



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending January 27, 2023**

Meetings scheduled for the next two weeks:

- Monday, January 30:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Tuesday, January 31:
 - Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Room 101
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7 p.m., Room 215

- Wednesday, February 1:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., Room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Room 215

- Thursday, February 2:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Friday, February 3:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Status report bulletin* heading**

Winter weather returns – Public Works staff reported for duty in the early morning hours Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday to salt and plow roadways as winter storm systems moved through the area. Crews also applied preventative anti-icing mixture to roadways prior to the start of snowfall. With more snow in the forecast in the coming days, residents are reminded that Village ordinance requires snow and ice to be removed from the public sidewalk within 24 hours following any snow, sleet or freezing rain. Being a good neighbor is important, too, so property owners are urged to help those who may need help clearing a sidewalk. And remember to clear the crossing ramps to ensure safe travel by individuals with disabilities, especially those in wheelchairs who face extraordinary challenges navigating snow-clogged sidewalks. For more information on the shoveling requirement or assistance, call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

South Boulevard fire update – Village staff has been working for the past month with the owner of the building at 227 South Blvd. that was involved in a [fire the morning of Dec. 23](#). This past week the building's owner, restoration contractor and architect met with Development Customer Services Department staff to discuss plans for renovation and restoration of the building. The owner's preliminary plan is to seek an interior demolition permit to investigate the depth of damage to the building, but no permit applications have yet been submitted.

Employee news – Rickeita Wiley, a staff member in the Public Health Department, recently achieved a career milestone by becoming a licensed Environmental Health Practitioner. This licensure includes the passing of a comprehensive exam. With this license, Rickeita is able to conduct education, consultation and enforcement of state regulations to keep food and water supplies safe for Oak Park residents. Rickeita has been with the Public Health Department for 10 months and is a valued member of the Environmental Health Division.

Paperless building permit application process – It's that time of year when many Oak Park property owners are planning improvement projects for the coming months. The Village's contractor registration and building permit application process is paperless. Customers are able to complete contractor registrations and building permit applications electronically, uploading the required documents directly to Oak Park's Village View portal at www.oak-park.us/villageview. For assistance navigating the portal, contact the Development Customer Services Permit Processing Division at 708.358.5430 or permits@oak-park.us.

CPR/AED classes offered – The Oak Park Fire Department offers a variety of life-saving classes including CPR and training in how to use an automated external defibrillator, or AED. Classes are held at the Fire Department's certified American Heart Association community training center in the main station at 100 N. Euclid Ave. All courses are taught by an AHA-certified instructor. Fees vary by type of class and residency. In-person registration is required and class sizes are limited. The 2023 class schedule is posted on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/cpr. For more information, call 708.358.5605 or email cpr@oak-park.us.

Black History Month exhibit at Library – Throughout the month of February, Black community leaders will be featured in the Black History Museum exhibit in the Idea Box at the Oak Park Library's main branch. The exhibit will honor Black Oak Park history and the leaders who have defied racial barriers to lay the foundation of our diverse, progressive Village. In addition, the exhibit will also celebrate the fortitude of contemporary Black Americans who continue to make advancements toward racial equity in Oak Park and beyond, including Village Manager Kevin Jackson, Village Clerk Christina Waters, Chief DEI Officer Dr. Danielle Walker and Police Chief Shatonya Johnson. More information is posted on the Library's website – [click here to view](#).

Cook County site tracks demographic changes – Cook County recently launched a new web application that allows users to explore socio-economic and demographic changes over time across the county using American Community Survey data. Titled *Everyone Counts*, the application makes it possible to view data related to education, ancestry, employment, income and more by zip code, township or county commissioner district. For now, the application only compares changes between 2020 and 2015, but plans call for updates in the coming months to allow users to examine even further back in time for comparison. Visit maps.cookcountyil.gov/everyonecounts/ to view the application.

Pete's Fresh Market update – The contractors for the new Pete's Fresh Market on Madison Street are finishing the installation of the combined sewer on Euclid Avenue that will service the new facility. One more manhole will be installed and then the existing sewer can be demolished and backfilled. This work is expected to be complete by the end of next week, at

which time the majority of traffic control on Madison will be removed. The next phase of the project involves watermain work that is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. A new valve vault will be installed on Euclid Avenue north of Washington Boulevard. This work will not impact residents' water service, but parking will be restricted during the installation. Through traffic, except for emergency vehicles, will not be permitted on the 300 block of S. Euclid Ave. during installation. No parking signs will be posted 24 hours prior to the restriction going into effect.

Pleasant & Marion update – The installation of trusses and sheathing is set to begin next week at the new development at the intersection of Pleasant and Marion streets. This week crews finished the installation of wall panels and the concrete contractor completed placement of concrete slabs and curbs. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection work is ongoing at the site.

Sewer televising wrapping up – The sewer televising contractor expects to complete all remaining locations in the coming days. Overall the contractor televised over 30 different locations throughout the Village as part of this year's project.