



Village Manager's Report
Week ending Nov. 12, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Nov. 15:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

- Tuesday, Nov. 16:
 - Disability Access Commission, 5 p.m., via Zoom
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Wednesday, Nov. 17:
 - Tri-Board Meeting (Early Childhood Collaboration), 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Thursday, Nov. 18:
 - Community Design Commission, 6 p.m., via Zoom
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Friday, Nov. 19:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Business grant distributions – Nearly \$650,000 in grants and loans have been awarded to date to local businesses through two federally-funded, locally-administered programs meant to ease the economic impacts of COVID-19. Eighty-five grants and loans totaling nearly \$493,000 have been distributed from the federal *Cares Act* and another \$154,000-plus in grants have been distributed via the *Business and Non-Profit COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program* supported by the American Rescue Act. Sixty-four grant applications have been processed by Development Customer Services staff for the business and non-profit program, with another 34 applications currently under review. More information about these grant programs is posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19grant.

Taste of winter – Public Works crews are keeping an eye on the weekend forecast as predictions continue to waffle between snow showers and some accumulation. Plenty of salt is on hand at the Public Works Center and crews will be ready should the coldest weather of the season also bring in precipitation that could create hazardous driving conditions. Public Works staff has reviewed and updated the snowfall

response plan and are scheduled to provide Police and Parking personnel a refresher course next week. The current OP/FYI newsletter reminds residents about the parking and sidewalk removal requirements.

Water meter notices – Property owners who receive a letter from the Village asking them to call a private vendor or visit the company’s website to set up an appointment to upgrade a water meter are urged to respond without delay. The 30-minute process does not require any plumbing changes although the water will be turned off temporarily during the upgrade. The new water meters feature integrated radio technology and can log data for a 90-day period to greatly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of the usage reading. Residents are urged to call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us should they have any questions.

Heat requirements – Landlords are being reminded that they must furnish heat to all Oak Park rental dwelling units from September 15 through May 15. An average minimum temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit must be maintained from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and 65 degrees Fahrenheit from 11 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Complaints may be made by calling 708.358.5430 or email to housing@oak-park.us. More information also is posted at www.oak-park.us/housing.

Construction update – Repairs to the bridge over the I-290 Eisenhower expressway is expected to be completed within the next two weeks, but in the meantime, traffic remains restricted to one lane in each direction. almost done. Adding new sod to the parkways is the only remaining task associated with the Oak Park Avenue reconstruction project. Engineers are optimistic the sod will be laid within the next week. The fire hydrant on Lake Street east of the theater has been moved to the south side of the street, freeing up an additional parking spot. All concrete work related to local street repaving projects is completed, and all remaining tasks should be wrapped up by Thanksgiving. Developers of the new Pete’s Fresh Market on Madison Street have distributed flyers to neighbors alerting them to the approaching start of utility relocation activities near Washington Boulevard.

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