



The design of the new Tasty Dog is a definite change from the gas station it replaced (above) and its old building (bottom right), which originally was a gas station, too. The old site will soon have a mix of retail businesses and apartments (top right).

New Tasty Dog Means Final Phase of Lake, Euclid Transformation to Begin

When the first hot dog went on sale in the new Tasty Dog restaurant on the northwest corner of Lake Street and Euclid Avenue, the final phase of one of the most ambitious development plans for an Oak Park business district began.

Often referred to as the Euclid Terraces project, aspects of the multi-parcel development either completed or well along the way already are bringing a new look, new feel and new activity to the neighborhood. Moving Tasty Dog freed up the remaining land required to complete the overall plan, which includes a mix of townhomes, condominiums, commercial space and the 500-plus car Avenue Parking Garage, which opened in late 2001.

In addition to complementing other aspects of the Euclid Terraces project, the design of the new Tasty Dog incorporates many features intended to reduce the restaurant's impact on the

adjoining residential neighborhood. Trash will be enclosed in a special refrigerated room and exhaust filters will minimize cooking odors. Even the peaked roof is part of the environmentally friendly design, helping to further dissipate odors, screen the mechanical equipment from public view and blend the site aesthetically with the residential neighborhood to the north.

Extensive landscaping around the perimeter, as well as a fence at the

rear will help buffer and screen nearby residential property. The speaker at the drive through window also has been positioned to send any stray sounds away from the residential property, and access to and from the restaurant is restricted to Lake Street.

Meanwhile, work on the final phase of the overall project, a four-story apartment building with groundlevel retail, will soon begin on the old Tasty Dog

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Farmers' Market to begin new season

The Oak Park Farmers' Market will begin its new season on June 7. The Market is open every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., June through October, in the Pilgrim Church parking lot, 460 Lake St. Growers from four states offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, dried and cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and cheeses. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Farmers' Market Commission and as Friends of the Farmers' Market. Watch the Village website www.oak-park.us for updates on special events, coupons and what's in season. For more information call 358.5780 or email village@oak-park.us.

Meet Your Village People



Information Technology Director Alvin Nepomuceno

Alvin Nepomuceno joined the Village of Oak Park as its first Information Technology Director in 1998 with the mission to modernize, centralize and integrate the Village's technological systems. Nepomuceno has served in local government since 1990, including as systems analyst with the City of Highland Park. Since coming to Oak Park he has instituted a wide range of new technology, including linking all Village facilities with fiber optics, adding computerized systems to police vehicles and helping set up the communications technology for the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center which handles 911 emergency calls for both Oak Park and River Forest. Nepomuceno holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from DePaul University, and is affiliated with the Government Management Information Sciences (GMIS) and International Oracle User Group (IOUG).



Assistant to the Village Manager Peter J. Dame

Pete Dame joined the Village Manager's Office in 1994 after five and a half years as a Congressional Aide to a U.S. Representative from Michigan where, as a liaison to local governments, he provided community development and grant assistance. During his tenure in Oak Park, Dame has taken on a wide variety of roles, including acting parking director for a year, during which he oversaw expansion of the Holley Court parking garage and the purchase of the Village's first electronic meters. He serves as cable TV administrator, and has been acting communications manager. In addition to telecommunications, his regular duties include intergovernmental and legislative affairs. He also has managed a range of projects, including various building, signage and transportation projects such as coordination of the Village's Eisenhower Expressway efforts. Dame holds a Masters Degree in public administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and graduated cum laude with a Bachelors Degree in history from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is active in many professional organizations, including the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants, the International City Managers Association and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. Dame is an Oak Park resident and homeowner.

Watch for profiles of other key Village staff in future issues of OP/FYI.

Final Phase of Lake, Euclid

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site. The design includes a landscaped, brick pedestrian walkway connecting Lake Street to the Avenue Garage, which was the first component of the overall development.

Both the old and new Tasty Dog sites were former gasoline filling stations. The old site at 701 Lake St. was a gas station at least as early as 1930. The new site, 708 Lake St., became a gas station around 1950.



(Courtesy of OPRF Historical Society)

The old Tasty Dog site was a gasoline station at least as early as 1930.

For more information on the project, call 358.5640 or email comsvcs@oak-park.us.

Students honored for fostering positive human relations

Sixty-six Oak Park middle school students have been honored for their sensitivity and actions in fostering positive human relations. Teachers and staff of Oak Park schools nominated students for the award, selecting those who demonstrate concern for others and respect for individual differences. This is the 21st consecutive year of the award program, which is coordinated by the Oak Park Community Relations Commission. Award winners are:

Ascension

Arielle Johnson
Keeley Morris
Jamie Schwarber

Karla Lund
Freddie McCulloch-Burton
Brenna McNally
Dede Minter

Gwendolyn Brooks

Fumilayo Akhibi
Max Brooks
Paula Burgi
Lauren Callahan
Ashley Cuning
Patrick Deaton
Stephanie Harris
Quincy Holly

Courtney Monaco
Irene Price
Elaine Riley
Gregory Rogalla
Abigail Rosenwinkel
Jordan Rowe
Molly Sinnott
Julieus Thomas
Max Vanmanny

Melanie Kassel
Samantha Maddela
Maggie McDowell
Neil Mejia
Kara Murphy
Wendy Pang
Audrey Reardon
Laura Reiter
Clare Riesman
Claire Saxe
Chris Scholtens
Priyank Shah
Donald Watkins
Chris Witschy

St. Edmund

Christopher Brunner
Gabriela Castillo
Norine Egan
Nathaniel Gorman
Michele Honore
Peter Lovaas
Nicholas Mullen
Krystal Saulsberry
Melissa Steen
Jeremy Vanderheyden

St. Giles

Megan Bertuca
Erin Carta
Kate Hennig
John Kasang
KC Madock
Jessica Polkowski
Richie Schak
Corwin Thompson

Percy Julian

Christopher Alexander
Gary Cole
William Conner
Coleelah Deal
Dan Foster
Amy Gosha
Kim Grimes
Zoe Hilbert
Anthony Lazeretti

COMMUNITY NEWS

Planning a block party or sale?

Sale rules

Street must be closed with removable barriers provided by Public Works. The Police and Fire Departments must also be notified that the street will be closed in advance of the sale. For more information call 358.5670 or email comsvcs@oak-park.us.

Party guidelines

A petition signed by 10 separate households on the block must be filed at Village Hall 10 days before the event to allow notification of appropriate departments and delivery of street barricades. The petition is included in a block party packet available at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. The packet also includes forms to request a visit from your resident beat officer, the Park District's mobile playhouse and a Fire Department hook-and-ladder truck, as well as information on how to organize an alley clean up. Call 358.5423 or email comsvcs@oak-park.us.

Invite a firefighter

The Fire Department will bring a hook-and-ladder truck to two block parties per weekend. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. Appearances will be between 10 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 pm. A Block Party Appearance Form must be filed at Fire Headquarters, 100 N. Euclid Ave. Call 445.3300 or email fire@oak-park.us for more information.

4th of July Parade

Registration forms for clubs and organizations to participate in the Third Annual Independence Day Parade are due by June 20 at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Owners of motorized vehicles must provide proof of insurance with their registration. The parade will begin at Longfellow Park, (Ridgeland Avenue and Jackson Boulevard) and continue north on Ridgeland, to disperse at Whittier School (Augusta Street and Cuyler Avenue). For a registration form call 358.5406.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

The annual Bike Safety Rodeo for children ages five to 12 will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sat., June 7 in the YMCA parking lot, 255 S. Marion St. Participants can test their riding skills on an obstacle course. Police officers will offer safety tips, as well as inspect and register bikes to make them more easily identified should they be lost or stolen. Call 386.3800 or email police@oak-park.us.

Hydrant flushing

The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village June 2–20. If your water has some discoloration as a result of the process, wait until the Fire Department has finished your immediate area, then let your water run until clear. Call 445.3300 or email fire@oak-park.us.

