Parking Pilot Program

Comments

Time limit override

Submitted by Grove on Sat, 2018-03-10 20:43

This is going to make commuter parking ridiculous and worse by public transportation. It sounds as if all of the permitted parkers will now be able to override the time limits on streets, meaning all of the permitted parkers in the zone can Park by public transportation where there is currently a two hour limit. This is worse. No one will use the metered spots which are hardly used now. I also would like to see a guest pass that residents can provide their guests to hang by their rear view mirror which will allow guests to override the time limits as well. Why are we making it so difficult for visitors that need all day parking?

This presentation is hard to follow and the power point is unreadable full screen. Please post the .pdf.

Parking

Submitted by Rita Shaffer on Mon, 2018-03-12 11:24

Parking on Lombard and North Ave, is a nightmare for residents that reside in the building there are many apartments and businesses all vying for adequate parking, especially overnight Why should I have to park in Chicago, when I live in Oak Park? The question for me becomes is this about race, because the building residents are 100 percent African American. There's parking provided for residents on Madison and Ridgeland, where more Caucasian residents reside. The business owners and their employees All park on Lombard Street in the day time to avoid the meters on North Ave, which has resulted in no substantial income. Why are they there? If you're asking residents who reside at 1242 N. Lombard to use nearby parking facility becomes a safety hazard, due to the increase in crime in Oak Park. I hope you will rethink your stance and allow people to park where they reside, anything less than that, shows an insensitiveness to Oak Park Residents, especially African Americans, who just want to live like normal residents and park their cars like normal residents.

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Submitted by Chris on Mon, 2018-03-12 12:48

This doesn't simplify anything, it's so confusing! You realize that people have guests and they wouldn't be registered, where are they supposed to park? This is the most ridiculous proposal I have ever seen, not to mention it doesn't help anyone north of Lake. I live on a street with all multi units and there's no parking allowed. I'm sorry but it's not 1958 anymore. Times are changing and you need a better solution. When is your next parking meeting to address parking on that side too? It seems like this is all a scam to get more money from residents, the parking garages are forced and the fees are outrageous.

Meter charges til 8pm!

Submitted by Maple on Thu, 2018-03-22 20:15

Now we would have to pay meters til 8pm?! Give us a break, Oak Park!

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Submitted by Cory Wesley on Mon, 2018-04-02 11:16

Extending the meter rates two hours is yet another tax to live here - I'm firmly against that. I'm also against requiring residents of a block to obtain a permit to park on their own block, in front of their own home during the daytime. If we're converting the 8-10 ban into something like an 8-8(with 3hr restriction) then there should be a carve out for vehicles registered to a house on that block. Having to pay $70/yr for that privilege doesn't seem very just.

100% agree

Submitted by RK on Mon, 2018-04-23 06:36

Having to pay an additional $70/year if I want to park in front of my own house is robbery. It was already ridiculous that as a resident I couldn't park in front of my house from 8-10AM. But now, I'll have to pay to park. Residents should be able to register their cars and get a free pass.

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Submitted by Pat Davis on Mon, 2018-04-02 20:05

I don't care anymore. The Village has made it more and more miserable to park. It is obvious that those that need to drive are not welcome, so I take my spending dollars elsewhere and I don't encourage anyone to come here to shop anymore. Between the lack of parking and the meter maids, the Village has taken the charm out of bring in Oak Park.

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Submitted by Dima Ali on Mon, 2018-04-02 22:40

With all due respect but I disagree in regard of the 2 hour increase in the meter extension. Living in Oak Park has become increasingly expensive, how can we call our village "sanctuary" when the wealthy are the only ones who can afford it?

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Submitted by Sara on Mon, 2018-04-02 22:48

After the vehicle sticker rates just went up significantly, I'm very concerned that the village is considering extending the paid parking hours to 8 pm. I'm strongly opposed to this.

Parking proposed changes

Submitted by Kitty C on Tue, 2018-04-03 07:46

Adding meters on Madison where they don't already exist?
Using license plate technology to automatically up parking costs from $1 to $3 after 3 hrs?
Adding meter charges after 6pm until 8pm?
4 time blocks during each 24 hr period during which parking either is or isn't allowed?
This is a revenue grab!!!

Unnecessary complexity. This study will definitely keep me away from the areas which are in this pilot program. Plus, spending money on this technology while sidewalks are cracked and crumbling, while carjackings and auto theft continue to occur, while we struggle to upgrade village lighting -it's not a responsible use of taxpayer funds.

Parking pilot comments

Submitted by Marcella on Tue, 2018-04-03 09:49

Hello,
Thank you for taking the time to study and review parking in Oak Park. As a resident on a street with a no parking from 8-10 I really appreciate the change to a 3 hr time limit and the option for resident permits. This restriction has cost many visitors and service providers difficulties and even tickets.
One part of the proposal I disagree with is changing the meter end time from 6pm to 8pm. Although it allows a turnover I think it will deter people from visiting Oak Park businesses in the evening. At least now if you drive into town for dinner and a movie you know you can possibly park for free if you come around 6. I have to pay to park to go to so many of our local businesses when I run errands during the day. I really appreciate not having to pay a meter if I choose Oak Park as my destination in the evening. I often have family members suggest another town for lunch because they will need to pay to park here- let's not do that to the evening also.
Thank you for listening to my comments.

Parking

Submitted by Joan on Tue, 2018-04-03 09:50

After reviewing the signage I fell they're simple and understandable. However I do object to increasing the parking

Parking in front of my own house

Submitted by Kim G on Tue, 2018-04-03 14:59

I am continually frustrated and angry with the village for
disallowing the right to park in front of my own residence before 10am. I recently got a ticket for being parked on the street so that repair workers could get up and down my single lane driveway. Am I supposed to sit on the bumper of my car and deflect the tickets the whole time my driveway is in use? This makes no sense. We pay enough in taxes, I don't need to pay more to use the street directly in front of my home.

I can see your frustration,

Submitted by Tom on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:51

I can see your frustration, but I have NO restrictions on parking near me and I can't park in front of my house from 6AM to 7PM because of commuters getting free parking for OUR tax dollars. The two hour restriction is supposed to help offset the free-loaders. Trust me when I say that NO restrictions lead to LESS parking, not more.

Parking outside your house

Submitted by Ngetich on Sun, 2018-04-22 10:10

No parking in front of your house on snow days, or on certain days to allow cleaning is the only thing that makes sense. The free loader thing is a myth. How about a sign that says "Residents Only" and residents get a sticker or tag for their cars? That would lock out "free loaders" while saving residents the current ridiculousness.

Village: Proceed with Caution !

Submitted by Mary P on Wed, 2018-04-04 13:27

Raising expectations, only not to deliver, is always a mistake.

As a 47 year resident of Oak Park, I've heard this call for on-street overnight parking more than once. The complaint: I want to be able to park in front of my own building.

Fundamental analysis reveals, on a block with mostly apartment buildings, say 48-60 rental units on just one side of the street, potentially there are at least 48 to 60 +/- cars that need parking on just one side of the street. On that same block, there may only be 14 parking spots available on each side of the street, even fewer on the east-west streets.

The likelihood that you will be able to park "in front of your building" 100 percent of the time is extremely low. If you work 2nd or 3rd shift, like some medical professionals do, the likelihood that you'll be able to park in front of your building on even on you own block after work is slim.

Homeowners are consistently referred to as "Stakeholders" in this project. By definition, a stakeholder is someone who has an interest or gain upon successful completion of a project. There is no deliverable listed that could possibly benefit home-owning stakeholders in this Pilot Program. In fact, there is only downside. Homeowners have pointed this out on many occasions to the Transportation Commission, the Village Board and the Village Mayor. Surely we were heard. If this pilot moves forward, apparently, they do not care.

However, I do support the automation of the permit process and enforcement (because I know it's currently a pain), though I do know more than one systems professional who questions whether the cost for implementation has been properly assessed.

What it's like to park in Oak Park

Submitted by Anne on Wed, 2018-04-04 17:18

If you need to stop by the middle school in the morning to quickly drop off a form or a forgotten lunch, it becomes a 5 minute walk for a 90 second errand. If you want to run into the library to pick up a book on reserve, a free service comes with a parking fee. If you are a minimum wage employee of an Oak Park business and have to pay for parking during your shift, your pay effectively drops below minimum wage. If you put some quarters in a meter to run into a local shop to buy a few items, but the check out line is unexpectedly long, you might come out to a $30 parking ticket. These are only a few examples of how Oak Park parking rules and fees are frustrating to residents and their guests and are a deterrent to would-be patrons of the local businesses.

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Submitted by Heinz Schuller on Wed, 2018-04-04 22:19

Increasing the meter time from 6pm to 8pm impacts folks like us who like to like to go downtown for dinner. That part is simply a cash grab with no logical basis in "improving" the parking situation at all. I don't support this.

That and several of the other changes are just transferring burden & expense onto the residents, who are already carrying the majority of the load for the village. If the goal is to stop being a village and just become Chicago, well then we're definitely on the fast track.

What a mess...

Submitted by OP Resident on Thu, 2018-04-05 14:30

1. I'd recommend that the cost of the program not exceed net new revenue created by the parking changes (e.g. permit revenue from additional spots) - AND/OR - that the cost of the program should be paid for by the drivers immediately/directly benefiting from the changes.

