



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending February 18, 2022**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Feb. 21:
 - President's Day – Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, Feb. 22:
 - Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, Feb. 24:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Feb. 25:
 - No meetings scheduled

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

Village Hall closed Monday – Village Hall will be closed Mon., Feb. 21 in observation of President's Day. Emergency Police and Fire response personnel will be on duty as usual. Should a matter that does not warrant a 911 call arise when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged to call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 708.386.3800.

Snow response update – The winter storm that sped across the region late yesterday afternoon and into the early evening created hazardous driving conditions, but Public Works crews were prepared well in advance. Crews salted and plowed the main routes and in the business districts, then moved to other streets per the emergency snow response plan. School crossing and sidewalks by public property were salted as well. The quantity of snow and the quick response meant that the emergency snow parking regulations were not needed. Village ordinance does require property owners to clear abutting sidewalks within 24 hours of when snow ends. However, the sun is predicted to shine today and tomorrow (Feb. 18 and 19), and temperatures are expected to warm next week, which should promote rapid melting.

Water meter upgrades continue – Letters have gone out to property owners urging them to schedule an appointment to have a new water meter installed. Over the coming months, the Village will be upgrading nearly 8,300 new water meters that offer enhanced leak detection

features and allow for improved remote use readings. The Village has hired Calumet City Plumbing to complete the water meter upgrades. Property owners who receive a letter from the Village asking them to call the company or visit its website to set up an appointment to replace the water meter are urged to respond promptly to get the best time slots. Crews need access to the property to complete the approximately 30-minute procedure. All meter technicians follow current COVID-19 safety protocols and sanitize their equipment daily. They also will have Village identification badges. Residents may get more information on the program by calling 708.358.5700 or sending an email to publicworks@oak-park.us.

Business outreach– Staff from the Development Customer Services Department attended the [Oak Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce](#) new member breakfast this week to promote a membership recruitment initiative. With funding from the Village, new local business licensees can get up to six-months free membership in the Chamber to help them become established in the community. Twenty-six representatives of Oak Park businesses attended the breakfast. Village staff also promoted the many locally administered business assistance grant programs currently available.

Multifamily incentives deadline - Applications for the Village’s Multi-Family Housing Incentives Program are due by 5 p.m., Tues. (Feb. 22). The Village hosted a question-and-answer session to assist with the application process. The presentation can be [viewed on the Village website](#). The Village has made \$150,000 available for grants of up to \$10,000 each to owners of multi-family buildings containing four or more rental units. The grants must be matched two-to-one by the building owner. Funds may be expended on improvements to common areas, security and individual units. A [residential energy assessment](#) and [permits and inspections](#) are required for all energy upgrades.

Arts District event date set – The Oak Park Arts District has set May 21 for the annual [What’s Blooming on Harrison event](#). Plans include having new district business [Taco Mucho](#) provide refreshments. The business association will manage a main event stage that will run until 9 p.m. on the day of the event. More information is available via email to annette@oakparkartsdistrict.com.

Pete’s construction update – Crews have started working through the parking lot at the north west corner of Euclid Avenue and Madison Street, the future site of a [new Pete’s Fresh Market](#). This work will take about two weeks to complete and will not impact resident parking or traffic. The underground work down the alley west of Euclid Avenue and north of Madison Street could wrap up this week, barring any unforeseen weather delays. Once completed, alley access will return to normal.

Pleasant/Marion alley construction – The majority of the underground alley work related to the new development project coming to the southwest corner of Marion and Pleasant streets has been completed. The remainder of the work will be completed once ComEd installs new utility poles, but an exact start date has not yet been set.

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