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Message From City Manager Erik Tungate

With another school year upon us, I join the many parents and community members in wishing our students and their families much success in the coming year.

As a City government that hosts three public school systems and various private schools, much of our children's educational experience lies between the student, their parents, the school's curriculum, and the student's educational experience. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the affect that a safe and supportive community environment can lend to the future generation.

Recently, I've had the opportunity to talk with my staff, brainstorm with City Council, meet with school administrators, talk to parents, and listen to community members discuss ways in which we can better serve our youth. What we all have in common is the wish to provide a safe and supportive environment for the children who live or attend school in Oak Park. I am excited to create future youth development initiatives and I'm proud to announce several steps the City has already taken.

The Oak Park Library is committed to increasing access to resources and technology that students may not have access to at home. We've doubled the number of computers, added WI-FI access, invested in software programs, and subscribed to national resource databases. Our youth use these items for homework, hobbies, interests, academics, and career pursuits.

More so than ever, libraries are transitioning into communal hubs for multi-generational programs and a gathering space for socialization. To address this need, we provide daily activities for our youth, passive drop-in programs, homework areas, teen gathering spaces, gaming environments, and structured learning programs, such as STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math initiatives).

The Oak Park Public Safety Department increased their visibility within the community and remains committed to maintaining safe environments. They continue to find innovative ways in which to build positive connections with our youth and promote safety through our Ice Cream Patrols, Junior Citizens Academy, school presence, crossing guard program, and traffic enforcement detail. We've added security measures, including 17 cameras.

This past summer, our Recreation team hosted a successful summer camp program, introduced swim lessons, customized pool offerings, and added dance, sports and fitness programs. We continue to take great pride in our Concerts in the Park series, Fourth of July activities, Movies in the Park, and fun, family-friendly festivals. In fact, I hope you will join us at our upcoming Autumn Fest and Halloween Boo Bash.

Our Recreation Department has begun to update the Recreation Master Plan. The process will include many different opportunities to engage the community and solicit feedback on priorities and hopes for allocating City services. The participation of the community and input received will allow us to create future programs that reflect the wishes of the community members we serve.

In the months to come, look for more initiatives to provide a safe environment for our patrons, as well as programs for our youth.

Sincerely, Erik Tungate
City Manager, City of Oak Park

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OAK PARK CELEBRATES THE LAUNCH OF THE City's First Canine Unit



The City of Oak Park welcomes **Canine Officer Mase**, the newest member of the Public Safety Department. The ceremony took place on Monday, August 21 during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

The City's Canine Unit consists of Sergeant Joseph Meier, Officer Michael Hodakoski, and Canine Officer Mase. Mase, an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois, is named after Officer Mason Samborski, one of the City's fallen officers who died in the line of duty on December 28, 2008 while serving and protecting the Oak Park Community. Officer Samborski's nine-year-old daughter Madeline Samborski symbolically handed the new Canine Unit their marching papers, while Stephen Hohauser, a five-year-old boy with stage four cancer that has come to warm the hearts of many canine handlers with his extraordinary love of law enforcement, presented Canine Officer Mase with his badge.

"We are delighted to welcome the first Canine Unit to the City," said Mayor Marian McClellan. "A canine officer's responsibilities are those of a general police officer, carried out by a specially trained police dog." Canine Officer Mase will assist with community and educational demonstrations, evidence recovery, track and search, and drug enforcement. In addition, he and handler Officer Hodakoski will be called upon, on demand, for the City of Oak Park and for back-up in surrounding jurisdictions when specialized skills are required.

"The Public Safety Department responds to over 15,000 service calls and makes over 8,000 traffic stops per year," states City Manager Erik Tungate. "There have been times that we've called neighboring agencies for canine assistance and sometimes their canine units were either unavailable or delayed. The addition of a Canine Unit to the City of Oak Park provides an enhanced level of efficiency and expertise."

"The value a canine officer brings to a Public Safety team is invaluable," said Public Safety Director Steve Cooper. "Their keen sense of smell, enhanced ability to hear, tenacity and endurance bring an added level of expertise to



our team that we hope will not only reduce search times and increase efficiency, but aide significantly in officer safety.” Canine dogs are often called upon to be the first to enter a building before officers are sent in. They are unwavering in their ability to tackle and hold a suspect. The nature of their trained temperament can be a deterrent to those who may think of fleeing, harming others, or committing a crime. Yet, their disciplined demeanor make them excellent community ambassadors.

Canine Handler Officer Hodakoski and Officer Mase recently graduated an extensive six-week training program at Vohn Liche Kennels, a full-service canine training facility for highly trained police service handlers and police dogs. The facility is known as one of the largest dog training programs in North America that specializes in training police and military service dogs for over 5,000 law enforcement and government agencies, including the National Security Agency, the Pentagon, Secret Services, the State Department, the White House, and all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.



Madeline Samborski, the 9-year-old daughter of Sarah Samborski-Batora and Fallen Officer Mason Samborski, was thrilled to meet Mase during the launch of the City’s first Canine Unit. During the ceremony, Madeline presented Sgt. Meier with the official marching orders to launch the Canine Unit. For participating in the ceremony, the City provided Madeline with a picture of Mase with her father’s badge. She also received a bouquet of flowers and gift from the City’s Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission. Madeline, her family reports, is thriving in school, competes in gymnastics, likes arts and crafts, and enjoys spending time with her new baby sister. Photo credit: Steven Gold.

Stephen Hohauser, 5-years-old and diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma, has a love of law enforcement, especially canine units. He has a Facebook page “Stephen Strong” with over 2,500 supporters, mostly law enforcement, from around the world. Due, in part, by Stephen’s love of law enforcement and to power Stephen through his treatment, City Manager Erik Tungate invited Stephen to present Officer Hodakoski and Canine Officer Mase with a ceremonial badge. Stephen brought along a few Canine Officer friends and three canines he helps to train through the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department – Cane Strong, Bruno, and Odin. For participating in the ceremony, the City presented Canine Handler Buddy Stephen with an Oak Park Public Safety Junior Buddy uniform and a framed picture to commemorate Mase’s badge ceremony. Mariana Hohauser, Stephen’s mother, doesn’t mind us disclosing Stephen’s condition as she believes that the more people who talk about his fight with cancer, the better chance there is of finding a cure.





OAK PARK INTRODUCES New Voting Equipment

**GENERAL
ELECTION
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 7
7 a.m.-8 p.m.**

The City of Oak Park has updated its voting equipment as part of Oakland County Elections Division's initiative to switch to the Verity Voting System, an electronic scanner made by Hart InterCivic. This scanner, also known as a tabulator, has been approved by the State of Michigan's Bureau of Elections to replace outdated equipment. This new system is faster and more efficient.

