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### Public Works Open House and Fun Fair Set

The Public Works Department will host its annual open house and fun fair from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sat., May 17, at the Public Works Center, 131 South Blvd.

Visitors are invited to tour the Public Works facility and see equipment and vehicle demonstrations and informational displays. Representatives from all Public Works divisions also will be on hand to explain their roles and answer questions.

The open house and fun fair is part of the Village's observance of National Public Works Week, May 18 – 24, a program established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to urge citizens and civic leaders to learn more about public works programs in their communities.

This year's national event theme is "The Strength of Public Works," which is meant to express just how vital public works projects are to the growth and quality of life of any community. The Village hopes to build upon the national theme by inviting residents to come out and meet their local public works professionals.

Free hot dogs and popcorn will be served and drawings for door prizes and give-aways sponsored by local businesses are planned. School poster coloring contest entries also will be on display along with special guest appearances by PW Paws and Freddie the Fire Truck.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us).

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