2. In light of rising violent crimes in OP, police input should be gathered on any changes to parking and how it might impact crime and their ability to monitor the area.

3. The program should examine making more streets one-way, and have angled pull-in parking to increase the number of cars that can park on a given block.

4. Metered parking should copy Chicago's hours and rates for residential districts ($2/hr from 8am to 10pm). For areas with a garage within a 0.2 mile radius, metered-spot rates should be $4/hr. Garage rates should be much cheaper to encourage their use, and help with metered spot turn-over. People will complain that it's just another tax... and it is - roads are expensive, and pensions don't fund themselves.

5. Improving last mile bus connection to Green line, blue line, and Metra would reduce commuter vehicle/parking dependence. OP PACE buses run infrequently and often behind schedule. The pilot program fails to address some root causes for parking dependence.

6. The fact that there's a presentations on all these parking regulations and how to read the new sign is a strong indicator that it's too complicated. People are going to be upset when/if these changes go into effect and they get a ton of tickets because they misinterpreted the signage.

Oak Park is known as NO PARK/Relationship Breaker

Submitted by Anonymous on Sun, 2018-04-08 22:10

Bottom line is if a home owner, or renter in Oak Park doesn't have a parking spot/garage, it's because they can't afford to rent, or purchase a home with a parking spot, or garage. No one would purposely subject themselves to the cost & frustration involved with permit parking in Oak Park. I rented for many, years & have owned a condo for 12 years, both had no parking, so I've been forced to pay for a permit, and be subjected to this nightmare of a system, with no guarantee that I'll even have a place to park when I come home. Don't even think of having social life, or company. On Harvey there are 2 different systems to allow your friend, or family to stay overnight. You have to go online to get them approved for overnight, then call in their car to allow them to park from 6am-8am. You are allowed 3 per year then they're are $7.00 each. As a condo owner who can not afford to buy a home with parking I pay the same property taxes as condo/homeowners who can afford to own a home with parking. I do not however get the same benefits. The village needs to come up with a way that doesn't punish those of us who own, but can't afford to buy a home that includes parking. One very simple thing that would help a little is to paint lines on the street (i.e Washington Blvd.) to mark the spots, very often people take up more than one spot. Whatever you do, please remember why residents have parking permits in the first place, it's because there is no other option for

us. Make resident parking a priority & only make changes that improve our quality of life, not make it worse than it is already.

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Robert Becker on Fri, 2018-04-13 10:15

I reside on South Grove Avenue between Randolph and Washington. I have attended three public transportation commission meetings about the parking pilot; and also attended a meeting with the mayor on this issue. I urge the transportation commission not to recommend the parking pilot to trustees. The parking pilot is a hammer looking for a nail. It will cause more problems than it can possibly solve.

Restricted morning parking

Submitted by Bob on Fri, 2018-04-13 11:10

I second the comment above about not being able to park in front of my own house from 8-10 a.m. I understand the purpose of these restricted hours near public transit, but if one has a village parking sticker (as I do) and is parked in front of his/her own house for a short period of time, does that really warrant a $40 ticket? Complete insanity, a blatant money grab, and utter disrespect to the citizens who diligently pay their property taxes and other fees. Find a way to make an exception. Be flexible and creative. I will also add that your appeal process is a joke. It was pretty clear to me that the ALJ did not even read my explanation for being inside my house for longer than the expected 30 seconds. Government at its absolute worst.

Do not open all residential streets to overnight parking

Submitted by Dave Schacht on Fri, 2018-04-13 12:41

During my time in Oak Park, I have been both a condo owner who used overnight permitted street parking and a single family home owner with a garage. When in our condo, I fought for years to have the building frontage of our condo building well protected for our condo owners to use for their parking when we lived there. But even then, I was opposed to opening up all residential areas to overnight parking. This would significantly and negatively effect our community as a whole and should be thoroughly resisted by our citizens.

Reasons to maintain the overnight ban include:
1. Safety: More cars parked on the street means more accidents and more difficulty for drivers visualizing pedestrians.
2. Snow removal: Picture Chicago streets and the ridiculous mess that occurs during major snow.
3. Cleanliness, Appearance and therefore property value for single family homes.
4. Use of streets by guests.

Well Put

Submitted by Tim on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:37

Do we want to look like Berwyn or Chicago? Oak Park should keep the overnight park ban. East Ave is already a mess with people parking and since the police do nothing about people speeding or running stops signs, parking on the streets will only add to the danger pedestrians have to deal with daily.

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Kristi Sloniger on Sun, 2018-04-15 16:05
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-Let's not avoid the obvious, this IS overturning the Overnight Parking Ban
-The Abatement Day solution, means that cars can park for 6 days straight without moving, heavy machinery would be on the streets during the day for cleaning and leaf removal - and snow removal is expected to be done on this one day a week. This is a ridiculous proposal.

Put the new Pay-by-Plate technology in place, standardize the time limits to 3-hours, but don't take away our zones and don't allow permit parking on every street.
Please keep this environmentally, un-green initiative off the table and keep the excess cars off the streets. This plan will change the historic character of our village forever. Oak Park deserves better.

NO WORKING (NORTH BLVD)
Submitted by ALEX on Sun, 2018-04-15 17:02
I See signs of no parking in the NB10 section. where i do pay 3 month fee to park there 24hrs. so what do i suppose to do about parking>> anyone has information on thiss....

Paid Parking
Submitted by Kenya Tassin on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:28
I think there should be some reciprocity with permits. For example, if I'm an Oak Park resident that needs to park at a friends house for whatever reason after 2:30am I shouldn't have to worry about being ticketed. I don't like the extension of metered parking to 8pm. Paying more when I already pay an increase rate to park my SUV won't encourage me to patronize the businesses. It seems that each year I have to get home earlier and earlier to find a decent spot around my place. I don't like risking having to park down by the BP on Chicago Ave especially with all the crime that migrated from across Austin. I agree there should be a guest tag we can place in cars. I wouldn't be opposed to a small fee for that temporary parking.

Parking becomes more complicated and expensive...
Submitted by Kristina on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:30
The more complicated and expensive parking becomes, the less people will want to live here and visit, especially to go to the movies or a restaurant, where they have to face the dreaded task of finding a spot, especially on a weekend night. With all the high rises going up and taking our parking lots, it seems there is never a spot outside of the Holley Court garage, which with crime going up is not my favorite place to park. Extending the time we are charged to 8pm will discourage people from going to DTOP and they will likely instead hit up LaGrange or other nearby suburbs with *gasp!* free parking. The high rises bring more revenue in the form of property taxes and building ownership, but if it's making parking

harder and more costly, then it's not worth it in my opinion. Get ready to see many businesses close and/or move outside of OP.

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Submitted by Valencia on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:31

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Implementing pay by plate technology on Madison is going to be a real annoyance. Most times we just want to go in and out, and we can do that very well now, and in Forest Park and River Forest. Why change that? Leaving that as-is is a much more friendly and welcoming policy. Seems like we keep breaking things that are working just fine.

Signs and Proposals

Submitted by Tim on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:31

I am not sure when it became the Villages responsibility to ensure landlords provide parking for their tenants. I see many rental units with garages... why not tear down the garages and create parking areas behind the houses. The parking issue should be the responsibility of the landlord as they are the ones making the money on the units. I am totally against this and believe that if the village proceeds, it will only make Oak Park look more like Berwyn than the nice quite neighborhoods of Oak Park.

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Parking pilot program

Submitted by Oak Park Resident on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:37

It is not necessary to charge parking on Madison Ave. There is plenty of parking that is always available during the day and evening. Charging will just make it worse on local businesses. I HIGHLY DISAGREE with extending meters to 8PM. We are a village, NOT downtown Chicago. DO NOT GOUGE our local businesses and local residents. I purposely avoid places when I am expected to always pay to park. Oak Park is losing it's beautiful. DO NOT EXTEND RESTRICTED AREAS TO SATURDAYS! This does a HUGE disservice to the community. What Oak Park has allowed to happen to the downtown area is already awful (as a resident, I now avoid that area like the plague because of the terrible traffic conditions created).

I will add more later, but I'm going to copy and paste what an above commenter posted:

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This program is ridiculous and does not solve the issue that RESIDENTS have. This proposal does not fix the primary problem...RESIDENTIAL PARKING! Get it together, Oak Park. This is a terrible proposal.

parking

Submitted by John T Brennan on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:43

I am vehemently against easing the parking ban.

parking pilot, add guest passes for overnight

Submitted by nancy on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:46

It is a problem for guests to park overnight. Please add a pass to put on their car, rearview mirror, or dash that residents can give out for them. Especially on weekend nights.

I find the parking regulations too complex! Why not just have paid meters that you can access through your credit card or

the parking app? That is the easiest tool, it works well for Chicago, so you can add time while away from your car.

Overnight Parking

Submitted by Scott Fortman on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:55

I do not support changing the overnight parking ban

Moving out of OP bc of Parking

Submitted by Lisa on Wed, 2018-04-18 14:55

Every year Oak Park makes it harder for its residents to enjoy living here. Parking is a hassle and unnecessarily expensive. I have been working in OP for 5 years, living for the last 3. I have gotten so many tickets because my meeting ran late and I was 10 min late to move my car. This year alone I paid over $120 in parking tickets. When the parking pass rates went up last year, I started considering moving. I am moving out of OP in August. Love the neighborhood! But can not afford (time and money) to deal with parking.
The city should think long and hard about the parking situation.

