
Closed: May 26, June 19, July 4

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.



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 or call the Recreation Office (248) 691-7555.

YOUTH SOCCER

Registration opens June 2, 2025.
Early Registration ends August 1, 2025.

Games are Saturdays and some weeknights.

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: \$55 Resident/\$60 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 - REC TRAVEL

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



OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET



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

KICK-OFF | SUNDAY, MAY 18 | 1 TO 4 P.M.

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

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

4 TO 9 P.M. | OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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MEADOWBROOK THEATRE

The Recreation Department has secured tickets for the entire 2024-2025 season. Stop by the Recreation Department for up-to-date information.

THE RAT PACK

Wednesday, May 14 | \$77/person

Included lunch at Loccino's

A HEAVENLY MUSICAL! Frank, Dean, and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way," "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime" this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of highballs and high rollers.

SHEER MADNESS

Wednesday, June 18 | \$84/person

Included lunch at Lelli's

This unique comedy whodunnit takes place today in the "Sheer Madness" hair salon and is chock full of up to the minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed, and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects and solve the crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem!

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. 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 the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more details. Here is a sneak peek.

BEACONS, BEACHES AND BARNs: WESTERN MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Wednesday, July 16 to Thursday, July 17 (2 days/1 night)
\$519 per person / double occupancy

WASHINGTON DC: this trip is packed with adventure

Monday, September 8 to Friday, September 12 (5 days/4 nights)
\$1395 per person / double occupancy

ARK ENCOUNTER

Wednesday, September 10 to Thursday, September 11 (2 days/1 night)
\$485 per person / double occupancy

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



BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

DAY TRIPS

The Oak Park Recreation Department is proud to partner with Bianco Travel and Tours to offer an exquisite line of day trips. These trips require us to book well in advance. We are currently booking for Winter and Spring tours. As these and more trips come in we will post the full details in the lobby of the Recreation Department. These day trips sell out quickly so don't hesitate. Contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555 for more details.



PURPLE ROSE THEATRE: My Mother and the Michigan /Ohio War Thursrday May 15 | \$150/person

Izzy's history buff husband Freddy had a dream: a full scale reenactment of the Michigan-Ohio War. But when a bizarre papier-maché accident leaves Izzy a widow, she calls on her Wolverine daughter and Buckeye son to see Freddy's dream realized. Historical becomes hysterical in this comedy about family, football and the fight for the Toledo strip. Also included will be Weber's Restaurant.

GATEWAY TO LENAWE

Tuesday, June 24 | \$101/person.

Hidden Lake Gardens: Tipton MI (narrated tour). This 755-acre arboretum and botanical garden, located in Irish Hills, is known for its large collection of native and non-native trees, shrubs and flowers. Of special interest are the collection of rare and dwarf conifers, as well as Bonsai, hostas, and more. Travel to Danny's Country House in Tecumseh for a family style lunch, well known around the area. Next stop, Kapnick Orchards, then on to Russell Stover Chocolates for a sweet ending to your day.

HURON LADY II: Spend an exciting day in Port Huron Friday, July 25 | \$116/person

Enjoy lunch at the famed Voyageur restaurant on the St. Clair River before boarding the beautiful Huron Lady II for a scenic river cruise with a narrated tour of the Blue Water area. The last stop of the day will be at the Sweet Tooth of Marine City. This shop features nostalgic candy from the early 1900's to the 1970's along with chocolates and hand dipped ice cream. Each participant receives a \$2.50 gift card towards any purchase.

SAUGATUCK, MI

Tuesday, August 12 | \$169/person

This popular trip is BACK! Your trip includes lunch at the famed Coral Gables, followed by shopping in downtown Saugatuck before having an exhilarating experience on the Saugatuck Dune Ride. This is a "not to be missed" experience according to our Oak Park participants! See complete details in the lobby of the Community Center.

