



**Village Manager's Report  
Weeks ending December 18 and 25, 2015**

**Meetings scheduled for the next two weeks:**

- Monday, December 21:
  - No Scheduled Meetings
  
- Tuesday, December 22:
  - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 6 p.m., room 101
  - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
  
- Wednesday, December 23:
  - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Thursday, December 24:
  - Village Hall Closes at noon
  
- Friday, December 25:
  - Village Hall Closed
  
- Monday, December 28:
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Tuesday, December 29:
  - No Scheduled Meetings
  
- Wednesday, December 30:
  - No Scheduled Meetings
  
- Thursday, December 31:
  - No Scheduled Meetings
  
- Friday, January 1:
  - Village Hall Closed

**Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:**

- Monday, January 4:

- Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. preceded by a 6:30 p.m. executive session
- Monday, January 11:
  - Village Board Study Session immediately following an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 19:
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 7:00 p.m. Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony
- Saturday, January 23:
  - Intergovernmental Joint Assembly, 9:00 a.m., Location TBD

**On-street parking restrictions lifted** – As in past years, the overnight parking ban will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets during the upcoming holidays. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., Dec. 19, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., Jan. 4. Restrictions will remain in effect in overnight permit-only areas, including on-street parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. Residents also are being reminded that the Holley Court and Avenue parking garages are an option for guest parking, with a maximum daily fee of \$16.

**Holidays affect Village Hall hours** – Village Hall will close at noon on Thurs., Dec. 24 and remain closed all day Fri., Dec. 25. Village Hall also will be closed all day Fri., Jan. 1. Residents are being reminded to call 708.386.3800, the Police Department non-emergency number, for assistance should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed.

**Marion Street crosswalk update** – Marion Street south of Lake Street is scheduled to return to two-way traffic in time for Saturday's [Home for the Holidays festival](#). However, repairs to five remaining crosswalks on Marion are set to resume on Dec. 28, weather permitting, which could create interruptions to the traffic flow down to South Boulevard and into the adjacent Village parking lots.

**Hollywood on Chicago Avenue** – Oak Park's rich architecture continues to be a desirable backdrop for movie productions. Filming just wrapped up this week at Frank Lloyd Wright's Thomas H. Gale House on Chicago Avenue for [The Headhunter's Calling](#), a new motion picture starring Gerard Butler of the blockbuster movie [300](#). The Community Relations Department coordinated the filming logistics, Giordano's Restaurant kept the cast and crew of nearly 100 well fed, and nearby Baird & Warner Realty Company served as the wardrobe holding site.

**Holiday gifts for the needy** – Through its collaboration with the New Greater West Chicago Church, the Community Relations Department will distribute holiday gifts to nearly 30 Oak Park children who might otherwise have received little this season. Earlier in the year, the church donated more than a dozen book bags filled with school supplies for the Department to provide to students in need. The donated book bags and holiday gifts are in addition to planning a series of joint community initiatives aimed at strengthening family. Staff sees the partnership with this dynamic

new church as an effective way to improve communications between Oak Park and its neighbor to the east.

**Early voting to return** – Village Hall once again will host early voting. Polls will open on Feb. 28 for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election on March 15. The Village Clerk's Office will work with Cook County to manage the operation as in past years. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact on daily activities at Village Hall. Given the traditional low turnout in primary elections, disruptions should be minimal.

**Fillmore water main project** – The Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission project to install a water main across Oak Park on Fillmore Street is scheduled to be bid in February. The new main will bring Lake Michigan water to the communities. Oak Park sewer improvements between Ridgeland and East avenues will be coordinated with this project to minimize community impact.

**Nicor gas main replacement** – Nicor crews are scheduled to complete installation of new gas mains in the northwest part of the Village next week. Individual property gas services should be connected to the new mains by mid-to-late January. Related pavement and sod restoration is wrapping up for the season, with crews focusing on creating safe and clean sites, while also completing concrete work on major streets and by schools.

**Oasis townhome development update** – Underground utility work for the Oasis townhome development in the former West Cook YMCA parking lot is scheduled to begin in early January. The developer will install water and sewer mains on Pennsylvania Way between Washington Boulevard and Randolph Street. The Village Engineering Division will inspect and supervise the work, which is paid for by the developer. The contractor has received all required state permits and has met with the Village to coordinate parking and trash collection, which may face some challenges during construction.

**Sewer work update** – The Village's vendor, [National Power Rodding](#), continued cleaning and videotaping sections of the municipal sewer system. The contract includes inspecting 13 different sewer segments throughout the Village. Work is expected to be completed by early next week.

**Public Works activities** – Streets Division crews continued to pick up miscellaneous piles of leaves remaining from the annual collection program, as well as cleaning up leaf debris in cul-de-sacs, diverters and curb bump-outs. Custom bicycle racks were installed by the [School of Rock](#) and in front of [Bikefix](#) on Lake Street. Streets crews also repaired openings in various roadways where water leaks had been fixed. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a broken catch basin at 945 Garfield St., and helped the Engineering Division trace water services and inspect and locate sewer lines at various locations. Forestry crews continued to focus on routine tasks, including responding to resident requests for pruning. Crews also pruned young parkway oak trees throughout the Village to ensure proper clearances for snow plows. While no accumulating snow is in the forecast through the holiday season, resources are ready should a change occur.

**Employee news** – The third phase of the employee relocation/facility upgrade is scheduled for this weekend, with new carpeting being installed through the area

encompassing the Village Manager's Office operations. This phase of the project includes the former building permitting space beneath the stairs that will house Human Resources operations and conference rooms 124 and 130. Work is scheduled to move to other areas of the building in 2016. These improvements to Village Hall, the first in many years, are intended to improve working conditions, which should translate into a better customer experience at Village Hall.

###