



**Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending January 20, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, January 23:
 - Personnel Committee of the Village Board 6:30 p.m. (it is expected the Committee will immediately call the meeting into Executive Session)
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m. room 101

- Tuesday, January 24:
 - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 6 p.m., room 101
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 101
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124

- Wednesday, January 25:
 - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 101
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, January 26:
 - No scheduled meetings

- Friday, January 27:
 - No scheduled meetings

- Saturday, January 28
 - I-GOV Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township

I-290 public meetings – The Illinois Department of Transportation has scheduled two public meetings to present the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) required for the proposed I-290 reconstruction project. The meetings will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wed. Jan 25 at the Proviso Math and Science Academy, 8601 Roosevelt Road in Forest Park, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 26 at the Marriott Chicago - Medical District, 625 S. Ashland Ave. in Chicago. The open-house format will feature a continuous audiovisual presentation and the public is encouraged to comment, with court reporters on hand to record them. IDOT and study team representatives will be available to answer questions. In addition, a question and answer forum will be held at 7 p.m. [Click here to view the meeting flyer...](#)

Business investment review – A review of business investment in the community during 2016 has been prepared by the Development Customer Services Department. The review lists details on the 10 new business openings facilitated by the Village in 2016, as well as six new businesses already on the horizon for 2017. Several restaurants highlighted the 2016 activity, with the category also appearing strong for the current year. However, the Village also added an apparel store and paint store in 2016, and the arrival of Target this year could spark broader category investment in the year ahead. [Click here to view the annual business investment review report...](#)

Cuyahoga Falls officials tour village – The Village and [Oak Park Economic Development Corporation](#) welcomed city officials from [Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio](#) who toured downtown Oak Park this week as their community works to remove a pedestrian-only mall this spring. Cuyahoga Falls is working on a branding campaign with [marketing group A5](#), which is hosted the group of 24. Mayor Abu-Taleb, former Mayor Pope and Village Manager Pavlicek participated in welcoming the group as well as other activities.

Internet speed update – Since the Civic Information Systems Commission began exploring ways to increase internet connectivity in the Village, both Comcast and AT&T have started offering gigabit fiber service here that can dramatically improve the online experience. If this trend of offering high-speed access continues, the commission believes it will open many doors for making Village services even more robust online. However, work remains to address issues such as making sure that some useable level of internet access, which is becoming more essential every day, will be available to all Village residents at a price they can afford. The CISC currently is working with the Communications Office to survey residents about what the community wants in the speed of internet service. More details will be provided when the survey is available.

Fire Department CPR/AED schedule – The Fire Department has begun its 2017 classes for life-saving training in CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator, or AED. Classes are held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Fire Department's certified American Heart Association community training center in the main station on Euclid Avenue. All courses are taught by an AHA-certified instructor. Classes are \$35 for Oak Park residents and \$60 for nonresidents, plus a \$15 textbook fee. A course also is offered for healthcare providers at a cost of \$50 for residents and \$70 for non-residents, plus a \$15 textbook fee if needed. The course schedule and instructions on how to sign up are posted at www.oak-park.us/cpr.

Freezing rain response – Monday's freezing rain had Village crews on the street much of the day spreading salt primarily on main streets to counter the possibility of ice. Most side streets and the public sidewalks had been treated in advance, so remained in good shape. Crews are remaining vigilant should the unseasonably warm weather end and winter return.

Fillmore Street construction update – The Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission is seeking bids to transport Lake Michigan water through a new pipeline that will run the entire length of Fillmore Street. The Village will take advantage of the project to make local water and sewer main improvements and reconstruct the roadway. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in late spring.

Sewer cleaning/inspections status – Sewer cleaning and inspections continued this week at Randolph Street and Home Avenue, with work scheduled for after business hours next week on Lake Street between Harlem and Oak Park avenues.

Public Works Activities – Street Division crews continued to take advantage of the warmer weather by using the contractor’s equipment to sweep streets, with the goal of covering the entire Village before more typical winter weather returns. Crews also supplemented the work of the litter removal contractor in the business districts, and cold patched pavement where water main breaks had been repaired. Water and Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break on the southwest corner of Madison Street and Elmwood Avenue, repaired a valve leak at Chicago and Harvey avenues, rodded sewer basins on the 400 block of N. Grove Avenue and installed a new water service at 511 N. Ridgeland Ave. Forestry crews began pruning smaller trees as part of the winter cycle, as the contractor continued to focus on the larger ones. Updates to Village Hall continued this week, with new furniture and lights installed inside the main entrance.

Employees honored – Nearly 70 Village employees were recognized for their notable work anniversaries at the annual Employee Service Award ceremony in the Council Chamber prior to Tuesday’s Village board meeting. These employees were acknowledged for marking five, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years of service to the community in 2016 and collectively represented more than 775 years of experience working for the Village of Oak Park. Each honoree received a certificate and pin. Employees celebrating 25-year anniversaries also received a watch, while employees celebrating 30-year anniversaries received a clock. A quick, fun video capturing the event is posted on the employee website – [click here to view it on YouTube](#).

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