Bay City, Michigan

Friday, August 22 | \$130/person

Start your day with a guide through Bay City. Learn about the lumber and shipping history. Bay City has many old stories, filled with ghosts, legends, and folk lore. Learn about Hells Half Mile and more. Enjoy lunch at Krzysiak's House, one of the most popular authentic Polish restaurants in the area. After lunch, board the Princess Wenonah for a wonderful Saginaw River cruise.



SENIOR MEALS

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**.

SMART TRANSPORTATION

The Oak Park Recreation Department provides transportation through a partnership with SMART buses for residents who are seniors, age 50 or above, and individuals who have a disability.

NEW!

Our transportation hours have a brand-new start time! We are now able to begin scheduled pick ups at 8 a.m. with return times no later than 4:30 p.m. (when prior arrangements are made), Monday through Fridays.

In addition to our regular Kroger and Meijer trip days, we are adding shopping opportunities to Target, Walmart, Aldi and Marshall's! Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555.

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.

THE SENIOR SCOOP IS NOW ONLINE!



LUNCH TRIPS

They are BACK! The long-awaited lunch trips! The various restaurants will tickle your taste buds! Transportation fee: \$6/person. Must be a 50 Up member. Check with the Recreation Department for a full list of dates and restaurants.

SENIOR PICNIC LUNCHESES

Senior Summer Picnics are back! Mark your calendar for the following dates: June 20, July 18 and August 15. Due to construction at Shelter 1, these picnics will take place in the Community Center from 12 noon–2:30 p.m. Stop by the Community Center to pick up a flyer with complete details and pricing!

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 will 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!

MOTOR CITY MEMORIES

Thursday, May 8

Welcome to Detroit—the city that put America on wheels and broadcast the Motown sound around the world! During this discussion, we will look at modern Detroit and the historic events that shaped the city as it exists today. We will explore the role our city played in shaping the success of the car and shipping industries and the work our neighbors contribute to their success. Honor those who served in many ways as we discuss Detroit's impact on fighting World War II. Enjoy the sounds of Detroit's greatest music legends, see the historically hottest clubs in the city.

HARDWORKING HISTORY: THE STORY OF CARHARTT

Thursday, June 12

Michigan based Carhartt has been making rugged workwear for 136 years. This presentation will give an overview of the company's origins in Detroit, its evolution over the years, and the work it takes to preserve the company's history. Speaker Dave Moore-Archive & Digital Asset Manager Carhartt. Dave Moore established the archive program at Carhartt and has served as their archivist and historian since 2014. Lunch TBD.



DOWNRIVER LINKED GREENWAYS: CONNECTING FAMILIES NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

Thursday, August 7

Learn about how Downriver uses the residential trails to connect 21 different cities in Southeast Michigan. Speaker: Eric Antolak. Eric Antolak graduated from Eastern Michigan University, earning a BSA in Sport Performance and Business and a Master of Science in Sport Management. He has spent the last seven years working in recreation, managing staff, programs, and assisting with facility renovation projects. He is an avid outdoorsman, spending much of his free time fishing, hunting, and biking. Being a lifelong resident of Downriver, Eric loves the community and looks forward to improving the accessibility of Downriver's trail systems. Lunch TBD.

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.

TRUALTA

A new, online educational platform offered by AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services offers caregivers an easy way to get information and advice online. It's also FREE! Trualta's learning modules, on subjects ranging from handling a loved one's resistance to taking medications, to managing pressure wounds can be read, listened to or watched. There are resources, articles, checklists, videos, quizzes and webinars to choose from. There is a chat function so caregivers can learn from each other and supports groups. For additional information or questions call 833-262-2200 or email trualta@ageways.org.

Pick up this informational brochure in the lobby of the Community Center.



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.

You MUST be a 50 Up Club Member 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.



CUPCAKE CREATIONS

Monday June 23 | 4:30-6 p.m. | Ages 8-12
\$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident

NEW

Kick off summer with a cupcake decorating class with Heather's Homemade Cakes! In this hands-on workshop, young decorators will create vibrant, summer-themed cupcakes featuring sun, waves, and summer fun. They'll learn fun frosting techniques, creative toppings, and how to bring their sweet ideas to life. Each child will leave with beautifully decorated cupcake and a love for summer baking!

