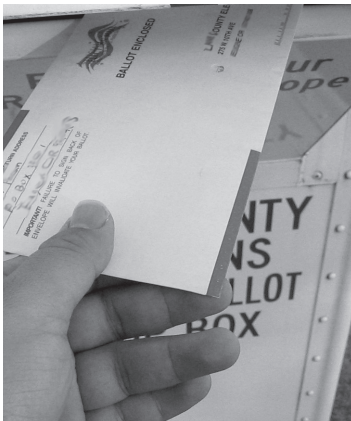


Residents have options for voting in November election

Local election officials are bracing for a big turnout for the 2016 Presidential Election, but options abound for voters looking to avoid potentially long lines at neighborhood polling places when Election Day arrives on Tues., Nov. 8.

Early voting...Early voting begins Mon., Oct. 24 at Village Hall, 123 Madison St., and continues daily right up to Election Day. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. For more information on the 2016 Election, including a sample ballot, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections.



Vote by mail...Registered voters also can vote by mail. To request a ballot, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections, choose *Vote By Mail* in the left panel and fill out the application. The deadline to apply for a mail ballot is Nov. 3.

Register online...Oak Parkers who wish to vote in the 2016 Presidential Election but are not yet registered still have time to sign up. Illinois residents only need an Illinois driver's license or ID to register or update a name or address online at ova.elections.il.gov. The deadline for online registration is Oct. 23.

Register at the Farmers' Market...A representative from Oak Park Township will offer voter registration from 10 a.m. to noon on Sat., Oct. 8 at the Oak Park Farmers' Market, 460 Lake St. Two forms of identification are required, including one that shows a current address. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, state identification card, mortgage or lease documents, and utility bills. The Township also offers voter registration at 105 S. Oak Park Ave. Call 708.383.8005 for details.

Register at Village Hall...Residents can register to vote in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until Oct. 11 at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Call 708.358.5670 or email clerk@oak-park.us for more information.

Runners take streets

The Park District of Oak Park's annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races will bring street closures along the route from about 7:30 to 11 a.m., Sun., Oct. 23, including from Lake Street north to Division Street. Traffic on other streets within the race route also may experience delays. Residents are encouraged to review the course map at www.flwraces.com and allow for extra travel time. The event, now in its 40th year, will feature a 5K run/walk, 10K run and youth mile for ages 7 to 14. All events start at Scoville Avenue and Ontario Street, just east of Oak Park River Forest High School and finish on Scoville in front of the school. The course for the 10K race passes eight buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, including the Home and Studio on Chicago Avenue. Anyone interested in helping with this community event is invited to volunteer at www.flwraces.com/volunteering.



Looking ahead to April

Residents interested in running in the local municipal election scheduled for April 4, 2017 are now able to circulate petitions to be placed on the ballot. The petition filing period for the 2017 local election is Dec. 12 to 19. For information about candidate requirements and deadlines, visit www.elections.il.gov/Publications.aspx – choose *Election Guides* and scroll down for a 2017 Candidate's Guide and other free resources. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at 708.358.5670 or clerk@oak-park.us.

Restaurants honored for cleanliness

Ten Oak Park restaurants were recognized by the Oak Park Department of Public Health and Board of Health for having the highest two-year average inspection scores. Each of these restaurants' food service sanitation efforts earned them a *Johnson Restaurant Award*, named for Oak Park's first lunchroom that operated in the 1890s at 124 Lake St. The award is presented each year to the 10 top-scoring restaurants. This year's Johnson Award winners were chosen from 79 eligible restaurants. For the fourth straight year King & I, Buzz Café and Cucina Paradiso earned recognition, making them the longest-running Johnson Award honorees. The awards are based on scores from a 45-point inspection survey and averaged over a two-year period. These restaurants are responsible for some of the most complex aspects of food service and meal preparation, including cooking, cooling, reheating and serving. Each of these processes must be carried out to the exacting standards mandated by the Illinois State Food Service Sanitation Code. All licensed food establishments in Oak Park receive detailed inspections and education from the Health Department, as the Village works with all commercial food handlers to help make sure they meet state safety standards. The Health Department inspects more than 200 food service establishments in the Village every year, from day care centers to senior living facilities and traditional restaurants to cafes. These businesses are divided into three broad categories based on the complexity of their operations. The Johnson Award winners are all restaurants that have fairly complex food service processes and are required to maintain competent management and continuous supervision of every step of their food service operations. This is the 31st year the Johnson Restaurant Awards have been presented. Recipients receive a door decal and a recognition certificate from the Health Department. For more information on the awards, call 708.358.5480 or email health@oak-park.us.



