

# 2013 Annual Report

Village of Oak Park  
Department of Public Health



## **Message from the Health Director**

This year, 2013, marks the 111th anniversary of the establishment of the Village of Oak Park Health Department and its 65<sup>th</sup> year as a certified local health department in Illinois. A certified local health department is unique in its authority and responsibility to carry out local health protection programming as a delegate agency of the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Village of Oak Park Health Department is responsible for food protection and communicable disease control within the Village as well as for delivering an array of additional programs and services funded under public health grants. In 2013, the Health Department received more than \$300,000 in grant funding to carrying out public health programs and services.

Within these next few pages, residents will find information about all of the programs and services provided by the Health Department in 2013. We take pride in the many accomplishments detailed in this Annual Report and hope you will take a few moments to see what your local health department is doing for you.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Oak Park community.

Sincerely,

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, RN, MPH  
Health Director

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## **2013 Health Department Staff**

### **Administration**

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, RN, MPH, Health Director  
Paul Luning, MD, MPH, Medical Consultant \*  
Lisha Fambro, Administrative Assistant  
John Ward, Grants Coordinator (part-time)

### **Environmental Health Services**

Michael Charley, MS, Environmental Health Supervisor\*\*  
Kathleen Berens-Haas, LEHP, Sanitarian  
Cameron Hendricks, LEHP, Sanitarian

### **Animal Control**

Jason Pounds, Animal Control Officer

### **Community Health Services**

Elisabeth Bacani, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Pamela Rumoro, RN, Family Case Manager/Public Health Nurse

### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

Murray Snow, Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager

\* Via contract with PCC Wellness Center

\*\* Also Animal Control Supervisor and Staff Liaison to Farmer's Market Commission

### **Farmer's Market**

Jessica Rinks, Farmer's Market Manager (part-time)

## **2013 Oak Park Board of Health**

Kamana Mbekeani, MD, Chair  
Rhoda Bernstein, MPH (resigned July, 2013)  
Diana Diakite  
David Rechs, MLT (term ended July, 2013)  
Kenneth Campbell, MPH

Ravi Grivois –Shah, MD, MPH  
Florence Miller, RN, MSN, MPH  
Nathan Pimentel (term ended July, 2013)  
Edward Pont, MD

## 2013 Health Department Program Statistics

### Communicable Disease Control <sup>1</sup>

Total communicable disease reports (excluding HIV and STD)	
Total sexually transmitted disease (STD) reports	254
Chlamydia	183
Gonorrhea	59
Syphilis ( including primary, secondary, early latent and congenital)	12
Community presentations on communicable disease prevention	22
Seasonal flu vaccinations to employees	132

### Maternal Child Health and Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Family Case Management: pregnant women and infants visited <sup>2</sup>	133
High risk infants (IDPH Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Reports) visited <sup>2</sup>	39
<i>Your Kids and Sex</i> workshop <sup>3</sup> : number of parents of adolescents attending	63

### Child Care and Long term care surveillance

Day care center inspection visits	24
Nursing home /Assisted living inspections	5

### Dental Sealant Program<sup>4</sup>

Financially eligible children receiving dental exams and sealants	11
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### Tobacco Cessation Programs<sup>5</sup>

Residents provided nicotine replacement via the IDPH Quitline	51
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### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program<sup>6</sup>

Nursing visits to lead poisoned children	4
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### Food Protection<sup>1</sup>

Food inspections (Oak Park):	1067
Routine	544
Follow-up	486
Pre-sale	37
Food complaints	52
Foodborne illness investigations	13
Construction plans reviewed	32
Food education presentations	2
Food education participants	77
Consultations	34
Citations issued	47

<b>Environmental Health</b>	
Complaints investigated (including rodent control)	260
Day care center environmental inspections	28
Swimming pool inspections	16
Tanning facilities inspections	5
Body art facilities inspections	3
<b>West Nile Virus Prevention<sup>7</sup></b>	
Total homes surveyed for standing water	1684
# homes with standing water site(s)	
Educational presentations/Special Events	4
Number of positive RAMP tests	40
<b>Animal Control</b>	
Complaints investigated	72
Citations issued	35
Dogs impounded <sup>8</sup>	208
Cats impounded <sup>8</sup>	116
Animals returned to owners prior to impound	124
Animals returned to owners after impound	114
Animal licenses issued	2964
Wildlife traps released to residents	73

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1. Funded under the IDPH Local Health Protection Grant
  2. Funded under the IDHS Family Case Management Grant
  3. Funded under the IDHS Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant
  4. Funded under the IDPH Dental Sealant Grant
  5. Funded under the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Grant
  6. Funded under the IDPH Lead Case Management/Environmental Investigation Grant
  7. Funded under the IDPH Vector Control Program Grant
  8. By contractual arrangement with the Animal Care League



**In The Kitchen: Oak Park's Public Health Food Protection Program (2013)**

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

In 2013, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response staff continued to carry out grant funded activities, including planning, training and drilling for a coordinated response to natural and man-made disasters.