OAKIE'S BOUNCE ABOUT

Wednesday, July 16 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | FREE
Community Center Grounds

Join us for a FREE fun-filled day at the Oak Park Community Center Grounds where Oakland County Parks will be visiting with Oakie the Mascot! Get ready to soar to new heights on our brand-new Air Jumper, bounce around on inflatables, and enjoy interactive experiences with our amazing community partners. Whether you're here for the action, the laughs, or to connect with local organizations, there's something for everyone. Don't miss this free community event—Oakie can't wait to see you there!

Event is rain or shine, weather cancellations will be communicated via social media. Socks are required for all inflatables. Participants are encouraged to bring water. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

Don't miss this beloved annual celebration! The day is filled with excitement for all ages. Kick things off in the morning with a delicious Pancake Breakfast, followed by the lively Parade that marks the start of the Funfest. After the parade, enjoy a live concert, a fantastic food court, and a variety of FREE activities—including a petting farm for kids—until 3 p.m.!

OAK PARK YOUTH ASSISTANCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
From 9-11 a.m. | Community Center Room B

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
11 a.m.-Noon

Route begins at Coolidge Highway and McClain
and ends at Oak Park Blvd and Church

One of Oak Park's oldest and most celebrated annual tradition is the Independence Day Parade. We welcome thousands of people from all over southeast Oakland County for this event. Park your lawn chair on Coolidge Hwy or Oak Park Blvd along with your shades and sunscreen. The Parade ends at Oak Park Blvd and Church.

FUN FEST
11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Community Center Grounds

We'll have plenty of family-friendly fun for all ages. Live musical entertainment, inflatables from Oakland County Parks, a great food court.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday Evenings | July 23 & 30, Aug. 6 & 13 | 7-8:30 p.m.
NEW LOCATION: Community Center Grounds | 14300 Oak Park Blvd.

The Summer Concert Series will be "the destination place" for Oak Park and its surrounding residents! Fantastic music from some of the most loved musicians in the Metro Detroit area and beyond will be featured throughout the summer. Music to soothe you, get your toes tapping and your feet up and dancing. Bring a lawn chair, a picnic dinner or enjoy the famed offerings of Topp Dogg!

REC ON THE ROAD

Tuesdays | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | July 22-August 19 | FREE

Rec on the Road is a FREE 5-week program bringing a safe and fun environment for kids to enjoy arts and crafts, individual and group games, fitness exercises, and recreation activities at local community parks. Meet the Rec on the Road SMART Van at the designated park every Tuesday and get ready to play! For more information call 248-691-7555.

Please note: Be weather watchful before heading out to for Rec on the Road! Our park activities may be canceled if there is rain or excessive heat advisories in effect. Parents/guardians must stay in the park during Rec on the Road programs.

Key Park: July 22

Best Park: July 29 & August 12

Nine Mile Connector Park: August 5

David H. Shepherd Park: August 19

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 20 | 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, 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!

Engage in exciting K9 demonstrations with Public Safety Officer Lawless and K9 Vador, enjoy food for purchase from Topp Dogg and take part in photo opportunities at Oak Park & Bark.

Interested in becoming an Oak Park & Bark member? Try the dog park before becoming a member at Dog Day Afternoon! If you are not currently a member of Oak Park & Bark, please bring copies of vaccination records, proof of spay/neuter and dog license before entering the dog park. Don't miss this paws-ively amazing day of fun and community! For more information call 248-691-7555.



SUMMER GAMES IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 29 | 1-3 p.m. | FREE

Community Center Grounds

Bring the whole family together for an unforgettable day of outdoor fun and friendly competition! Summer Games in the Park is a FREE way to kick-off Parks & Recreation Month with an action-packed lineup of exciting games, relay races, obstacle courses, and engaging activities designed for all ages. Whether you're racing to the finish line, teaming up for a tug-of-war, or cheering on loved ones, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Strengthen family bonds, make new friends, and create lasting memories while soaking up the fresh air and sunshine. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get active, laugh, and celebrate the joy of recreation in your local park!



OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET

FARMERS MARKET KICK OFF: "PLANTING THE MARKET SEASON"

Sunday May 18 | 1-4 p.m. | FREE | Community Center

The Power of Produce program will once again be in full swing! There will be a children's program as well a separate senior program. This year we will be focusing on all the "colors" of the garden. Activities will include: growing your own herbs and small vegetables at home, make and take activities, cooking demonstrations, nutrition education in a FUN way. Did we mention that when you turn in your "homework" you earn \$3 in Power of Produce Bucks to spend at the market?! This is a very popular program, with limited capacity of 65 participants per program. Sign up today to reserve your spot!

OAK PARK FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 26

The Oak Park Farmers Market enters its 8th year on Thursday June 26. The market will once again be located in the Community Center parking lot until the Event Hub is completed.

Shoppers will see the return of many of our veteran vendors with fresh locally grown produce as well as many of our small businesses with breads, baked goods, teas, popcorn, leather goods and more!

The opportunity to sign up for the "Pulse Patrol Program", (our blood pressure program) will once again be provided due to the generosity of the volunteers from the Lamba Chi' Sorority. These registered nurses volunteer their time for the health benefit of all. Sign up early for the program to earn your very own digital blood pressure unit.

The Oak Park Farmers Market received a state award from Mparks for the popular Power of Produce program. We will once again be signing up children and seniors alike for this program starting May 18. The Children's Power of Produce program runs for six consecutive weeks. Earn market bucks while enjoying fun interactive activities. The Senior Power of Produce offers the same market bucks incentive with the addition of extra earnings by participating in the Walking Club as well! This program reaches capacity very quickly! Call the office at 248-691-2357 to register ASAP.

Music, cooking demonstrations, nutrition education, children's programming, Storytime at the Market, FREE exercise session are all part of the regular market day.

The market continues to participate in all food assistance to include: SNAP, DUF, WIC Produce Connection, Senior Project Fresh and Prescription for Health.

Mark your calendars for Family Market Day July 24 and Senior Market Day August 14! Additional resources for families and seniors on these days.

The market will conclude on October 9.

OAK PARK GARDEN TOUR

40+ Gardens
Resource Fair
Kid-Friendly

Sunday, July 27
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

FREE and open to the public!
oakparkgardentour.com

TOUR MAP | DONATE

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FREE ADMISSION | FOOD FOR PURCHASE



OAK PARK
Summer
CONCERT SERIES



FAMILY/ FRIENDLY/ FUN
Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, and bug spray. Food trucks are available.

WEDNESDAY'S

JULY 23 - AUGUST 13

7 - 8:30 P.M.

JULY 23, JULY 30, AUG. 6, AUG. 13



**OAK PARK RECREATION
COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS**
14300 OAK PARK BLVD.
Oak Park, MI 48237

How do you move?

FIND YOUR FIT!

FREE EVENT featuring rock climbing,
fitness classes, inflatables & more for all ages.

September 14, 2025

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

David H. Shepherd Park



**OAKLAND
COUNTY PARKS**

Presented by Oak Park Recreation &
Oakland County Parks and Recreation



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY EVENTS

PRESENTED BY THE OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

GET READY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!!

90P Family FUN FEST
SATURDAY, JUNE 7
1 - 4 P.M.

PUPPET SHOWS FACE PAINTING LIVE MUSIC

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AND MORE!



ALONG 9 MILE, BETWEEN THE SENECA & SHERMAN POCKET PARKS



Oak Park
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
6 - 9 P.M.

