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Seminar to Address Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities

Individuals who rent apartments or condominiums in the Village are invited to attend the third annual seminar on tenants' rights and responsibilities set for 7 p.m., Monday, March 25, in the Council Chamber of Village Hall, 123 Madison Street.

"Renters sometimes feel they are at the mercy of property owners and managers when a conflict arises, when, in fact, they have many rights and protections under local and state laws," said Suzanne Vestuto of the Community Services Department, which is hosting the seminar. "The Village has organized this tenants' seminar to help renters better understand their rights and responsibilities, and to know who to turn to for information."

The seminar will feature staff representatives from various Village departments, including Community Relations, Law, Property Standards, Community Policing, Parking and Housing Programs, according to Vestuto. These local experts will participate in panel presentations, as well as answer specific questions attendees may have, she explained.

Informational handouts will be available free of charge to any Village resident who attends, including the *Tenant's Handbook*, a guide that provides answers to renter's most commonly asked questions

For more information on this important informational and educational opportunity, please call 358.5409 or email comsvcs@vil.oak-park.il.us.

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