The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**, organized to assist the Health Department in its response, met regularly under the guidance of Emergency Preparedness staff. Seventeen Oak Park residents volunteered with the MRC in 2013:

- ★ Adam Ozer
- ★ Belen Zangrilli, RN
- ★ Bill Clark, MD
- ★ Florence Miller, RN
- ★ John Mazzola
- ★ John Rozanski
- ★ Julie Mazzola
- ★ Leda Khoury
- ★ Linda Hansen, RN
- ★ Mary Anderson, RN
- ★ Mary Jane Reese, RN
- ★ Nancy Hickey
- ★ Nellie Schultz
- ★ Pauline Koch, RN
- ★ Rachael Wallace, RN
- ★ Ted Christou, MD
- ★ Tiffany Maxwell



MRC volunteer being fitted for bio-hazard suit by Murray Snow, Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, during monthly training, September, 2013

## **Oak Park Farmers' Market**



The Health Department has provided oversight and management of the Farmer's Market since 2004. In 2013 the Oak Park Farmers' Market celebrated 37 years of providing the community with access to fresh, local and organic fruits and vegetables.

Twenty seven vendors participated in the 2013 market. Twenty-nine non-profit organizations participated in the market as bake sale participants. In addition to several food demonstrations conducted by local restaurants/chefs, special events held at the Farmers Market included Environmental Days, the Corn Roast and Stone Soup.

On 2013, the Village received funds through the Link Up! Illinois Double Coupon grant to fund the distribution of "Link Bucks", enabling eligible customers to essentially double the amount of food items purchased from vendors.

### 2013 Farmers Market staff:

- Jessica Rinks, Market Manager
- John Owens, Assistant Market Manager
- Betsy B. Kelly, Assistant Market Manager
- Cheryl Curry, Assistant Market Manager

## IPLAN – 2011-2016

### Status Report - 2013

As a certified local health department in Illinois, the Health Department is required to report annually on activities to address the priority health issues identified by the community in the 2011-2016 IPLAN strategic plan. The three health issues impacting the lives of Oak Park residents are:

#### Obesity

- In 2013 the Health Department participated in the community-wide *Wild About Wellness* Program, specifically focusing on improving nutrition standards in local licensed child care programs in order to impact childhood obesity.



#### Chronic Disease

- In 2013, the Health Department continued the collaboration with the Housing Division, on *Breathe Easy Oak Park*, the local initiative created with funding from the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities grant to promote smoke-free housing in apartment buildings in Oak Park.
- The Health Department promoted the Illinois Department of Public Health Quitline, where residents can access counseling and medications to assist with smoking cessation and investigated violations of the Village's Clean Indoor Act, protecting residents from exposure to second-hand smoke. Activities were funded under a grant from the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities grant.



#### Inability to Access Adequate Health and Dental Care

- With the advent of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Health Department staff nurses completed training in 2013 in order for the agency to be designated as a certified application agency. Nursing staff responded to requests for assistance from residents seeking to enroll in affordable health insurance.
- In collaboration with the Children's Clinic of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society (IWS), the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce and The League of Women Voters of Oak Park and River Forest, a forum and discussion entitled 'Affordable Care Act (ACA), Implications for Small Business & Individuals,' was held at Village Hall on October 23, 2013.





## 2013 Public Health Awardees

### Fitzsimmons Award Winners:

Three individuals and two local organizations were honored by the Health Department and Board of Health for their contributions to the health and well-being of Oak Parkers during the past year. During National Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2013, the *Fitzsimmons Award for Excellence in Public Health* was awarded to the following honorees nominated by the community.

