

Variable Name	Value
TODAYS DATE	02/04/13
FIRST NAME	Curtis
LAST NAME	Liles
ADDRESS NUMBER	1032
STREET NAME	Highland ave
ZIP CODE	60304
EMAIL	Curtliles@gmail.com
YEARS RESIDENT	3 - 5
OWN	own
APPLICANT TELEPHONE	(773) 266-2313
ALT APPLICANT TELEPHONE	(847) 833-1629
FIRST CHOICE	Building Codes Advisory Commission
DATE ATTENDED 1	
REASON 1	I am a licensed supervising electrician through the city of Chicago with 16 years experience. I am fluent in NFPA 70 (NEC) and Chicago Electrical code. I am looking for a way to be more involved in my community and I feel I have a lot to offer in the area of code advisory.
SECOND CHOICE	
DATE ATTENDED 2	
REASON_2	
THIRD CHOICE	Select One
DATE ATTENDED 3	
REASON_3	
AVAILABILITY	monthly
WHY SERVE	I am looking for a way to be involved in my community and feel like my knowledge of the electrical code would be useful for this commission.
DOB	12/09/74
GENDER	male
STATUS	married
DEPENDENTS	0
PROFESSION	Electrical Foreman
ACCOMODATIONS	None.
OPFYI	on
WEBSITE	on
EMPLOYER_NAME	Battaglia Industries
EMPLOYER TELEPHONE	(847) 483-0300
EMPLOYER_ADDRESS	406 W. Campus Drive, Arlington Heights, IL
BUSINESS_TYPE	Mechanical and Electrical Contractor

ACTIVITIES	I served on the Architectural and Grounds committee of the condo building I previously lived in.
REFERENCE_1	Carl Eggert
REF 1 TELEPHONE	(847) 833-2062
REFERENCE_2	Mike Carlson
REF 2 TELEPHONE	(847) 833-1735
REFERENCE_3	Ray Gaynor
REF 3 TELEPHONE	(773) 218-9960
SUBMIT	Submit
EMAILADDR	clerk@oak-park.us; mschoenneman@oak-park.us
EMAILSUB	Board, Commission or Committee Application Form
RETURNPAGE	<a href="http://www.oak-park.us/volunteer/applicationthankyou.html">http://www.oak-park.us/volunteer/applicationthankyou.html</a>



## Volunteer Application

The Village of Oak Park  
Village Hall  
123 Madison Street  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302-4272

708.383.6400  
Fax 708.383.6692  
TTY 708.383.0048  
village@oak-park.us

THOMAS ZADLER 12/14/2012  
Name Application Date  
1126 S. LOMAX ST. 60304 TOMZADLER@YAHOO.COM  
Address Preferred E-mail (required)  
44 Select one: ☐ Rent ☒ Own ☐ Other  
Years Oak Park resident  
708-524-9792  
Preferred Telephone Number Alternate Telephone Number

### Commission Choices

First Choice TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NEVER  
Board/Commission/Committee Date Attended

Reason Interested: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE ATTACHMENT

Second Choice COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION NEVER  
Board/Commission/Committee Date Attended

Reason Interested: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE ATTACHMENT

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Board/Commission/Committee Date Attended

Reason Interested: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ I would be willing to serve on another commission.

### Availability

☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-Monthly ☐ Weekly ☒ As Needed ☒ Anytime

In the space below, please explain why you are interested in serving on a board, commission or committee and how you can contribute to the work:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Demographic Data

The Village of Oak Park promotes diversity among Board and Commission members. The information below helps track recruitment efforts. Declining to provide any or all of the information below will not affect the selection process.

☐ Female ☒ Male ☐ Transgender

Race/Ethnicity: WHITE

Date of Birth: 5/12/1945

Marital Status ☐ Married

☐ Partnered

☒ Single

☐ Widow/Widower

No. of Dependents Under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: RETIRED - FORMER DIRECTOR UNION PACIFIC RR of COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & COMMUTOR SERVICES

Please list any disabilities that would require accommodations to enable participation:

NONE

How did you hear about the Village's volunteer boards and commissions?

☒ OP/FYI

☐ VOP-TV

☐ Village Website

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Flyer

☐ Other

### Employment

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Activity, Professional Organizations, Other Interests

SEE ATTACHMENT

### References

Name SANDRA SOKOL

708-848-1731

Name SENATOR KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD

Telephone Number

708-343-7444

Name SENATOR DON HARMON

Telephone Number

708-848-2002

Name

Telephone Number

Please Return Completed Form to:

Village Clerk

Village of Oak Park

123 Madison Street

Oak Park, IL 60302

Subject: Volunteer Application - Balance of Application in Mail

From: Tom Zapler (tomzapler@yahoo.com)

To: tpowell@oak-park.us;

Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 1:06 PM

I am attaching my answers to Commission Choices, why I am interested in serving on a Commission and community activity to my Volunteer Application because my typing is easier to read than my hand writing. Also, I am including two of my resumes.

Why I am interested in serving on a commission.

I am now retired from a career at the C&NW/Union Pacific Railroad. I retired as the Director of Community Relations, Government Affairs, and Commuter Services. I have lived in Oak Park my adult life and have three adult children that grew up in Oak Park and attend Oak Park public schools. I now am at the point in my life that I would like to give back to Oak Park because I believe in Oak Park and the values of the community and would like to do my part to help the Village maintain those values.

