



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending February 17, 2023**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, February 20:
  - Village Hall closed for Presidents Day
- Tuesday, February 21:
  - Village Board meeting, 6 p.m. Council Chambers
- Wednesday, February 22:
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Room 215
- Thursday, February 23:
  - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room 101
- Friday, February 24:
  - No meetings scheduled

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

**Police giving away steering wheel locks** – The Oak Park Police Department is hosting a steering wheel lock giveaway for Oak Park residents who own select Hyundai or Kia vehicles. Pre-registration is required as supplies are limited. Email Community Policing Sergeant Robert Monty at [rmonty@oak-park.us](mailto:rmonty@oak-park.us) to request a steering wheel lock device at no cost. The steering wheel locks will be available for pickup from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the police station lobby in the lower level of Village Hall. More information is available at [www.oak-park.us/lockgiveaway](http://www.oak-park.us/lockgiveaway).

**Village Hall closed for Presidents Day** – Village Hall, 123 Madison St., will be closed on Mon., Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents Day. The refuse and recycling collection schedule will not be affected by the holiday and will occur as regularly scheduled this week. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 call occur when Village Hall is closed, call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. Regular Village Hall hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. [Click here for more information](#) about Village Hall.

**Special guests at Public Works** –The Public Works Department recently welcomed students from Oak Park and River Forest High School's Community Integration Transition Education (CITE) program to the Public Works Center. One of the students had a particular interest in street sweepers, so Public Works staff was happy to show off the Village's equipment while sharing information about the work the department does to maintain Oak Park's

infrastructure. OPRF's CITE program includes access to the transition and vocational educational services and helps students prepare for life after high school and navigating the community. More information is at [www.oprfhs.org/specialeducation/cite](http://www.oprfhs.org/specialeducation/cite).

**2023 Valve Replacement** – The installation of the new valve at 621 S Maple was completed on February 13. The concrete curb replacement at this location will take place at the same time as concrete work at the remaining three valves. The replacement of an existing valve at 902 S Austin is scheduled to start the week of March 6. The replacement of the remaining two valves is scheduled to coincide with D97 spring break week to avoid impacts to school drop-off and pick-up. Residents will be notified of any water shut downs that affect their properties.

**Division Street Sewer & Water Improvements** - The sewer and water improvements project on Division Street will be starting the week of March 6 with construction staking and layout by the surveyor. The contractor will mobilize equipment and materials will begin to be delivered the week of March 13. The contractor will break ground the week of March 20. The project consists of sewer improvements from Grove Ave to Oak Park Ave and Elmwood Ave to Ridgeland Ave, water main improvements from East Ave to Elmwood Ave, sewer lining from Hayes Ave to Humphrey Ave, and sewer improvements on Oak Park Ave from Division St to Berkshire St. There will be full road closures in all work zones, except for the sewer lining. All work will be within the right-of-way. Impacted residents will receive parking passes. The estimated completion date is May 29.

**Pleasant & Marion** – The contractor for the new development at Pleasant and Marion Street is finishing up the sheathing installation and started installing interior wall panels for the fourth floor. After the support steel for the Maisonette Units has set, framing for the first and second floor will begin. Concrete curbs and pads for the Maisonette Units were poured yesterday.

**Pete's Fresh Market** – The contractor for the new Pete's Fresh Market is nearly done with the water main work associated with the project. On Friday, the contractor will finish installing the storm sewer and fire hydrant at Euclid Ave. The new watermain will run from Madison St to Euclid Ave, north of the site. The alley will remain closed at Euclid Ave during the installation, but Madison St will not be impacted. Installation for the new insertion valve north of Washington Blvd will start next week.

**Employee news** – The Village welcomed a new employee this week as Chelly Richards joined the organization as the Community Health Advisor in the Health Department. Chelly is originally from Atlanta and has lived all over the country, and overseas. She moved to Oak Park in 2022 from Washington D.C. to be closer to family. Chelly earned BS and MS degrees from the University of Georgia and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.