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Patrick Scanlan on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:02

I am against this. I vote NO!

Streets Near Downtown Oak Park

Submitted by Matt on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:10

I would like to know what you are doing to stop people from using our blocks near downtown as parking. Some nights when I get home from work If there is an event downtown it is nearly impossible to find a parking space and I end up parking a block away from my apartment. Then when I come out in the morning at 6 am to leave for work the street is empty. I think on streets near the downtown area night parking should start earlier.

Parking

Submitted by Jimmy on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:19

I pay way too much money to park on a street about 5 blocks from my apartment. I can not have over night guests more than a few times due to it not being allowed. I can't afford to park in Oak park. I can afford to live there but not to park.

The Animals

Submitted by Dan on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:21

One again Oak Park government raids your wallet by making simple things complicated and complicated things incomprehensible?
Creating a set of ridiculous and perplexing rules meant only to divert your attention while they pick your pocket through increased payment times, increased fees, and punishing parking tickets. Plus now they want to track your movements by tracking when and where you park by license plate. i guess Big Brother is watching.
Oak Park is becoming more unbearable every day so to paraphrase the Animals lyrics "I've gotta get out of this place If its the last thing I ever do"

Permit Parking in Y3

Submitted by Laureen on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:26

Another user above of a Y3 parking permit also made a comment on parking on Washington Blvd between Marion & Wisconsin. With the install of the traffic light at Wisconsin and Washington the residents in the condo buildings in this area have lost at least 100 parking spaces. No alternative was provided. I implore you to paint lines on the streets to outline parking spaces as many people take up to 2 spaces. Also, the 2 day 8-10 AM ban on Tues and Wed. has made it even more difficult to find parking. It has essentially become a nightmare.

I agree with no parking on 1 side of the street 1 day per week, but not the entire day.

The parking permits go UP every year and I am not sure what the reasoning is behind this to have a 20% increase per year. Most of my friends and family will not visit me as they need to evacuate after 11pm. Well, what if they wanted to stay til 1am? NOPE!

Anyway, I don't know why this is all so difficult and tedious. the signs are ridiculous and hard to decipher, especially for people that visit and are no familiar.

Parking

Submitted by John Houren on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:29

No overnight parking. It is a tool for additional crime. Make businesses and apartment owners solve there parking problem!

Unfortunately this does not

Submitted by Jet on Sat, 2018-04-21 22:10

Unfortunately this does not encourage landlords and rental companies to preserve some of the gorgeous older buildings that have literally zero space available without demolishing the building AND oak park will not be so beautiful when there's no grass and landscape left because it becomes concrete.

Extended Meter Time and 3-Hr Max

Submitted by Annette Hughes on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:29

1. It's hard enough to find parking and it was nice to be able to park after 6 without worrying about additional costs. Definitely don't agree with addition meter hours.
2. 3-hr max and then such a high increase definitely is not conductive to staying downtown for an extended time period, i.e., movie and a meal. An addition $1 would be acceptable.
Parking in the village has always been a problem; lack of spaces and so many rules and regulations! Adding all the high-rise bldgs being built so closely together has also taken even more parking spaces. I now avoid the downtown area as much as possible.

This plan smells bad

Submitted by Mary on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:29

Sorry to say but if you are increasing meter time to 8pm, we will be dining elsewhere. This whole parking plan is confusing and to not allow some residents the right to park near their property when we all are paying such ridiculous taxes! Are you kidding me!
Please do not allow overnight parking on our streets. This will ruin Oak Park.

700-800 blocks of S. Cuyler

Submitted by Anonymous2 on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:31

Between Longfellow school and the Arts district businesses, there are many days, except Sundays, that I can't find a spot near my own front door. People park personal and commercial vehicles for days and nights on end, yet I've received a ticket at 0530 while loading my son's car up to return to college.

Pilot Parking

Submitted by LIsa on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:35

I understand this is a complicated issue and everyone has different wants and needs. For me, I take the train for work so I my car is parked on the street during the day and then I pay for a permit in order to park overnight. I would love to park in front of my building but that is not possible as all parking in front of my building has been eliminated. So now I'm happy if I can just park on my block on my street. I live within a few blocks of CTA/Metra so I understand having 2 or 3 hour limits on streets near the train but what are residents to do? I really like living in Oak Park except for dealing with parking. Buying a single family home with a garage or a condo unit with parking isn't in the cards for me. And, on top of that, I don't feel that I should have to move in order to park my car near where I live.

Also on the subject of increasing meter times for downtown. Why would you do that? It's just going to make people not want to go downtown where they would have to pay a meter.

I found the power point hard to read and understand so I'm not sure that I'm addressing everything but overall I haven't seen a lot of good that will come out of this. And based on the other comments, I think a lot of other people feel the same way.

Parking on Kenilworth near Unity Temple

Submitted by John (Jake) Dickens on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:36

Parking is allowed on Kenilworth near Unity Temple during daytime and it is very busy with tourists, post office customers and others competing for spaces. But my issue is overnight when parking is prohibited -- it makes no sense to prohibit because the post office is closed, there are no tours at Unity and there is no competition for spaces. Please consider dropping this overnight prohibition.

two things

Submitted by Dave Miller on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:47

1. I saw one of the new trial signs. It was confusing. Sure, you can figure it after looking at it for awhile, but a parking sign should never have to be studied in order to understand it. Geezus, I'm just trying to park, not study for a final exam with the risk of being ticketed if I don't pass it.

2. I'm currently paying $7 a night to park on the street overnight in front of my house as my garage is temporarily inaccessible while a roofing crew works on my house for a week. Sure, you get three overnight freebies, but then it's time to pony up more dough. I understand the concept of overnight parking restrictions, but this is yet another pure money grab. I can't get a break for a week or two while a construction crew works at my place? After already paying Oak Park $200 for a permit? And $14K in property taxes?

Parking

Submitted by JRTU on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:47

Beautiful Village .. historic district .. home of Frank,.. Ernst,.. etc. Empty words. People use cars and need parking. I am sure a lot of residentes are using their garages as storages, I know because I see. In this life nothing is free, even death. So give comfort to visitors or customers and ... pay for excess time.

ok

Submitted by Tom on Wed, 2018-04-18 15:48

I'm all for updating the current situation where I am unable to park near my house at any time during the day because there are NO restrictions on the 800 block of Scoville, while parking is restricted on every other block around me. If the village would like to make some money, have the people from out of town pay for parking and littering in front of my house while I can't park at all.

And let's do this the smart way. FIRST, institute parking regulations on the side streets to limit commuters from parking in residential areas. Give us residents and tax-payers a break. After you get the the commuters to park off of the residential streets on into regulated parking areas, THEN start charging a competitive rate for parking. Don't scare people off right away.

Wow

Submitted by Greg on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:10

Not a lot of positive responses here. I grew up in a town where you bought a city sticker and you could park where you needed throughout the town. How about we try that?

Keep the no parking from 8-10 am but, for God's sake, if the parking enforcement person or whomever is writing the tickets sees the vehicle is licensed to the residence it's in front of have some common sense and don't write the ticket. There is something going on.

Too many of the people proposing the rules and these new rules don't live here. Do we really need to hire consultants to make Oak Park more like Chicago? Save money, no consultants, no meters, less employees, more business.

Please Don't Do This

Submitted by Maggie on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:16

Please, please do not change how Pleasant St. is already (especially from Harlem to Home). I live in a building and barely can find parking in the Y2 zone as it is. If you allow guests to park overnight on Pleasant between Harlem and Marion, that will make it impossible for residents to find parking. Also, please leave the 4-hour parking, from 9-5 as it is on Pleasant between Harlem and Maple. If you change these systems, which are already working for many of us, you're going to make it stressful and unbelievably frustrating for all the residents who live in buildings in that area. Please don't make it unaffordable or any more impossible for middle class people to be able to live in Oak Park.

No

Submitted by Marc Anthony on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:21
Oak Park you wild and crazy town. Nay.

Parking

Submitted by Amy on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:23
I fail to see how any of the new proposal improves parking for Oak Park residents or visitors. Back to the drawing board.

Parking

Submitted by R. Duchene on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:23
Oak Park may welcome tourists but it is not friendly to those who live within its boundaries. The overnight ban doesn't allow guests or family members to stay late and enjoy the dinner, TV show or even the holiday. I have tried to get a sticker but find it an impossible task. Why when I pay high property taxes should I also pay to have guest come visit me. As to the extension of parking times to 8:00 PM, all this does is encourage village residents to shop and dine out in other towns where parking is not as restrictive or costly. There are plenty of times I would love to stop in a shop but don't because of the difficulty of finding a parking spot or the cost. ENOUGH!!!!!

Resident Parking

Submitted by Mary A Earle on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:27
No homeowner/condo owner should have to pay a dime in order to park in front of their own homes/condos. Talk to the village assessor. The property taxes are driving all but the most fortunate away from this once wonderful village.Services are already sub-par. Don't ask us to pay,again, for the privilege of living here

Thankful that I have my own garage in Oak Park

Submitted by Adam Freilich on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:28
I think that the current Oak Park signs are clear enough without the need for broader parking standardization. With the new proposal there will be a two hour increase in parking meter fees, which is a hassle and a deterrent to dining in town. I could not imagine being a resident who has to park on the street full time without having a personal garage in this town. The onus of moving a vehicle to avoid parking violations will surely increase when electronic license plate monitoring begins.

