

## New online system to make many Village services available 24/7

**O**ak Parkers who want to report a problem, track the process of a building permit or schedule a project inspection soon will be able to forgo a trip to Village Hall and do it all online.

A new software system set to launch May 9 will offer users an intuitive, widget-driven website portal for conducting a wide range of Village business online via a computer, tablet or mobile telephone.

Called *VillageView*, the new software solution will link multiple Village databases, streamline and automate information processing, and manage citizen complaints from potholes to streetlight outages.

In addition to reporting property related problems they may observe in the neighborhood, residents will be able to search for information about their properties such as its zoning classification, check to make sure a contractor they may be considering for a project has a current local license, and search and track building permits by address.

The new system also will allow contractors to register with the Village, apply for some types of permits and update permit submittal materials.

Business and multifamily building owners will be able to apply for their licenses online as well.

And when fees are due, payment will be accepted via credit card through the *VillageView* portal.

One of the key user-friendly aspects of the new system will be its ability to offer real-time information as a property complaint or a permit submittal moves through the review and approval processes.

While citizens and contractors will benefit most visibly from the online interface, behind the scenes *VillageView* will mean more effective and efficient communication inside Village Hall.



## Parking options keep expanding downtown

**W**ith a new public garage now open, convenient valet service available and time limits to be set in three surface lots to encourage turnover, shoppers are finding a range of new parking options in downtown Oak Park.

**New public garage...**The new state-of-the-art garage at Lake Street and Forest Avenue offers 300 public spaces at the same hourly rates as the Holley Court Garage near Lake and Marion streets and the Avenue Garage on North Boulevard just east of Oak Park Avenue. The new garage, which is part of the \$99-million Vantage Oak Park private development, replaced one of the Village's first stand-alone public parking structures that had dominated the site from about 1974 until it was demolished in October 2014. Some 18,000 cubic yards of concrete, 50 tons of structural steel and 36,500 masonry blocks later, the new garage opened for public parking with the entrance on Forest Avenue about a half block north of Lake Street. The garage also includes another 288 parking spaces for residents and businesses in the development that, once completed and fully occupied, is projected to generate an estimated \$1.3 million in new property and sales taxes each year from 270 rental apartments and about 25,000 square feet of commercial space.

**Valet Oak Park debuts...**The new Valet Oak Park parking service is now operating in downtown Oak Park from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



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### VillageView Services

- Apply for permits
- Check the status of permit applications
- Schedule inspections
- Register as a contractor
- Check a contractor's license status
- Submit property complaints
- Check on planning applications
- Apply for a business license
- Apply for a multifamily rental license
- Search for property information

Multiple Village operations will be able to easily share information, a key advantage of the new system since more than one municipal function often must be involved in solving a problem or keeping a construction project on track.

The range of services offered by *VillageView* is expected to grow as more databases are created in the effort to offer citizens a 24-hour Village Hall.

For more information on *VillageView*, email [development@oak-park.us](mailto:development@oak-park.us) — or, after May 9, visit [www.oak-park.us/villageview](http://www.oak-park.us/villageview) to give the system a try.

## A Day in Our Village festival is June 5

The 43rd annual A Day in Our Village festival celebrating diversity and community involvement is scheduled for Sun., June 5. Activity booths representing Oak Park civic, cultural, social service, educational, religious and business organizations will fill Scoville Park, Lake Street at Oak Park Avenue, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. along with live performances and a food court featuring local restaurants. Rehm Park & Pool and the Oak Park Conservatory, Garfield Street at East Avenue, also will offer many activities from 1 to 6 p.m., with \$5 wristbands for unlimited access to carnival games, rides, entertainment, inflatables and the trains. Admission to Rehm Pool will be half price during the event. An Oak Park Township mini-bus will provide free transportation between venues. For more information, call 708.358.5407 or email [community@oak-park.us](mailto:community@oak-park.us).



## Building Safety Month Activities

May is Building Safety Month, a time to raise awareness and understanding of what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Here's what is planned in Oak Park:

**Residential Construction Symposiums:** Learn about permits, the permit process and requirements for remodeling kitchens, baths and basements — 9 a.m., Wed., May 4, Council Chamber of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. and 7 p.m., Wed., May 11, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

**Open House:** Tour the new Development Customer Services Department, which oversees building permits, inspections and code enforcement — 5 to 7 p.m., Mon., May 16, Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Light refreshments.