- **Ellen Barton, APN** (advanced practice nurse), PCC Wellness Center, for the comprehensive care she provides to her patients including for their emotional health, social and academic needs, and spiritual concerns.
- **Janice Enloe**, personal trainer, lifestyle and weight management coach, advanced health and fitness specialist and running coach, for her comprehensive approach to diet and exercise that ensures participants have every opportunity to transform their lifestyle.
- **Vanguard West Suburban Hospital**, for going far beyond free health screenings, health fairs and informational lectures on health-related topics. The hospital offers free, ongoing, regularly scheduled exercise, tai chi and yoga classes to the community without restriction or obligation.
- **Sugar Beet Cooperative**, a grass roots initiative, for its efforts in bringing healthier products from local farms to the wider community including a community-managed store scheduled to open in 2014 that will be a gathering place for residents to grow, cook, discuss and eat food together.
- **Tracy A. Vegeler, general manager, Oak Park Place Apartments**, for her pioneering efforts and dedication in creating one of the first multi-unit residential properties in Oak Park to successfully transition to 100-percent smoke-free status. Tracy has generously volunteered her time to serve as a role model and mentor for other property managers in Illinois as part of the growing campaign to create smoke-free housing.

## Johnson Award Winners:

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual *Johnson Restaurant Award*, which acknowledges sanitation excellence in Oak Park food service establishments, was presented to eleven Oak Park establishments. 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.

The 2013 Johnson Awardees are:

- Marion Street Grille, 189 N Marion Street
- Aripo's Venezuelan Arepa House, 118 N Marion Street
- King & I, 105 N Marion Street
- Cucina Paradiso, 814 North Boulevard
- Penny's Noodle Shop, 1130 Chicago Avenue
- Jerusalem Café, 1030 Lake Street
- Buzz Café, 905 Lombard Avenue
- Flat Top Grill, 726 Lake Street
- New Rebozo, 1116 Madison Street
- Best of Both Worlds, 108 Madison Street

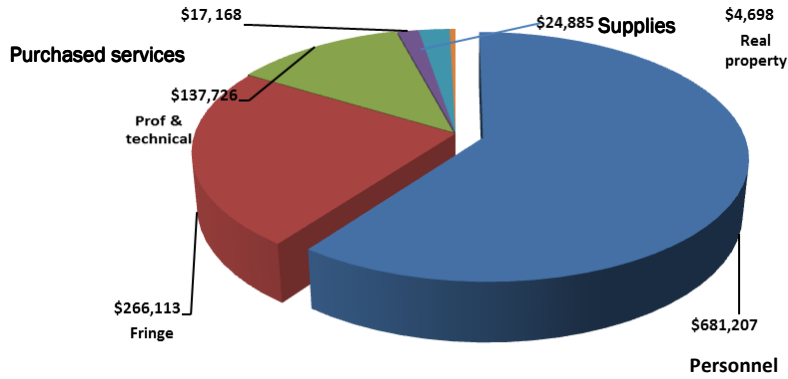


Johnson's Restaurant, Oak Park,  
Illinois

## 2013 Health Department Expenses and Revenue\*

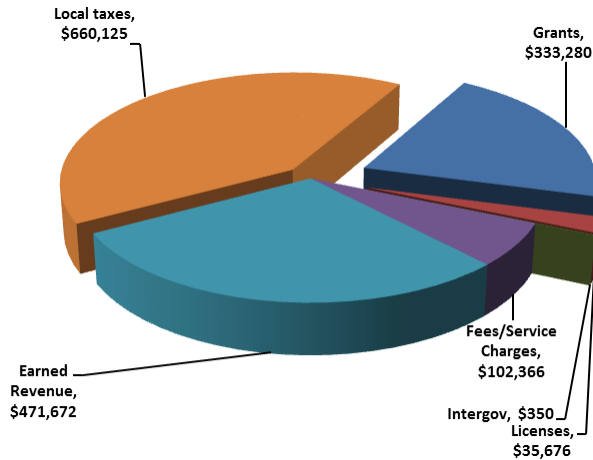
### Expenses

	Grants	Non-grant	Total
<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 258,891.00	\$ 422,316.00	\$ 681,207.00
<b>Fringe</b>	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 263,493.00	\$ 266,113.00
<b>Professional &amp; technical</b>	\$ 36,847.00	\$ 100,879.00	\$ 137,726.00
<b>Purchased services</b>	\$ 10,923.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 17,168.00
<b>Supplies</b>	\$ 19,301.00	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 24,885.00
<b>Real Property</b>	\$ 4,698.00	\$ -	\$ 4,698.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 333,280.00	\$ 798,517.00	\$ 1,131,797.00



### Revenue

<b>Grants</b>	\$ 333,280.00
<b>Licenses</b>	35,676.00
<b>Intergov</b>	350.00
<b>Fees/Service Charges</b>	102,366.00
<b>Earned Revenue</b>	\$ 471,672.00
<b>Local taxes</b>	\$ 660,125.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 1,131,797.00



\*Source: The Village of Oak Park