No Parking Pilot

Submitted by Helen Brooks on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:37
In so many words, this pilot proposal says, "You want to live in Oak Park? Then put your money where your car sits!" Chicago residents (although their parking issues may be many) do not have to contend with paying nearly $600 per year in parking permits alone that Oak Park residents do; in addition to the rising cost of the vehicle sticker.

It is still unclear as to how this pilot "solves" any of the parking problems other than providing more revenue to the Village. Many areas in Oak Park already have parking confusion with the current signage.

Perhaps a better solution would be to invite residents of the highly affected areas to be part of the Transportation Commission and allow them to be true stakeholders of the process.

I am afraid that, with rising property taxes and rising costs just to have a vehicle in Oak Park, that only the wealthy will be able to afford to live here. Eventually, this affects the thriving diversity that Oak Park seemingly enjoys.

Overnight Parking

Submitted by Longtime South ... on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:44

Do not change the current overnight parking rules. We want our neighborhoods to remain safe, and there is no reason the current rules won't work for all residents. I would suggest some kind of exemption to the 3-night limit for residents in a situation like Dave Miller, but that kind of thing doesn't come up that often and you can easily check the validity of such a request by looking at the building permits that the Village manages.

Parking is already a nightmare, thanks

Submitted by YSemi on Wed, 2018-04-18 16:57

Parking in OP is already next to impossible. I'm paying $540 a year to have the chance to be able to park in my permit zone... and I can't about 2 times a month. These unnecessarily complicated restrictions will only make my life worse. No thanks! Make parking easier, not harder!

parking proposals

Submitted by Bob Stigger on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:08

The fundamental reason for incomprehensible parking regulations is the insufficiency of on-street parking capacity in the Village to accommodate all the vehicles that folks desire to park there. The only mathematically valid solutions are to reduce the number of cars, build more streets, or create more off-street parking. Reducing the number of cars is the obvious solution but the voters won't stand for it because Oak Parkers are only "green" until it inconveniences them. More streets is a non-starter. More off-street parking is expensive and requires demolition of existing structures to create space, which the voters won't abide. Adjusting parking regulations and signage is just window-dressing which doesn't address the fundamental problem and therefore will create as many problems as it solves. In the absence of political will to address the underlying problem of too many cars in too little space, no stable solution is feasible.

Morning parking restrictions vs. 3 hour limits

Submitted by Amy Shannon on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:35

Although the changes would improve one issue --no more fear of getting a ticket for parking in front of one's own house for a few minutes from 8-10, I fear it would create another, equally annoying problem. I am not sure why one would want to just validate all the 8-10am parking bans without review. I for one would be happy to see my street open to parking all day. I would certainly prefer that to worrying that I had over-stayed the 3 hour limit.

Increasing the Time Required to Pay for Meters from 6PM to 8PM

Submitted by Robert Larson on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:38
Increasing the required time to feed meters from 6Pm to 8PM is a terrible idea for both restaurants and consumers. This idea is very short sighted. It will add another reason for people NOT to eat in Oak Park restaurants. The piddly extra revenue will be lost in tax revenue from the restaurants.

Parking
Submitted by Lilia Cruz on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:43
Madison st big problem for our business, the village doesn't care about us..
No orgaments Christmas, no plants in summer and now parking meters !!!
Please check what we need in Madison 26 years Rebozo, working so hard to bring customers. You just paid attention to Lake Ave, Marion Ave., oak Park Ave, and this is it !!! Please no meters Now help us with the construction from the hospital !!!!

Parking on Randolph just west of Oak Park Ave
Submitted by William Dieber on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:45
Currently parking on north side of Randolph from Oak Park Ave to alley is not allowed at anytime. Your map seems to suggest some parking will be allowed. Because of traffic flow and proximity of condo building to street, the no parking status must be maintained

Increasing the Time Required to Pay for Meters from 6PM to 8PM
Submitted by Robert Larson on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:45
Increasing the paid meter parking from 6pm to 8pm is a bad idea and I am against it. The piddly increase in revenue will be more than offset by the lose of tax revenue when the restaurants lose business due to an additional tax imposed on people eating dinner in Oak Park.

Solution Still Needs Work
Submitted by Chris C. on Wed, 2018-04-18 17:59
This feels like it adds complication to parking where it could otherwise be avoided.

Standardizing time limits helps, but those already paying for a 24 hr. permit for the city, shouldn't keep paying for parking in their own small village for non-overnight periods.

Having parking follow someone while they are in the village (pay for 3 hours, doesn't matter where you are) is beneficial to reducing the nickel dime effect some may feel when making multiple stops, similar to what Chicago did.

New signs can help reduce confusion but once we add the zone information, then what are we really reducing? A single sign? I don't see how on my street, it improves anything. Visually it assists to some degree.

Additionally, rules such as having to park in a guest spot instead of your permit area, when you have a rental when your primary car is in service, takes away from guests and lowers

parking inventory which is counter-productive to the intent of the city to properly manage available parking inventory.

Don’t extend parking meters to 8pm

Submitted by Bonnie on Wed, 2018-04-18 18:23

Extending the parking meters to 8pm instead of 6pm is a terrible idea. I will no longer be interested in going to dinner in downtown Oak Park or continuing my membership at a downtown Oak Park gym if I am forced to pay the meters every time I want to take advantage of one of these facilities after work. Our taxes are already astronomically high. Figure out how to use tax dollars more wisely instead of soaking residents with yet more unreasonable costs to live here.

You are making things worse!!!!!

Submitted by Allan Bernstein on Wed, 2018-04-18 18:36

Why are you doing this to OP residents. You are making things more complicated not simplifying anything. Repeated complaints to the
Village about employee parking on the 500 block of North Humphrey have been largely ignored by the village. The parking on the block is being taken by businesses on Chicago Ave. Stop making things worse and preventing residents, guests, contractors etc are being inconvenienced at best. The answer to our problems are resident only parking which could be simply by sticker or guest pass. Why reinvent the wheel. Keep it simple!

Say NO to the proposed parking pilot program

Submitted by Sarah W. on Wed, 2018-04-18 19:05

There is nothing in this proposal that I actively support and MUCH that I don't like, including extending metered parking time until 8 p.m. and the other ways that this proposal increases the expense and hassle of parking around the Village. But I am most vehemently opposed to allowing commuters to park longer on residential streets and to the de-facto end to the overnight parking ban. This will fundamentally change the character of residential streets in Oak Park. The other commenters have it right-- if we wanted to live in Chicago or Berwyn, we would. Instead, we choose to live here. Listen to what the taxpayers of Oak Park are saying about this proposal's many shortcomings and do not implement a plan that will change Oak Park for the worse.

Parking

Submitted by Ann Goddeyne on Wed, 2018-04-18 19:11

It is already impossible to park in the village Every lot is taken away Now you want to make it harder for guests to park when they visit Parking is expensive We are not Chicago and live in Oak Park because we chose to live in a village not in a congested suburb where we can drive and park in our village I will shop elsewhere

6-8 parking

Submitted by Marge Greenwald on Wed, 2018-04-18 19:48

Do not increase meter parking from 6 to 8 pm. You will drive even more business away from our restaurants. As is many prefer to go elsewhere for lunch. It is essential that we do not undermine our restaurants at dinner.

Nonsensical

Submitted by Dave on Wed, 2018-04-18 19:50

I for one will have little interest in coming downtown upon the extension of pay for parking hours. This will result in lost business and ultimately lost revenue for the Village.

parking

Submitted by leesa on Wed, 2018-04-18 20:05

It is a challenge to coordinate so many different wants and needs within one village, but I for one appreciate the overnight parking bans and think the quieter night streets and ability to not deal with car alarms and closing doors etc. all night is one of the reason many choose the suburbs over the city. While I have sympathy for apartment dwellers and condo owners who lack many spaces per unit, I think it is inherent on renters or condo buyers to figure out the parking situation and whether or not it meets their needs before signing a lease or purchase contract. When I lived in Chicago, I saved money on rent by renting an apt with no parking. When i needed a car, I ponied up $250 a month to park 6 blocks from my home. It was not the city's worry that I was a young female walking 6 blocks at night. For my next apartment, I paid more in rent to find a space with parking. Condos in the city typically command a $30,000+ premium per parking space. No one owes people who choose to choose to own a car (or cars) free parking in another location when their building does not provide parking. Oak Park is a suburb. People move here and buy here because it is a suburb. Quit trying to make it into the city. When a new high rise or condo building goes up, there should be more than one parking space per unit.

Overnight Parking Ban

Submitted by Carla on Wed, 2018-04-18 21:21

Because of the overnight parking ban, I had to wait 7 months after moving to Oak Park to bring my vehicle to this village. In that 7 months, I had to wait for the privilege to pay for a lot spot to open up near my apartment. For 7 months, I had to take the L to work downtown at night, because I didn't have my car, and almost got mugged twice. All because the rules of this village, where I live and pay taxes, wouldn't let me have my car.

