



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending February 5, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, February 8:
 - Personnel Committee of the Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, February 9:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Wednesday, February 10:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
- Thursday, February 11:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Friday, February 12:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:

- Monday, February 15:
 - Village Hall Closed in observance of President's Day
- Tuesday, February 16:
 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Executive Session, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, room 201
- Monday, February 22:
 - Special Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101

Fire Department update –January continued to see a higher- than-normal demand for services, with calls for emergency medical services on the rise. EMS calls had held steady at about 60 percent of all calls over the last five years. The EMS category reached 61 percent for the first time in 2015, a trend that appears to be continuing. The Fire Department responded to 552 calls in January, 64 percent of which were for EMS. The EMS calls led to contact with 399 patients in January, 282 of who were transported to a medical facility. Of those transported 138 required advanced life support services. Other activity in January included 85 general calls for service, 55 alarms initiated, 35 good intent calls and 25 fires/hazardous conditions reports. Firefighters responded to seven fire incidents in January, including four structure

fires. The most significant incident was a garage fire that destroyed the structure and two vehicles parked inside, as well as caused collateral damage to the vinyl siding of a nearby house.

Services by the numbers – The third annual summary of municipal services delivered in the past year has been published in the February issue of the [OP/FYI community newsletter](#). The compilation for 2015 strives to show the scope of services in numbers that reflect just how much activity is required to keep our community up and running on a day to day basis. If the newsletter hasn't made it to your mailbox yet, you can [review the graphic and story on the Village website](#).

Financial report honored – The [Government Finance Officers Association](#) has given the Village's comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year 2014 a *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*. The letter notifying the Village of the accomplishment called the certificate "the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting." GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving some 17,500 government finance professionals. Village CAFRs and other financial reports are [posted online](#).

Tree pruning update – The Village's forester is urging residents to please obey the temporary no-parking signs that go up on streets as contractors schedule pruning of parkway trees in the neighborhoods. Cars left parked on the street can create safety issues and delay the work that currently is underway as part of the annual seasonal pruning schedule. The areas scheduled for trimming this season are between the Eisenhower Expressway and Madison Street from East Avenue to Harlem Avenue, and between Madison Street and South Boulevard, from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue. Operations now are underway between Lake and Madison streets, moving westward from Austin Boulevard. Pruning typically occurs from January through March in a quarter of the Village as part of the program to trim every tree on public property as needed every four years. Information on the Village's overall parkway tree care and maintenance programs and approaches is posted at www.oak-park.us/trees.

Public Works activities – The absence of snow gave Streets Division crews a rare winter opportunity to do some early spring cleaning in the business districts and permit parking areas. Crews also cleaned pigeon droppings from the Marion Street viaduct and installed spikes in an effort to find a permanent solution to the perennial problem. Water Division crews focused on patching pavement where water repairs were made and repaired a major water main break on Lombard Avenue south of Harrison Street. Fire hydrants were repaired at 823 Hayes Avenue, at East and Randolph streets, and at 264 Madison St. A broken water shut-off valve at 602 Wisconsin Ave. also was repaired. Forestry crews and contractors continued winter cycle tree pruning, while in-house staff also responded to a range of routine resident requests and removed dead and dying ash trees.

Preparing for early voting – Plans are well underway to bring early voting back to Village Hall for the March Presidential Primary. Early voting will be offered here from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, from Mon., Feb. 29 through Mon., March 14. Plans are to set up voting machines in room 101, which should help to minimize interference with day to day activities in Village Hall.

2016 CPR/AED classes scheduled – The Fire Department has posted the 2016 schedule for CPR/AED training on the Village website. As in previous years, classes are being held at the Main Fire Station, which has a training center certified by the American Heart Association. The Oak Park firefighter/paramedics teaching the courses also are certified by the AHA. In addition to basic classes for residents, the department also offers training in infant/child CPR as well as specialized training for healthcare providers. The 2016 class schedule and information on signing up are posted at www.oak-park.us/cpr.

Park seeking seasonal workers – The Park District of Oak Park has asked the Village to help spread the word that they now are hiring for summer positions. These seasonal jobs include lifeguards, camp counselors, parks maintenance and concessions. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please refer them to www.pdop.org/jobs for more information and to apply.

Employee news – Diana Maciejewski has joined the Village as a temporary independent contractor in the Human Resources Department. Diana, who brings extensive experience in both public and private human resources operations, will assist in the processes required to post job openings and recruit qualified candidates for several open positions that require specific skill sets. In addition to her private-sector experience, Diana worked with the Village of Winfield and Oak Park Township. She has a master's degree in human resources and a bachelor's degree in business administration.

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