



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending December 21 and 28, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Dec. 24:
 - Village Hall closes at noon
- Tuesday, Dec. 25:
 - Village Hall closed for Christmas
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 – Monday, Dec. 31:
 - No meetings scheduled.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1
 - Village Hall closed for New Year's Day
- Wednesday, Jan. 2 – Friday, Jan. 4:
 - No meetings scheduled

On-street parking restrictions eased – On-street, overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets from 2:30 a.m., Sat., Dec. 22 through the New Year holiday. Restrictions will resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Jan. 2. Restrictions are not lifted in paid overnight permit areas, including posted on-street zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. More information on parking rules and regulations is posted at www.oak-park.us/parking.

Police step up traffic enforcement – Oak Park Police are partnering with the [Illinois Department of Transportation](#), the [Illinois State Police](#) and nearly 200 police and sheriff's departments across the state to stop and ticket impaired drivers during the holiday season. Officers also will be on the lookout for drivers and passengers not using seat belts as required by state law. The Illinois *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns are funded with federal highway safety dollars and administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. More information is [posted on the Village website](#).

Village Hall hours – Village Hall will close at noon on Mon., Dec. 24 and remain closed all day Tues., Dec. 25. Village Hall also will be closed all day Tues., Jan. 1. More information on Village Hall hours is [posted on the Village website](#). The holidays also will delay [refuse collections](#) by one day.

Non-emergency number – When incidents that don't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency call occur when Village Hall is closed, residents can call the Police Department non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance, but should always call 911 in an emergency.

Vacation, guest parking option – Oak Park’s public garages offer a viable option for overnight vacation and guest parking. Holley Court Parking Garage, the public portion of the garage at Lake Street and Forest Avenue and The Avenue Parking Garage are available for a maximum fee of \$16 per day.

Food handling training – Local restaurants and food-handling operators sent about 40 representatives to Village Hall this week to learn about new FDA requirements and the state-mandated form that will guide Health Department inspections beginning Jan. 1. Health Director Mike Charley and Environmental Practitioners Austin Schramer and Kiara Booker walked participants through the new and requirements, focusing on the most significant changes to the inspection form and regulations, as well as answering questions. The comprehensive guide created by the Communications Department to use in the training is posted on the Village website – [click here to view](#). Addition training will be provided via routine inspections throughout the year ahead.

Miscellaneous project updates – South Boulevard along the [Eleven33](#) development site between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street is expected to be opened to traffic by Sat., Dec. 29 ([click here to watch a time-lapse video](#) of crews installing bricks inside the heated tent). Another 15 to 20 days will be required to complete installation of the bluestone sidewalks, with mid-January as the target completion time. The granite planters have been delivered and the streetlight poles are scheduled to ship this week for the streetscape along the [District House development](#) on Lake Street at Euclid Avenue. The refuse receptacles and bench are on order, with bike racks, the plant watering system and paving of portions of the adjacent streets still remaining to be completed. Work in the public way is on hold until next year at the [Albion development](#) on Lake Street. The adjacent alley north of the project and Forest Avenue were restored temporarily after utility services were connected to the new building. Electrical work continues on Maple Avenue for the [Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency room expansion](#).

Public Works Activities – Public Works Department crews spent the week on routine winter tasks, including filling potholes created by the frequent freeze-thaw cycles and patching pavement where water line repairs had been made. Crews also picked up litter throughout the community, removed any remaining water bags from young trees for the season and responded to resident requests for services. Fire hydrants were replaced at 825 Woodbine Ave. and at Woodbine Avenue and Division Street, and a sewer repaired at 1041 N. Harvey Ave.

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