



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending January 8, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for the next two weeks:

- Saturday, January 9:
 - Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township

- Monday, January 11:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6 p.m., room 130

- Tuesday, January 12:
 - No scheduled meetings

- Wednesday, January 13:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Thursday, January 14:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201

- Friday, January 15:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 19:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 7:00 p.m. Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony (Village offices are closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day)

- Saturday, January 23:
 - Intergovernmental Joint Assembly, 9:00 a.m., 201 South Blvd

Sidewalk shoveling enforcement – The recent winter weather event that left ice and frozen snow on sidewalks throughout the Village led to a number of resident complaints about neighbors who had not shoveled as required by Village ordinance. Since Monday, 33 complaints had been received for 75 locations. The Village's Environmental Services Control Officer and Development Customer Services inspectors have issued 18 citations to date.

Holiday tree collection continues – The Village's refuse hauler will collect holiday trees through next week. Residents have been reminded to place the trees by the bins at regular refuse collection points, and not put them at the curb unless they do

not have an alley. In addition, residents are urged not to use plastic disposal bags or leave any decorations or lights attached that would prevent the trees from being mulched at a licensed composting facility.

Marion Street crosswalk repair update – Repairs to the remaining mid-block pedestrian crosswalks on Marion Street south of Lake Street have been delayed temporarily. Crews must wait for forecasts of temperatures above freezing for sufficient consecutive days to allow proper repair.

Nicor gas main replacement update – Nicor crews have resumed installing gas services in the north part of the Village. Work is underway north of Division Street between Woodbine and Euclid avenues.

Private fiber optic construction project – A private contractor working for Rush Oak Park Hospital is set to begin installing new fiber optic cable on Home Avenue from Randolph Street to Monroe Street, then west to the hospital. Conduit will be directionally bored and traffic lanes are expected to remain open during work. However, intermittent lane closures may occur as existing utilities are located during boring operations. The work is expected to be completed in about three weeks.

Fire Department update – The Fire Department responded to 575 calls in December, bringing the year-to-date total to 6,847. Staff is reviewing the 2015 data for a final report of annual activity for comparison to previous years. Calls for emergency services in December were the principal category, the 383 calls representing 66 percent of the total. The EMS calls led to contact with 440 patients in December, 298 of whom were transported to a medical facility. Of those transported, 167 required advance life support services. Other activity in December included 75 general calls for service, 43 alarms initiated, 38 good intent calls and 35 fires/hazardous conditions reports. Firefighters responded to four fire incidents in December, including a garage fire caused by a wood stove, cooking fires in a Mills Park Tower and multifamily building in the 700 block of Washington Boulevard, and a furnace fire in the basement of a single-family home in the 1200 block of Forest Avenue. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents. Also in December, 22 CPR students were certified and 15 child safety seats were inspected and installed.

Public Works activities –As temperatures have risen, Streets Division crews have continued to battle ice and frozen snow remaining from the last event that created considerable icing. Crews are spot salting and plowing problem areas throughout Village as well as on school crosswalks to help improve pedestrian safety. Repairs also were made to the East Avenue and Lombard Avenue bridges, and street openings where water lines were fixed were temporarily patched until permanent repairs can be made in the spring. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a broken sewer lateral at 632 S. Scoville Ave. and a water service leak at 1112 Linden Ave. Division crews also repaired a broken fire hydrant at 725 N. Kenilworth Ave., thawed frozen hydrants as needed and cleaned and rodded catch basins to improve drainage throughout the Village. Forestry Division crews continued responding to a range of resident requests and pruning as part of the winter cycle.

Employee news – David Wenzel, who joined the Fire Department in 1989, was promoted to Battalion Chief from lieutenant in a ceremony this week at Village Hall.

Photos of the ceremony are [posted on the Village Facebook page](#). John Youkhana joined the Village this week as the new Assistant Parking & Mobility Services Director. John comes from the private parking sector, bringing experience in a wide range of parking options, including surface lots, transient parking, downtown parking, commuter lots, valet parking and airport parking. He also has experience managing day-to-day parking operations, including facilities, as well as sales and marketing, budgeting, human resources, staff training, fleet control and contract review/preparation.

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