Commission Choices - Transportation Committee

Based on my career with the C&NW/Union Pacific, I can bring very unique skills to the Committee. I am extremely well versed in the Metra operations especially along the West Line through Oak Park. I am familiar with CTA and Pace operations. In addition, I was a member of CMAP's Work Program Committee, and the Chairman of the Freight Committee from its inception in 1995 until 2010. Also, I served as the Chairperson for the Public Transportation Committee, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

Commission Choices - Community Relations Commission

While working for the C&NW/Union Pacific I was the contact person for all the communities the C&NW/Union Pacific operated through in Illinois. This experience gave me clear insights on how these various communities handled community relations being able to see the positives and negatives styles and ways community relations are handled.

Community Activity

A volunteer docent for the Historical Society of Oak Park- River Forest, an Operation Lifesaver Presenter, and a member of the DuPage Railroad Safety Council.

THOMAS Zapler

Under the direction of Michael Payette, Assistant Vice President-Government Affairs, I had the responsibility to implement UP policy for all government affairs, community relations, Metra activities, public partnerships, and charitable and community giving that occurred in Illinois. I was the local "face" of the Union Pacific and was responsible for organizing the interface of all UP operations with all governmental entities on the local and state level, including Metra.

#### **State Government Affairs**

- Served as the primary UP contact at the state level with the Legislative and Executive Branches.
- Developed the UP Government Affairs State Program and worked to implement that program with the Executive and Legislative Branches.
- Developed lasting and excellent relationships with members of the General Assembly, Executive Branch and staff.
- Helped to develop the Annual Illinois Railroad Association Legislative Program and worked to implement that plan.
- Developed annual budget and strategy for political giving in Illinois and was responsible for delivery of all UP political contributions.
- Assisted UP Law and Manager of Political Giving in compliance with state accountability laws.
- Proactively engaged the regional field offices of federal officials and attended local events for such officials.

#### **Metra**

- Mr. Payette and I were the Union Pacific officers responsible for the administration of all aspects of our Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra, and Metra's primary Union Pacific contact. In this capacity, we interacted with Metra on day-to-day operating issues, all Metra/UP capital projects, all Metra/UP community issues, and all financial aspects of the Purchase of Service Agreement.

#### **Community Affairs**

- Proactively engaged the mayors, city councils and city managers in communities along UP rail lines and developed positive relationships in each community where UP has a significant presence.
- Proactively sought opportunities to give public presentations in UP communities to civic organizations, such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, etc., to explain UP system and local impact company has on the community.
- Represented UP by participating in community organizations, including CMAP, of which UP is a member.
- Organized the proper UP presence at public events.
- Was the key facilitator of UP resources in addressing community questions, organizing UP's response, and monitoring compliance of commitments made by UP to community.

#### **Safety**

- Led the effort with local leaders, communities and the public to improve the safe operation of our trains and activities in Illinois.

## **THOMAS ZAPLER**

### **Senior Consultant**

**METRO**  
strategies

Tom Zapler recently joined Metro Strategies after a career in the railroad industry. At Chicago & Northwestern Transportation Company he was director of commuter services. Later, at Union Pacific Railroad, he managed public affairs and state government relations as well as community outreach. He managed the interface of UP operations with state and local transit. He was the chairman of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Freight Committee from its inception in 1995 until 2010. His background includes operations safety and safety training.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

##### **❖ State Government Affairs**

Tom served as Union Pacific's primary liaison to state legislative and executive offices. In this capacity, he developed and implemented UP's Government Affairs State Program and collaborated in the development of the Annual Illinois Railroad Association Legislative Program. Tom managed UP's political giving and ensured compliance with campaign regulations.

##### **❖ Community Affairs**

Tom was successful in engaging local officials and agencies along the various UP lines. He was the key contact and spokesman at UP for all inquiries by local officials and agencies, as well as civic groups, nonprofits and regional organizations. Tom developed productive relationships with stakeholders in every community where UP has a presence. He regularly attended community events and addressed local organizations on behalf of the railroad and at times in conjunction with Metra.

##### **❖ Railroad Operations and Safety**

Tom chaired the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Freight Committee for 15 years, an organization of freight industry representatives and other stakeholders seeking to improve the movement of freight in the northeastern Illinois region. He was part of a senior UP team that managed other major freight initiatives including the CREATE Program, Chicago to St. Louis High Speed Rail, Global III site selection and construction, and implementation of the FRA whistle sounding regulations.

Tom was responsible for organizing the interface of all UP operations with state and local transit, including Metra. He managed major UP/Metra Projects including: the West Line Improvement Project, station renewal and leasing projects, the Northwest and North Line Bridge Renewal Projects, and the West Line Extension Geneva to Elburn.

He managed all aspects of UP's Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra, interacting with Metra daily on operating issues, capital projects, community issues and financial matters.

Tom led efforts with local leaders, communities and the public to promote and improve the safe operation of trains and transportation in Illinois. He is an Operation Lifesaver presenter and a member of the DuPage Railroad Safety Council which presented him with the Lauren Elizabeth Wilson Award in 2008.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Bachelor of Arts Degree, 1967

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 40**