Free family flicks

The Park District will offer free movies under the stars beginning at dusk on Thursdays at Rehm Park, 515 Garfield St. Call 383.0002.

Scoville Park summer concerts

The Park District has scheduled free concerts from 5:30 – 7 p.m. every Sunday from June 15 – Aug. 24, in Scoville Park, Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street. For more information call 383.0002.

Residential developments approved



Ridgeland Ave. at South Blvd.

Plans have been approved for new residential developments on Madison Street and the corner of Ridgeland Avenue and South Boulevard. The Oak Park Village Townhomes, 1030 Madison St., is a 36-unit project. The Ridgeland, a four-story building on the southeast corner of Ridgeland and South, will have 4,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, with 51 condominiums above. For more information, call 358.5640 or email devsvcs@oak-park.us.

Vehicle license renewals coming due



PASSENGER

Every vehicle in Oak Park must display a current Village vehicle license decal available through the Office of the Village Clerk in Village Hall, 123 Madison St. The deadline for purchasing and displaying a 2003-2004 license is June 30. The Clerk's Office will be open for renewals until 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays throughout June. Regular hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Licenses also can be renewed by mail. A license for a passenger car is \$45. Residents who are age 65 and over or have a disability pay \$35. Fees increase \$5 on the second day of each month, beginning July 2. Vehicles not displaying a current vehicle

license are subject to ticketing. The fine for not displaying a current vehicle license decal is \$21, plus the purchase of a license, and increases to \$31 after 14 days. For more information call 358.5670 or email clerk@oak-park.us.

2003 Historic Preservation Awards

Owners of 15 Oak Park homes and businesses were honored with 2003 Historic Preservation Awards. Winners were selected by the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and contextual and design appropriateness considerations. For more information, call 358.5417 or email comsvcs@oak-park.us. The winners are:

- **605 Lake St. (Oak Park-River Forest High School stadium) – Rehabilitation Award.** Made the 1924 Stadium functional for contemporary users, while respecting the structure's original material, scale, color, texture and character. Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200, owner.
- **511 N. Grove Ave. – Rehabilitation Award.** Added new front porch, back deck and garage, and raised roof of older addition to match the original roofline. Carole Powers Lauck, owner
- **6533 North Ave. – Rehabilitation Award.** Replaced inappropriate storefront alterations with new, period-sensitive storefront design. Televent, William Steed and Donald Shannon, owners.
- **224 Marion Ct. – Rehabilitation Award.** Repaired all windows, added new roof, repaired and replaced wood clapboard siding, replaced stoop with appropriate front porch and dormers. Charles Moelter and Peter Thomas, owners.
- **1020 Chicago Ave. – Rehabilitation Honorable Mention.** Saved 19th century barn from demolition and rehabbed into a usable garage. S. Ryan Construction, owner at time of rehab.
- **136 N. Ridgeland Ave. – Adaptive Re-Use Award.** Restored the 1925 commercial building for use as bath and kitchen showroom. The Baronger Group, owner.
- **925 Chicago Ave. – Addition Award.** Added new front porch exemplary of



Ascension Church, 801 S. East Ave.

- the early Italianate style. Halina Staszewska, owner.
- **626 Linden Ave. – Addition Award.** Seamlessly integrated two-story rear addition without altering the historic character of this 1926 Georgian-Revival style home. Michael and Linda Caprile, owners.
- **636 Linden Ave. – Addition Award.** Added one-story rear addition reflective of the style of this 1914 Tallmadge & Watson home. Brian and Yasmina Duwe, owners.
- **255 Augusta St. (Dole Learning Center) – Addition Award.** Architecturally compatible addition provided accessibility to this 1926 Tallmadge & Watson building. Village of Oak Park, owner.
- **213 N. Taylor Ave. – Restoration Award.** Extensive exterior repair and restoration made to this 1890 Queen Anne, including cedar shake shingles, gutters and windows. Colleen Moroney Maia, owner.
- **116 N. Oak Park Ave. – Restoration Award.** Storefront restored to original configuration, as first step in multi-phase process to restore facade of this 1893-1899 building designed by Patton, Fisher & Miller with additions by E. E. Roberts. James and Noreen Bushouse, owners.
- **516 Augusta St. – Restoration Award.** Reinforced original sun porch with new supports and applied new stucco, while reusing the original stone. Dan Garvey, owner.