2016 Johnson Award winners

Boss Burrito, 1110 W. Westgate St.
King & I, 105 N. Marion St.
Sagano Sushi, 731 Lake Street.
Jerusalem Café, 1030 W. Lake St.
Buzz Café, 905 S. Lombard Ave.
Penny's Noodle Shop, 1130 Chicago Ave.
Michael's Beef House, 6747 North Ave.
Munch, 104 N. Marion St.
Cucina Paradiso, 814 North Blvd.
Wendy's, Store #66-1060, 11 Harlem Ave.



News for Renters

Discrimination complaints... Village Code defends the rights of individuals within the protected classes of race, sex, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status or disability in purchasing, leasing, securing a loan, renting or occupying housing or other real estate. Any person otherwise qualified who is denied or discriminated against in these processes should call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us for more information, conciliation or to file a formal, written complaint.

Interest rates on deposits... Tenants of apartment buildings containing four or more units are entitled to interest on their security deposits. Interest must be paid or applied toward rent within 30 days of the expiration of each 12-month period. The security deposit must have been held for at least six months and the rent must be current to be eligible for interest. Call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us for more information.

Tenant handbook... A free handbook outlining rights, responsibilities and regulations is available online at www.oak-park.us/community or from the Community Relations Department in Village Hall, 123 Madison St. The handbook does not offer legal advice, but does contain helpful tips for positive landlord/tenant relationships. For more information call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us.

Dispute resolution... Free mediation services are available to help landlords and tenants resolve issues that may be disrupting quality of life. Participation is voluntary and agreements made are between the two parties and not enforced by the Village. To learn more, call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us.

Safe school walking routes online

Parents of students in any of the community's 10 public elementary schools now can find the safest walking route online via a link from www.oak-park.us/maps. The routes are part of a range of information displayed in MapOffice, a proprietary application developed for the GIS Consortium, a collective of local governments working together to develop and implement new technologies they can share. Administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the *Safe Routes to School* program is designed to improve public safety and promote healthy alternatives for children to get to school. The Village has participated in the program for many years, but until recently has relied on static maps to illustrate the safest walking route to each school. The walking routes are just one of the categories of information displayed by address on the MapOffice page. Other layers allow property owners to see historic district boundaries, zoning classifications and information about the trees on their parkways.



October last month for Farmers' Market



October is the final month for the 2016 season of Oak Park Farmers' Market, held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, mid-May through October in the Pilgrim Church parking lot on Lake Street, just west of Ridge-land Avenue. Traditional stone soup made from Farmers' Market vegetables will be ladled up from about 9 a.m. until the pot is empty at the final market on Sat., Oct. 29. For more information on the Farmers' Market visit www.oak-park.us, email farmersmarket@oak-park.us or call 708.358.5780.

Last chance to recycle electronics

Sat., Oct. 29 will be the last opportunity this year for residents to safely dispose of unwanted electronic items now banned from landfills. Items will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd. Just about any kind of electronic item will be accepted, including computers, peripherals, laptops, monitors, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, printers, fax machines, MP3 players, portable digital assistants, video game consoles, video cassette recorders/players, video disk players, zip drives, scanners and microwaves. Crews will be on hand to help with the unloading. For more information call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

Recycle used books, too...Residents also can recycle used books during the last electronics recycling event of the season. Books of all kinds in any condition will be accepted.

News you can use

Get to know your RBO...Oak Park's residential beat officers hold regular meetings in the neighborhoods they serve to discuss issues and crime trends, and answer questions. For more details, including dates, times and locations, call 708.386.3800 or visit www.oak-park.us/rbo and contact the police officer whose beat includes your neighborhood.

