



**Village Manager's Report  
The Week Ending February 12, 2016**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, February 15:
  - Village Hall Closed in observance of President's Day
- Tuesday, February 16:
  - Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, room 201
- Wednesday, February 17:
  - Community Relations Commission, 6 p.m., room 101
  - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Housing Programs Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, February 18:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, February 19:
  - No scheduled meetings

**Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:**

- Monday, February 22:
  - Special Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101 to discuss the I-290 Project

**Chicago Avenue utility project update** – In an effort to acquire competitive pricing, the Engineering Division already has begun seeking bids for the upcoming construction season. Bids for sewer work on Chicago Avenue are scheduled to be opened next week. This phase of work on Chicago is for new sewer mains from near the Home & Studio to Grove Avenue and from Scoville Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue. Streetscape improvements also are planned for the Harlem/Chicago business area. The entire length of Chicago Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard also is scheduled to be repaved this season. In addition to seeking bids through industry channels, Village RFPs, RFQs and project notices are [posted on the Village website](#).

**IGov materials update** – A page has been added to the Village website where materials from InterGovernmental Assembly meetings can be posted. The page is associated with the Village Board webpage, but also has the easy to remember and write address of [www.oak-park.us/igov](http://www.oak-park.us/igov). The materials from the Jan. 23 meeting are posted and additional materials can be added as necessary or desired.

**Special-needs registry update** – About 50 households with special-needs members have signed up for the Village 911 registry established last year to ensure first

responders are aware of challenges they may face. Knowing that they are being dispatched to a home where someone may have a hearing or visual impairment, mobility limitation, cognitive impairment or uses an electrically powered medical device could prove vital to emergency medical personnel. The registry is promoted periodically to ensure residents are aware of the service. All information is, of course, kept confidential. Participants are urged to update their information annually. Residents or their caregivers can register online at [www.oak-park.us/911registry](http://www.oak-park.us/911registry).

**Public Works activities** – Streets Division crews continued to take advantage of unseasonable snow amounts to continue street sweeping operations in the business districts and on main streets. Light snowfall Monday and Tuesday did require crews to return to salting and plowing to ensure safe travel. While snowfall has been light, cold temperatures had Water & Sewer Division crews checking for frozen fire hydrants, and making sure they would function should an emergency arise. [Winter-cycle tree trimming](#) continued, with both contractors and Forestry Division crews involved. Village crews also responded to a range of routine resident requests and continued removing dead and dying ash trees.

**Oak Park Featured in West Suburban Living Magazine** – the most recent edition of West Suburban Living has a spotlight article on Oak Park. The magazine can be found at the Whole Foods in River Forest or area Barnes and Noble Stores. For a review of the feature article go to <http://www.westsuburbanliving.net/February-2016/Oak-Park/>

**Nicor gas main replacement update** – Nicor continued transferring gas services from residences to new mains in the north part of the Village. Crews worked on the 900 and 1000 blocks of North Marion Street and the 1100 and 1200 blocks of North Euclid Avenue. The connection phase of the project is nearing completion, with asphalt and sod restoration not likely until spring.

**Employee news** – The recent addition of a temporary independent contractor has helped the Human Resources Department begin recruiting for open positions that require specific skill sets. Jobs posted this week include for a new Assistant Village Attorney and for a Communications & Social Media Coordinator. Recruitment also has begun for seasonal student jobs in the Public Works Department. In addition to posting the jobs in traditional sites, efforts are including industry organizations where the skills abound. Open positions also are posted on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/jobs](http://www.oak-park.us/jobs).

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