**Lunch & Learn:** Presentation by Masonry Council's Kevin Cavanaugh on Aminoplast Masonry Foam, Insulation & Next Gen CMU Facts — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., room 101, Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Free lunch for those who RSVP to [scutaia@oak-park.us](mailto:scutaia@oak-park.us).

## Follow the zoning review online

Property owners are urged to visit [www.oakparkzoning.com](http://www.oakparkzoning.com) to get the latest information on the first comprehensive review of Village zoning regulations since 2002. Presentations and information from public meetings held by the Plan Commission are posted on the website as efforts continue to better align local laws with recommendations in Envision Oak Park, the community's long-range comprehensive plan adopted last year. The Village Board is expected to consider revisions to the full zoning code sometime in late summer. In addition to information about the process posted on the dedicated website, public comments also are accepted. For more information, call 708.358.5440 or email [planning@oak-park.us](mailto:planning@oak-park.us).

## Parking options expanding downtown

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The service offers two drop-off and pick-up points — one on Lake Street, just west of Marion Street, and one on 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 new service is \$5 for up to three hours and \$12 for more than three hours until close. More information on parking in Oak Park is posted at [www.oak-park.us/parking](http://www.oak-park.us/parking).

**Lot time limits...** To encourage turnover and enhance convenience, parking will be limited to three hours in the surface lots on Marion Street just south of Lake Street (Lot 3), on North Boulevard (Lot 10) and near the Marion Street entrance to the Holley Court Garage (Lot 118), just north of Lake Street. The change came at the request of area business owners who asked the Village to set new rules that would discourage all-day parking in these important retail and dining areas, and offer shoppers another convenient, nearby option.



## Farmers' Market to begin 41st season

The Oak Park Farmers' Market will open its 41st season on Sat., May 21. The Market is held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from opening day through October in the Pilgrim Congregational Church parking lot, 460 Lake St., one block west of Ridgeland Avenue. In addition to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, honey, cheese, frozen meat, bread and baked goods, the Market also features donuts made on-site, fresh coffee and live bluegrass music. Regional vendors will offer sustainable, organic and locally sourced goods again this season, including several heirloom products. To help support Market administration, a variety of items will be sold at the information tent, including reusable shopping bags, t-shirts and travel mugs. Non-profit bake sales will be offered each Saturday as well as occasional cooking demonstrations featuring chefs from local restaurants. A majority of the vendors now accept credit/debit cards and Link cards. For more information call 708.358.5780, email [farmersmarket@oak-park.us](mailto:farmersmarket@oak-park.us) or visit [www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket](http://www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket).

## Volunteers needed

The annual Friends of the Farmers' Market recruitment night is 7:30 p.m., Thurs., May 12 at the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St. These volunteers become part of this quintessential Village summer experience by helping out at the commissioners' booth on Saturday mornings, volunteering at special events and contributing to the smooth running of the market. This informal orientation session is intended for anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the Oak Park Farmers' Market. For information on volunteering, email [farmersmarket@oak-park.us](mailto:farmersmarket@oak-park.us), call 708.358.5780 or visit [www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket](http://www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket).

## Park District News

**Free movies in the park...**Oak Parkers are invited to enjoy free movies in Scoville Park, at Lake Street and Oak Park Avenue all summer long. Movies begin at dusk. If it rains, check [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org) for information.

- **Sat., May 21:** Inside Out
- **Thurs., June 16:** Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- **Thurs., July 14:** The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water
- **Thurs., Aug. 18:** The Good Dinosaur
- **Sat., Sept. 17:** Zootopia

**Scholarships...**Scholarships are available to help low income individuals and families participate in Park District of Oak Park programs. Funds can be used for all programs, including camps, classes, pool passes and trips. Funds are not eligible for equipment purchases or rental fees. Scholarships also are available for childcare, including summer camps, preschool/playschool, team gymnastics, travel house hockey and the afterschool program. More information on the scholarship programs, including how to make a donation, is available at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org).

**Courts, skate parks open...**Middle school-aged and older participants must sign in and present either a state or school-issued ID to use the Park District's outside basketball courts or the skate park. Wristbands will be issued during peak hours. Helmets are required for the skate park. The following hours are in effect through June 12:

### Longfellow Basketball Courts

3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday  
1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays

### Barrie Park Sports Courts

3:30 to 6 p.m., Monday – Friday  
1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays

### Stevenson Skate Park & Basketball Courts

3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday – Wednesday  
3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays  
3:30 to 6 p.m. Fridays  
1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays

Visit [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org) for more information on facility programs and hours.

