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Open House, Workshop Planned for Building Safety Week

An open house and mini-workshop will highlight Oak Park's recognition of International Building Safety Week, time set aside each year to promote the use, enforcement and understanding of the importance of building codes to public safety.

Residents can learn more about Oak Park's building codes by stopping by the Building & Property Standards Department in Village Hall, 123 Madison St., from 3 - 5 p.m., Thursday. The mini-workshop, scheduled from 7 - 9:30 p.m., Friday, in Village Hall Council Chambers, will offer insights into why certain building codes are necessary and tips on how best to meet them.

Building code regulations enforced in Oak Park help to ensure that homes, schools, workplaces and other buildings are as safe as possible, explained Nicholas Gadzekpo, director of the Village's Building & Property Standards Department.

"The importance of regulating and enforcing building codes is unfortunately often overlooked until a catastrophic tragedy occurs," Gadzekpo said. "By inspecting buildings during and after construction, the Building & Property Standards Department helps to ensure that structures are safe, sound and accessible places to work, play and live.

The Building and Property Standards Department also enforces property maintenance regulations, reviews building plans and issues building permits.

For more information on the open house, mini workshop or building codes, call 708.358.5430 or email building@oak-park.us.

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