CLASSIC CARS - LIVE MUSIC
SOCIAL DISTRICT EATS & DRINKS

WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT
14700 KINGSTON STREET, OAK PARK

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10.4.25 4 - 9 PM

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WATER TOWER SOCIAL DISTRICT
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SUMMER DAY CAMP & LATCHKEY

JUNE 16 to AUG. 8

Registration is now open

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, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$140 per week, Resident | \$150 per week, Non-Resident

June 30-July 3 (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 4)

\$112 Resident | \$122 Non-Resident

LATCHKEY (Ages 5-12)

AM Latchkey

8-9 a.m. | Full Week (5 Days)

Monday-Friday | \$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident

4 Day Week (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 4)

June 30-July 3 | \$20/Resident, \$25/Non-Resident

PM Latchkey

4-5 p.m. | Full Week (5 Days)

Monday-Friday | \$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident

4 Day Week (4 Days, Closed Friday, July 4)

June 30-July 3 | \$20/Resident, \$25/Non-Resident



SUMMER SEND OFF CAMP

Week of August 11-15

Embark on one last week of summer camp as we end the season with a splash. Summer Send Off Camp offers three 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, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 5-12 | \$140 per week, Resident | \$150 per week, Non-Resident

SPORTS SAMPLER CAMP

Week of August 18-22

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.

Ages 8-12 | \$140 per week, Resident | \$150 per week, Non-Resident

ARCHERY CAMP

August 20 | Half Day | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$35/Resident, \$40/Non-Resident | Ages 8-12

Join us for a half-day introductory archery camp where participants will learn the fundamentals of archery in a fun and engaging environment! This camp covers essential skills, including proper shooting technique and archery range safety, while incorporating exciting games to enhance learning. All equipment is provided. Latchkey not provided.



CLASSES

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: HathaMay2025 - May 22-June 26
(6 week prorated \$30/Resident, \$35/Non-Resident)

Course: HathaJuly2025 - July 3-August 28

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 Chair Mon May25 - May 5-June 30 *(no class 5/26)*

Course: Gentle Chair MonJuly25 - July 7-August 25

Course: Gentle Chair Thurs May25 - May 15-June 26

(7 weeks prorated \$28/Resident, \$33/Non-Resident)

Course: Gentle Chair Thurs July25 - July 3-August 21

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

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

Ages 18 and up | \$42 Resident/\$47 Non-Resident | 6 weeks

There must be a minimum of five participants for the class to run. 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: Tai Chi BegJun25 - June 3-July 8

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Tuesday, from 11:15 a.m.-12 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. This class is for experienced students only. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang.

Course: Tai Chi RetMay25 - May 6-June 24

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: SeniorsMay25 - May 13-June 24 *(no class 5/27, 5/29, 6/12 & 6/26) (10 weeks prorated \$25/Resident, \$30/Non-Resident)*

Course: SeniorsJuly25 - July 1-August 26 *(no class 7/15)*

STRETCH IT OUT

Tuesdays, 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, unrestricted clothing suggested.

Course: StretchMay25 - May 6-June 24 *(no class 5/13)*

Course: StretchJuly25 - July 1-August 19

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: YogaEveryBodyMay25 - May 5-June 30 *(no class 5/26)*

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: ZumbaGoldMay25 – May 22-June 26
(6 weeks prorated \$36/Resident, \$41/Non-Resident)

Course: ZumbaGoldJuly25 – July 3-August 21

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: BegHustleMay25 – May 14-June 25
(7 weeks prorated \$35/Resident, \$40/Non-Resident)

Course: BegHustleJuly25 – July 2-August 20

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 a rhythm and blues, jazz, country and music featuring elements of mild rap. Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: InterMedHustleMay25 – May 14-June 25
(7 weeks prorated \$35/Resident, \$40/Non-Resident)

Course: InterMedHustleJuly25 – July 2-August 20



NEW

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, Rachel Eckert (instructor of Chair Yoga and Stretch It Out), 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.

Course: FunctionalApril25 – April 30-June 18



BALLROOM DANCE BEGINNERS

Fridays from 6-7:15 p.m.