Why does this village, which currently has an apartment and condo boom, not let people park overnight on the street? If you pay $70/year to register your vehicle with Oak Park, you should be able to legally park overnight on the street.

Again, this issue is a self-inflicted wound that makes it hard to have a car in a suburb.

As an aside, citizens call the quarterly fight for parking permits "The Hunger Games" because it pits neighbors against neighbors for the privilege of being able to park near their home — when they should be able to just park on the street. It's embarrasing and I have personally

talked two friends out of moving to Oak Park because of the obsurdity of the overnight parking ban.

Parking

Submitted by Melody Robinson on Wed, 2018-04-18 21:22

This new proposal is very confusing and I think to have to pay pass 6pm is nuts. This is way to confusing and unnecessary for Iak Park residents and business owners. Moving after three hours or being charged three dollars per hour instead of the usual one dollar. Sounds like this is all about money. And not the convince of Oak Park residents at all. This proposal is way to complicated and not really far to Oak Parker's.

Overnight Parking Permitted Spaces-Z6

Submitted by Meg K on Wed, 2018-04-18 22:04

No for the parking pilot!

In regards to the changes in permitted overnight parking I strongly disagree. The current restrictions in our Z6 zone is 9pm to 10am. Even with that restriction we find ourselves not able to always get a space because other people are parked in the permitted spaces. We usually get home between 9 and 10 pm (note after the current restrictions). This change will make it impossible for us to ever park near our building in the permit area that we pay for. If the proposed open parking form 8pm-2:30am on permitted spaces goes through that will have huge negative consequences for myself and most of my neighbors. There simply needs to be stricter enforcement seeing as there are the same 4-5 cars that park in this permit zone every night of the week with apparently little consequence. Those tickets alone would make up the new proposed 6-8pm revenue.

pilot parking plan

Submitted by tom on Wed, 2018-04-18 22:34

Congratulations Oak Park! You've outdone yourself. I thought
the parking situation couldn't possibly get worse but, it has. I know we live close to Chicago but do you have to emulate their mayor in myriad ways to not only restrict parking but, where it is allowed, to put the squeeze on its residents? We already can't park in front of our own houses without fees, stickers, passes or risk being ambushed with fines. Again , congratulations parking committee "geniuses". Your work has to be voluntary as I can't believe your getting paid for coming up with this ragtag plan.

Permits and Passes

Submitted by Barb on Thu, 2018-04-19 00:47

This proposal is way too complicated and could easily be made less so as well as not making it more costly for residents who already pay plenty enough in taxes.
Residents should not have to buy a permit to park in front of their own homes and should be exempt from the 3 hour limit. The new technology should be able to identify the plate number as belonging on that block once the village sticker is purchased. Nor should there be a charge for overnight parking for residents when needed.
As for guest passes, residents should be able to purchase for a reasonable fee, a pass to be

used multiple times for persons either working or visiting. Having multiple paper passes is a waste of everyone's time. For extended stay guests those plate numbers can be registered with the village in addition to showing a guest pass.
For long term caregivers and Nannies, those plate numbers could also be temporarily registered to that address with documentation from the home owner. No fee should be over $50 one time for any of the above passes
I disagree with extending the meter parking to 8pm. And lastly, the process for appealing a ticket in the village is a nightmare and rarely worth even trying.

Overnight parking

Submitted by Liz on Thu, 2018-04-19 08:17
So this means that overnight, unlimited parking might come to OP? With a permit/pass, any street can be parked on?
I strongly disagree with this. It leads to crowded, dirty streets (even with the occasional street cleaning). My job takes my to various Chicago neighborhoods where cars are always parked on the street. It has a very different (and worse) feel than OP has now.

Parking Restrictions

Submitted by Fay on Thu, 2018-04-19 08:39
Currently my neighbors and I pay $135.00 per quarter for overnight parking passes (135 x 4 =$540..) almost $600.00 a year to park on the street near our homes where we pay property taxes. It is not only uncovered street parking, but it is not even designated parking, which means if we are relegated to park on the side streets we have to pay an additional $7.00 per incident after the first 3 times we do so. This is an exorbitant, unnecessary expense for homeowners and it is an added hinderance to living in Oak Park. I discourage anyone who ask about living in Oak Park. I highlight the peacefulness and stress the ridiculous encumbrance that parking is for all who reside here.

Parking Pilot Presentation Feedback

Submitted by Anonymous on Thu, 2018-04-19 08:59
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*Permit/Passe Matrix. 30-day Free parking per plate/year.
*Pay by plate e-pay system.
*standardized parking times.

Serious Concern
• Pay Dynamic Pricing parking rate increases after 3 hrs.
o Why would we want to limit the time somebody spends in OP?
o This approach is cost prohibited, low-income persons which include, seniors, single mothers, people of color, etc.
• Two senior and assistant living locations will be affected.
o This might have a negative impact on the amount of time people have visitors, which is crucial in reducing isolation and improving quality of life.
o The new cost might also affect how much and how often somebody may get visitors.
• Parking structures are not readily available nor conveniently accessible in some areas.

o The ones I am aware of are 1 mile away on Lake & Marion north of the pilot area.
o I would like a map with all the parking structures in the proposed area.
• Not everyone has a smartphone. How will these nice people pay by plate?
• This might deter low-income person from coming to Oak Park.

Need Clarification
• On-street Parking: what happens from 6 am – 8 am?
• What is the estimated revenue?
• How will revenue be allocated?
• Why are the proposed change only affect South of South Blvd. to Harrison? I believe these are the areas that have the most apartments and lower-income residents.

Recommendations
• Do not use Pay Dynamic Pricing
• If you want people to use public garages, consider giving them an incentive and make it truly convenient. I know there are at least three parking structures on Lake and two parking lots on Marion North of South Blvd. which are about 1 mile away, this is not convenient. I do concede that I may be unaware of other parking structures within the pilot area.
• Update PDF with a clear and legible copy.

Proposal Needs Work
Submitted by YR on Thu, 2018-04-19 09:06
This proposal needs some work! I have listed what I like, things I am seriously concerned about, areas that need clarification and recommendations.

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Summarize Please
Submitted by Concerned Oak P... on Thu, 2018-04-19 09:16
Please give an executive summary of all the proposed changes in bullet point format. These changes are numerous and we need a clear explanation about each of the changes. Thank you.

Parking proposals
Submitted by Roger French on Thu, 2018-04-19 09:47
I cannot see how this proposed achieves any of the stated goals. It is still much too complex. We need a complete rethinking, not a list of minor tweaks. And, we need to dramatically reduce costs and fees. Thank you.

Parking pilot
Submitted by Lynn G on Thu, 2018-04-19 10:16
The diagrams were unreadable even on my large screen laptop; the colors of the streets could not even be deciphered. Answer me these 2 questions: I would like to have guests try to park near my condo on Oak Park ave and Washington for a dinner party. Where and for how long can they park on each evening of the week? My family member from out of town needs to park near my home for a week. What do I need to arrange to help them do this and where do they put their car and how many times a day must they move it elsewhere? It is a nightmare to decipher the answers to these 2 basic questions after listening to this presentation.

Additionally say no to extending parking fees to 8 PM in metered areas! Restaurants and businesses need out of town customers to not choose other towns to frequent and in town residents need to be given a break on the constant parking expenses to simply eat or shop locally in the evening . I am also opposed to metered parking on Madison. For heaven sake,

this new plan does nothing for me other than wring out more money from my empty pockets to simply reside here.

Reduce Permit Fees

Submitted by Barry Jung on Thu, 2018-04-19 11:10

Permits are a way to regulate and organize parking -- they should not be a disguised tax. The permit fees should only reflect the cost to administer the program and yet they have increased dramatically over the years -- way out of line with the inflation index. $540/year is a tax not a fee. Reduce the fees as part of this revision and include a discount for seniors 65+ as you currently do with village car stickers.

Residential Street parking

Submitted by Tom CLINTON STREET on Thu, 2018-04-19 11:22

Hi,

I understood what the village wants to do to Madison street!

I couldn't read the grid very well. or was that to make a decision by the residents more difficult???

Are they going to turn our street and others like it from 8 to 8 like Madison street?

I am Strongly Against the VILLAGE SELLING OUT OUR AMENITIES (RESIDENTIAL Street PARKING).

I can't imagine why the VILLAGE feels they can change parking on residential streets that have been in place for about a 100 years or for at least the 63 yrs I have lived on them.

Is $16,000.00 not enough for OAK PARK TAX and heading HIGHER since 1978 that I have been an owner.

The village thinks the residents are ignorant so why not!

Next they are going to charge our children to ride their bikes on the front sidewalks!

Parking on streets with 8-10 am no parking rules...