Overnight parking restricted...Parking is prohibited on all Village streets from 2:30 to 6 a.m., seven days a week, year around, except when allowed by permit or pass. Up to 10 on-street overnight passes are allowed for each vehicle every month — the first three are free, and additional passes are \$7 each. If you have guests, consider parking in one of the Village's public garages. For more information about parking, visit www.oak-park.us/parking.

Signs prohibited...Placing any type of sign in the public right of way such as the parkway space between the sidewalk and the curb is prohibited — including garage sale signs, political signs, open house signs and contractor signs. For more information call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

Film permits required... A permit is required for any residential or commercial property to be used as a location for a television commercial or other filming. Neighbors must be notified by flyer as to when and where the shoot is to occur. If police presence is required, services of off-duty police must be paid by the film crew. For more information call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us.

Backing into stalls prohibited...Backing a vehicle into a parking stall in a Village lot or garage is prohibited because permit decals must appear in the rear window and be visible to enforcement officers. Violators may be ticketed. Email parking@oak-park.us for more information.

Avoid parking ticket paperwork and late fees...Parking citations can be appealed and paid on-line at www.oak-park.us/onlineservices. Payment may be made with Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Visit www.oak-park.us/adjudication or email adjudication@oak-park.us for more information.

No swings in trees...Tree swings in parkway trees may appear fun, but they threaten the health of the trees and safety of passersby. That's why it is illegal to attach any rope, wire, nail, sign, poster or any other manmade object to trees and shrubs located on Village property, including parkways. For more information, call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

Pay water bill online...Property owners can pay their water bills electronically, either by using a credit card online, or setting up an automatic debit from a checking, savings or credit card account. Property owners also can go paperless by signing up to receive bills via email. In addition to water, the quarterly bill includes charges for sewer, garbage disposal and recycling. For more information, call 708.358.5478 or email waterbilling@oak-park.us.

Nature museum activities...Cook County's Trailside Museum of Natural History, 738 Thatcher Ave., in River Forest, offers a range of programs for children and adults alike, including nature stories, fitness hikes and close-up visits with the Thatcher Woods' many inhabitants. For more information, visit the Museum or call 708.366.6530.



Change your clock, change your battery

Daylight saving time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m., Sun., Nov. 6. Public safety officials recommend changing smoke detector batteries when changing clocks.

Pet ownership comes with responsibilities



Pets are an important part of many households in Oak Park. Along with the companionship they provide come responsibilities for the owner to ensure the health and safety of the pet and the community.

- **Licensing** – All dogs and outdoor cats in Oak Park are required to display a current animal license. New licenses must be obtained in person at Village Hall, but annual renewals can be completed online. Licensing is a vital part of the recovery process if a pet runs away from home. A telephone call from Animal Control often is all it takes to reunite lost or strayed pets with their owners — provided the pets have

been licensed and are wearing tags. New residents must provide current rabies vaccination information to license their pets. Proof of spaying and neutering means a reduced license fee.

- **Leashes** – As in most Chicago-area cities and towns, leashes are required for all dogs that use any public street, sidewalk, parkway or public area. Leashes can't be longer than eight feet. Owners who allow their dogs to run off leash may be ticketed and fined. The Park District of Oak Park offers areas where dogs can run off leash. Visit www.pdop.org for more information.
- **Picking Up** – Responsible pet owners agree that picking up after one's dog is the right thing to do. Dog excrement is not only a nuisance, it's unhealthy and against the law. And don't put your pet's waste in a neighbor's container. Take it home to your container.
- **Limitations** – Village ordinance limits the number of pets on private premises, depending on the animal and household type. Don't worry — the vast majority of households will never run afoul of this ordinance, as it allows a wide variety of pet combinations. Visit www.oak-park.us/pets for more information on keeping pets at home.
- **Report Violations** – Anyone observing a dog not on a leash or an owner not picking up after a pet can report the violation by calling 708.358.5680 or emailing health@oak-park.us.

