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Public Input Sought on Proposed Arboricultural Standards

Public input is now being sought into new arboricultural standards proposed by the Forestry Commission, citizen volunteers who review and make recommendations to the Village Board about tree care and plantings on public property.

A copy of the Village's proposed *Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Manual* can be downloaded from the Village website www.oak-park.us. Click on news, then the "arboricultural standards" button to the right.

After reviewing the draft manual, residents are invited to share their comments at a special Forestry Commission meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Tues., March 11 in Room 101 of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Comments also can be made via email to publicworks@oak-park.us.

The culmination of nearly two years of study and research by the Forestry Commission, the proposed Village guidelines are based upon American National Standards Institute (ANSI) principles for tree care. Due to copyright restrictions, some referenced ANSI guidelines are not available in the draft posted on the Village website. A complete draft manual can be reviewed in the Office of the Village Clerk at Village Hall.

For more information, call 358.5700.

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