



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending March 4, 2022**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, March 7:
  - Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
  - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
  
- Tuesday, March 8:
  - Environment & Energy Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
  - Disability Access Commission, 6 p.m., via Zoom
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
  
- Wednesday, March 9:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
  
- Thursday, March 10:
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
  
- Friday, March 11:
  - No meetings scheduled

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

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**A Day to return** – Staff and an ad hoc committee of volunteers have begun planning for the return of [A Day in Our Village](#) on Sun., June 5. The pandemic caused [cancellation](#) of all gatherings in 2020, including A Day in Our Village. This was only the second time the community celebration of diversity and inclusion had not been held since 1973. However, staff organized a [virtual celebration](#) that brought together messages from regular participants and festival goers in a hashtag-linked social media campaign. No official celebration was held in 2021. Plans are to bring the festival, which to many is the official start of summer, back to Scoville Park. More details will be shared as plans progress.

**Community safety assessment** – The public input phase of Oak Park’s comprehensive community safety study will begin next week with a series of community meetings where residents can weigh in on ways the Oak Park Police Department can improve how equitably it delivers services. The first community meeting will be held online from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. The meeting will be held virtually and focus on police operations. A second meeting will be held in person from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 in the North Café at Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave. The meeting will

focus on the Police Department's calls-for-service model and police operations. A similar meeting focusing on the calls-for-service model will be held virtually from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 23. Zoom links and other participation opportunities are posted on the project's engagement web page [www.oak-park.us/policeassessment](http://www.oak-park.us/policeassessment).

**Waste hauling transition update** – The Village's new waste hauler Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) recently announced that residents will keep the Waste Management carts currently in use when the new hauling contract begins April 1. Throughout the spring LRS crews will refresh the carts with branded decals and address labels. According to LRS, the decision was made after feedback from residents concerned about the unsustainable practice of swapping old carts for new carts. Residents can find more information about LRS' collection program at [www.lrsrecycles.com/oakpark](http://www.lrsrecycles.com/oakpark).

**Composting update** – The Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Department is reporting that [our composting program](#) has grown to about 2,500 participants, which represents some 22 percent of eligible households. The program is available to residential properties of five or fewer units served under the Village's waste hauling contract. Residents who live in multifamily buildings too large to participate in the Village collection program but who still wish to compost may leave food scraps in clearly labeled carts adjacent to the Oak Park Water Pump station just south of Lake Street at 102 N. Lombard Ave.

**Tennis court variances approved** – The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve an application by Oak Park and River Forest High School for variances related to planned improvements to its tennis courts. The high school intends to demolish the existing tennis courts and construct new regulation-sized courts at the northwest corner of the lot. The variances also allow for the installation of new accessory components such as gates and screens.

**Construction update** – Underground work started earlier this week at Euclid Avenue and Madison Street, the site of a new Pete's Fresh Market to be built there. Crews are moving north to Washington Boulevard. Resident parking is not affected. Crews also have started the temporary restoration work near the church on Euclid Avenue. No word yet on when or exactly where ComEd overhead work will begin. In other construction news, ComEd crews are expected to wrap up the installation of new utility poles next week in the alley by the new redevelopment project coming to the former funeral home site at Marion and Pleasant streets. The development's crews have been following ComEd activities to complete the project's underground work, which should be done by the end of next week.

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