



**Village Manager's Report  
The Week Ending February 19, 2016**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, February 22:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, February 23:
  - Board of Health, 6 p.m., room 102
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, February 24:
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St
  - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, February 25:
  - No scheduled meetings
- Friday, February 26:
  - No scheduled meetings

**Online forum open for latest I-290 discussion** – Staff has created a web page dedicated to the topics of Monday night’s Village Board meeting – sound wall voting process and aesthetic treatments. Residents can comment until noon Monday at [www.oak-park.us/ikecomments](http://www.oak-park.us/ikecomments) where related documents and presentations are posted, including renderings of creative sound walls and bridge treatments. Past commenting pages, documents and presentations from previous public discussions of the project also are available via links on the new page and at [www.oak-park.us/eyeontheike](http://www.oak-park.us/eyeontheike). The meeting will be broadcast live on Comcast channel 6 and AT&T Uverse channel 99 as well as [streamed live and archived online](#).

**Snow response** – Public Works crews were out Sunday and Tuesday salting and plowing streets and clearing overpass sidewalks and school crosswalks. Sunday’s snowfall exceeded two inches, but Tuesday’s event was fairly light, requiring only salting. The contractor also was sent out to clear sidewalks for elderly and impaired residents who had signed up for assistance because of difficulty complying with the Village ordinance that requires sidewalks to be shoveled.

**Public health awards** – The Health Department has made its first call for the community to nominate individuals who made exceptional contributions to improving the health of Oak Parkers during 2015. The nominations are for the Fitzsimmons Award, which is named for local physician and humanitarian William Fitzsimmons

who served as the Health Department's medical consultant from 1976 to 1992. The deadline to make a nomination is 5 p.m., Fri., March 25. A nomination form is posted at [www.oak-park.us/healthawards](http://www.oak-park.us/healthawards). Forms also are available at Village Hall. The call for nominations also will be in the next issue of the [OP/FYI newsletter](#).

**Project bid processes underway** – The Engineering Division is actively seeking contractors for a range of projects planned for the upcoming construction season. Notices for sidewalk and alley improvement projects were posted this week. The bid for sewer main improvements closed this week. Bids also are being sought for a new wayfinding sign system. Companies are being asked to bid on assessing, designing, fabricating and installing a graphically unified family of directional and informational signs. All requests for proposals are [posted on the Village website](#) and accessible at [www.oak-park.us/bid](http://www.oak-park.us/bid).

**Public Works activities** – Streets Division crews continued to fine tune the placement of the spike material being used to discourage pigeons from making their home at the Marion Street underpass. Crews also focused on temporarily patching street openings where water lines had been repaired, as well as filling potholes. Crews will return in the spring to apply more permanent patches to the street openings. With continued freezing temperatures, Water & Sewer Division crews were out unthawing frozen fire hydrants throughout the Village as necessary. Division crews also repaired a broken sewer lateral at 421 S. Lombard Ave. The Forestry Division continued winter-cycle tree pruning, removing dead and dying ash trees and also responding to a range of routine resident requests. The Village's private contractors pruned trees on Scoville Avenue and East Avenue, between South Boulevard and Madison Street.

**Psychiatric services expanded** – The [Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township](#) has partnered with the PCC Community Wellness Center to ensure access to psychiatry services. PCC has implemented a no-turn-away policy for residents seeking psychiatric service who use Medicaid, private insurance or are uninsured. If you know of anyone who could use the service or wants more information, please ask them to call 773.378.3347, extension 4283.

**Nicor gas main continues** – Nicor crews are continuing to transfer individual residential gas service lines to the recently installed high-pressure mains. Work is underway north of Division Street on Marion Street, Belleforte Avenue and Forest Avenue.

**Employee news** – Interim Health Director Mike Charlie and Farmers' Market Manager Jessica Rinks were featured speakers at [Illinois Farmers' Market Association](#) annual conference held this week in Chicago. They talked about how the Village uses a Microsoft Access database to collect information LINK card transactions and coupons, and then use the date to reconcile transactions, process coupon reimbursements and create grant reports. Jason Bajor, who has been managing the Village's Human Resources activities, has decided to pursue other career options and not renew his contract after it expires at the end of April. Jason has been a great help and will be missed.

###