



Village Manager's Report
Week ending Jan. 29, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Feb. 1:
 - Village Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., via GotoMeeting
- Tuesday, Feb. 2:
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb. 3:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Feb. 4:
 - Plan Commissioners, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Feb. 5:
 - No meetings scheduled

Snow plowing preparation – Public Works crews are preparing for the possibility of five or more inches of heavy wet snow over the weekend. Plenty of salt is on hand and a schedule in place to ensure snow routes and major intersections are plowed and kept open. The Village has plans for determining when plows can move into the residential streets once main roads are clear. This emergency snow parking rules were implemented earlier this week, and could be used over the weekend if conditions warrant. The Public Works Director or his designee determines when the rules are necessary depending on how plowing is progressing. Staff will post new information as needed on its social media channels and other communications platforms. More information on the Village's emergency snow plowing rules is posted at www.oak-park.us/snow.

Oak Park Ave improvements – The state has selected a paving contractor for the planned resurfacing of Oak Park Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. Work is expected to start in June. This project does not include the section between Randolph and Ontario streets, which is planned for future years. Staff has started reaching out to the Southtown Business District to begin coordinating water and sewer main replacements planned to start in March to ensure completion prior to resurfacing.

American House construction alerts – The developer of the American House Senior Living Community at 703 Madison St. recently sent a letter to nearby residents to provide links to where construction information will be available online. The letter also encouraged recipient to join an email notification list intended to keep residents informed of impending construction work. [Click here to read the letter...](#)

Construction updates – AT&T and ComEd crews continue infrastructure relocation activities during near the intersection of Madison Street and Euclid Avenue. The work is necessary to allow the new senior living facility to be built there. In the meantime, demolition continues at the site to make way for the new construction. Nicor is gearing up to resume its routine infrastructure inspections in mid-February with remaining work between Harrison Street and Jackson Boulevard, and between Gunderson Ave and Austin Boulevard.

Police Chief on podcast – Oak Park Police Chief LaDon Reynolds recently participated in a podcast that features African-American men and women who have chosen law enforcement as their career paths. Called [*The Black in Blue*](#), the host discusses the roles of African-Americans and other minorities in U.S. law enforcement. In a wide-ranging interview, Chief Reynolds shared both his experiences as a Black man growing up in Chicago and his 27 years serving our community as a police officer. The discussion offers candid reflections of the chief and his views on effective policing and effective leadership. [Click here for a direct link to the interview...](#)

Homelessness Coalition video - The Oak Park Homelessness Coalition (OPHC) recently debuted a video that tells the story of a person who experienced homelessness for years, but now has a home. The video was produced with partial support of the Village of Oak Park's Community Development Block Grant Funds. [Click here to view it on YouTube...](#)

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