



Village Manager's Report
Week ending February 25, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Feb. 28:
 - Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, March 1:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, March 2:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, March 3:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, March 4:
 - No meetings scheduled

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

Business grants updates – The Village has distributed more than \$800,00 to more than 200 local small businesses to help operators contend with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some \$492,000 has been invested to date in keeping low- and moderate-income staff employed, \$75,000 to help pay for PPE-related expenses, \$183,000 for past-due rent assistance and \$30,000 to administer vaccine card check requirements. More information on Village-administered business assistance programs is posted online at www.oak-park.us/covid19grant.

Construction updates – ComEd crews have begun installing new utility poles in the alley adjacent to 203 Marion St. in preparation for the new development at Pleasant Street. ComEd will add poles to the north and south ends of the alley. Utility installation activities related to the new Pete's Fresh Market are scheduled to begin next week on Euclid Avenue from Madison Street to Washington Boulevard. Crews also will install temporary curb and sidewalk at 431 S. Euclid Ave. and further north near Washington Boulevard.

Fire Department promotions – Three members of the Oak Park Fire Department were promoted during a ceremony this week at the Central Fire Station. Kevin Fadden was promoted to Deputy Chief, Jacob Gloodt was promoted to Battalion Chief and Thomas Mazur was promoted to Lieutenant.

Employee news – Fifty-seven Village employees were recognized this week for their years of service with the Village of Oak Park. Award categories were in five-year increments through 35 years. Employees honored with service awards were invited to attend a Village Board meeting via Zoom where they were recognized and applauded. Some also had members of their families present for the virtual meeting. Officer John Hummons of the Police Department’s Research & Planning Division, and Administrative Clerk Marilyn Michaels of the Parking Services Division were the longest-serving employees honored, John dedicating 35 years to the Village and Marilyn 30 years. [Click here to see the certificates](#) of all of the employees who received service awards for their loyalty and dedication to the organization.

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