



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending Jan. 8, 2021**

Meeting scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Jan. 11:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Jan. 12:
 - Municipal Officers Electoral Board, 2 p.m., via Zoom
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Jan. 13:
 - Disability Access Commission, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Jan. 14:
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Jan. 15:
 - No meetings scheduled

Fiber optic ring nears completion – The fiber optic ring infrastructure project is nearing completion as crews splice the new fiber cables at various locations in the Village. The joint Village and School District 97 project will connect D97 sites and Village sites to provide greater data security and improved reliability for both organizations. Directional boring was used to install the conduit for the fiber on Village parkways and in alleys between the schools and Village sites, an approach that limited the impact on nearby properties. Completion of the project is a major milestone in equipping the Village to better meet its future high-speed communications technology needs.

Final week of holiday tree collection – Next week is the last opportunity for residents of properties served under the municipal contract to have their holiday trees collected at no cost. Trees set out after the collection program ends will require a pink bulk refuse sticker be attached. Trees are collected on each property's [regular refuse collection schedule](#) from their regular collection area. Since the trees are mulched at a licensed composting facility and used for soil enrichment, all decorations and stands should be removed and trees not left in plastic disposal bags. 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 with questions.

Plan Commission report – The Plan Commission voted 7 to 2 this week to support rezoning Rush Oak Park Hospital property to a Hospital District from an R-7 Multiple Family District. The two dissenting votes were generally due to a desire for a master

plan for the hospital campus. The application, along with the hospital's special use amendment for a new parking garage and vacation of a portion of Monroe Street, will go to the Village Board in February. In other business, the Commission began the hearing process of the proposal to build a new Pete's grocery store on Madison Street between Oak Park and Wesley avenues. The process got through cross examination and public testimony. Commission members also provided the applicant with suggestions for modifications to the proposal when the application comes back to the Plan Commission on Jan. 21.

ZBA action – The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously this week to send a positive recommendation to the Village Board to allow long-time local business Tayloe Glass to operate a contractor shop at 248 Madison St. Tayloe Glass, currently located at 301 South Blvd., has been serving Oak Park and the surrounding area since 1951. In other action, the ZBA voted 5 to 1 in favor of granting a variance for the property at 420 N. Marion St. to have six units and reduced rear yard setback, but denied the request for a five-foot interior yard setback. A request for variances to allow construction of a one-vehicle off-street parking space in the required front-yard setback at 819 S. Grove Ave. was continued at the request of the petitioner.

Construction updates – AT&T and ComEd crews are scheduled to continue infrastructure relocation activities during the winter months near the intersection Madison Street and Euclid Avenue. The work is necessary to allow the new senior living facility to be built there. In the meantime, demolition is scheduled to begin next week on the existing structure at the site to make way for the news construction.

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