



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending Dec. 30, 2020**

**Meeting scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Jan. 4:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Jan. 5:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Jan. 6:
  - Municipal Officers Electoral Board, 2 p.m., via Zoom
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Jan. 7:
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Jan. 8:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Census self-reporting rate surpasses 2010** – Illinois's self-response Census rate not only surpassed 2010, but was seventh nationwide and first among states with populations of nine million residents, according to information from Gov. Pritzker's office. A self-response rate is the percentage of homes that completed the census survey on their own. The 2020 rate in Illinois was 71.4 percent, up from the 2010 self-response rate of 70.5 percent. Oak Park's self-reporting rate was 74.4 percent, according to the state's final report on Nov. 30. More information about the 2020 Census and the final numbers are posted on the [Illinois Census 2020 Homepage](#).

**Holiday tree collection to begin Monday** – The Village's refuse hauler will begin collecting holiday trees Monday from residential properties of five or fewer units served under the municipal contract. Trees will be collected through the weeks of Jan. 4 and 11 on each property's [regular refuse collection schedule](#). Trees should be placed in the regular collection area before the regular collection day during these two weeks. Since the trees are mulched at a licensed composting facility and used for soil enrichment, residents are asked to remove all decorations and stands, and not leave trees in plastic disposal bags. Trees set out after the collection program ends will require a pink bulk refuse sticker be attached. Wreaths and garlands cannot be collected for recycling because they contain wire, so should be placed in the trash container. Residents can call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us) with questions.

**ComEd project on Lake Street** – ComEd is scheduled to begin replacing transformers in an underground vault by the AT&T building at 714 Lake St., beginning next week.

The work, which is expected to take about four days, will require having a large truck-mounted generator in the alley immediately north of building. The generator will need to run around the clock to provide power to the AT&T building. Power to other nearby properties will not be affected. A crane will be parked in front of the building, which will require temporary loss of some nearby on-street parking in order to maintain two-way traffic flow. The work originally was scheduled for November when the section of Lake Street still was closed, but was delayed by ComEd due to a lack of materials.

**New business licenses issued** – The Development Customer Services Department reports the recent issuance of 12 new business licenses. These include Cygnature Girl, Inc., 911 S. Lombard Ave., which provides youth and young adult identity training; Ki Stylez, 309 Madison St., a beauty salon; Wispy Winks, 115 N. Marion St., salon services; Oak Park Fundamental Learning Academy, 6441 North Ave., daycare; Empoweredmed, 150 Forest Ave., online T-shirt company; Ground Coffeehouse & Meet, 140 Harrison St., retail coffee and tea; CLFC Inc., 140 Harrison St., business consulting; TranscenDance Studios, 120 Madison St., dance classes for kids; NextGen Engineering & Construction, 1100 Lake St., engineering consulting; Studio 7 Print Shop, 130 Madison St., T-shirt printing and sales; Lakeview Speech & Language Clinic, 421 Harrison St., pediatric speech-language therapy; and Ambiente Realty, 101 N. Marion St., real estate office.

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