

## CITY OF OAK PARK

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## **Public Service Announcement**

## City of Oak Park Municipal Complex Closed Until January 2021

**November 16, 2020** – Oak Park City Council made the informed decision at the November 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting to close the Municipal Complex in an effort to maintain the health and safety of residents and staff during the global, COVID-19 pandemic. Effective immediately, City Hall, Recreation (the Community Center), and the Oak Park Public Library will be closed to the public until January 4, 2021. Public Safety, however, remains fully operational and accessible.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer held a press conference on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, during which she revealed startlingly high COVID rates in the state of Michigan and outlined a temporary state shutdown plan, which begins Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:01 a.m., and mainly affects retail, restaurants, and schools. Several communities throughout the state, however, have closed municipal offices in response to the threat of the pandemic.

Despite the temporary closing of the Oak Park Municipal Complex, we remain committed to providing our residents with the most efficient services possible. Residents can still contact departments and conduct most business with the City via phone, email, U.S. mail and the dropbox outside City Hall. I also encourage residents to use our online services whenever possible. For a quick guide to common web links, please visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3pBHGhx">https://bit.ly/3pBHGhx</a>. Although the Library is closed, patrons can still use curbside service to check out books, magazines, and other resources by calling (248) 691-7480 or sending an email to Library@OakParkMI.gov.

We appreciate the wisdom of our City Council in protecting our residents and City workers. As this public health crisis persists, it is imperative that everyone continues to practice safety. Please continue to wear protective masks, wash your hands frequently, and practice social distancing. Collectively, we can slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, flatten the curve once more, and save lives.

Sincerely,

Erik Tungate, City Manager City of Oak Park