Although the tabulator has changed, voters will likely be relieved to know that the voting process remains virtually the same. The only change is the need to fill in rectangles on the ballot instead of ovals. Voters will complete their paper ballot and then insert them into the tabulator, similar to the process used in previous elections. A message will immediately confirm to the voter that their ballot has been accepted. At poll closing, the election results will be sent over a secure network to the Oakland County Elections Division.



In addition to the new tabulator, each voting location will be equipped with an Americans with Disability Act-compliant Verity Touch Writer. The Touch Writer can accommodate individuals with various disabilities, such as visual impairments, blindness, hearing impairments, literacy challenges, and mobility impairment.

What's on the ballot?

Registered voters that reside in the City of Oak Park will be voting for a Mayor and two City Council seats. A sample ballot

The voting process will not change. Voters still fill-in the paper ballot and submit the ballot into the scanning device.

will be available on the City's website, at the City Clerk's office, or at the Oak Park Library's circulation desk.

Am I qualified to vote absentee?

A registered voter can obtain an Absent Voter Ballot if he or she is:

- 60 years of age or older;
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance;
- Appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where the elector resides;
- Expects to be absent from the community on election day;
- Cannot attend the polls due to religious tenants; or
- Cannot attend polls due to confinement to jail while awaiting arraignment or trial.

To vote absentee, an Absent Voter Ballot application must be filed in advance of each election. To learn about the Absent Voter Ballot process, visit <http://bit.ly/OPAbsentee> or call the City Clerk's office at **(248) 691-7544**.

Where do I vote?

A registered voter's polling location is determined by the address he or she used when registering to vote. The locations remain the same as in previous elections. They are:

Precinct 1

Avery Center
14700 West Lincoln St.



Precincts 2 and 3

Norup International School
14450 Manhattan St.

Precinct 4

Pepper Elementary School
24301 Church St.

Precincts 5 and 6

Oak Park Community Center
14300 Oak Park Blvd.

Precincts 7 and 8

Oak Park High School
13701 Oak Park Blvd.

Precincts 9 and 10

Einstein Elementary School
14001 Northend Ave.

Precinct 11

Oak Park Alternative Education Center (Lessenger), 12901 Albany St.

Precincts 12 and 13

Oak Park Preparatory Academy
23261 Scotia Rd.

Precinct 14

John F. Kennedy School
24220 Rosewood St.

Precincts 15 and 16

CASA (Jackson Center)
23561 Rosewood St.

A precinct map is available on the City's website, at the City Clerk's office, or at the Oak Park Library's circulation desk. To find the precinct map online, visit <http://bit.ly/OPPrecinctMap>.

Where can I learn more?

- On the City's website at <http://bit.ly/OPVoterInfo>.
- On the State's website at <http://bit.ly/MIVoterInfo>.
- By visiting the City Clerk's office at **Oak Park City Hall 14000 Oak Park Blvd. Oak Park, MI 48237**
- By calling the City Clerk's office at **(248) 691-7544**.



DATES TO REMEMBER

• Tuesday, October 10

Deadline to register to vote. To check your registration status, visit www.Michigan.gov/Vote. To learn about the voter registration process, visit <http://bit.ly/OPVoterRegistrationProcess>, or call the City Clerk's office at (248) 691-7544.

• Saturday, November 4, by 2 p.m.

Last day to request an Absent Voter Ballot by mail. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Monday, November 6, by 4 p.m.

Last day to request an Absent Voter Ballot in-person. Voters who request an Absent Voter Ballot on November 6 must vote their ballot in-person.

• Tuesday, November 7

General Election polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots can be returned to the City Clerk's Office up until 8 p.m. on Election Day.



Be Prepared!

SNOW EMERGENCIES AND EXTREME WEATHER

With winter around the corner, it's never too early to prepare for snow and extreme cold weather. Winter storms can occur from early fall to spring. Here are some tips to help prepare for a snow storm or extreme cold weather:

Before Snow Arrives

- **Know the City's Snow Removal Provisions** – In the City of Oak Park, the City Manager has the discretion to call a snow emergency when four or more inches of snow falls or other hazardous conditions necessitate. During a snow emergency, vehicles must be removed from curbside and parked off the street to facilitate safe and efficient snow removal on city streets. For a map of the City's available parking lots, visit <http://bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencyMap>.
- **Enroll in the City's Emergency Notification System** – Enroll to receive emergency alerts via email, text, or phone. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/OakParkSignUp>, or email ContactUs@OakParkMI.gov.
- **Download the FEMA apps and information** – Download FEMA's app for National Weather Alerts at <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app> and helpful snow emergency guides at www.fema.gov and www.ready.gov.
- **Build a Home and Vehicle Kit** – Prepare an emergency kit that will last for at least three days of self-sufficiency. For helpful snow emergency guides, visit FEMA (www.fema.gov) and Ready.gov (<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>).
- **Winterize Your Home** – Insulate your home and have weather stripping, storm windows or window coverings on windows and doors. Check fireplaces, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and fire alarms yearly.
- **Prepare Your Vehicle** – Check windshield wipers, windshield wiper fluid, antifreeze, brakes, exhaust system, fuel and air filters, tires, battery, heater, defroster, jumper cables, cell phone charger, hazard lights, and vehicle emergency kit.
- **Maintain Your Medical Equipment** – If you require power to maintain medical equipment, consider purchasing alternative sources of power, such as a generator.

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- **Contract a Snow Removal Service** – If unable to remove snow, make arrangements for snow removal services. Sources of assistance include United Way 2-1-1, OLSHA, Area on Aging offices, neighborhood groups, contractors, local churches, Red Cross and family members.

During Snow Emergencies

- **Tune into the Weather Channel** – The National Weather Service provides active alerts and status updates during weather emergencies. Visit www.weather.gov online or KEC63 NOAA Weather Radio for more information.
- **Stay Informed by the City** - During emergencies, there are a number of ways in which the City provides emergency information. Simply, log onto the City's website (www.OakParkMI.gov); follow the City on social media (Facebook and Twitter @CityOfOakPark); and check for email eBlasts, robo calls, voicemails or text messages (if you've enrolled). Tune into your local television, cable or radio stations (ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox2Detroit and radio stations WWJ, WJR or Comcast OPTV 15 and 16) for snow emergency information.
- **Follow Proper Snow Removal Guidelines** - It is a public nuisance to allow ice and snow to accumulate on sidewalks, therefore residents are required to remove snow and ice within 12 hours after snow stops falling during daylight hours or by 6 p.m. the day after snow stops falling during night hours. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencyInfo>.
- **Stay Safe and Healthy** – Stay warm indoors during a storm and walk carefully on outside walkways.
- **Protect Pets** – Bring pets indoors, if possible. Keep outdoor pets safe by sheltering them from extreme weather. Make sure pets have access to food and non-frozen drinking water.
- **Shovel Safely** – Wear appropriate warm clothing, mittens, boots, scarf, and hat. Avoid overexertion by taking breaks and pushing the snow, versus



lifting it. Take proper precautions if you experience signs of frostbite, hypothermia or heart attack.

