

Memo



To: Tammie Grossman, Director of Development Customer Services
From: Steven Cutaia, Chief Building Official
Date: June 14, 2023
Re: 2021 Building Codes and the Electrification Code Public Outreach Program

Staff had drafted a six-month Public Outreach Program in efforts to notify, prepare, and educate the residents, architects, contractors, and other customers of the newly adopted / updated 2021 International Codes as well as the newly proposed / adopted Electrification Code.

The draft was discussed and modified by the Village of Oak Park - Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC). The BCAC also recommended that staff invite the Chamber of Commerce, Building Owners Associations and area Real Estate Organizations to the various events. Staff intends on hosting these events with professional educators, Com Ed and the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA). The Public Outreach Plan calls for; a press release, updating of the web page, creating an Engage Oak Park web page, hosting several open houses, scheduling an onsite all-electric home tour(s), and hosting a few in-house all-day training events.

The following is our drafted Public Outreach Program schedule.

Month	PROGRAM
June 20 th	Present recommendations at the Village of Oak Park Board Meeting
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue a press release and a mention in the Village Manager’s Report.• Reach out to the chamber of commerce, real estate association, and building owner’s association.• Establish an EngageOakPark.com page• Update the web page
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek a Com Ed sponsored all-electric open house tour.
September	Hold an open house/coffee - Chat with staff, MEEA, & Com Ed
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold an International Building Code Seminar/ electrification.• Hold an International Residential Code Seminar• Electrification.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold an open house/coffee - Chat with staff, MEEA & Com Ed.• Discuss review possible State of Illinois Stretch Code, if published.
December	Hold an open house/coffee - Chat with staff, MEEA, & Com Ed
January 1, 2024	Proposal become Law