



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 1, 2022**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 4:
 - Village Board, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, April 5:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, April 6:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, April 7:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, April 8:
 - No meetings scheduled

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

Climate plan publicity – Efforts to encourage residents to get involved in helping create a comprehensive climate action plan for Oak Park may have gotten a boost with a [feature story in the Wednesday Journal](#) this week. Sustainability Coordinator Marcella Bondie Keenan, who is the staff point person on the project, was interviewed and provided extensive details on why Oak Parkers should get involved in helping craft the plan. Residents can get involved via an interactive platform at www.oak-park.us/climateplan, which allows visitors to complete a short survey about experiences and priorities for climate change and add comments to a map as a way of sharing thoughts and ideas about local climate solutions. Residents also are invited to host their own conversation about climate change with friends, family or colleagues using a DIY meeting kit available on the website. All input collected will be incorporated into the Village's *Comprehensive Sustainability and Climate Action Resiliency Plan* due later this year. The deadline for community input to be included in the Climate Plan is May 31.

Hotel/motel tax updates – The Village collected \$25,304.23 in hotel/motel taxes through the first two months of 2022, more than double the \$11,875.55 collected for the same period in 2021. However, 2022 collections remained below the \$28,385.96 collected during the first two months of 2020. The tax is paid by individuals staying in hotels, bed and breakfasts, and short-term like Airbnbs. These short-term rentals continue to generate the

majority of hotel/motel taxes collected in Oak Park. [Click here for a multi-year summary](#) of the hotel/motel tax collections.

Accessory dwelling unit discussion – Village Planner Craig Failor will present the newly adopted [Accessory Dwelling Unit \(ADU\) zoning regulations](#) to the Oak Park Area Association of Realtors next week. The presentation is scheduled during a meeting set for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Fri., April 8 in the Veteran’s Room of the main Oak Park Public Library. Oak Park Township Assessor Ali ElSaffar has been invited to participate as well and discuss assessment considerations.

Madison Street construction update – Residents rear the site of the new Pete’s Fresh Market under construction on Madison Street have been notified that a portion of Euclid Avenue just north of Madison is set to close. Construction fencing soon will go up around the site that extends from Oak Park Avenue across Euclid to the east and north to the east-west alley. In the meantime, all underground utility work in the alleys between Madison Street and Washington Boulevard has been completed, with utility work by Oak Park Avenue expected to begin in about four weeks. Further west at 703 Madison Street, the senior living facility is wrapping up all exterior work and the construction fence will be removed along the west, alley and east sides, with the Madison street frontage fence to follow.

Pleasant & Marion development – The construction fence around the mixed-use development planned at Marion and Pleasant streets is being installed and foundation piers are going in. All parking spaces along Marion and on Pleasant will be closed for an estimated 13 months, and a temporary pedestrian crosswalk on Marion was scheduled to be installed this week.

Alley improvements – The annual alley improvement program is expected to begin early next week., with 10 alley segments scheduled to be completed by mid-July. Work will begin at the alley between Randolph and Pleasant streets by Elmwood and Ridgeland avenues and the alley between Superior and Chicago avenues by East and Fair Oaks avenues. Residents who will temporarily lose alley access to parking have been provided on-street parking passes.

LeMoyne Parkway sewer project – A sewer relief project will begin soon on LeMoyne Parkway between East and Edmer avenues. The project consists of replacing the existing storm and waste water sewer as well as installing new curb, sidewalk and drainage structures. All work will be within the LeMoyne Parkway right-of-way and should be completed by the end of July.

Employee news – Tom Fulton assumed the role of Superintendent of the Streets Division of the Public Works Department following the retirement of Scott Brinkman after nearly 25 years of service here. Since joining the Village in 2003, Tom has served in many different capacities, including Building Maintenance Technician, Equipment Operator, Street Division Supervisor and most recently Water & Sewer Supervisor. Tom, who is a graduate of the Public Works Leadership Development program, will oversee all operations of the street and street lighting maintenance staff including leading the snow and ice response team. In other employee news, Preservation Planner Susie Trexler will help answer homeowners’ preservation questions at an ask- the-experts table at the Unity Temple Restoration

Foundation's [Vintage Home Show](#) set for 1 – 5 p.m., Sat., April 9 fundraising event at the Temple on Lake Street at Kenilworth Avenue. Susie is providing the service as a volunteer.

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