- **Drive Safely** – Drive only when necessary. Bring vehicle emergency kit and car scraper. Maintain safe fuel levels.

During Power Outages or for Shelter from Extreme Weather

- **City Warming Centers** – The City of Oak Park will open Warming Centers when the weather forecast calls for low temperatures, or a combination of precipitation, wind chill, wind, and temperatures that “feel like” they are 10 degrees or below. Enroll in the City's Emergency Notification System or visit the City's website for more information.
- **Sheltering Assistance Programs** – Consult with FEMA for emergency shelter options. Text SHELTER and a Zip Code to 43362 (4FEMA). Visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov and www.ready.gov/shelter for more information. If you have pets ask for a list of shelters that accept pets.

This list is meant to be helpful, but may not be all-inclusive. Visit www.FEMA.gov and www.Ready.gov for more detailed information.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION Begins October 16

Residents of Oak Park have two options when it comes to curbside leaf collection. For the first option, they can dispose of leaves along with regularly scheduled weekly refuse collection, see the City's website for the schedule. To do so, leaves are to be placed in a paper compost bag no larger than 30-gallons or in a trash can no larger than 35-gallons, labeled with an Oak Park Yard Waste Recycling decal attached.

For the second option, residents can rake the leaves into the street in preparation of curbside leaf collection according to the 2017 Leaf Collection Schedule, visit http://www.oakparkmi.gov/docs/LEAF_PICK_UP_2017.pdf. With this option, residents are to rake the leaves at least four inches from the curb to discourage street drains from becoming blocked. Rake leaves to the curb at least one day earlier than the scheduled collection day. From October 16 to December 15, large vacuum trucks and loaders remove the leaves (please, no debris, brush or grass clippings) from the street. Remember, do not park on or near leaf piles on the day your street is scheduled for collection.

October 31
5 to 8 p.m.
David H. Shepherd Park (FREE)

Halloween Boo Bash

City of Oak Park

Take a Slightly Haunted Hayride through the Nature Trail **Collect Candy Down Trick-or-Treat Street** **See Gordon Russ The Spooky Monster Magic Show**

Bring children in their favorite costume. (Clown costumes not allowed.) Enter event at Northfield Street Entrance.
Oak Park Recreation, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., MI 48237 · (248) 691-7555

Oak Park Low-Cost Pet Immunization Clinic

October 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Community Center
Presented by All About Animals Rescue Michigan
www.AllAboutAnimalsRescue.org

Ask the Vet featuring **Dr. Lindsay Pick**
Lagniappe Animal Health Home Veterinary Care

Treats and Accessories available for purchase from **Naky Bone Dog Treats**

Immunizations
Health Screens - Free
Microchip Implants - \$20
Heartworm Tests - \$20
Vaccines - \$10
Vaccines include Rabies, DHLPP for dogs, Bordetella, Distemper and Feline Leukemia

Animal Licenses
1 Year Dog/Cat License: Spayed/Neutered - \$7 Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$16
3 Year Dog/Cat License: Spayed/Neutered - \$15 Non-Spayed/Neutered - \$30

Must bring previous vaccination records to event.
Avoid \$10 late fee by obtaining animal license by December 31.

City of Oak Park Community Center
14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI · (248) 691-7450

SHOP LOCAL

Find that one-of-a-kind holiday gift for that one-of-a-kind person

Free Admission

Second Annual Oak Park Holiday GIFT-O-RAMA

Saturday, November 18
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oak Park Community Center
14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI
(248) 691-7555



UPCOMING EVENTS

MICHIGAN LIBRARIES FOR LIFE DISPLAY | October

Michigan libraries have partnered with the Michigan Organ Donor Registry to provide information on this vital, life-saving effort. The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is a confidential registry for individuals who wish to be organ and tissue donors. The registry can only be accessed by the Gift of Life organization when assisting hospitals in the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissues. To learn more, stop into the Oak Park Library during the month of October.



HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Senior Lounge of Recreation Center | Age: Adult | FREE

The Heartfulness Meditation Program offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises which, when practiced daily, help restore life balance, relieve stress, enhance health, improve ability to sleep, and most of all will lead to inner calm and peace. The relaxation and meditation techniques taught by experienced certified Heartfulness trainers cover both the conceptual framework as well as practical meditation and relaxation sessions. As classes progress, the trainer adds more advanced techniques to help participants enter a deep meditative state faster.



MAKE & TAKE: HOMEWORK HELP WORKSHOP

Presented by Cheryl Weiss

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Age: Adult and children are welcome | FREE

Is your child having difficulty with math facts and/or letter sounds? Come create easy games and activities to help your child learn. Ms. Weiss will provide everything you need. Registration is required for this program to ensure there are enough supplies for everyone. Register by calling (248) 691-7480 or in-person at the Oak Park Library.

TEEN READ WEEK:

UNLEASH YOUR STORY WITH EXQUISITE CORPSE

Daily, Monday to Friday, October 8-14, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Age: 13-18 | FREE

What is Exquisite Corpse? It's a game where you draw part of an image, fold it over and pass it to the next person who continues the drawing. The writing version is similar. Someone begins by writing a sentence, folds it over to hide part of it, then passes it on to the next person who will do the same. At the end of the week, we will have several unique images and a totally original story created by the teens in Oak Park. All we ask is that it remains family-friendly.

WINTHROP WINDS QUINTET

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

The Winthrop Winds is a woodwind quintet, established in 2007. The instruments that make up this ensemble (flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon) provide a wide range of tonal colors and the ability to create a variety of sound textures. It's a popular instrumental palette for composers from Malcolm Arnold to Frank Zappa. The Winthrop Winds' repertoire covers musical genres ranging from classical and folk, to pop.

FALL FRIENDS BOOK SALE

Thursday to Monday, October 19-23

The annual Fall Friends Book Sale is coming! Make sure to stop by the Oak Park Library between October 19 and 23 (sorry, the Library will be closed Saturday, October 21) for some great book deals and a wonderful cause! We have hundreds of books for sale. The proceeds from the sale help to support the Oak Park Summer Reading Program and other Library activities and events sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library. Don't forget to participate in the basket raffles!

Thursday, October 19, 1 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, Library is closed

Sunday, October 22, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, October 23, 1 to 7:30 p.m.



MAKE & TAKE: PUMPKIN PAINTING

Wednesday, October 25, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. | Age: Youth | FREE

We provide the pumpkins and the paint while supplies last. You provide the imagination. One pumpkin per child, please. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

INTERNATIONAL GAMING WEEK

October 29-November 4, All Day | Ages: All | FREE

We will have games set up throughout the Library for International Gaming Week. Come learn a new game or play old favorites.

