

2008 Public Health Award Recipients

Fitzsimmons Award: Each year, as part of Public Health Week, the Oak Park Department of Public Health Department and Board of Health solicit nominations for the annual *Fitzsimmons Award*, honoring those individuals or organizations who have worked to improve the health of the community. This year, eight individuals and one organization have been honored for their work in keeping Oak Park healthy. The Fitzsimmons Awards for exceptional contributions to the health of Oak Park were given to:

- Jennifer Box, past chair of the VOP Employee Wellness Team
- Margo Bristow, co-director of the Snowball Program at Oak Park and River Forest High School
- Ryan Mulvaney, co-director of Snowball Program at Oak Park and River Forest High School
- Gary Cuneen, of Seven Generations Ahead
- Mary Eisenlohr, DVM, of the Oak Park Animal Care League
- Kari Fatta, coordinator of Age-Wise at Rush Oak-Park Hospital
- Janet Holden, past chair of the Oak Park Board of Health
- Bobbi Nance, director of the Park District of Oak Park Teen Center
- The Community Action Team for Healthier Kids

The award is named after a local physician and humanitarian Dr. William Fitzsimmons who volunteered many years of service to the Oak Park Health Department and to the residents of this community.

Johnson Awards: The Oak Park Board of Health and Department of Public Health annually present the Johnson's Restaurant Award to Oak Park restaurants that excel in food service sanitation. Recognized for their high level of food sanitation in 2008 were:

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Cat.	Average Score	Business Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip Code	Inspections
1	91.75	CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL	1128 LAKE ST	Oak Park IL, 60301	4
1	91.50	MARION STREET GRILLE	189 MARION ST	Oak Park IL, 60301	4
1	91.25	THE PERFECT DINNER	809 SOUTH BLVD	OAK PARK IL, 60302	4
1	90.00	MOVABLE GOURMET	118 N MARION CT	OAK PARK IL, 60301	3
1	85.75	SHEENA'S HEALTHY SOUL FOOD	108 W MADISON ST	OAK PARK IL, 60302	4
1	85	DENNYS RESTAURANT	711 HARLEM AVE	Oak Park IL, 60302	4
1	85	LUO'S PEKING HOUSE	113 MARION ST	Oak Park IL, 60301	4
2	95.33	JAVA OASIS	1113 NORTH BLVD	Oak Park IL, 60301	3
2	93.67	BEN & JERRY'S	1025 LAKE ST	OAK PARK IL, 60301	3
2	91.33	STARBUCKS COFFEE #230	1018 LAKE ST	Oak Park IL, 60301	3
2	86.67	ROCK L'S	1115 LAKE ST	Oak Park IL, 60301	3

Named in memory of Oak Park's first lunch room which began operation at 124 Lake St. in the early 1890's, the Johnson's Restaurant Award is part of the Health Department's ongoing incentive program to encourage restaurants to consistently meet or exceed mandated responsibilities in providing safe food.

To be eligible for the award, restaurants must have an average score of 85 or more (of 100 possible) points on routine Health Department sanitary inspections over a two-year period. The inspections cover all phases of food handling from receipt of supplies to service as well as facilities, equipment and housekeeping. In addition, the restaurants must have had a minimum of 3 routine inspections over the two year period and be classified as an IDPH Category I or II facility as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health Local Health Protection Grant Rules.

2008 is the 23rd year that the Johnson's Restaurant Awards have been given.

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