Submitted by Jerry Capozzoli on Thu, 2018-04-19 12:15

HI all, I live on one of those streets and think the 8-10 rule is fine I dont want to have my mother in law have to pay every time she visits this is crazy. It's a residential street and it is already an inconvenience having to wait till 10 am to park in front of my home and what you are proposing Permitted Parking is just another way the city wants to charge its tax paying residents for parking on streets near bus/train stops. Stop reaching into our pockets!!!! If you want to fix something eliminate parking on Garfield because its a hazard everytime I come out of my alley with cars parked up and down that street - serious blind spot. If you can't eliminate the parking on garfield at least make it a one way street. Another big issue is all the

left hand turners from Garfield to Oak Park Ave its a serious congestion problem, Maybe if its a one way then you could have both lanes to create a left hand turn lane onto Oak Park Avenue and East from Garfield. Look for ways to improve traffic flow and stop looking for ways to reach into our pockets we get enough of that from district 97 and 200

Agreed

Submitted by South Oak Parker on Thu, 2018-04-19 15:51

Yes! I've seen far too many accidents pulling out from the Alley onto Garfield. Also agreed with making Garfield one way (and Harrison could be one way, which frankly could open up much more parking on that street, there could be angled parking on one side vs parallel, more cars would fit).

Parkiong time shift from 6am - 8pm

Submitted by Jerry on Thu, 2018-04-19 12:18

I think this is just wrong keep it where it is at I have no issues finding parking in OP metered parking from 8-6 is perfect that is regular business hours this is only for the city to capitalize on people eating out in OP after 6pm

Comments say enough

Submitted by S Grove on Thu, 2018-04-19 13:17

It seems as though the comments above radically oppose the parking pilot and this is an obvious no brainer for the transportation committee not to move forward with the pilot. I agree with everything above - don't open zone parking for commuters, if you rent / buy with limited parking, know what you're getting in to before signing, don't raise the meter parking to 8 pm, give us guest passes for guests and workers (don't make this so difficult).

NO. Just. NO

Submitted by South Oak Parker on Thu, 2018-04-19 15:48

I live south of 290 and noticed we would not be included in the "pilot" program. Thankfully. Because we actually do not have an issue with daytime parking being a problem on our street. The issue we suffer from is cars being allowed to park on Garfield blocking visibility when exiting the alley. There have been many accidents, I'm surprised that has not been addressed. But these proposed rules are not only confusing but also frankly a slap in the face to everyone in OP already being hit with massive tax increases. It's like a tax to park in front of my own home. Honestly, there's really no justification for morning parking restrictions in South OP. It's very frustrating, in fact. With our taxes and parking stickers this is ridiculous. Would we be getting meters on our street?! What we do need is a solution to problems parking near businesses (and esp those businesses near residential, such as Pleasant near Marion). You are pricing everyone out of Oak Park. I recently discovered a tax bill from three years ago that was about $1,000 lower (for half the year, and that with winning appeals). The rate of tax increases and now the proposed parking money-grabbing is far more steep than anyone's raises, if they even are getting any...plus we all have to deal with health insurance costs rising. I suggest widening streets where possible (Madison?) and making angled parking rather than parallel, you'll double the capacity. And how about building garages. As hard as it is to park in Forest Park it's still easier and cheaper than Oak Park so that's where we shop and dine.

Parking in front of my house

Submitted by Tiffany Martinelli on Thu, 2018-04-19 15:51

I live on a block with no parking 8-10am and this already causes me enough grief with guests, caregivers and workers- now I can't have anyone visiting or my own car in front of my house for more than three hours?? That's not right- I understand the need to try to reduce commuters parking but there should be an allowance for those of us living here!! I also do not agree with increasing the meter time to 8pm- will most definitely cause a decrease in business downtown in the evening.

Please don' do the Pilot

Submitted by Desseree on Thu, 2018-04-19 17:06

This is crazy, why can't you leave the parking the way that it is? There is so many things that is wrong with the Pilot parking. Why are you extending the time from 6 to 8 pm, it doesn't make since I know more money in your pocket. Here is another outrageous plan to have cars move once a week to the south side of the street. Does anyone how the are going to get all of those cars on one side and on top of the that you extended the time. This is ridiculous, when it comes to cleaning the leaves of the street, which takes up more parking space, because it take forever before someone comes to remove them. The have already eliminate 2 blocks on both side of parking on Washington need Marion for a street light, when they could have put a four way stop sign that lights up when pedestrian need to cross, but that was to simple. Now you are going have open parking until 2 a.m. so the visitor to park. Well i guest the resident don't count. I already park two blocks away I guess I will be parking four blocks or more. I can't even park in front of my apt building any because the the new street light. Thanks Oak Park what a way to treat the residents that live in Oak Park. Yet every year the parking permits go up more and more but I can't even park in front of my apartment. WOW

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Toni on Thu, 2018-04-19 18:00

This is too confusing. This is a ridiculous proposal for residents in Oak Park. Oak Park needs to look at the parking situation and provide more parking for residents and guess without being charge extra to park in the village. Taxes are high enough. Rent is high too. Don't need to pay more money for additional restrictions. MY VOTE IS NO ON PARKING PILOT PROGRAM!

Screw up the currently working system on our street

Submitted by Stevan on Thu, 2018-04-19 20:00

The 8am-10am restriction on 700-800 S Grove works well. We have managed to avoid tickets during the past few years. Change it to 3 hr parking and we will be paying tickets yet again - and so will people visiting us. Yet again, we will be swearing at No Park, IL.

After 6pm free parking also works. Doing away with that is simply mean-spirited.

Pilot Parking Proposal

Submitted by Mark on Thu, 2018-04-19 20:10

I totally agree with the comment from S. Grove above. The parking pilot program should be scrapped given my perception of lack of community support, the many problems outlined in

comments above, and the complexity of the proposal. The presentation of the pilot I viewed had unreadable text and the map was of a really bad quality. Would like to see the video include the perceived need and how the proposal addresses the need. Save the current policies of "no on street overnight parking" for residential areas with the feature of buying affordable overnight passes for guests. The current policy works just fine for residential and it is critical for controlling overnight parking, maintenance and snow removal.

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Kathleen on Thu, 2018-04-19 21:11

I am opposed to virtually every aspect of this pilot. The terms are confusing, and make parking in this Village even more costly and inconvenient for both visitors and residents. And the fact that I, or my guests, would be restricted from parking in front of my home during the day is unacceptable. I also believe this proposal would further damage Oak Park businesses.

No overnight parking

Submitted by Cindy on Thu, 2018-04-19 23:09

RF Brookfield La Grange Riverside.....all have overnight restrictions. We are not unique, All villagers pay to park through higher rent, property taxes or parking permits. These are all cost factors that went in to our choosing our homes.

Please don't do this

Submitted by Paul on Fri, 2018-04-20 07:15

If we change the parking rules the commuters will camp out near the EL stations (both blue and green). Please leave the policy in place.

Request for clarification about day permit

Submitted by Kendra on Fri, 2018-04-20 14:03

With the day permit option, would that be zone specific or would any permit work in any area?

For instance, I would love to have a day permit to park intermittently in front of my condo building (I put the car in a paid city garage at night). But I fear that if *any* day permit works in any zone, that option would actually worsen the situation for those of us who live in "desirable" locations (e.g., near the train). As I see it, zone-specific day permits would allow folks to park in their own zone, but prevent their zones from becoming unparkable because of others taking up the spaces.

Don't try to figure it all out now

Submitted by kevin shalla on Fri, 2018-04-20 15:15

This is too complicated. Why not define goals, and leave details to village staff? For example, how about this: goal - set parking price to always have at least 2 open spaces in every block in the village, allowing price to fluctuate according to date, season, time, etc.. Mandate that all new road construction / parking lot construction contain technology to monitor parking usage. The village staff would then adjust pricing to ensure there's always convenient parking

everywhere. If there's no demand on a particular block at a particular time, then parking is free. If demand is heavy, it is expensive.

Overnight Parking

Submitted by Larry Lipps on Sun, 2018-04-22 17:34

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My comments only apply to residential areas & not to multifamily housing areas.

Two major reasons to maintain the overnight parking ban include:
1. Safety - less cars on streets means less crime & less accidents.
2. Character/ambience of our residential neighborhoods.

I don't want my neighborhood to look like Berwyn or Chicago.

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Parking changes pilot

Submitted by Willie Mack on Fri, 2018-04-20 17:15

I am not in favor of the proposed pilot changes. I concur with many of the reasons already given. My response is no!

As a decades long home owner,

Submitted by Anonymous on Fri, 2018-04-20 19:15

As a decades long home owner, the one thing I do not want to see is blanket overnight parking. The wide empty streets at night are safer and are what Oak Park has been. Drive across Norrh Avenue into Chicago, and you'll see the difference. Bumper to bumper cars, chairs on street to save spaces during snowstorms. Awful. I understand the need for some overnight parking near 100 year old apartment buildings, built when cars were only for a few. In single family home areas, though, I don't see there is any need for overnight parking.

On another note, how about driving around streets at night to see if cars are jutting into the streets, parked across sidewalks? I have seen this, and wonder how these car owners aren't ticketed or towed?
This is dangerous.

Say NO to the parking pilot

Submitted by Sarah E. on Sat, 2018-04-21 09:07

There is nothing in this pilot that I actively support and much that I don't like, including extending metered parking until 8:00 p.m. and the other ways that this pilot makes it even more expensive to live in Oak Park. But I am particularly opposed to the parts of the pilot that eliminate the overnight parking ban and allow commuters to park longer on residential streets. The other commenters have it right-- why are we making Oak Park look and feel more like Berwyn or Chicago? Heed the feedback you are getting on this forum and have gotten in others. The taxpayers of Oak Park are OPPOSED to this pilot.

build a parking garage for blue line commuters

Submitted by Jeanne Findlay on Sat, 2018-04-21 14:13

There are two OP stops close together on the Blue line at Austin & Oak Park Blvds. Why isn't there a parking garage for commuters versus using residential streets to park? My guests and/or workers literally have no place to park along Humphrey or Van Buren because those spots are taken up by commuters especially along Van Buren the closer you get to Austin.