CARD CRAFTING

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Have you ever wanted to make a Hallmark card? Here's your chance! Create a card for Chanukah, Christmas, or to create a winter scene. All supplies are provided. One card per person, please. Registration is required for this program to assure adequate supplies. To register, call the Library at (248) 691-7480, or register in-person by November 9. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

LIVE OWLS

Monday, November 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Beautiful, iconic, and mysterious owls have captured the imagination of humans for centuries. Howell Nature Center will visit the Oak Park Library and share interactive demonstrations of the nocturnal raptors' adaptations. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

MAKE & TAKE: PAPER CRAFT SNOWFLAKES

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

No matter how you feel about snow, most people like the paper kind. Create beautiful snowflakes by cutting them from paper. We supply references, paper and scissors; you provide imagination. Snowflakes can be donated for a dollar to the Friends of the Oak Park Library. We will display all donated snowflakes in the Library's front windows during December.

COOKIES, COOKIES, AND COOKIES CONTEST

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Think your cookies are the best? Put them to the test! Bring a dozen baked cookies to share along with one copy of your recipe and we will see whose cookies reign supreme. We would love to have a wide variety of cookies to try, including Kosher cookies. Registration for this program is required. To register, call (248) 691-7480, or register in person by December 1.

MAKE AND TAKE: HOT COCOA CONES

Monday, December 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Make a hot cocoa cone to either keep or donate as a holiday gift. All ingredients are Kosher. Supplies are limited - one cone per person, please, while supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

MONTHLY PROMOTIONS

GUESS HOW MANY CANDIES ARE IN THE JAR CONTEST

October | Drawing on October 30 | Ages: All | FREE

The person that can guess how many candies are in the jar will win. The winning guess must be closest to the actual number of candies, without guessing over. The winner will keep the candy and the jar. All candy is Kosher. One guess, per person, please! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

FIND THE HIDDEN TURKEYS

Daily, November | Ages: All | FREE

Find the turkeys hidden throughout the Library. Each winner gets a small prize – could be candy (Kosher, of course) or something a little more. One find per person, per day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

GROW A BOOKWORM

Daily throughout November | Ages: All | FREE

Put titles of the books on paper circles and the Library will put them up on a pillar by the reference desk to see how long the bookworm grows. No limit on number of entries.

BUILD A PAPER CUP TOWER

Daily throughout December | FREE

The Library will have a place next to the reference desk for entrants to put their first name and the number of cups they are able to stack before the cups fall. This, of course, is for bragging rights, only.

LIBRARY CLASSES

STEAM: GENERATION MAKERSPACE

Every Other Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Note: No Makerspace in December | Ages: Youth | FREE

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) initiative is part of a larger effort to expose patrons to the fields of engineering and design by building skills in math, science and the arts. Through interesting projects, participants learn crucial problem-solving skills while gaining appreciation for various industries.

October 4: Building with Craft Sticks and Pipe Cleaners – Build structures.

October 18: Ozobots – Program a small robot by color coding.

November 1: Origami – Explore the ancient art of paper folding.

November 15: Button Maker – Create up to four buttons of your choice.

November 29: 3Doodlers – Draw in mid-air with 3D pens.

GOODREADS CLASS

Tuesdays | Ages: All | FREE

Use your own device to learn about Goodreads, the website and app that helps you keep track of the books you've read, are reading, and want to read. Come to one or all three sessions.

Tuesday, October 10, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LIBBY CLASS

Tuesdays | Ages: All | FREE

Use your own device in this hands-on class to learn about Libby, the new Overdrive app, which allows you to download thousands of e-books and audiobooks for free. Come to one, or both.

October 24, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

December 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



CRAFTERNOONS

Last Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Ages: Teens 13-18 | FREE

Crafternoons are craft programs that focus on the process instead of results. This means everyone can create without expectation or criticism. All materials are provided; all you need is your imagination. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Library.

October 26: Franken-Art – Cobble together old things to create a new, cooler thing.

November 30: Mini Fleece Blankets – Tie fleece to make mini blankets for a local pet shelter.

December 28: Art Attack – Add your own touches to previously created art.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Every Monday, 9 to 10 a.m. | Ages: Adult | FREE

Come explore the basics of using a computer, including mouse skills, setting up an email address, using search engines, and other topics as requested. No experience necessary.

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Third Mondays, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Ages: All | FREE

Join us on Monday Movie Night at the Oak Park Library and watch G-rated or PG-rated movies on our big screen. Our movies are family-friendly and fun - a great excuse to spend quality time.

October 16, 5:30 p.m. – Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Long Haul, PG-rated, 104 min.

November 20, 5:30 p.m. – Sing, PG-rated, 108 min.

December 18, 5:30 p.m. – Ozzy, G-rated, 91 min.



IT'S STORY TIME

Every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages: 2-6, children must be accompanied by an adult | FREE

Story time at Oak Park Library is a drop-in program for parents with children under the age of six. Come make friends, bond with your child, and learn to play. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing children to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, participants read, sing, dance, move and play.

October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; November 21 and 28; and December 5, 12 and 19

ADULT COLORING CLUB

Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Age: Adult | FREE

If you would like to relax, creatively exercise, and dabble in artistic projects, come join our Adult Coloring Club. When focusing on coloring as an art form, worries wash away. Coloring generates wellness, solitude and stimulates areas of the brain that involve motor skills, the senses, and creativity. If you are new to adult coloring, no worries. We supply coloring sheets, coloring pencils, and gel pens.

TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: Youth and Adult | FREE

If you're a tabletop gamer who enjoys the competitive gaming experience, join us on Tournament Tuesdays. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Some games commonly played during Tournament Tuesdays include Force of Will, Magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and other collectible card games. Whether you are collecting, trading or enjoying the game, come join in the fun! Tournament Tuesdays are sponsored by Collectible Investments.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Ages: All | FREE

Family Game Night is a great excuse for the whole family to enjoy a fun-filled evening, together. It's a time when the Oak Park Library unleashes their game collection for game lovers of all ages and abilities to create memories that last. Our game collection includes Leaping Lemmings, Monopoly, Munchkin, The Pact, Ravenous River, Red7, Skip-Bo®, The Tomb Game, Tycoon Games, The Witches, UNO, and more!

IT'S STORY TIME – EVENING EDITION

Third Thursdays, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Age: Youth, children must be accompanied by an adult | FREE

This story time is a drop-in program for parents and youth of all ages. Come make friends, bond with your child, and learn to play. Story time develops listening, literacy, and pre-reading skills while exposing your child to letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, and more. During story time, we read, sing, dance, move and play.

October 19, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

November 30, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

December 28, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

BOOK CLUB

Join us for lively literature discussions in Room 4 of the Oak Park Community Center on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m. As always, the Library welcomes new members!

Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places by Colin Dickey
Wednesday, October 4, 6 to 8 p.m. | Age: Adult | FREE

Focuses on cultural, social, historical, and aesthetic elements that seem to give rise to certain ghost stories.

