

## Village Manager's Report Week ending January 3, 2020

## Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Jan. 6:
  - o No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Jan. 7:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Jan. 8:
  - o Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  - o Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, Jan. 9:
  - o Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m. room 102
  - o Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 101
  - o Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Friday, Jan. 10:
  - o No meetings scheduled

Holiday tree collection starts Monday – The Village's refuse hauler will begin collecting holiday trees Mon., Jan 6 as part of the regular refuse collection schedule. Trees will be picked up through the week of Jan. 13. Trees set out after the collection program ends will require a pink bulk refuse sticker be attached. Wreaths and garlands cannot be collected for recycling because they contain wire, so should be placed in the trash container. More information and the collection guidelines are <a href="mailto:posted on the Village website">posted on the Village website</a>. Residents also can call 708.358.5700 or email <a href="mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us">publicworks@oak-park.us</a> with specific questions.

A Day in Our Village recruitment begins —June may seem like a long way from January, but planning already is well underway for <u>A Day in Our Village</u>. This year's event is scheduled for Sun., June 7. A variety of volunteers is needed to help promote and staff the event, which includes activity booths, demonstrations, entertainment and food. Anyone interested in volunteering or more information is urged to call 708.358.5407 or email <u>community@oak-park.us</u>.

**Snow report** – The last snow event of 2019 had Public Works crews on the streets from Monday evening (Dec. 30) through Tuesday morning (Dec. 31). Total accumulation was a little less than two inches, but temperatures made for slippery conditions in some areas. Eight trucks salted and plowed all streets and three machines removed snow from the sidewalks over the I-290 bridges, the Green Line viaducts and Home Avenue pedestrian bridge. The new bike lanes along Madison

Street also were cleared. Crews are preparing for the light snow predicted for tonight (Jan. 3) and into tomorrow morning (Jan. 4).

Miscellaneous construction updates – The annual project to video inspect and clean Village sewers is now underway in multiple locations throughout the Village. The project typically takes several weeks to complete, but traffic flow usually is not affected, although parking may be limited temporarily in congested areas. Crews are expected to be on Madison Street for at least another two weeks, completing minor punch list sign work.

**Employee news** – A 30-plus-year veteran of the Oak Park Police Department has been promoted to the rank of commander. William Rygh, who joined the Oak Park Police Department in 1989, was promoted in a ceremony today (Fri., Jan. 3) at Village Hall. He will serve as a Patrol Commander, overseeing the shift activities of officers who are on our streets protecting and serving the community. During his more than three decades with the Police Department, Commander Rygh has earned high marks for his dedication to and support of youth services programs.

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