



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending Jan. 7, 2022**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Jan. 10:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m.
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Jan. 11:
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Jan. 12:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Jan. 13:
  - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Jan. 14:
  - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at [www.oak-park.us/covid19](http://www.oak-park.us/covid19)  
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

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**Holiday tree collection** - Holiday trees are being collected through next week (Jan. 10 – 14) from residential properties of five or fewer units served by the Village refuse hauling contractor. All decorations and stands should be removed, and trees placed in the regular collection area by 7 a.m. on the property's standard refuse collection date. Since trees are mulched and used for soil enrichment, they should not be left in disposal plastic bags. 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 is posted at [www.oak-park.us/holidaytreecollection2022](http://www.oak-park.us/holidaytreecollection2022).

**Cold weather tips** – When dangerously cold temperatures strike, residents are urged to limit time outdoors for themselves and their pets, as well as to check in on friends and neighbors who may need assistance. Warming centers are available to residents when triggered by low temperatures. More information about warming centers and how to stay safe when temperatures plunge is posted on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/dangerouscold](http://www.oak-park.us/dangerouscold).

**930 North Boulevard update** – The contractor hired by the owner of the structurally comprised multifamily building at 930 North Blvd. has notified Development Customer Services Department staff that a report and repair plan should be available this month. The firm’s engineers have performed the three-dimensional scanning and coring needed to complete an analysis and determine the extent of needed repairs. The apartment building was been vacant since it was declared uninhabitable in October after visible structural support issues and slopping floors were observed in the units. According to the contractor, repair plans could include abandoning the swimming pool to install a new permanent vertical column, a concrete footing at the bottom of the pool or installing a new permanent steel and concrete horizontal column to take the load off of the building’s existing structural beams. Staff will continue to work with representatives of the building and provide updates as they become available.

**COVID-19 business grant update** – The Village has approved more than \$750,000 in federal American Rescue Act grants for local businesses and not-for-profit organizations. To date, 171 organizations have received grants. Businesses are eligible to apply for PPE reimbursement and past due rent/mortgage assistance, while non-profits may apply for in PPE reimbursement. More information about the American Rescue Act grant programs, as well as a complete list of grant recipients is posted on the Village website at [www.oak-park/covid19grant](http://www.oak-park/covid19grant).

**ZBA action** – The Zoning Board of Appeals this week voted 6 – 0 to approve a special use permit to operate a massage service at 1105 Holley Court. The site is within the downtown Oak Park zoning district, which allows massage establishments as special uses. No one argued against the application.

**OPRF cancels ribbon cutting** – Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, Oak Park and River Forest High School officials have canceled the Jan. 10 ribbon-cutting ceremony planned for the new cafeteria and student resource center. Limiting unnecessary visitors to the building is an important safeguard as administrators work to keep students in class. School officials say they hope to be able to reschedule an opportunity to share these new spaces with the community at some point in the future.

**Sewer inspections** – Crews using video technology to inspect sewers took advantage of the holiday break to complete locations near schools to minimize traffic disruptions. Weather permitting, activity on East Avenue between Madison Street and Roosevelt Road was expected to wrap up this week.

**Pete’s construction update** – ComEd crews are scheduled to begin underground work next week in the alley north of Madison Street between Euclid and Wesley avenues for the new Pete’s Fresh Market. Notices were mailed this week to addresses that may be affected by the work. Related underground work at Euclid Avenue from Washington Boulevard to the alley north of Madison Street should be completed early next week. Installation of a new utility access hole at 431-427 Euclid Avenue is anticipated to be completed by Jan. 21.

**Alley closures** – The start of underground work at the alley west of Marion Street just south of Pleasant Street has been pushed back to January 10. The project, which entail installing underground conduit for the new development planned for the southwest corner of the intersection, is expected to take about 14 days to complete. The alley will be closed to through traffic during working hours but steel plates will be used to cover pavement openings and allow alley access when work is not occurring. Residents of the condominium building west of the alley at 200 – 224 S. Maple Ave. will be allowed to park their vehicles in the surface parking lot of the former funeral home site during the alley work.

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