



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending December 20 and 27, 2019

Meetings scheduled for next two week:

- Monday, Dec. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Dec. 24:
 - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closes at noon
- Wednesday, Dec. 25:
 - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closed for Christmas
- Thursday, Dec. 26:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Dec. 27:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Monday, Dec. 30 – Fri., Jan. 3
 - No meetings scheduled
 - Village Hall closed on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day

Parking restrictions eased – As is tradition for major holidays, on-street overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Restrictions will be lifted from 2:30 a.m., Sat., Dec. 21 and resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., Jan. 6. Restrictions are not lifted in paid overnight permit areas, including posted on-street zones. Information on parking rules and regulations is posted at www.oak-park.us/parking.

Holiday traffic enforcement – Oak Park Police are once again partnering with the [Illinois Department of Transportation](#), the [Illinois State Police](#) and police and sheriffs' 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 administered by the state. More information on the current holiday effort is [posted on the Village website](#).

Village Hall holiday hours – Village Hall will close at noon on Tues., Dec. 24 and remain closed all day Wed., Dec. 25. Village Hall also will be closed all day on Wed., Jan. 1. Residents are urged to call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 should an incident that does not quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency call occur when Village Hall is closed. Of course they should always call 911 in an emergency.

Refuse delay/tree collection – [Refuse collections](#) will be delayed by one day by the holidays as haulers will not be working on Christmas or New Year's days. Holiday trees will be collected the weeks of Jan. 6 and 13 from residential properties of five or fewer units served by the Village refuse hauling contractor. Residents are asked to remove all decorations and stands, and place the tree in the regular collection area before their regular collection day during these two weeks. Trees set out after the collection program ends will require a pink bulk refuse sticker be attached.

Garages a holiday parking option – The Village's public parking garages can be a convenient option for vacation or guest parking during the holiday season. Ample overnight parking is available in the Holley Court Parking Garage, the public portion of the garage at Forest Avenue and Lake Street, and the Avenue Parking Garage. Maximum fee is \$16 per day.

Senior facility hearing continued – At its meeting last night (Dec. 19), the Plan Commission voted without any discussion to continue the hearing for the proposed Senior Living Community on Madison Street until Jan. 23. Further discussion regarding multiple aspects of the project is planned, including massing, refuse pickup and rear property setbacks.

Partial fund recovery – The Village received a check for \$255,843 this week related to [Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund \(IMET\) fraud scheme](#) discovered by the FBI and U.S. attorney's office in Chicago about five years ago. The check, the largest payment to date from IMET, means Oak Park has recovered \$341,016 of its \$613,000 investment – or about 56 percent of the total amount lost in an insider scam that affected more than 200 Chicago-area municipalities, school districts, park districts and other public entities. The fraud ended the organization's 18-year track record of delivering attractive returns for the local government investment pool. While IMET officials say they remain committed to the recovery effort, it is unclear just how much of the money will ultimately be recouped.

Housing program recommendations – The [Housing Programs Advisory Commission](#) will recommend \$150,000 in funding for 17 of the 30 applicants for the Village's recently rebooted [Multi-Family Housing Incentive Program](#). The commission also will recommend Marketing Service Agreements with 13 multi-family properties. The recommendations were finalized at the commission's meeting this week and will be submitted to the Village Board for final consideration. A list of the properties for both the incentive program and the MSAs is [posted on the Village website](#).

Code seminar – An estimated 60 staff, area building officials, architects and contractors attended each of three free code seminars held this month at Village Hall. The Permit Processing Division of the Development Customer Services Department facilitated the seminars to help participants understand changes to the [International Code Council's](#) guidelines that typically are updated on a three-year cycle. The updates address changes in the construction industry such as new technology, materials and products. Attendees earned continuing education units that are part of the Code Council's many professional certification programs.

Miscellaneous construction updates – The annual project to video inspect and clean Village sewers was scheduled to begin this week at multiple locations throughout the community. The project typically lasts several weeks. Traffic flow should not be

affected, but parking may be limited temporarily in congested areas to provide sufficient room for workers. Crews likely will continue to be on Lake Street through the end of the year completing punch-list items related to the Albion development site at Forest Avenue. Work on Madison Street remains on track to wrap up before Christmas, barring any additional weather delays.

Lighting projects – The first phase of the project to upgrade residential street lighting to LED is almost complete. All the *King-Arthur*-style fixtures between Roosevelt Road, Ridgeland Avenue, North Avenue and Austin Boulevard have been converted to longer-lasting, more energy-efficient 25-watt, 3000 Kelvin LED lamps from their original 100-watt mercury bulbs. Upgrades to the viaduct lighting wall packs also are underway, with 60-watt, 4000 [Kelvin](#) LED lamps replacing the 150-watt, high-pressure sodium bulbs. Some conduit repair was required on the streets by the viaducts.

Snow report – Crews were back on the streets Sunday night into Monday morning (Dec. 15 – 16) as light snow created slippery conditions on some roads and bridges. Accumulation was generally less than a quarter inch. While the main streets that had been pretreated with an anti-icing solution the previous Friday (Dec. 12) remained snow free, a crew of four salted the side streets, business districts and problem areas the morning before rush hour. Residual salt from an earlier event kept the school crosswalks and most public way sidewalks clear.

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