



**Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending January 27, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, January 28
 - I-GOV Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township
- Monday, January 30:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Tuesday, January 31:
 - Commission Chair Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, February 1:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, February 2:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Friday, February 3:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming meetings:

- Saturday, Feb. 4:
 - i-Gov workshop, 9:30 a.m., Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center, 167 Forest Ave.

Testing for lead in water – The Public Works Department has begun reviewing new state-mandated requirements for testing water used for cooking and drinking in schools and day care facilities. The requirements are part of legislation signed into law by Gov. Bruce Rauner this month. In addition to establishing these testing requirements and protocols, the law also requires water providers to compile an inventory of water system components that may contain lead inventory and provide public notification during work on the water distribution system. After reviewing the new law, the Department will prepare a plan for how to meet the new testing, reporting and public notification requirements.

Planning for Lake Street improvements – The initial public involvement portion of the proposed Lake Street improvements project will begin on February 8 with an [open-house style meeting at Village Hall](#). Stakeholders along Lake Street will be notified

and the general public alerted via ads in the Wednesday Journal, [a news release](#) and posts on social media. A project page also has been created on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/lakestreetimprovements that offers an overview of the project that can be updated as information warrants.

Oak Park among Crain's best places to buy home – Oak Park was one of eight Chicago and 10 suburban communities listed by Crain's Chicago Business as a best bet for those in the market for a new home. The Village was cited as a good choice for those "looking for a not-quite-suburban setting outside the city and find Oak Park, both centrally located and handsome." Oak Park was among those selected from more than 200 suburban communities where, in the words of the magazine, schools are good, crime is low and transportation is relatively easy. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Public Works activities – Crews were on the streets early Thursday morning spreading salt in response to light snow. Activity focused on main streets and east/west streets to ensure safe travel for commuters. Continued unseasonably warmer temperatures allowed the Street Division crews to continue overnight street sweeping, as well as fill potholes, patch streets where water and sewer line repairs had been made and pick up litter throughout town. Water & Sewer Division crews upgraded a water service at 630 S. East Ave., repaired a sink hole at 535 Gunderson Ave., reset a b-box at 201 S. Lombard Ave. and traced sewers on Lake Street between Grove to Euclid avenues, and on the 900 block of Madison St. Tree pruning continued between Chicago Avenue and South Boulevard from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue, and between Division Street and Chicago Avenue from East Avenue to Austin Boulevard. Sewer cleaning and inspections continued overnight on Lake Street between Harlem and Oak Park avenues.

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