- **875 Lake St. (Unity Temple) – Restoration/Rehabilitation Award.** Phased restoration, including of the cantilevered structural roof slabs and the roofing system. Unitarian Universalist Congregation/Unity Temple Restoration Foundation, owner.
- **801 S. East Ave./601 Van Buren St. (Ascension Church) – Restoration/Rehabilitation Award.** Restoration work on the 1929 structure included roofing, copper flashing, copper dome, exterior stonework, lighting, rewiring and repairs to Rose Window. Rehab of the 1912 school included new roofing, windows, lighting, asbestos removal and mural restoration. Ascension Church, owner.

Who to Call at Village Hall

Main number	383.6400
Village TTY	383.0048
Info Line	445.3340
Building and Property Standards	358.5430
Community Services	358.5400
Community Relations	358.5423
Housing	358.5424
Planning/Community Development	358.5425
Information Technology	358.5450
Finance	358.5460
Utility Billing Inquiries	358.5478
Fire Non-Emergency	445.3300
Public Health	358.5480
Animal Control	358.5680
Development Services	358.5640
Human Resources	358.5650
Law	358.5660
Village Clerk	358.5670
Police Non-Emergency	386.3800
Crime Tip Hotline	386.0740
Police/Fire TTY	848.1911
West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center	771.9110
Public Works	358.5700
Snow Hotline	358.SNOW
Parking Office	358.PARK
Night Parking Passes	358.NITE
Day Parking Passes	358.DAYS
Village Manager's Office	358.5770
Village Board	358.5784
Village Web Page	www.oak-park.us

POLICE/FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

911

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Leaf blowers banned...The use of gas-powered leaf blowers by both landscapers and homeowners is banned from June 1 – Oct. 15. For more information call 358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

Free volleyball camp...A free Volleyball Camp and Health Fair for boys and girls ages 11–13 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., June 28, in the east gym of Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave. Pre-registration is required. Participants will be given T-shirts and lunch. To register call 358.5499 or email health@oak-park.us.

Parking Office extends hours...The Parking Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sat., June 28 and from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Mon., June 30 for permit renewals. For more information call 358.5756 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

West Nile Virus Dead Bird Hotline...To report a dead bird in your neighborhood call the Village's West Nile Virus Reporting Hotline at 358.5694.

Roofers must have fire extinguishers...Roofers doing work involving a heat gun or hot tar are required to have fire extinguishers near the heat source at all times to deal with an unexpected fire. For more information call 445.3300 or email fire@oak-park.us.

Immunization services...Monthly immunization services are available from 3 – 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Health Department Clinic, 320 Lake St. The next immunizations will be given on June 11. No appointment is necessary, but a parent or guardian must accompany children under 18. Call 358.5491 or email health@oak-park.us.



Discard unwanted electronics...Electronics Collection Days are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fri. and Sat., June 13 and 14 at Rhodes School, 8931 W. Fullerton in River Grove. Items accepted include computers with monitors, CD drives, telephones, pagers, copy machines, microwaves, TVs, cameras, modems, answering machines, shredders, postage machines, VCRs, camcorders, printers, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, toasters, stereo equipment and video game players. Do not bring refrigerators, washing machines, software, stoves, dryers, disks, dishwashers, air conditioners, CDs or tapes. A \$5 co-pay is required for each television and computer monitor. For more information call 358.5707 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

Smoking cessation help...A support group for smokers who have recently quit is held the second Wednesday each month from 7 – 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Call 358.5484 or email health@oak-park.us.