Ridiculous

Submitted by Noelle T on Sat, 2018-04-21 14:27

It's bad enough that commuter parking was as expensive as it was and there's limited parking. You guys are continuing to lose good people because you're constantly increasing costs, we are not the City of Chicago but with the rising prices we all may as well move downtown. Also, what about our guests? Why are you making it more difficult for people's loved ones to come and visit? I'm disappointed in this proposal and the lack of response and consideration from Oak Park. It's already bad enough you charge people to park on the street where people are car jacked, side swiped and were told to relocate our cars on certain days during a two hour period. FYI south suburbs does not charge for street parking. Please do better by your citizens. It's like Oak Park is becoming a knock off of Hyde Park.

2 hour restrictions and overnight parking

Submitted by Kathy on Sat, 2018-04-21 14:41

The two hour parking restrictions on residential streets by Chicago Ave. west of Austin Blvd. should be strictly enforced. Employees from businesses on Chicago Ave. park all day taking away parking from residents. Perhaps making these streets residents only without making residents jump through hoops to accomplish it and making residential permits available and affordable would be a sound idea. Also, overnight parking in this area is not strictly enforced especially on weekends and motorists know it as Superior St. is filled on weekends and no tickets issued. Z4 permit parking on Austin Blvd. also is not enforced. There is heavy foot traffic at all hours in this area which is poorly lit and all these vehicles present a safety issue providing cover for individuals with mischief in mind.

No overnight parking or new parking rules

Submitted by c on Sat, 2018-04-21 14:53

It is easier to read the comments from the presentation and understand what is happening than to watch the presentation (which I did).I agree with all the other comments.WHAT A MESS! 6 months and then review? Are you kidding me?See Greg's 4/18/18 comment,which I agree with totally.I say there are too many cars! That is the problem! Start from that point.How much is all this costing? How about all the new buildings' impact?Why wasn't that thought about before this time?

Parking Pilot

Submitted by Len Palombi on Sat, 2018-04-21 15:16

The sad fact is that there are more cars in oak park than parking spaces. You can meter, restrict, ticket all you want and that doesn't change the fact that demand exceeds supply. All that restrictions do is penalize everyone. I would venture that if you added up all the money spent on studying, installing more signs/meters, ticketing, handling disputes, etc., you could build more parking spaces and increase the supply. Why make things more complicated? Simplify and save money by removing all restrictions, signs and meters.

Residenti permits

Submitted by Dean Rogers on Sat, 2018-04-21 15:32

When I bought my house,I did not purchase the parking spot in frnt of it.The streets are public roadways for anybody's use.What entiles a homeowner to a spot in front of their house?

Proposed Parking Restrictions

Submitted by Peter on Sat, 2018-04-21 15:47

Horrible, horrible, horrible. Are you folks on drugs? How are these steps an improvement?

Especially burdensome for me is the restriction of three hours on residential blocks with current timed restrictions during the day. This will make it difficult for me to have guests over during the daytime. The current restriction is fine, why make it narrower? And the exemption that residents receive from the three hour time limit would not apply to my guests, as I park in my own garage and hence do not have a parking permit to share with others.

The more extensive pay to park hours (through 8pm)? No, no, no. This is only going to hurt area businesses.

The premise of this pilot parking program is that the block by block ordinances that have been established are somehow confusing or inefficient or what have you, and so we must standardize things, but what is really going on here is a money grab, the establishment of more pretexts for citing motorists who park on our streets. And this phrase, "parking management tool," ugh, total bureaucrat-speak.

Frustrating

Submitted by Anonymous on Sat, 2018-04-21 16:02

I live in a 2flat building with no garage nor space for parking. I have to purchase an overnight sticker just to be able to park away from in front of my hime and walk back to it. There is also a 2 hour time limit on my street (Humphrey) which means I still cant park in front of my home nor have any guests until 3pm. The no parking in front of your own home is very outdated. I cant even relax during vacations we have to constantly move for fear of a ticket. The only time I can have ease of guests is during the holudays when Oak Park gives me special permission to have overnight family without the hassle yet in the morning we are all back moving around in a panic to find a park because of the 2 hour limit. These ridiculous bans and time limits hasnt stopped any crimes, it is just creatung a parking nightmare and headache for the residents who actually live here. Does Oak Park even think or care about renters when they come up with these parking rules. It appears that they do not.

Resident parking concerns

Submitted by BC on Sat, 2018-04-21 16:51

I'm a little confused and concerned with zone permit spaces becoming open to both permits and guest passes overnight. (Am I understanding this correctly?). So, as a resident, I must continue to pay $540 per year for on-street parking near my home when visitors could also park in the same location with a free pass? It's already challenging to find parking in the zone permit areas as a resident when coming home from work. I would ask that you please reconsider this (have separate Residential and Visitor parking zones OR significantly decrease the cost of a permit for residents).

Also...VETO on the extension of meters to 8pm.

I do appreciate the change of 8-10am no parking to a 3 hour restriction instead. As someone who does home visiting therapy, that 8-10 parking ban is extremely challenging for home healthcare and social service providers!

Thanks! I know you're trying to solve many issues and meet the needs/wants of many. I hope we are able to continue giving real-time feedback during the actual pilot process. Just curious...how will you be collecting data/feedback during the pilot time and how can we participate as residents?

Discrimination

Submitted by Wilma Fingerdo on Sat, 2018-04-21 21:30

Stop discriminating against taxpaying residents who do not own a garage. FREE overnight parking for ALL residents.
TIRED OF THIS BS

I have a Masters Degree and

Submitted by Anonymous on Sat, 2018-04-21 22:12

I have a Masters Degree and cannot understand most of the proposal. THAT is f'ed up.

PARKING

Submitted by Eddie Scanlan on Sun, 2018-04-22 00:46

Don't worry about it.

Do Not Support Pilot

Submitted by Susan A on Sun, 2018-04-22 05:41

If public feedback is the first criteria for success, THIS PILOT PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED given the comments.

As a resident who has lived in both the city and the suburbs and now chooses Oak Park, parking matters.

I have lived in various neighborhoods of Chicago. Unrestricted parking in the city, whether paid or not, leads to ongoing drives around the neighborhood, sometimes up to 3-4 or more blocks away, to find a parking spot - at any time of the day or night. One thing I appreciate about Oak Park is the relative feeling of safety - a large part of that is due to the openness of the streets and visibility on the residential streets. This parking plan would take that away -- I personally would have a sense of wariness at not being able to have a clear line of vision around me due to cars, at not knowing who may be sitting in a car waiting for me to come along, alone, particularly at night or even early in the morning for that matter when anyone wants or needs to go out early in the dark. Or kids. Given that the schools are a huge draw for this community , any program that diminishes safety for anyone of any age cannot be implemented.

I have also lived in Hinsdale and Naperville and other suburbs where there is even more dependence on cars. And given a choice, businesses that have available free parking (as in Oak Brook) are highly preferred to communities where not only is there a high level of congestion, but parking is scarce and you have to pay. That's just a given. In my mind there are enough empty storefronts on an ongoing basis to create additional impediments to having people come to Oak Park businesses. The Village would do well to focus on finding ways to increase the attractiveness and ease of frequenting our local business community.

Finally, the presentation is not persuasive. Ignoring the typos, it is charts and graphs and frankly, simplistic.

Oak Park prides itself on its diversity -- the village is in fact populated by homeowners, renters, businesses, public facilities, churches and more all of which have different needs -- not to mention income and other diversities. This program does not address that.

There is no thoughtful cost benefit analysis provided either for residents, businesses, visitors, or the village. I see no real benefits for me as a resident -- and I have to believe that there is a huge income benefit for the village.

There is no attempt to address concerns -- the public meetings held to date have driven out many concerns, and there is no evidence that any of the concerns have been heard and / or addressed in the program.

In short, the village appears to be giving what an old boss of mine would call "dramatic lip service". A lot of noise and activity around this parking but very little substantive listening, responding, and actively working to come to a mutually beneficial solution.

Oak Park has high taxes as it is; this parking program is another regressive tax that has no clearly stated benefits other than one more source of revenue for the village and clear disadvantages for both residents and businesses.

I have an idea of the cost of this process -- the amount of time that has gone into developing the idea (and being sold by vendors) on the part of the village, holding the public meetings, building it into the budget to make it an easier sell to the residents, doing multiple iterations of the plan. From where I sit, it's not been well managed or executed.

Is Oak Park still the village it professes to be? Where people are collaboratively working to make this a mutually beneficial place to live for everyone?

Or are the developers and revenue generators having their way? The new high rise residential buildings are increasing congestion dramatically. There is a reason no good sized business has taken the building at Harlem and Lake -- there's a reason the Target is smaller than many Walgreens - there are reasons why we have so many empty storefronts or that small businesses come and go so quickly even at the major intersections (Lake and Oak Park Avenue).

I know multiple families who have left Oak Park. I personally do not know anyone who strongly supports the general trend of the village management.

NO ON THE NEW PARKING REGULATIONS.

