



Upcoming Events

- VMA Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 16 3-5 p.m. at Petersen's Ice Cream Parlour. No Charge.
- "Shared Voices" Forum : Part II on Historic Preservation and Development. 7-9 pm 8/1, Oak Park Library, No Charge
- VMA Night Out at Festival Theatre in August. Date TBA
- VMA Selection Process begins September/October

VMA Visible and "Buzz-worthy" this summer!



The VMA's participation at both the "Day in Our Village" and the July 4th Diversity Parade have caught the attention of many Oak Parkers.

The weather was just hot enough on June 4 at Scoville Park for the VMA's frozen fruit treats to be a big hit with kids and parents alike. Granola bars hit the spot for everyone who needed a bit of a snack during the afternoon.

The "Watch TV 6" stickers were also a big attraction and certainly became the talk of the town, including a mention in the "Wednesday Journal."



The VMA's "Pulling Together for Our Future" entry in the parade was a real crowd-pleaser. Music provided by the K-Swans group of young jazz musicians from Oak Park-River Forest High School had young and old alike dancing along the parade route. The bubbles, plastic noses, and candy brought the

little ones out in force, but there were also wrapped packets of more "serious" VMA information for the grown-ups.



Since summer time is ice-cream time, July 16 will feature a family-oriented ice cream social including face-painting activities for the kids at Petersen's.

The summer wraps up with the second part of the Shared Voices series on Historic Preservation and Development on August 1 at the Main Library. There is no charge for either event.



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Join us July 16th at Petersen's from 3-5 pm!

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About the VMA — Serving Oak Park Since 1952

The VMA is a political party with a rich history of promoting responsible government and citizen engagement in Oak Park. Organized under Illinois State law, we are a diverse group of informed citizens committed to the following principles of governance:

- Accountable and responsible government
- Ongoing and inclusive diversity
- Balanced and sensitive economic growth

The VMA engages in public discourse on the guiding principles in a variety of venues. Our major focus is finding and selecting the best candidates

who support these principles to run for elected office. We sponsor a comprehensive and open process for interviews. The citizen peers select a slate of candidates, and the VMA creates and runs a campaign to elect them. VMA candidates are not required to adhere to a specific platform or agenda but instead are permitted to govern based upon

the broad guiding principles under which they were selected and elected.

The purposes of the VMA shall be to maintain Oak Park as an outstanding community with accountable and responsive government; to encourage and promote ongoing and inclusive diversity; and to support balanced and sensitive economic growth.



VMA Moves on Critical Pre- Campaign Issues

Membership, Research, and Selections top the list of VMA actions items for the summer months as preparations begin for the upcoming campaign season.

VMA members received an informative update mailing during early July. Active and supportive membership is one of the keys to any successful organizational structure. Individuals interested in joining the VMA are asked to contact Gail Moran, Vice President of Membership using the contact information listed on the reverse page or through the web-site at www.vma-oakpark.org. A \$20 member-

ship fee is a small price to pay for up-to-date information, the opportunity for meaningful involvement, and the promise of government that will make Oak Park proud.

Another major step for the VMA has been the retention of a research firm to conduct interviews within the community assessing important political issues and the concerns of the electorate. The VMA intends to study this information carefully prior to and during the upcoming selection process for determining candidates, as well as during the campaign, to insure community concerns are being appropriately addressed.

Selections Vice President Fred Pospisil is currently setting up the guidelines and process for candidate selections which will occur during the months of September and October.

The VMA is actively seeking individuals who wish to serve on the selections committee as well as individuals who wish to consider running for public office. Selections Committee members generally are asked to provide time on Sunday afternoons in the fall to help interview prospective candidates. For more information on Selections, contact Fred using the contact information on the reverse page.



The Trustee seats of Ray Johnson, Bob Milstein, and Elizabeth Brady will be up for re-election next year. The countdown has begun — the VMA needs your help in the selection process and the campaigns. Please consider becoming a Volunteer today!