'Dark Money': The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right by Jane Mayer

Wednesday, November 1, 6 to 8 p.m. | Age: Adult | FREE

Mayer takes readers through what she argues are decades-long efforts by the Koch brothers and other conservative billionaires to undermine American democracy and block progress on solving problems such as climate change and income equality.

Singin' and Swingin' and Getting' Merry Like Christmas by Maya Angelou
Wednesday, December 6, 6 to 8 p.m. | Age: Adult | FREE

Third book of Maya Angelou's seven volume autobiography series set between 1949 and 1955.



5 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**. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are open every other Friday: October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15, and December 29.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX REGISTRATION

How to register via drop box:

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. Drop in secure drop box, located next to the Recreation office.

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.

OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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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.

FOLLOW US ON:



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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:

American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®

Registration Form



OAK PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-7555 | www.OakParkMI.gov

Head of Household's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Payment Method Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ CSV Code _____

Card Holder Name _____ Authorized Signature _____

Participant's First Name	Participant's Last Name	Birth Date	Program Name	Class No.	Start Date

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Non-residents of Oak Park are welcome to participate. There will be an additional \$5 non-resident charge, unless otherwise indicated. Some programs and camps have a slightly higher fee. Please contact the Recreation Department to confirm the non-resident registration charge.

REFUND POLICY

A full refund will be processed if the activity is canceled by the Oak Park Recreation Department, or if the program is full. Refunds must be requested in person. Bring your original receipt. Refunds will only be granted for cancellation of class if requested before the second class or practice. Class refunds are not prorated should you miss a portion of the class for any reason. A \$5 service fee will be accessed for all refund requests. Refunds may take up to four weeks to process.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

There will be an additional charge determined by the Finance Department for all checks returned due to non-sufficient funds and the check writer will no longer be able to pay by check for Recreation Department programs in the future.



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 Senior 50 Up Club and enjoy our weekly senior drop-in sessions at the Community Center, located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich. Call (248) 691-7555 for more information.

HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 1 to 2 p.m.)
Open every other Friday on these days:
Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17, and Dec. 1, 15, and 29.
Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

You must be a 50 Up Club Member to enjoy the following drop-in programs:

MONDAY

Quilters Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free
Bingo, every second and fourth Monday, Noon to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Watercolor Drop-In, 1 to 3 p.m., \$5 Per Person Fee
Contemporary Quilters, every third Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Blood Pressure Clinic, 10 to 11 a.m., Free
Bingo, Noon to 2 p.m., Inquire About Fee
Ping Pong, Noon to 2 p.m., Free
Scrabble Club, Noon to 5 p.m., Free

THURSDAY

Drop-In Hustle, 10 to 11 a.m., \$4 Res/\$5 Non-Res Fee
Pickleball, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$2 Per Person Fee
Bid Whist, 1 to 4 p.m., Free

LECTURE SERIES

Presentations, lectures and author meet and greets are available. Visit the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide for more information.

DAY TRIPS

Theatre and day trips are also available. Visit the Arts and Entertainment section of this guide for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH

CANTORO ITALIAN MARKET AND TRATTORIA RESTAURANT

Fee: \$6 Res./\$11 Non-Res. | Lunch fee is separate

Join us for a tour of Plymouth's Cantoro Italian Market complete with a wide selection of coffees, teas, fresh produce, imported foods, olive/antipasto bars and gift baskets. Then dine at the Trattoria Restaurant to experience authentic Italian cuisine from Calamari All Griglia and Finocchio E Arancia salad to their most popular dish Tagliatelle Alla Bolognese. Enjoy your choice of antipasto, homemade zuppa, insalate, primi, pinini and nearly 20 varieties of pizza. Excelente!

Course: 0034LNTR17 – Fri., Oct. 6, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FORD GARAGE

Fee: \$6 Res./\$11 Non-Res. | Lunch fee is separate

Ford Garage in Dearborn will give the vibe of being in a 1920's automobile service station, complete with a prohibition era bar that features old-style brick and a hand-hammered copper bar top. The restaurant is decorated with unique features, such as Model T-era decor and memorabilia making Ford Garage a fun place to visit! This restaurant is known for its Ford "Hub Cap," a 10-pound black Angus burger the size of a Model T wheel that sells for a beefy price unless you can finish it by yourself within two hours, then it's free!

Course: 0035LNTR17 – Fri., Dec. 8, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Tentative)

CLASSES

ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: Free | Preregistration is required

Lawyers from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School will talk about wills, power of attorney, and trusts. They will also hold a question and answer session. Preregister at least one week prior to the event.

Course: 3412FF17 – Thurs., Nov. 16, One Session

AARP'S SAFETY DRIVER'S TWO-DAY COURSE

Senior Lounge | Must Attend Both Days for Certification

Fee: \$20 for AARP members | \$25 for Non-AARP members

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premiums upon completing this two-day course. Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate of completion. *Class is limited to the first 20 to register.

Course: 0005SRCL17 – Mon. and Tues., Oct. 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WELLNESS

THE ANTHONY L. SOAVE FAMILY MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY AND HEALTH SCREENING CENTER

**Fri., Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Community Center Parking Lot
Fee: Unit accepts all insurances. Those without insurance coverage, please call (248) 691-7462 | Spots are Limited.**

The Anthony L. Soave Family Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center is a mobile unit that features advanced 3D/Tomosynthesis imaging in an effort to reduce the risk of breast cancer in women. It provides access to high-quality mammography. The St. John Providence Health System's "Because We Care" program and the Anthony L. Soave Family are dedicated to serve all, including those who are uninsured, underinsured, and those who require financial support for their care. Age: 40 and up. To register, please call (248) 691-7462 or visit the Oak Park Recreation office.

FITNESS AND EXERCISE

BASIC HATHA YOGA

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res. | Room A, Com. Ctr.

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. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bob Smith

Course: 3066FF17 – Thurs., Nov. 16 to Jan. 25, 8-Week Session

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Noon to 1 p.m. | Fee: \$24 Res./\$29 Non-Res. | Room 3, Com. Ctr.

Gentle Chair Yoga provides gentle therapeutic yoga exercise while reducing stress on joints and muscles. Ages: 50 and up. Instructor: Bobby Calhoun

Course: 3050FF17 – Tues., Nov. 28 to Jan. 30, 8-Week Session

ENHANCE FITNESS

Mon. through Fri., 9 to 10 a.m.

Fee: Free | Room A, Com. Ctr.

Enhance Fitness is a fitness program geared toward improving the overall functional fitness and well-being of older adults. A certified fitness instructor provides opportunities for social stimulation and physical benefits Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. This class focuses on cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility and balance. The benefits include improved strength, boost in activity level, improved mood, and fun! Class size is limited to 55 participants.

** Must register at the Recreation Office.



TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

10 to 10:45 a.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res. | Room C, Com. Ctr.

