

Village Manager's Report Week ending February 11, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Feb. 14:
 - o Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Feb. 15:
 - o Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 10 a.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb. 16:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, Feb. 17:
 - o No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Feb. 18:
 - o No meetings scheduled

COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the Village Manager Reports heading

In-person services to return – Village Hall will return to fulltime, in-person services on Monday (Feb. 14). Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays as the impact of COVID-19 appears to be waning. Even though in-person services will be available, public information messaging will continue to promote the many <u>online service options</u> that do not require a visit to Village Hall. In the short term, residents also may wish to call 708.358.5700 to ensure the in-person services they require are immediately available.

Officer welcomed back – The south entryway sidewalk at Village Hall was lined with officers from more than 20 local law enforcement agencies Monday morning (Feb. 7) to welcome back to active duty Oak Park Police Officer Kenneth Tworek who had been recovering from a gunshot wound sustained while on duty last April. A video posted on the Police Facebook page had reached 725,000 people as of this morning, likely the highest performing post ever on any of the Village's Facebook pages. The post had garnered more than 34,000 likes/loves and more than 1,000 overwhelmingly positive comments, If you would like to see comments, click here and choose All Comments.

930 North Boulevard update – Village staff continues to be in contact with representatives of the 930 North Boulevard apartment building that was declared Page ${f 1}$ of ${f 2}$

uninhabitable due to structural issues this past October. Since our last update, the building owner's engineers have performed necessary analysis and a contractor hired to fix the structural support issues and slopping floors in the residential units. A building permit application has been filed to start the first phase of what is expected to be a two-phased repair approach. Village engineers are reviewing the proposed plan to help ensure its feasibility.

New business licenses – After a record-setting 100 new local businesses were licensed in Oak Park in 2021, the new year got off to a good start with nine new business licensed in January. Among the new businesses is LA Flowers, a retail flower shop opening this week at 6120 Roosevelt Road, among the first new businesses in a while to open on the Oak Park side of this busy east-west corridor. A list of new business licenses is updated monthly and posted online at www.oak-park.us/businessservices – just click on the Business Licenses and List of New Businesses title.

Pete's construction update – The underground utility relocation work that crosses Euclid Avenue was completed this week, as preparation continues for the new Pete's Fresh Market that will be built on Madison St. Crews now working down the alley west of Euclid Avenue expect to complete this part of the project by the end of next week. Work through the parking lot west of Euclid Avenue will begin next week. This portion of the work will extend from the alley to the manhole on the north side of Madison Street and is anticipated to take about two weeks to complete.

Pleasant/Marion alley update – Changes made in the field to the alley work associated with the new residential development planned for Pleasant and Marion streets delayed work this week, but crews still expected to finish crossing over Pleasant Street by today (Fri., Feb. 11). Crews then will move to the south portion of the alley to continue excavation activities, work that is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week. While the alley is closed to through traffic during work hours, it is reopened at the end of each work day. Residents of the condominium building west of the alley are parking their vehicles in the surface lot of the former funeral home site during the alley closure.

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