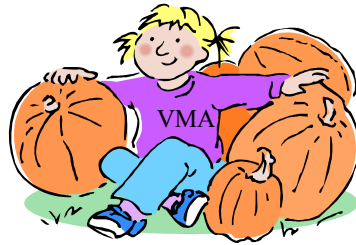




**Upcoming Events**

- “Shared Voices” Forum 10/25  
Oak Park Library,  
No Charge.  
Topic: TBD
- Selection Committee Meetings  
10/1, 10/15,  
10/22, 10/29, 11/5

**Busy Summer, Busier Fall for the VMA**



The VMA continued to build on the momentum of the spring throughout the summer months, and now members are poised to create even more excitement, awareness, and forward progress.

Just as a quick recap, the VMA

- Created quite a sensation at the Day In Our Village with frozen treats for a hot day and the much talked about “Watch TV 6” stickers
- Was a hit with young and old alike at the July 4th Diversity Parade

- Provided relief from the heat with an Ice Cream Membership Social at Petersen’s
- Kept on top of current issues with letters to the editor in both local newspapers
- Conducted critical research into the issues impacting our community and the most effective ways to keep the VMA message front and center.

Looking ahead, recruiting for both the Selection Committee and a slate of candidates is well underway. There is still time to sign up for the Selection Committee (see below).

The VMA is also continuing to plan “Shared Voices” Forum events to address issues important to Oak Parkers.

**Join the Selection Process and/or Recruit!**

Here it is September, and local elections are scheduled for April. There is so much to be done! Your Candidate Recruitment Committee has been busy recruiting candidates and the Selection Committee is also forming. As a member of the VMA, you hopefully agree that the best way to recruit and select candidates is to find the best and brightest among us who are willing to devote their time and energy to making Oak Park the best place to live for everyone in the Village. We understand that not all of us have the necessary will to run for office, but we can do the next

best thing. Help select the best, by joining the Selection Committee. This year we have made a commitment not only to strengthen the process, but shorten it as well. Past participants on the Selection Committee have told us how much they have learned and enjoyed the time they have spent. And we’ve promised no more than five meetings between October and November. We will not be meeting on October 8, since that is the Columbus Day holiday weekend.  
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**Your participation on the Selection Committee is very important this year!**

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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:

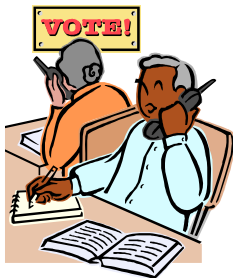
- Accountable and responsible government
- Ongoing and inclusive diversity
- Balanced and sensitive economic growth

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.**



*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 on the Selection Committee and in the campaign. Please consider becoming a Volunteer today!*

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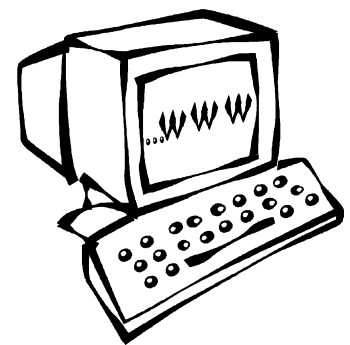
We need your help! Become a member of the Committee. Join by completing the form on our website at [www.vma-oakpark.org](http://www.vma-oakpark.org). We have also formed a Recruitment Committee to search for Trustee candidates. Please feel free to forward any names of individuals you feel are qualified and interested in serving the Village.

Lets make a difference in Oak Park -- together. And contact Fred Pospisil, Vice President, Selections, for more information. Fred's contact information can be found on Page 1.

## PayPal is YOUR Pal

Want to become a VMA member? The PayPal feature on the VMA website is an easy and secure way to join the Village Manager Association. And by joining, you also have member-only access to important VMA information regarding events, issues, and volunteer opportunities.

The website has all the information on the Selection Process including rules and meeting schedules. There's also an application if you would like to consider running as a VMA candidate. Membership fuels the VMA. Please consider making an investment in the future of Oak Park by becoming a member today!



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