## Help keep Oak Park beautiful

**Alley clean-up...**The Village's alley clean-up program, developed by the Keep Oak Park Beautiful committee, provides free plastic bags, refuse stickers, disposable



rubber gloves and information on organizing a safe and successful event. The committee will monitor the program by taking before-and-after photographs for the regular reports issued to Keep

America Beautiful, Inc. Call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us) for more information.

**Adopt a block...**Residents, community groups and business owners are invited to adopt a block by committing to removing litter at least once a month for a year. The Keep Oak Park Beautiful committee will provide trash bags, refuse stickers, gloves, safety vests and an adopt-a-block sign listing the names of participating individuals or groups. Call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us) for more information.

**Limit leaf blower noise...**The use of gas-powered leaf blowers emanating more than 65 decibels or failing to meet federal emission regulations is prohibited from June through October. The ban applies to both landscapers and homeowners. Gas-powered blowers that emanate fewer than 65 decibels and meet emission standards may be used during the ban if they have been tested and approved by the Village. For more information call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us).

## House walk offers rare glimpse of historic homes

**T**he owners of historic Frank Lloyd Wright houses and other landmark residences in Oak Park and River Forest will invite the public inside their carefully restored homes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., May 21. The 2016 *Wright Plus Housewalk* features homes that are considered a standing record of the birth and development of the Prairie style created and fine-tuned by Wright and his fellow architects at Wright's Oak



Park Studio on Chicago Avenue. Transportation between Oak Park and River Forest is included in the ticket price. For more information about tickets, the house walk and its related events, visit [www.flwright.org/wrightplus](http://www.flwright.org/wrightplus).

## Municipal jobs posted online

**R**esidents interested in working for the Village of Oak Park can keep track of job openings at [www.oak-park.us/jobs](http://www.oak-park.us/jobs), where descriptions and qualifications are posted for specific positions. Most open positions require applicants to fill out an employment application and equal employment opportunity form, which can be submitted digitally. Separate forms must be submitted for each position since applications are not retained once a job is filled. The Village receives a number of applications and does not reply to each submission. Applicants are contacted only if there is interest in the skills and background for the position applied. Unsolicited resumes not identifying a specific job opening are not accepted or acknowledged. The application process for police officers and firefighter/paramedics uses a different application form that will be posted as needed for specific recruitment efforts. For more information on Village hiring policies and procedures, email [careers@oak-park.us](mailto:careers@oak-park.us).

# Oak Park Township news

**Youth services volunteers sought...**Volunteers are needed to advise the Oak Park Township Board on funding local agencies that sponsor programs for youth, especially those at risk of becoming involved in harmful or illegal activities. Applications for the Youth Services Advisory Committee, which meets the first Wednesday of each month, are available at [oakparktownship.org](http://oakparktownship.org), the Township office, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., and by mail by calling 708.383.8005. The deadline to apply is Fri., May 13.

**Scholarships available...**A limited number of Financial Assistance Scholarships (FAS) are available for youths in low-income families through the Oak Park Township. Funds may be used for registration and participation fees for local activities and programs. For more information, including guidelines and qualifying programs, call 708.445.2727 or visit [oakparktownship.org/services/scholarships](http://oakparktownship.org/services/scholarships).

**Money management help needed...**Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens who may be having difficulty managing their financial affairs or at risk for being taken advantage of by unscrupulous characters. A commitment of just a few hours a month helping with tasks such as bill sorting, budgeting and check writing can make a big difference in someone's life. To learn more or to volunteer, call 708.383.8060 or email [ssmith@oakparktownship.org](mailto:ssmith@oakparktownship.org).

## Owners responsible for private property storm debris disposal

When severe weather creates debris from trees on private property, owners are reminded not to bring limbs or brush to the curb, but make other arrangements for its disposal. Public Works crews only pick up debris from parkway trees – a big job with nearly 19,000 trees on public property throughout the Village. However, brush from private property will be treated as yard waste if it is tied into bundles, each tagged with a green yard waste sticker and placed in the regular refuse pick-up area. Each bundle should be no larger than two feet in diameter, four feet in length and not exceed 50 pounds. Yard waste stickers are \$2.45 each and are available at most Village grocery and hardware stores, as well as in the cashier's office at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. The Village's contract refuse hauler also will come to a home and estimate the cost for removing larger, unbundled quantities of yard waste – call 888.656.5350 to request an estimate. Refuse collection is funded by user fees billed quarterly with the water bill, rather than property taxes, an approach that means only those properties that require the service pay. About half of Oak Park's 26,000 residential addresses are in multifamily buildings. For more information on yard waste, recycling and refuse hauling, call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us).



