



Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Neighborhood Services

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Mission Statement



The Neighborhood Services Department's mission is to help Oak Parkers live out their shared values through neighborhood-based problem-solving, programs, and services.

We do this in many ways. We welcome all Oak Park, cultivating opportunities for deeper engagement with our community and one another. We enhance quality of life through programs and grants to support households with low-to-moderate incomes and ensure access to alternative services. We are committed to safety, health, and well-being by enforcing property maintenance codes and local ordinances.

Executive Overview

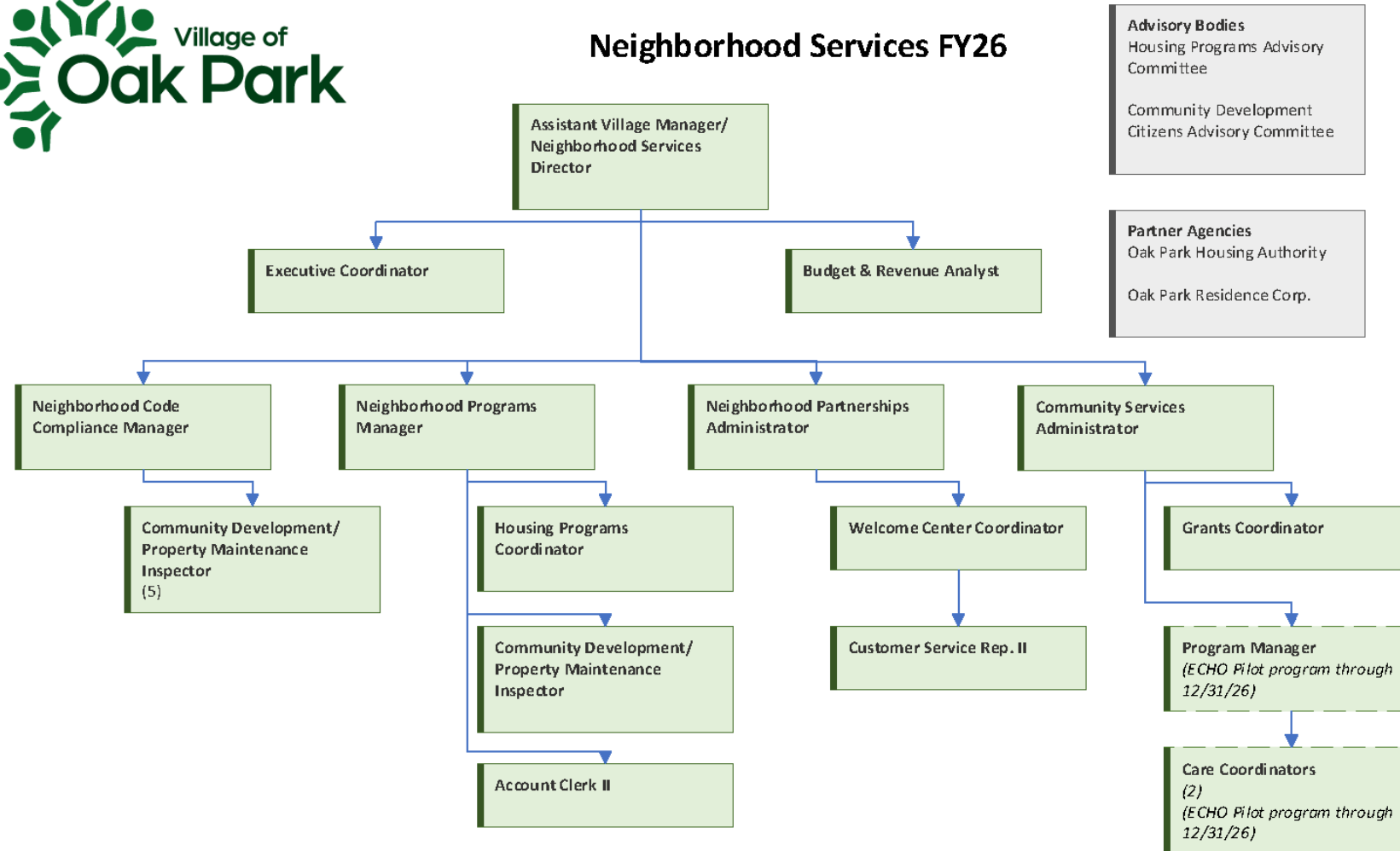


- **Staff launched the E.C.H.O. Phase 1 program**
- **Worked with HOPE Fair Housing to conduct fair housing testing and training**
- **Staff operationalized cooling and warming centers with community partners**
- **Launched a volunteer management system**
- **Administered the newly created energy efficiency grant programs**
- **Supported the transition of gas-powered leaf blowers to electric blowers**
- **Implemented the newly adopted 2024 IPMC**
- **Successfully organized and co-hosted the 6th Annual Tour de Proviso Bike Ride and Community Fair**

Organizational Chart



Neighborhood Services FY26



Advisory Bodies
Housing Programs Advisory Committee

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

Partner Agencies
Oak Park Housing Authority

Oak Park Residence Corp.

Temporary positions funded through grants

Total FTEs
21

Fiscal Year 2026 Priorities



- **Develop a comprehensive neighborhood-based engagement framework**
- **Launch the neighborhood registry program**
- **Evaluate & propose changes to the Vacant Building Ordinance & Neighborhood Walk Program**
- **Evaluate the ECHO Pilot program, including the addition of a second phase that includes a social service co-response**
- **Review and develop financial incentives to support the development of "missing middle" housing affordable to households earning less than 80% of the area median income**
- **Propose changes to the Village's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance that incorporate the zoning code changes to support added housing supply**

Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendations



2025 Adopted Budget: \$3,607,103

2026 Recommended Budget: \$3,719,889

2026 One-time costs: \$1,295,339

Notable line items:

- **\$645,587 for Housing Forward Emergency Shelter**
- **\$631,587 for ECHO Pilot**
- **New programs from Neighborhood Partnerships (Neighborhood Registry, Bikes4All, Community Engagement Playbook)**
- **Reallocation of costs into Neighborhood Services (security for Village Hall, Gov 101 program)**

Fiscal Year 2026 at a glance



Division	FY 2025	FY 2026	Variance
Administration	\$1,276,175	\$1,602,457	\$326,282
Code Compliance	\$570,793	\$506,194	-\$64,599
Neighborhood Programs	\$435,396	\$471,389	\$35,993
Neighborhood Partnerships	\$312,469	\$354,425	\$41,956
Community Services	\$1,012,270	\$785,424	-\$226,846
<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>\$3,607,103</i>	<i>\$3,719,889</i>	<i>\$112,786</i>
<i>Budget net one-time costs</i>	<i>\$2,290,327</i>	<i>\$2,424,550</i>	<i>\$134,223</i>

Fiscal Year 2026 at a glance



Neighborhood Services	FY 2025	FY 2026	Variance
Regular Salaries	\$1,192,207	\$1,245,856	\$53,649
Fringe Benefits	\$403,315	\$304,815	-\$98,500
Contractual Services	\$673,665	\$839,557	\$165,892
Materials & Supplies	\$21,140	\$34,322	\$13,182
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-time costs	\$1,316,776	\$1,295,339	-\$21,437
Total Budget	\$3,607,103	\$3,719,889	\$112,786



Questions?

Thank you for your time and consideration