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

Join us and learn Detroit Style Ballroom dance. Detroit style ballroom is a partner dance where the cha cha is the basic step. It's not the formal traditional ballroom dance like the waltz and Foxtrot. You'll find the dance easy and lots of fun. This style of dance originated over 60 years ago and is still popular, not only in Detroit, but around the country. You'll not only learn new dance steps but you'll get your steps in for getting in shape. Imagine the next social event that you attend and you're able to showcase your ballroom moves on the floor. Bring your partner or come alone. Yes, even YOU can learn to dance. Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: BallroomBegMay25 – May 23-June 27
(7 weeks prorated \$35/Resident, \$40/Non-Resident)

Course: BallroomBegJuly25 – July 18-Sept. 12

BALLROOM DANCE ADVANCED

Fridays, 7:30-9 p.m.

\$45 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident | 8 weeks

The pre-requisite for this class is that you have taken the Beginner Ballroom Classics, 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 without a partner. Instructor: Maurice Adams

Course: BallroomAdvMay25 – May 23-June 27
(7 weeks prorated \$35/Resident, \$40/Non-Resident)

Course: BallroomAdvJuly25 – July 18-Sept. 12

Summer Pool Season



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DAILY RATES

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Open Swim Daily Fee - Resident:

- Ages 3 and Under, FREE
- Ages 4-54, \$4 per day
- Ages 55 & Up, \$3 per day

Open Swim Daily Fee - Non-Resident:

- Ages 3 and Under, FREE
- Ages 4-54, \$6 per day
- Ages 55 and Up, \$5 per day

SEASON POOL PASSES

Resident: Ages 4-54, \$30 | Ages 55 and Up, \$20 | 10 punches

Non-Resident: Ages 4-54, \$50 | Ages 55 and Up, \$30 | 10 punches

Women's & Men's Only: 20 punches | Resident \$50/Non-Resident \$60

Women's & Men's Only: 40 punches | Resident \$90/Non-Resident \$110

Resident rates apply to residents of Oak Park, Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Southfield.

SEASON DATES

Early Extended Season: May 24 – June 13

Regular Season: June 14 – Aug. 17

Late Extended Season: Aug. 18 – Sept. 6

HOURS OF OPERATION

Early and Late Extended Season Hours

Thursday, 5-7 p.m.

Friday, 2-8 p.m.

Saturday, 1-6 p.m.

Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Memorial Day, May 27, 1-6 p.m.

Juneteenth, June 19, 1-6 p.m.

Independence Day, July 4, 1-6 p.m.

Labor Day, Sept. 2, 1-6 p.m.

Regular Season Hours

Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Monday, 2-7 p.m.

Tuesday, 2-7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2-7 p.m.

Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Friday, 2-8 p.m.

Saturday, 1-6 p.m.

SPECIAL POOL HOURS

WOMEN-ONLY AND MEN-ONLY SWIM

Oak Park Pool will be hosting separate female-only and male-only swim hours. For any number of reasons, including faith or personal preference, some women and girls may prefer to swim without being in the presence of males. Vice versa, men and boys may prefer to swim without being in the presence of females. More times/hours may be added throughout the pool season, check back for more details.

Female-Only Swim:

Female lifeguards will be assigned during women-only swim.

Monday-Wednesday, 7:30-9 p.m.

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fee: \$3 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident or Season Pass

Extended Early/Late Seasons: Begins June 1, 2025.

Female only swim will be available on Sundays only.

Male-Only Swim:

Male lifeguards will be assigned during men-only swim.

Tuesday and Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

Fee: \$3 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident or Season Pass.

Extended Early/Late Seasons: Begins May 29, 2025.

Male only swim will be available on Thursday evenings only.

ADULT-ONLY LAP SWIM

Fee: \$4 Resident/\$6 Non-Resident or Season Pass.

One lane available. More times/hours may be added throughout the pool season. Additional lanes may be added based on pool attendance.

Morning: Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9-10:30 a.m.

Afternoon: Monday-Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Weekend: Saturday & Sunday from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Extended Early/Late Seasons:

Begins June 2, 2025. Morning hours only on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9-10:30 a.m.

WATER AEROBICS

June 2 through Sept. 5 | \$3 Resident/\$4 Non-Resident

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.