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### Who to Call

Dial Direct (area code 708)

Village Hall	<a href="http://oak-park.us">oak-park.us</a>
TTY	711
Adjudication	358.5479
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

<b>Park District</b>	<a href="http://www.pdop.org">www.pdop.org</a>
Administration	725.2017
Customer Service	725.2000
Building & Grounds	725.2050
Business Operations	725.2015
<b>Public Library</b>	<a href="http://www.oppl.org">www.oppl.org</a>
Main Library	383.8200
Maze Branch	386.4751
Dole Branch	386.9032
<b>School District 97</b>	<a href="http://www.op97.org">www.op97.org</a>
Administration	524.3000
<b>School District 200</b>	<a href="http://www.oprfhs.org">www.oprfhs.org</a>
Administration	383.0700
<b>Township</b>	<a href="http://www.oakparktownship.org">www.oakparktownship.org</a>
Senior Services	383.8060
Youth Services	445.2727
General Assistance	383.8005
Assessor Services	383.8005
Mental Health Board	358.8855

### Where to Buy Yard Waste Stickers

- **Village Hall**, 123 Madison St.
- **Dressel's Ace Hardware**, 1137 Chicago Ave.
- **Fair Share Finer Foods**, 6226 Roosevelt Road
- **Jewel Food Stores**, 438 Madison St., 7036 Roosevelt Road, 7525 Lake St. (River Forest)
- **Pete's Fresh Market**, 259 Lake St.
- **Schauer Ace Hardware**, 7449 Madison St. (Forest Park)
- **Walgreens**, 811 Madison St., 6412 Roosevelt Road

### Stay connected...

- [oak-park.us](http://oak-park.us)
- [facebook.com/vopnews](https://facebook.com/vopnews)
- [twitter.com/vopnews](https://twitter.com/vopnews)
- [pinterest.com/oakparkil](https://pinterest.com/oakparkil)
- [youtube.com/vopnews](https://youtube.com/vopnews)

## Police lobby safe place for in-person transactions

The lobby of the Oak Park Police Station is available to the public for in-person meetings and face-to-face transactions. Police officials encourage residents to make use of the lobby, which is open, well-lit and staffed 24 hours a day. The reminder comes with the growing number of crimes committed by perpetrators who arranged meetings with their victims through online forums. The police station is always available as a safe venue for finalizing transactions or conducting exchanges, and has been used for parental custody exchanges for years. The lobby is located on the lower level of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. For more information on the Police Department, email [police@oak-park.us](mailto:police@oak-park.us) or visit [www.oak-park.us/police](http://www.oak-park.us/police).

## Parking restrictions eased for holidays

As a courtesy to residents and their guests, the overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets during several holidays in the year ahead. Restrictions will remain in effect in areas reserved for overnight permit holders, such as Village-owned lots, on-street enclaves and on-street parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. For more information on parking in Oak Park call 708.358.7275 or email [parking@oak-park.us](mailto:parking@oak-park.us).

- **Memorial Day**

**Restrictions Lifted:** 2:30 a.m., Sat., May 28

**Restrictions Resume:** 2:30 a.m. Wed., June 1

- **July 4**

**Restrictions Lifted:** 2:30 a.m., Sat., July 2

**Restrictions Resume:** 2:30 a.m. Wed., July 6

- **Labor Day**

**Restrictions Lifted:** 2:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 3

**Restrictions Resume:** 2:30 a.m. Wed., Sept. 7

- **Thanksgiving**

**Restrictions Lifted:** 2:30 a.m., Wed., Nov. 23

**Restrictions Resume:** 2:30 a.m. Mon., Nov. 28

- **Christmas/New Year**

**Restrictions Lifted:** 2:30 a.m., Wed., Dec. 21

**Restrictions Resume:** 2:30 a.m., Wed., Jan. 4

## Rehab loans, grants available



Rehabilitation loans and grants are available to owners of single family homes and rental buildings with seven or fewer units. Income-eligible, single-family households may be eligible for no interest loans of up to \$25,000 to correct health and safety issues and building code violations. No monthly payments are required and loans are repayable after 20 years or when the property is transferred. Rental properties with fewer than eight units may be

eligible for forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per unit for projects such as property repairs, unit upgrades and energy efficiency improvements. Owners must contribute matching funds of at least 25 percent of the total project cost and agree to rent to income-eligible tenants for two years. For more information, visit [www.oak-park.us/housing](http://www.oak-park.us/housing), email [housing@oak-park.us](mailto:housing@oak-park.us) or call 708-358-5410.

