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Night Court Comes to Village Hall

Beginning May 30 the Village's parking citation appeal process will be extended to include evening hours as an added convenience to anyone wishing to contest a ticket without having to take time away during regular business hours.

Night court will be held from 6 – 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Council Chambers of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Cases also will continue to be heard at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 1 and 2:30 p.m., every Tuesday. A ticket must be appealed within 14 days from the date of issuance.

Appeals are heard by administrative law judges who have specific credentials spelled out in state law. They rule strictly on the facts of the case, a likely key factor in why so few have been appealed to a higher court. Individuals who have been cited for violations have a very clear-cut set of appeal guidelines given to them along with the citation, so there should be no confusion about their rights or the process, officials say.

Meanwhile, anyone wondering if they have an outstanding Oak Park parking ticket can now find out with a click of a mouse and a few strokes on a computer keyboard. And if they discover they do have a ticket, they can contest – or pay – it in the same way.

The Village's official website allows individuals to type their license plate number into an on-line form to determine if they have outstanding tickets, review details about any unpaid citations and then register to file a written appeal or pay. If the 14-day appeal window has passed, payment still can be made via the website.

To access the service, visit www.oak-park.us and look for the parking citation button for a direct link to getting started.

For more information on appealing parking citations, call 358.5479 or email adjudication@oak-park.us.

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