



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending February 13, 2015**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, February 16:
 - Village Hall Closed in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday
- Tuesday, February 17:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, February 18:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, February 19:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
 - Oak Park Area Arts Council, 7 p.m., room 102

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, February 23 – Village Board Special Meeting regarding Economic Development, tentative 7 p.m. room 101
- Monday, March 2 – Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Monday, March 9 – Village Board Special Meeting regarding Intergovernmental Collaboration Sustainability, 7 p.m. room 101

Measles update – No cases of measles have been reported here, but the Health Department and its consulting physician are in touch with local health care providers and schools, as well as with county and state public health administrators who are monitoring all cases reported in the region. They are urging any parent who suspects a child may be exhibiting measles symptoms to contact their doctor, school and the Oak Park Health Department at 708.358.5485. This information has been disseminated through our public information channels, including a [news story posted on our website](#).

Village Hall and Public Works offices closed Monday – Village Hall and the Public Works Center will be closed Monday for the President's Day holiday. Residents can call the Police non-emergency number, 708.386.3800 should an incident occur that

does not rise to the level of a 911 emergency. Regular Village Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Parking Services Center is open until 7 p.m. most Mondays, except holidays. More [information on Village Hall is posted online](#).

Village Board meeting rescheduled – The regular [Village Board](#) meeting typically held on the third Monday of the month has been rescheduled for Wed., Feb. 18. This meeting will begin at 7 p.m., rather than the usual 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be broadcast on [VOP-TV](#), available to cable television subscribers on Comcast channel 6 and AT&T Uverse subscribers on channel 99 and [streamed live and archived online](#).

D97 reschedules meetings – As you know, School District 97 meetings were canceled this week following the tragic death of board member Peter J. Traczyk. Those meetings have been rescheduled for next week. The public forums for the superintendent search are set for 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 17 at Julian and Wed., Feb. 18, at [Brooks Middle School](#). The [online survey](#) will remain live until 11 p.m., Wed., Feb. 18. The school board meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 19 at the administration building.

Lake+Forest update – The southbound center turn lane on Forest Avenue at Lake Street will close temporarily beginning early next week, as the construction space expands to the portion of the street allowed under the redevelopment agreement. Southbound vehicles will continue to be able to turn east at Lake Street, but will share the lane with vehicles turning west. Given the amount of traffic using southbound Forest, the disruption should be minimal.

Green survey regarding single-use plastic bags – The Village is preparing to use online surveys to gauge the sentiments of residents and business owners on actions to limit single-use plastic shopping bags in our community. The Village Board referred the issue to the Environment & Energy Commission in 2014 at the request of Trustee Lueck. EEC members gathered information from across the country and have discussed their views at their regular meetings as part of their 2015 work plan. Before making a recommendation to the Board, however, they felt it important to have a broader discussion with the community. Commission members worked with Village staff to create online surveys that will be promoted in the March/April *OP/FYI* newsletter and via our other public information tools. While online surveys are not statistically valid research tools, they should be good indicators of how such regulations would be viewed by the community.

Police disrupt rental scam – An Oak Park police officer working undercover was assigned to pose as the relative of a potential renter, which led to charges being filed this week against two men after they allegedly tried to collect rent and a security deposit on a vacant Oak Park house they did not own or manage. The men apparently had pried open the back door of a home on the 800 block of Mapleton Avenue, replaced the lock and then tried to rent it to an acquaintance. The home was vacant, but had been sold and a closing date set. Working with the victim and the property owner, police were able to arrange a meeting at the house and make the arrests. A news story with more details is [posted on the Village website](#).

Public Works activities –Streets Division crews have begun patching the numerous potholes that have developed due to the repeated freeze and thaw weather cycles.

Cold temperatures are requiring crews to install temporary pavement at the various water main breaks throughout the Village that will be permanently repaired as weather improves. Several stop and parking signs were damaged during the recent heavy snow and are being replaced as quickly as possible. Water main breaks were repaired at 641 S. Lombard Ave. and 6101 North Ave., and a leaking fire hydrant valve was repaired at 427 Wisconsin Ave. Crews cleared snow from fire hydrants from North Avenue to South Boulevard and Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard. In addition to helping with snow-related issues, Forestry crews are removing trees affected by emerald ash borer. The private contractor has completed pruning all trees west of Taylor Avenue and south of I-290, with crews continuing eastward. Another contractor has begun removing trees affected by emerald ash borer and other issues south of I-290, removing about seven trees a day. Village crews were back on the street salting in the early morning hours Monday due to freezing rain. They also continued clearing any snow-related problem areas in alleys and side streets as needed.

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