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. Ages: 18 and up. All experience levels are welcome! Instructor: Holly Malloy

Course: 3063FF17 – Tues., Nov. 14 to Jan. 16, 8-Week Session

TAI CHI FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Room A, Com. Ctr.

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. *Experienced students only, ages 18 and up. Instructor: Han Hoong Wang

Course: 3054FF17 – Tues., Nov. 14 to Jan. 16, 8-Week Session

MEALS

MEALS ON WHEELS

“More than just a meal”

Meals on Wheels home delivery is available in Oak Park as long as you call at least one week in advance. Lunch can be served with a preordered meal. For more information, call Senior Meals on Wheels at (248) 689-0001.

TRANSPORTATION

SMART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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.

Qualified individuals can contact the Recreation Department to schedule transport at (248) 691-7555. Reservations are subject to availability. There is a fare to use the bus. You must be a 50 Up Club Member to use the SMART bus system.



RIGOLETTO

THEATER TRIPS

Our theatre trip tickets are becoming quite popular and often sold out! Remember to register early as tickets are limited!

RIGOLETTO

Fri., Oct. 13. Friday Rehearsal

Depart 9:40 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.

\$25 per person, includes transportation

Considered a classic tale of revenge, treachery, and sacrifice, Rigoletto is considered one of Verdi's operatic masterpieces. This play is set in the 1950s in Little Italy, New York. The story centers around a womanizing mafia boss who seduces the daughter of his bartender, Rigoletto, for vengeance and ultimately, tragedy.

Course: RigolettoFW17 – Michigan Opera Theater

LOVE NEVER DIES

Sat., Oct. 21. Depart 12:45 p.m. Return at 4:00 p.m.

\$90 per person, includes transportation

Main Floor, Center Seats

This story of boundless love that is full of passion and drama follows Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to The Phantom of the Opera. Set in 1907, 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House, the Phantom escapes to a new life in New York where he lives amongst Coney Island's joy rides and freak shows. As he finds a place for his music to soar, he never stops yearning for Christine Daaé, his one true love and musical protégée.

Course: LoveNeverFW17 – Fisher Theatre

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Fri., Nov. 10. Friday Rehearsal

Depart 9:40 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.

\$25 per person, includes transportation

Reserve tickets by Mon., Oct. 9

The Marriage of Figaro is a hilarious, romantic comedy accompanied by some of the most beautiful and familiar music ever written. It is regarded by many as one of the greatest operas of all time. This musical tale, filled with mischief and deception, takes audiences on a fun adventure where Figaro and Susanna overcome plotting and jealousy in time to make it to their wedding day.

Course: FigaroFW17 – Michigan Opera Theater

THE COLOR PURPLE

Sat., Nov. 11. Depart 12:45 p.m. Return at 4:30 p.m.

\$66 per person, includes transportation

Main Floor, Center Seats

Reserve tickets by Mon., Oct. 2

The Color Purple is an iconic, Tony Award®-winning musical filled with soul-raising jazz, gospel, ragtime and blue scores. Set in the 1900s in the South, the play is based on the book by Alice Walker about a young black woman named Celie who is raised in an abusive environment, married off to an unloving farmer, and treated as a slave. Against the odds, Celie finds Shug Avery, a seedy lounge singer, who befriends her and empowers her to change her life for the better.

Course: PurpleFW17 – Fisher Theater

AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Sat., Dec. 2.

Call Recreation Office for Details, (248) 691-2357

Reserve tickets by Mon., Oct. 30

An American in Paris is a Tony Award®-winning musical that earned more awards than any other musical in the 2015 season. Acclaimed Director and Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon reimagines the Gershwin musical for a modern audience by retaining its delicate romantic air set in a more realistic post-war landscape. It's about an American soldier named Jerry Mulligan who after returning from the horrors World War II moves to Paris for a fresh start. He meets a mysterious French girl named Lise who seems unwilling to return his affection.

Course: AmericanParisFW17 – Detroit Opera House



THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE JAZZ GOSPEL MESSIAH

Fri., Dec. 15. Friday Rehearsal

Depart 9:30 a.m. Performance at 11:00 a.m.

\$25 per person, includes transportation

Reserve tickets by Mon., Nov. 6

This production uses a combination of gospel, blues and jazz performed by the Rackham Symphony Choir, the Too Hot Orchestra, and a cast of local jazz legends to bring audiences to their feet in a celebration unlike any other. The reinterpretation of Handel's Messiah, one of the world's most iconic pieces of Christmas music, uses a vibrant celebration of classical and contemporary styles.

Course: TooHotFW17 - Michigan Opera Theater

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Sat., Dec. 16. Departs 12:45 p.m. Returns 4:00 p.m.

\$80 per person, includes transportation, main floor, center seats

Reserve tickets by Mon., Nov. 6

If you like colorful costumes, dazzling cast, and high-kicking chorus girls from the North Pole, then Christmas Wonderland Holiday Spectacular is sure to please. Take an unforgettable, nostalgic journey with Santa and his merry helpers that is filled with holiday joy and a host of delightful Christmas songs.

Course: WonderlandFW17 – Fisher Theater



TOO HOTTO HANDEL:
THE JAZZ GOSPEL MESSIAH

LECTURE SERIES

IN THE GARDEN

Presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts

Tues. Oct. 10, 1 p.m. | Fee: \$2 .

Throughout time, humans have found that images of gardens and animals are a source of enjoyment and comfort. You may be surprised to learn the hidden meanings and symbolism behind some of the most beloved images in the DIA's collection.

EXTENDED TRIPS

We are pleased to offer several extended trips through Bianco Travel and Tours, Inc., see below. Please stop by the Recreation Office for informational brochures.

Wine and Dine

Traverse City, Michigan – October 9 to 11

A Capitol Holiday

Washington, D.C. – December 1 to 4

SAVE THE DATE

HARRIET TUBMAN: A ONE WOMAN PERFORMANCE

Celebration to Kick-Off Black History Month
Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3 p.m.
Oak Park High School Auditorium

Featuring the nationally acclaimed writer and performer Leslie McCurdy. This extraordinary play depicts the entire life story of Harriet Tubman, the African American abolitionist slave who led so many of her peers to escape slavery through the Underground Railroad.



SENIOR

BALLROOM DANCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11 a.m. to Noon | Fee: \$32 Res./\$37 Non-Res.
Room C, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 40 and Up

Learn the latest ballroom dance steps, including Chicago Steppin, salsa, and more. Couples and singles are welcome. No experience necessary.

Course: 3065FW17 – Thurs., Nov. 16 to Jan. 25, 8-Week Session

ADULT

MIDDLE EASTERN (BELLY) DANCE

7 to 8:30 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.
Room A, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 20 and Up

This class attracts participants of all shapes and sizes who come dressed in comfortable clothing to learn the art of belly dance. Express yourself through dance and learn fun ways to maintain health. Enjoy the physical and personal benefits of belly dancing: abdominal toning, leg strengthening, self-esteem, and an essence of sensuality. No experience necessary.