Permits required...A permit is required for any interior or exterior work that goes beyond painting and decorating. Permit applications should be made at least a month before the project is scheduled to begin. All contractors, including subcontractors, must be properly licensed or registered in Oak Park before a permit application will be accepted. No work can begin on a project until a permit has been issued. For your safety, work in progress is monitored by Village inspectors to ensure compliance with zoning and building codes. For more information call 358.5430 or email building@oak-park.us.

Officials take views on Ike expansion directly to lawmakers

Village President Joanne E. Trapani traveled to Springfield and Washington, D.C., in May, with Trustee Diana Carpenter joining her in the state capital, to personally convey community concerns about the potential impact of the Illinois Department of Transportation's plans to expand the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway. Members of the Oak Park contingent, which included I-290 Eisenhower Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Lawrence B. Christmas, focused their efforts in Springfield on convincing lawmakers to insist that IDOT conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to help ensure consideration of all potential impacts of the proposed highway expansion, a full evaluation of alternatives and continued public participation opportunities. Talks in the nation's capital stressed earmarking funds to increase the capacity of current mass transit routes and add new ones, steps that could reduce Ike vehicle traffic and serve as substitutes for highway expansion. The concept of capping the Eisenhower to reconnect the community from the divide created 40 years ago by the original highway also was discussed. For more information, call 358.5770 or email village@oak-park.us. Information also is available at www.oak-park.us.

JUNE VOP-TV6 PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Daily at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Neighborhood Relations Program
Dealing With West Nile Virus
Cap the Ike Update
2003 Capital Improvement Program
Preventing Dutch Elm Disease

Monday – Friday 4 – 5 p.m.
NASA Programming

Live at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, rebroadcast Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meetings & Study Sessions



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First-Time Homebuyers

The Village, in cooperation with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) and local lenders, promotes the following housing assistance programs to help residents who have not owned a home in the past three years:

- **First-Time Homebuyers Program** offers below-market interest rate mortgages and some assistance toward closing costs.
- **Mortgage Credit Certificate Program (MCC)** gives a first-time homebuyer an income tax credit each year for the life of the mortgage on a single-unit home.
- **Home Equity Loan Program (HELP)** offers a below-market interest rate on a 30-year mortgage plus a “gift” calculated as a percentage of the amount borrowed that can be used to offset down payment or closing costs.
- **Assist Program**, like HELP, offers a first-time homebuyer a below-market interest rate on a 30-year mortgage plus a “gift” calculated as a percentage of the amount borrowed that can be used to offset down payment or closing costs.

New homes or existing single-family detached homes, townhomes, condominiums or one unit of a duplex are eligible to participate in the first three programs. In addition, First-time Homebuyers and Assist are available to buyers of multi-family buildings of two to four units in which the purchaser will live. The maximum income is \$75,400 for a household of one or two people and \$86,710 for a household of three or more. Current property price limits homes are \$199,230 for an existing single-unit structure, \$224,330 for a two-unit, \$271,550 for a three-unit and \$315,780 for a four-unit.

Multi-Unit Building Owners

• Diversity Assurance Loans/Grants

Qualified owners of multi-family buildings with four or more units may apply for financial assistance under the Village’s Diversity Assurance Program. Through the Matching Grant Program, the Village matches the owner’s cost of rehabbing up to \$2,000 per unit for all buildings new to the program. Housing Bond Loans for rehab financing also are available at a reduced interest rate, as are major mechanical repair or replacement loans. In return for this assistance, owners must make a five-year commitment to list their vacancies with the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which strives to expand housing choices for renters and encourage racial diversity.

• Security Grants

The Security Improvement Grant Program encourages owners of multi-unit residential rental buildings of two or more units to make improvements such as intercom systems, lighting, locks, fencing, windows and alarms. Grants are 20 percent of the cost of improvements up to \$200 per unit, or \$8,000 per building, and 40 percent of improvements up to \$400 per unit, or \$16,000 per building. Applicants are eligible to receive grants once every three years.

For both multi-family programs, applicants must have current Village business licenses and be in compliance with all building and housing codes.