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### **Oak Park to host adjudication conference in December**

Representatives from 50 Illinois cities are expected to be in Oak Park on Dec. 1 to learn about administrative adjudication, a program that allows municipalities to rule on local ordinance violations such as parking citations, rather than relying solely on the county circuit court system.

The state-wide adjudication conference was designed and coordinated by Village Adjudication Manager Wayne Moran with the goal of bringing together municipal officials to discuss how the process works and ways for communities to set up an adjudication program of their own.

“Our hope is that we can show communities looking to start administrative adjudication the best way to shape the program at its foundation,” Moran said. “We want to be a resource other communities can look to for assistance in creating an effective, efficient process.”

In addition to providing important information for setting up an adjudication program, Moran said the conference also will provide a forum for administrations of existing adjudication programs to exchange information through seminars and workshops directed at refining and improving processes.

Moran created a similar adjudication event in Evanston in 2001, where he was the chief adjudication administrator before coming to Oak Park to set up the program here.

“Through the conference setting, Illinois communities can come together to discuss common problems in the adjudication process, and come up with effective resolutions,” he said. “Since Oak Park is one of only two communities in the state with both payment and appeal process available online, we are uniquely equipped to teach others the best way to both initiate and administer an adjudication process.”

Oak Park launched its administrative adjudication program in January 2004 and has since heard more than 18,000 cases, including in-person, through the Village web site and through the mail. Challenges to citations involving local ordinance violations such as drinking on the public way, graffiti, loud noise and unsanitary conditions were just added this year to adjudication process. While a trip to circuit court for a parking ticket – and local ordinance violations – is no longer necessary for Oak Parkers, it remains an option to anyone not satisfied with a decision rendered in the adjudication process.

For more information on Oak Park’s adjudication process or the Dec. 1 conference, call 358.5479 or email [adjudication@oak-park.us](mailto:adjudication@oak-park.us).

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