*Note, classes moved to Tuesdays.

Course: Belly2FW17 – Tues., Dec. 5 to Feb 6, 8-Week Session

Course: BellyTH2FW17 – Thurs., Nov. 30 to Feb 1, 8-Week Session



JUNIOR/TEEN

JUNIOR HIP-HOP

6:30 to 7:15 p.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer
Room A, Com. Ctr.

Ages: 6 to 10

Let's dance! This course is an introduction to the technique of hip-hop while listening to music. This high energy class is taught to students with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that will allow ease of movement (no jeans). Include dance shoes or sneakers. Level: Beginner/Intermediate.

Course: JrHH2FW17 – Weds., Oct. 11 to Nov. 1, 4-Week Session

Course: JrHH3FW17 – Weds., Nov. 8 to Dec. 6, 4-Week Session

JUNIOR BALLET/JAZZ COMBO DANCE

7:15 to 8 p.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer
Room A, Com. Ctr.

Ages: 6 to 10

This combo class introduces the terminology and fundamentals of ballet and the technical side of jazz. Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program. Wear leotard, pink ballet tights, pink ballet shoes, black jazz shoes (jazz shorts are optional), and place hair in bun or ponytail. Level: Beginner/Intermediate.

Course: JrB/Jazz1FW17 – Weds., Oct. 11 to Nov. 1, 4-Week Session

Course: JrB/Jazz2FW17 – Weds., Nov. 8 to Dec. 6, 4-Week Session

TEEN HIP-HOP/TAP COMBO

8 to 8:45 p.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer
Room A, Com. Ctr.

Ages: 11 to 17

This combo class fuses the funky sounds of tap with the self-expression of hip-hop! Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program and will work on one performance piece. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that will allow ease of movement. No jeans, please. Include dance shoes or sneakers. Level: Beginner/Intermediate.

Course: TnHHT1FW17 – Weds., Oct. 11 to Nov. 4, 4-Week Session

Course: TnHHT2FW17 – Weds., Nov. 8 to Dec. 6, 4-Week Session

JUNIOR JAZZ/TAP COMBO (NEW)

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer
Room C, Com. Ctr.

Ages: 6 to 10

This Combo Class fuses the funky sounds of tap with the technical side of Jazz! Dancers alternate between the two styles during the program and will work on one performance piece. Wear any color leotard, tan tights (dance shorts optional), black jazz shoes, black tap shoes, and place hair in a bun or ponytail. Level: Beginner.

Course: JrTapCombo1FW17 – Sat., Oct. 14 to Nov. 4, 4-Week Session

Course: JrTapCombo2FW17 – Sat., Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 4-Week Session

* No class on Nov. 25.

NO CLASSES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

CHILDREN

TAPS & TUTUS

9:30 to 10:15 a.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer

Room C, Com. Ctr.

Ages: 3 to 5

This 45-minute class provides the beginning principles of ballet and tap. The program includes rhythm, flexibility, balance, coordination skills, and creativity through stories and song interpretations. Students will learn the art of tap during the spring session. Children should be potty trained and able to be independent from their parent while in class. Wear black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes and hair in a bun. Level: Beginner.

Course: T&T2FW17 – Sat., Oct. 14 to Nov. 4, 4-Week Session

Course: T&T3FW17 – Sat., Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 4-Week Session

* No class on Nov. 25.

MINI HIP-HOP

10:20 to 11:05 a.m. | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer

Room C, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 4 to 6

Welcome to the world of hip-hop! This 45-minute class is an introduction to the vocabulary, style and self-expression of hip-hop movement. This high energy class is taught to students with a passion to move! Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes that will allow the ease of movement. Include dance shoes or sneakers. Level: Beginner.

Course: MHH1FW17 - Sat., Oct. 14 to Nov. 4, 4-Week Session

Course: MHH2FW17 - Sat., Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 4-Week Session

* No class on Nov. 25.



Dance

MINI JAZZ (NEW)

11:15 a.m. to Noon | Fee: \$40 Per Dancer

Room C, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 5 to 7

This energetic class provides the beginning principles of jazz dance! Our program emphasizes balance, isolations, flexibility, coordination, timing, strength, and creative expression. Wear any color leotard, tan tights (dance shorts optional), tan jazz shoes, and place hair in a bun or ponytail. Level: Beginner.

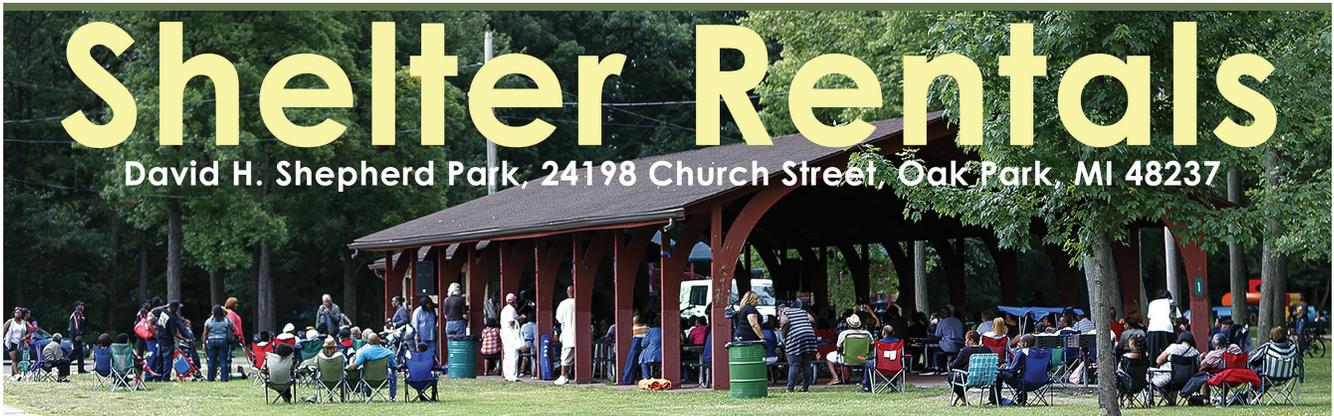
Course: MiniJazz1FW17 – Sat., Oct. 14 to Nov. 4, 4-Week Session

Course: MiniJazz2FW17 – Sat., Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 4-Week Session

* No class on Nov. 25.

Shelter Rentals

David H. Shepherd Park, 24198 Church Street, Oak Park, MI 48237



Registration Begins - Recreation Community Center

- Resident Registration - Monday, November 13 at 8:30 a.m.
- Non-Resident Registration - Monday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Shelter Rental Timeslots

- Morning Rental - 6 hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Afternoon Rental - 6 hours, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Full Day Rental - 13 hours, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Payment Information

- Bring proof of residency to resident registration.
- Cash and credit cards are accepted, no checks.
- All fees due in full at time of reservation.

