



Village Manager's Report
Week ending Jan. 28, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Jan. 31:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Village Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Tuesday, Feb. 1:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Wednesday, Feb. 2:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Thursday, Feb. 3:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Friday, Feb. 4:
 - No meetings scheduled

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Season's first snow parking restrictions – Today's (Fri., Jan. 28) early morning lake-effect snow dumped more than four inches of fresh powder on the Village requiring implementation of the [emergency snow parking rules](#) for the first time this season. Until conditions improve, parking is prohibited on designated snow routes and restricted to one side on residential streets, the side determined by the date. Residents who signed up at www.oak-park/notifyme received notice early this morning and information was shared via social media, [enews](#) and on the Village website. At the height of the snow, 21 drivers were out plowing and salting main routes, side streets and alleys. Two trackless operators also were salting and plowing public way sidewalks and school crossings. With extreme cold temperatures in the forecast, crews will be back out tonight cleaning up and applying calcium chloride with salt, which makes deicing more effective at lower temperatures.

In-person services to return – Village Hall will begin to reopen for in-person services on Wed., Feb. 2. However, the lobby will be open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through February 11 while we continue to monitor staffing levels to provide services in person. During this time, services will still be available by phone or appointment five days a week.

Hardware change – Oak Park’s iconic Dressel’s Hardware, 1137 Chicago Ave., has announced it will become [Olson Ace Hardware](#) in April following an inventory liquidation sale. Dressel’s has been a community fixture since 1923. Olson’s boasts a family-owned tradition, too, dating back to 1948. Oak Park will become Olson’s fourth store. The company currently operates Ace Hardware stores in Franklin Park, Park Ridge and Waukegan. Dressel’s liquidation sale will begin next week. [Click here to see a flyer about the sale...](#)

Pete’s Market update - ComEd will soon begin the underground work to tie in the new manhole recently installed at 431 Euclid Ave. as part of new Pete’s Fresh Market coming to Madison Street. This work will go across Euclid Avenue and should take about two weeks to complete. The street will not be closed and no parking impacts are anticipated. However, residents are encouraged to access their homes via Washington Boulevard. Underground work in the alley north of Madison Street and west of Euclid Avenue is set to begin next week and continue for about four weeks. The alley will remain accessible to the west from Oak Park Ave and to the north from Euclid Avenue.

Pleasant/Marion alley closures – Crews have starting the underground utility work on Pleasant Street in preparation for the new residential development to be built on Marion Street. This section is expected to be completed early next week, weather permitting, followed by the resumption of excavation work in the south end of the alley. While the alley is closed to through traffic during work hours, it is reopened at the end of each work day. Residents of the condominium building west of the alley are parking their vehicles in the surface lot of the former funeral home site during the alley closure.

Helping residents age in place – The Village’s Chief Building Official Steve Cutaia earned the Development Customer Services Department kudos for helping a local couple age in place in their vintage Oak Park Home. In an [article in this week’s Wednesday Journal](#) newspaper, the local builder praised the Village for being willing to work on such an unusual project, specifically calling out Steve for his personal involvement in helping get the somewhat unusual project done.

Employee news – The Police and Law departments have welcomed new team members. Anjali Peterson is the Budget and Revenue Analyst in the Police Department, and Nicole Young is a Legal Secretary in the Law Department. Anjali brings private sector experience performing feasibility studies for municipalities. She also has municipal government experience in community and economic development, as well as with public works and health departments. She has a business administration from Elmhurst University. Nicole, who has a degree in mortuary science, was previously employed with McHenry and DuPage counties as a death investigator and community service officer. She also has experience with Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS), computer-aided design (CAD) and fulfilling requests under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. In addition, she has worked as a legal secretary focused on family, civil, criminal and bankruptcy law.

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