



2013 Public Health Awards

Fitzsimmons Award Winners: Each year, as part of Public Health Week, the Oak Park Department of Public Health and Board of Health solicit nominations for the annual Fitzsimmons Award, honoring those individuals or organizations who have worked to improve the health of the community. The 2013 Fitzsimmons Awards for exceptional contributions to the health of Oak Park were given to:

- **Dr. Paul Schattauer of the Green Medical Practice**, which promotes preventing illness with a healthy lifestyle including eating well, exercise, fostering nurturing relationships, spending time with nature and avoiding toxic environments.
- **Greenline Wheels**, which defines itself as a *low-profit* business with a social mission to encourage eco-friendly transportation in the Oak Park area. Greenline not only specializes in renting bicycles, but also educates residents of all ages on safe cycling and other 'environmentally friendly' modes of transportation.
- **Mary Ellen Sjostrom, RN**, who, for nearly 20 years, has been the first responder to the health needs of the thousands of Oak Park residents who attend Oak Park River and Forest High School. Her nomination noted her gracious and compassionate spirit.
- **The Oak Park-River Forest Food Pantry**, whose staff and volunteers provide nutritious groceries, produce, meat and dairy products to more than 15,000 needy families in Oak Park and surrounding communities each year.
- **Prevail**, whose mission is to provide immediate and compassionate response to individuals and families facing financial crisis and offer supportive services. Since its inception, Prevail's volunteers have assisted more than 4,000 clients with needs ranging from affordable health care and identification assistance to eviction prevention.

Johnson Awards: The Oak Park Board of Health and Department of Public Health annually present the Johnson's Restaurant Award to Oak Park restaurants that excel in food service sanitation. Recognized for their high level of food sanitation in 2013 were:

- [Aripo's Venezuelan Arepa House](#), 118 N Marion St.
- [Cucina Paradiso](#), 814 North Blvd.
- [Marion Street Grille](#), 189 N. Marion St.
- [King and I](#), 105 N. Marion St.
- [Eyrie](#), 128 N. Oak Park Ave.
- [Buzz Café](#), 905 S. Lombard Ave.
- [Edwardo's Natural Pizza](#), 6831 North Ave.
- [Flat Top Grill](#), 728 Lake St.
- [Boss Burrito](#), 1110 Westgate St.
- [TGI Fridays](#), 401 N. Harlem Ave.

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