For more information, including rates, visit the Recreation Department, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich., or call (248) 691-7555.



Birthday Parties | Family Reunion | School Reunions | Graduations | Block Parties | Company Picnics



NO CLASSES DECEMBER 22 TO JANUARY 5

ADULT

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Fee: \$16 Wed. Only / \$32 Mon. and Wed.
Location: Room A, Com. Ctr. | Ages 18 and Up

Come join this exciting total body conditioning and exercise class where participants can work at their own pace. Instructor: Suzi Skotarczyk.

Course: 3075FW17 - Mon./Wed. Oct. 2 to Nov. 22, 8-Week Session

Course: 5076FW17 - Wed. Only, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, 8-Week Session

Course: 3076FW17 - Mon./Wed. Dec. 4 to Feb. 7, 8-Week Session

Course: 5077FW17 - Wed. Only, Dec. 6 to Feb. 7, 8-Week Session

YOGA IS FOR EVERY BODY

7:45 to 9:15 p.m. | Fee: \$56 Res./\$61 Non-Res.

Location: Room 4, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

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: Sharon Stone

Course: 2010FW17 - Mon., Oct. 9 to Nov. 27, 8-Week Session

Course: 2011FW17 - Mon., Dec. 11 to Feb. 12, 8-Week Session

ZUMBA

6 to 7 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Age: 20 and Up | Room B, Com. Ctr.

Join the party and ditch the workout! Zumba is a dance fitness party that incorporates Latin and world dance movements to music that is energetic and fun! Zumba is easy to follow for all ages and fitness levels. Relieve stress and build strength, coordination and fitness levels.

Course: 3602FW17 - Mon., Nov. 27 to Jan. 29, 8-Week Session

AEROBIC HUSTLE DANCE CLASS

7 to 8:15 p.m. | Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.

Location: Room C, Comm. Ctr. | Ages: 18 and up

Dance to old and new hustles that have been combined into aerobic workouts. This class is a great way to achieve 3,500 to 5,000 steps per class! Bring a water bottle and a towel.

Course: 1006FW17 - Tues. Nov. 28 to Jan. 30, 8-Week Session

*No class on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

R.I.P.P.E.D.

7:30 to 9 p.m. | Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Age: 20 and Up | Room B Com. Ctr.

The One Stop Body Shock program is a "Plateau Proof Fitness Formula" that helps you to create continuity, consistency, and challenge in each and every R.I.P.P.E.D. class, so your body never gets accustomed to the constantly changing format. Participants achieve undeniable, ultimate results in minimal time, boasting 750 to 1000 calories burned in just 50 minutes. R.I.P.P.E.D. stands for resistance, intervals, power, plyometrics and endurance. Participants receive diet suggestions to attain and maintain physique in ways that are fun, safe, doable and extremely effective.

Course: RIPPEDTH1FW17 - Thurs., Nov. 30 to Feb. 1, 8-Week Session

Course: RIPPEDTU1FW17 - Tues., Dec. 5 to Feb. 6, 8-Week Session



YOUTH LEAGUES

WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration ends Thurs., Nov. 30 | Game Days and Locations Vary
Practice days will be determined by coach.

Teams that are sponsored by Oak Park play for the Southeast Oakland Basketball League. They compete with teams from Ferndale and Hazel Park. This is a co-ed basketball league.

1st and 2nd Grade Basketball

Games are on Saturday Mornings

Fee: \$65 Res./\$70 Non-Res.

Course: 1200FW18 – Sat., Jan. 6 to March 10, 10-Week Session

3rd and 4th Grade Basketball

Games are on Saturday Mornings

with a few Monday and Wednesday Games

Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Course: 1201FW18 – Sat., Jan. 6 to March 10, 10-Week Session

5th and 6th Grade Basketball

Games are on Saturday Mornings

with a few Tuesday and Thursday Games

Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Course: 1202FW18 – Sat., Jan. 6 to March 10, 10-Week Session



7th and 8th Grade Basketball

All Games are played on Saturdays

at Beech Woods Recreation Center in Southfield

Fee: \$75 Res./\$80 Non-Res.

Course: 1203FW18 – Sat., Jan. 6 to March 10, 10-Week Session

KARATE

DRAGON'S EIGHT YOUTH BEGINNER KARATE

6:15 to 7 p.m. | Fee: \$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.

Location: Room A, Com. Ctr. | Ages: 4 to 10

The Karate Program is an introductory karate class specifically designed for children and beginners. It enhances a child's focus, memory, teamwork skills, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. All this is achieved through exciting and fun games and activities. Wear loose fitting clothes. A responsible adult must remain in attendance during class. Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

Course: 1016FW18 – Tues., Oct. 17 to Dec. 12, 8-Week Session

No class on Nov. 7.

DRAGON'S EIGHT KARATE

7 to 8 p.m. | Fee: \$60 Res./\$65 Non-Res.

Location: Room A, Com. Ctr

Ages: 8 and Up, Depending Upon Experience

Students are challenged in 16 classes of the Dragon's Eight fighting system, a traditional, street oriented approach to the martial arts. There are eight life skills that are incorporated in this sport: focus, memory, teamwork, discipline, self-control, fitness, balance and coordination. Students should dress comfortably for class. Instructor: Grand Master Robb Hogan

Course: 1017FW18 – Tues. and Thurs., Oct. 17 to Dec. 14,

8-Week Session. No class on Nov. 7 or Nov. 23.

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th Grade Oak Park Junior Knights, the 2017 Basketball Champions, led by Coach Antonio King. We wish to thank all of the players and coaches from last year and hope to see you all back again this season!

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. For more information, contact Dan Parker at (248) 691-7562 or email at DParker@OakParkMI.gov.

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Interested in sponsoring a team? Donate money to your favorite youth sport and get your logo on the back of each player's jersey. For more information, contact Dan Parker at (248) 691-7562 or email at DParker@OakParkMI.gov.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Join Our Business Directory

As part of our commitment to our established businesses, Oak Park is creating a Business Directory online and in printed form. The online Oak Park Business Directory is a new initiative of our Economic Development and Communications team. It is our hope that by having these directories we can help drive

awareness of, and commerce to, our wonderful businesses, especially those that don't already have a presence online. We compile the information for the Business Directory from your Business License.

Business owners in Oak Park are required to file a business license with

the City of Oak Park, no exceptions. A business license is valid for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Renewal notices are sent out to business owners in November. If you do not receive a notice call (248) 691-7450. If a business owner renews their license before December 31, the fee is \$150. After December 31 late fees apply.

To update your business license with the City, contact the Oak Park Technical and Planning Department in-person at 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, Mich; call (248) 691-7450; or download the business license from the website at <http://bit.ly/OPBusinessLicense> and mail in your renewal. We'll take it from there!

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