

Interested in serving as Village President, Clerk or Trustee?

I am pleased to announce that the Village Manager Association (VMA) is now in the process of actively recruiting Village President, Clerk and Trustee candidates for the next Village election in the spring of 2009. I am honored to chair the VMA committee that has the straight forward task of finding outstanding candidates who will make outstanding elected officials.

We are looking for those individuals who have a positive attitude and the necessary skills, background, character and desire to effect change in our community. These jobs can be difficult at times, but they also can be very rewarding.

While a great deal of attention will be given to national politics in the months ahead, important local issues are facing our Village now and will continue to face our Village in the years ahead. In the last Village election, the VMA endorsed slate of the Citizens for Progressive Action candidates, Ray Johnson, Jon Hale, John Hedges, and Jan Pate, received the overwhelming support of the electorate, and since their swearing in as Trustees, the Village Board has made tremendous progress. The VMA hopes to build on that progress.

If you want to be part of a group that can work together for accountable, responsive and fiscally responsible government, ongoing and inclusive diversity, and balanced and sensitive economic growth, then I urge you to contact us. Applicants for Village President, Clerk and Trustee will be interviewed by a volunteer group of citizens later this fall. These citizens will then choose the best-qualified candidates to receive the VMA endorsement for the next election.

VMA endorsed candidates have served Oak Park with great distinction. Once elected, our candidates listen and learn from members of the community and make informed decisions for the benefit of all Oak Park. If you would like to learn more about the VMA selection process, please go to our website at www.vma-oakpark.org/selections.html. You can also call us at 386-3228 or e-mail us at BobTucker@vma-oakpark.org. If you would like to submit an application for Village President, Clerk or Trustee or serve on the citizen committee which will recommend a VMA candidates endorsement, please contact us.

Robert Tucker
Chair, VMA Candidate Recruitment Committee