

P R O C L A M A T I O N

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

MAY 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, BUILDING SAFETY MONTH is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, “Mission Possible,” the theme for BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2024, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of BUILDING SAFETY MONTH, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property, and;

WHEREAS, in recognition of BUILDING SAFETY MONTH, the Village of Oak Park invites the community to attend an open house on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at Village Hall to learn about building safety, permit regulations and submittals, upcoming construction projects, zoning laws, and have the opportunity to tour the department and meet the Village Planner, Chief Building Office, and Fire Marshal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as BUILDING SAFETY MONTH. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in BUILDING SAFETY MONTH activities.

DATED this 30th day of April 2024.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk