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### **Public health contributors honored**

Local residents, a public official and one local organization are being honored for their contribution to the health and well-being of their fellow Oak Parkers during [National Public Health Week](#), April 6-12, 2009.

This year, the *Fitzsimmons Award for Excellence in Public Health* is being presented to 10 individuals and one organization. In addition, the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Johnson Restaurant Award*, which acknowledges sanitation excellence in Oak Park food service establishments, will be presented to nine Oak Park establishments.

The annual awards are presented by the Oak Park Board of Health and the [Oak Park Department of Public Health](#). For more information on the awards, call 708.358.5480 or e-mail [health@oak-park.us](mailto:health@oak-park.us).

#### **Fitzsimmons Award Winners:**

- **David Pope, President of the Village of Oak Park** for his support of initiatives and public policies affecting public health, including the Village's Clean Indoor Air ordinance, and solid waste regulation.
- **Rebecca Barbato, MD, Rebecca Turk, MD and Karen Walker, MD of the Physicians' Network of the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education**, for their leadership in providing local pediatricians and family practice physicians with the training and tools to support early childhood development and literacy.
- **Jamie Lapke, Jason Cardenas, Mandy Garcia, Katie Kijawa and Patrick Murphy of the Oak Park Gymnastics Center** for the development of comprehensive exercise programs, incorporating strength, flexibility, power and discipline, for over 700 children in Oak Park, ages 2-18.
- **Susan Abbott of the Oak Park Lesbian Gay Association** for her work, over 10 years, in mentoring, educating and dialoguing with LGBT youth and young adults about the importance of sexual health, particularly about HIV and STD prevention.
- **The Oak Park-River Forest Newcomers Club** for supporting the community through its annual Holiday Boutique benefiting Oak Park Head Start students, numerous food and clothing drives, providing meals to West Suburban PADS, assisting in the clean-up of local parks and serving as hosts at the Parenthesis Kitchen Walk.

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**Public Health Award Winners  
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**Johnson Award Winners:**

- Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich Shop – 709 Lake St.
- Starbucks Coffee #13342 – 711 Lake St.
- Cucina Paradiso – 814 North Blvd.
- Oberweis Dairy – 124 N. Oak Park Ave.
- Java Oasis – 1113 North Blvd.
- Nineteenth Century Club – 178 Forest Ave.
- Subway Sandwiches and Salads – 1000 Lake St.
- Seattle's Best Coffee – 1144 Lake St.
- Velvet Rope – 728 Lake St.

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