Rehab loans available for rental properties

Owners of multi-family buildings with seven or fewer units may be eligible for forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per unit under the Village's Small Rental Rehab Program. Owners need to contribute matching funds of at least 25 percent of the total project cost and agree to rent to income-eligible tenants for two years. Projects eligible for funding include general property repairs, unit upgrades and energy efficiency improvements. For more information, visit www.oak-park.us/housing, call 708.358.5410 or email housing@oak-park.us.

Valet offers convenient parking option

Oak Park's public valet service offers a quick and easy way to park in the busy downtown area from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. *Valet Oak Park* has two drop-off and pick-up points — one on the north side of Lake Street, just west of Marion Street, and one on the east side of Marion Street by North Boulevard — just look for the London-style red telephone booth valet stands. Vehicles can be dropped off at either site, and then picked up at the closest valet stand. The service is \$5 for up to three hours and \$12 for more than three hours until close. For more information on parking in Oak Park visit www.oak-park.us/parking.

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Who to Call

Dial Direct (area code 708)

Village Hall	oak-park.us
TTY	711
Adjudication	358.5630
Development Customer Services	358.5420
Business Services	358.5425
Neighborhood Services	358.5410
Housing	option 1
CDBG	option 2
Property complaints	option 3
Permits & Inspections	358.5430
Planning	358.5440
General questions	option 1
Historic Preservation	option 2
Zoning	option 3
Finance	358.5460
Utility Billing Inquiries	358.5478
Fire (nonemergency)	358.5600
Human Resources	358.5650
Job Hotline	358.5650
Mayor & Trustees	358.5784
Police (nonemergency)	386.3800
Crime Tip Hotline	434.1636
Public Health	358.5480
Animal Control	358.5680
Public Works	358.5700
Parking	358.7275
Village Clerk	358.5670
Village Manager's Office	358.5770

EMERGENCIES 911

Park District	www.pdop.org
Administration	725.2017
Customer Service	725.2000
Building & Grounds	725.2050
Business Operations	725.2015






Public Library	www.oppl.org
Main Library	383.8200
Maze Branch	386.4751
Dole Branch	386.9032

School District 97	www.op97.org
Administration	524.3000

School District 200	www.oprfs.org
Administration	383.0700

Township	www.oakparktownship.org
Senior Services	383.8060
Youth Services	445.2727
General Assistance	383.8005
Assessor Services	383.8005
Mental Health Board	358.8855

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Police News

Lobby available for transactions...Residents buying or selling items via an on-line forum can use the lobby of the Oak Park Police Department for transactions. Located in the lower level of Village Hall, 123 Madison St., the lobby is open, well-lit and staffed 24 hours a day. The police station has been used for parental custody exchanges for many years. Email police@oak-park.us for more information.

Drug disposal box...A prescription drug disposal box is available in the lobby of the Police Department at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Needles and other medical wastes are not accepted. Safe disposal of drugs is becoming increasingly important, as trace residues of some medications can turn up in the water supply when prescription drugs are flushed. For more information on the drug collection service call 708.386.3800 or email police@oak-park.us.

Crime Tip Hot Line...Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activity to the Police Department's Crime Tip Hot Line at 708.434.1636. All callers remain anonymous. Anonymous tips also can be made at www.oak-park.us/police.

Don't hesitate to call 911...Oak Park Police rely on residents taking an active role. If you see unusual activity, suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood, don't hesitate to call 911 immediately. Visit www.oak-park.us/police for more information on police programs and services.

Open house to highlight Fire Safety Month

October is Fire Safety Month, and to mark the occasion the Oak Park Fire Department is hosting an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., Sat., Oct. 8 at the main fire station, 100 N. Euclid Ave. Oak Parkers of all ages can get up close to the equipment and talk to the firefighter/paramedics that help keep the community safe during the event, which will include tours, safety presentations, refreshments and safety handouts.