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

Sunday (Female-Only): June 1-Aug. 31 from 9-10 a.m.

This fun and energetic class is geared towards improving your overall health and well-being. Water aerobics uses all aspects of a typical aerobics class but with the added health benefits of using water as a natural form of resistance, creating an excellent full-body workout with great heart benefits and endurance development.

Extended Early/Late Seasons:

Begins June 2, 2025. Water Aerobics will be available as scheduled.

SWIM LESSONS

Registration begins May 5, 2025 at 9 a.m. For more information, including start times, contact the Recreation Office at (248) 691-7555.

5 to 8 years old | Mondays and Wednesdays | 10-11 a.m.

9 to 15 years old | Mondays and Wednesdays | 10-11 a.m.

Adults | Mondays and Wednesdays | 6 p.m. | 1 hour

\$48 Residents/\$53 Non-Residents

Session 1: June 23 to July 9

Session 2: July 21 to Aug. 6

Parent/Tot (Ages 1-4)

Saturdays at noon | 1 hour | 4 weeks

\$32 Residents./\$37 Non-Residents

Session 1: June 21 to July 19, no class on July 5

Session 2: July 26 to Aug. 16

DOG DAY AT THE POOL

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Sunday, Sept. 7 from noon to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$15/dog pre-registered, \$20/dog day-of registration

Each registered dog receives a gift and a 55-minute dog-only swim session. Must have proof of current vaccinations and a dog license before entry is allowed. For the safety and enjoyment of the dogs, we offer separate swim times for various size dogs. They are:

#DDAP123 Small Sized Dogs (under 30 lbs.) Noon-12:55 p.m.

#DDAP223 Medium Sized Dogs (under 30-69 lbs.) 1-1:55 p.m.

#DDAP323 Large Sized Dogs (70 lbs. and up) 2-2:55 p.m.



CALLING ALL LIFEGUARDS!

Oak Park Recreation is seeking responsible pool operators and lifeguards. We provide all the training you need to be successful. If you are a strong swimmer and a responsible individual, no experience necessary! We certify you in First-Aid, CPR, and other essential lifeguarding skills. Help us provide a safe, clean, and accident-free environment for your community by joining our exciting team... because it's more than just a paycheck!

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POOL RENTALS

Are you planning a party, baby shower, family reunion, or any special event and looking for a unique, fun venue to host it? Consider renting the Oak Park Pool. It's sure to be a welcome splash! Pool rental registration begins on Monday May 5 at 9:00 am, on a first come first serve basis. Rentals must be completed in person. For more information on pool rentals and to make your reservations, call the Recreation Department at (248) 691-7555.

Availability: June 14-Aug. 17
Saturdays: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rental Fees	After July 1
Up to 75 people	\$240 Resident/\$275 Non-Resident for two hours
76 to 100 people	\$275 Resident/\$310 Non-Resident for two hours
101 to 200	\$310 Resident/\$345 Non-Resident for two hours
201 to 400	\$400 Resident/\$435 Non-Resident for two hours

A \$75.00 deposit is required on all pool rentals. All pool rentals MUST be paid in full on the booking date to reserve the date and time.

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The Recreation Department would like to thank our gracious sponsors that made our annual Winterfest possible:

- Michigan Panthers UFL
- Dog and Pony Brewing Company
- Scotia Stop
- Greenfield Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins
- RealTeam Real Estate

The event ran smoothly due to the volunteers that gave their time. We would like to thank Jean Jones, Barbara Butler, Juanita Bell, Alexander Simpson, Julie Edgar, John Stuyvenberg and the owners of Topp Dogg. Additional fun for all was provided by Girl Scout Troop 77555, the Oak Park Library, Oak Park Recycling Commission, and the Arts Cultural Diversity Commission.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the volunteers that made the Daddy Daughter event a night to remember: Grace Raddon, Beverly Wiggins, Juanita Bell and Alexander Simpson. Your participation and support are deeply appreciated. Thank you to Joyful Tot's Childcare & Learning Center for sponsoring our keepsake photo station.

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