## Time for outdoor spring cleaning

Village property inspectors are checking single-family homes and apartment buildings for visible code violations to ensure public safety and community aesthetics as part of the Neighborhood Walk Program. Village code requires grass and weeds to be cut below eight inches, including in parkways, alleys, parking pads and between garages. Debris that often collects under porches and stairwells during the winter also should be removed, and peeling paint should be scrapped and repainted. For nuisance violations such as garbage, debris and overgrown vegetation, inspectors will leave a notice on the door as a reminder to clean up and remove the materials. However, for building maintenance issues related to code violations that pose a danger, the property owner will be notified by mail. If you receive a violation letter, please take care of the repairs within the period specified in the letter. For more information call 708.358.5430 or email [building@oak-park.us](mailto:building@oak-park.us).

## Village to plant 349 new trees

Forestry crews and contractors will begin planting 349 trees across the Village this month. About 75 of the new trees will be planted in the medians of the 900, 1000, 1100 and 1200 blocks of North Kenilworth Avenue, where 97 trees were removed this year because of declining condition and age. More than 30 different species of trees will be planted this spring, as foresters focus on species diversity as a way to prevent the widespread loss that can occur when an urban forest lacks variety and becomes susceptible to outbreaks like Dutch elm disease and the emerald ash borer. The Village will water the young trees for the first season. Residents are urged to store Village watering bags in the fall and use them in future years to help the trees on their parkways stay strong during their most vulnerable early years. For more information on tree care in the Village visit [www.oak-park.us/trees](http://www.oak-park.us/trees).



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## Vehicle sticker sales begin this month

Village vehicle stickers for the 2016/2017 season are scheduled to go on sale May 9, as renewal notices go out to the owners of vehicles registered to Oak Park residents.

Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a vehicle is required to purchase and display a Village sticker annually before July 15 to get the lowest rate. The rate increases by \$20 after the deadline. Failure to display a valid Village sticker also could result in a \$75 ticket.

A current vehicle sticker is needed to purchase a parking permit.

Residents whose vehicles already are registered with the Village can save time by renewing online at [www.oak-park.us/onlineservices](http://www.oak-park.us/onlineservices), rather than via mail or in person at Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

Vehicle owners who renew online will have the option to receive next year's renewal notice via email, eliminating the need for a paper notice sent by mail.

First-time vehicle sticker purchasers — and residents who have turned 65 since they last renewed — must come to Village Hall and provide proof of residency, such as a lease, utility bill or other government-issued item. A driver's license and vehicle information also is required.

Renewal forms mailed to current sticker holders include a unique web identification number that allows a vehicle owner to correct or update most data, including address and telephone number, and vehicle information. Online renewals require a credit card and an email address for confirmation.

Anyone who loses the renewal notice will be able to look up their web ID number using the email address or telephone number registered during the previous year's application.

In-person sticker purchases and renewals will be available at Village Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, except holidays. Village Hall will be open for vehicle sticker purchases and renewals from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., July 9.

Individuals renewing in person are urged to bring their renewal notice to speed up processing. Lines and wait times for in-person renewals grow as the deadline nears.

Vehicle sticker rates vary by type of vehicle. Persons age 65 and older, and anyone who has a state-issued handicapped license plate or placard, receive a discount.

Disabled and active-duty veterans with the proper documentation are eligible for free stickers.

For more information call 708.358.7275, visit [www.oak-park.us/parking](http://www.oak-park.us/parking) or email [parking@oak-park.us](mailto:parking@oak-park.us).



## Participants, volunteers, sponsors sought for July 4th Parade

Participants, volunteers and sponsors are being sought for the annual July 4th Parade. June 3 is the deadline to register to be in the parade, which typically attracts more than 75 groups each year. Local organizations and businesses are invited to bring a float, march, play music, carry balloons or banners, ride decorated bicycles, skate, drive vintage cars or just dress up to commemorate the nation's birthday and to celebrate Oak Park's rich diversity. A registration form is available at Village Hall, 123 Madison St., via email to [community@oak-park.us](mailto:community@oak-park.us) and via a link on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/community](http://www.oak-park.us/community). The Community Relations Commission, which organizes the parade, also needs volunteers on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services. Call 708.358.5407 or email [community@oak-park.us](mailto:community@oak-park.us) for more information.