About the Department...Always on call, the Fire Department maintains three shifts of more than 20 trained professionals ready to provide around the clock protection to residents. All Village firefighters also are paramedics, since delivering emergency medical services is an integral part of the fire department mission. In addition to emergency services, the Oak Park Fire Department also provides a number of non-emergency programs for the community:



- **CPR/AED, First Aid Training** – The Fire Department offers a variety of life-saving classes including CPR and training in how to use an automated external defibrillator, or AED. Classes are held at the main fire station and cost \$25 for Oak Park residents, plus a \$12 textbook fee. Visit www.oak-park.us/safetytraining for a registration form and list of class dates.

- **Child Safety Seat Inspections** – The Fire Department has child safety seat technicians available to check your seat for safety and proper installation. To schedule a safety inspection, email carseat@oak-park.us. Each request for an appointment will be followed up within 48 hours.
- **Fire Prevention and Inspections** – Fire Department personnel inspect all public buildings and commercial establishments in Oak Park at least once a year to ensure safety. Inspections range from complex medical centers and high-rise residences for the elderly to traditional offices and shops. The Fire Department also reviews all building blueprints for fire alarm and sprinkler system installations prior to construction to ensure the systems meet or exceed current fire code regulations.

For more information about the Oak Park Fire Department, visit www.oak-park.us/fire.



Trick-or-treat hours set

Official hours for Halloween trick or treating are 3 to 7 p.m., Oct. 31.

Parents should accompany young children, especially after dark, and inspect all treats. Other safety tips include:

- Use make-up instead of masks
- Choose flame-retardant costumes
- Wear light-colored clothing at night or add reflective tape to dark colored costumes
- Give and accept only wrapped and packaged candy
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay
- Stay within your neighborhood and visit only homes you know

For information on Halloween safety, call 708.445.3300 or 708.386.3800, or email fire@oak-park.us or police@oak-park.us.

Halloween double feature...The Park District of Oak Park will host its annual Halloween double feature on Sat., Oct. 29 in the shadowy beauty of Austin Gardens, 167 Forest Ave., just north of Lake Street. The action begins at dusk with *Casper the Friendly Ghost* followed by *Hocus Pocus*. Both films are rated PG. Visit www.pdop.org for more information.

No-interest loans can help with emergency repairs

No-interest loans of up to \$5,000 are available to help income-eligible owners of single family homes make emergency repairs such as replace faulty furnaces or water heaters before the winter weather returns. To qualify, homes must be owner-occupied and household income must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income – for example \$55,350 for a three-person household. Loan terms are for five years. Contact housing@oak-park.us or call 708.358.5413 for more information.



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Annual leaf collection program begins this month

The annual fall leaf collection program is scheduled for Oct. 17 through Dec. 1 with seven pickups planned for each section of the Village. Leaves should be raked into the street at least 18 inches from the curb the day before the scheduled pickup dates indicated on the map. Leaves raked into the street are pushed into piles during the night, and then collected the following day. Residents who miss a scheduled pickup date should keep their leaves on the parkway until the night before the next scheduled pickup. Cooperation is essential to the success of the program, so please follow these simple rules:

- Consider composting or using the leaves as garden mulch as an alternative to raking.
- Rake leaves out the day before the scheduled pickup date.
- Leaves only — do not add brush, grass clippings or yard waste.
- Do not park on or near a pile of leaves, which can hinder leaf removal operations. Heat from a car also could ignite the leaves.
- Rake leaves onto side streets whenever possible. Try to avoid major thoroughfares where piles of leaves might create traffic hazards.
- Do not rake leaves into or close to cul de sacs or traffic diverters. The equipment needs room to operate.
- Keep catch basins clear of raked leaves to avoid flooding.
- Inform landscape services of the leaf collection schedule.
- Obey all parking restrictions. Regulations will be strictly enforced.
- Dampen piles after raking to avoid leaves being blown by the wind.
- Drive carefully. Leaves are slippery when wet and large piles may hinder visibility.
- Drive cautiously — crews will create safe work zones and close intersections for a few minutes while removing large leaf piles.

NORTH AVE		EAST AVE	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
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SOUTH BLVD		EAST AVE	TUESDAY		MONDAY	
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2016 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For more information call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