Extended hours M-F til 8

Submitted by Jan on Sun, 2018-04-22 06:52

This is a terrible idea extending this until 8. Now you could not go to a restaurant or movie or a meeting without feeding a meter or getting ticket. Time cuts into anything you would want to do. Totally against this. Forest Park here I come. They know how to welcome diners and shoppers and residents.

Proposed Parking Program

Submitted by Victoria on Sun, 2018-04-22 07:03

This new parking proposal is disappointing. I want the Village of Oak Park to be a welcoming place for visitors, family, and friends. The proposed parking regulations remind me more of the parking situation in Chicago, where it is so difficult to park. Let’s keep our village a village. Larger suburban communities have been able to do so, why can’t we?

1. The existing parking regulations are seldom enforced. Why not spend the village's resources on enforcing them rather than spending additional money to create a new program that is more cumbersome and restrictive than the old one.

2. The new signs that are presently in place are just as confusing as the old ones, and the size and configuration of them are unattractive and distracting.

3. Metered parking on Madison Street may discourage people from patronizing of the businesses that are already struggling to stay in business. It will cause people to park on the residential side streets, which are already clogged.

4. Raising parking costs will discourage people to shop in Oak Park. Is Forest Park going to take Oak Park's commercial business once again?

5. If family and friends come to visit, must they stay only two or three hours and then leave? Have free day passes available for residents to give to their visiting friends and families.

I moved to Oak Park for many reasons, one was to get away from city life. The recent addition of high rise buildings in downtown has been disappointing and so is this new parking plan. Progress shouldn't mean changing who we are. Let's keep Oak Park a welcoming village and not turn it into a satellite of Chicago.

Utterly confusing

Submitted by Robin on Sun, 2018-04-22 07:22

I can't even read this map and the entire fee structure is confusing. I will echo what other folks have said. The 3 hour time limit on Saturday is nuts. I currently pay almost 300.00 per quarter in a garage 5 blocks from my home because I used to commute downtown and due to the current 2 hour restrictions on certain days would have to constantly mone my vehicle. On Saturday I'd like to park on the street near my home that I own for more than 3 hours without any additional fees. Bottom line if you are an oak park resident with a vehicle sticker you should be allowed to park on a any street (including overnight) without paying more money. That's how simple this could be. I'm also firmly against more meter charges.

Permits/Parking Pass Matrix Clarity

Submitted by Jennifer Bell on Sun, 2018-04-22 08:03

Could you please clarify the process for obtaining guest passes. According to the matrix on the powerpoint, if I own a car, I must purchase a a special $70 vehicle sticker--is this the regular village vehicle sticker that I always buy, or is this a new sticker for the pilot area? What if I own a car but have a garage and will only need passes for guests? I do not see an option for those who own a car and have their own parking space already to obtain guest passes/permits for guests who want to park overnight or extended time during the day on occasion.

Also, currently, guests are not allowed to park in permit zone areas. Will guests who want to park overnight be able to park anywhere now? Please clarify. In the past, my 79 year old

mother would have to park 4 blocks away if she wanted to stay overnight. This is unreasonable. Please clarify the guest passes policy for both daytime extension pass and overnight parking, location, and how these passes can be obtained by us residents--both for residents who own street parking permits and those residents who have their own parking space but still want to be able to obtain guest passes.

The new parking policy should prioritize the residents who own condos and rent in the areas that are affected. We are the ones who reside in the pilot area, and the new policies should consider the needs of the residents first over revenue for the city. Furthermore, the village needs to understand that this is 2018. Having such strict parking rules is unrealistic. With the growth of high rises, etc., Oak Park is more of a city than a suburb. Oak Park needs to come to grips with the reality of city life and adapt a policy more akin to bigger cities. Furthermore, not allowing parking overnight from 2:30 to 8 am on residential streets is an outdated policy. This has done nothing to "reduce crime" as we have seen a spike in crime--carjackings, robberies etc in spite of this old-fashioned policy.

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Submitted by ssuan on Sun, 2018-04-22 09:40

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No need for meters on Madison or for extension to 8 pm

Submitted by Alan on Sun, 2018-04-22 11:48

I fail to see the need for the proposed meters on Madison -- there is not a great demand for parking there during business hours and this will only serve to make it harder for the few viable businesses there. This appears to be simply an attempt to generate more revenue for the village, and it would be more transparent if the presentation admitted this. The same can be said for the extension of meter hours from 6 pm to 8 pm - defensible only as a revenue generator. It certainly will not "create an additional shift for restaurants." Just the opposite -- it will deter patronage of the restaurants. Like too many other decisions the village makes, this one ignores the long-term effects -- similar to jacking up parking rates near the Green Line,

which deters the use of public transportation and encourages people to drive downtown instead of taking the el.

Unacceptable parking changes

Submitted by Barbara Rush on Sun, 2018-04-22 17:50

New trial signs are confusing and writing is far too small to read while in the car. I shouldn't have to get out of the car and study the sign to figure out if I am able to park in the spot.

Changing meter parking from 6pm to 8 pm will discourage me from using the restaurants downtown. Just another added cost and concern to a night out.

Parking meter rate

Submitted by A.F. Koster vva... on Sun, 2018-04-22 21:33

I was shocked to see the large increase of hourly parking meter fee from 25 cents to a dollar/hour at May 1. Remember that it was a nickel/hour some 20 years ago. So now it increases by a factor of 20. Retail businesses will be further hurt while they are already in trouble. For a restaurant visit, these rates are highly tolerable, for a retail store, they may be prohibitive. Say I want to buy a $4.00 item, and browse a bit. Where will I go. Guess what. I will go to Forest Park. Parking is free on Madison, and I can visit and browse various stores at leisure. On Oak Park Ave, or Chicago Ave, I have to watch my time and risk a $30+ ticket. Why would I do that. And the financial gains for OP are trivial while the damage to our already depleted number of retails shops will be significant.

Parking near the Brooks

Submitted by Todd on Sun, 2018-04-22 23:03

* Thank you for the presentation. The PDF is somewhat more viewable than the video, but I still can't read the maps, so I won't be able to comment on what I wasn't able to read.
* I'm gathering that what's proposed is open overnight parking to permitted residents in their permit areas. This would be on one side of the street only for fire/safety reasons, if the street is 30ft or narrower.
* This is currently what we have in Y4 near Brooks Middle School. The number of permitted spaces is inadequate, however, because there are so many multi-unit buildings along Washington, Grove, Kenilworth, Clinton, Home. Also, because day parking (after 6 am school days) around Brooks (all sides of the lot) is already dedicated to staff parking.
* I don't see this plan, as I understand it, to be workable in adding additional permitted space for residents in multi-unit buildings in our area.
* It would not be possible to have one-side only parking for residents on the streets that border Brooks, because those streets are dedicated to staff parking.
* On the one day-per week abatement period, similarly, there would be no place for residents to park around the school, if the Brooks staff parking remains. They would have to park blocks away where there is already very limited parking because of the number of multi-unit buildings.
* I don't see this plan as a solution, from what I understand, which unfortunately is not as much as I would like.

Thank you very much for your effort, however. Please keep trying. Don't give up.

God bless you!

Elimination of overnight parking ban

Submitted by Alan on Mon, 2018-04-23 08:17

I was surprised that the proposal is not more upfront about the single most significant change -- the elimination of the overnight parking ban. Because the map is blurry and unreadable in the video presentation, the fact that overnight parking will be permitted on all streets in the pilot project area is obscured. While I recognize the need for additional parking for apartment and condo dwellers, I don't think the presentation makes a sufficient case for complete elimination of the overnight parking ban throughout the area.

Around Oak Park Hospital

Submitted by Steven Miller on Mon, 2018-04-23 09:00

As a long time resident of the 600 block of home ave I have seen a significant increase in Oak Park hospital employees parking in the surrounding neighborhood instead of their parking garage. There are times when I can't park by my house. Please make sure that you allow as much legal on street parking immediately adjacent to the hospital property. Allowing on street parking along the entire block of the 500 block of south Wenonah and the 600 block of Wisconsin (northern half) on the west sides of both streets might reduce on street parking further east.

Please design new parking rules in the neighborhood around the OP hospital which increase on street parking immediately adjacent to the hospital land and make it more difficult for hospital employees to park all day further away from the hospital in the residential neighborhood.

Parking In-put

Submitted by Diane on Mon, 2018-04-23 10:11

There are far too many parking restrictions for residents. We currently have night parking. We have had two occasions, once when home sick with the flu and another away on a vacation, where we called in, emailed AND spoke face-to-face with a village employee and were given a pass but STILL received violations. Communication within the department needs improvement.

The signs on Pleasant Street are ridiculous! There is NO way to distinguish where one sign ends and the other begins.

Three new high rise condos have been built but has consideration been given to the increase in parking needs that these buildings will create?

I am a librarian and would LOVE to work at one of the Oak Park Libraries but they have no vacancies which means that yes, I HAVE to own a car in order to commute to work. So your suggested solution of using alternate transportation does not apply to many residents.

One day a week my husband works from home and still has to move his car repeatedly throughout the day.

Listening to your current proposal does not address any of these issues. We have resided in Oak Park for six years and parking is ABSOLUTELY the bane of our residency.
We try to abide by all these restrictions yet whenever I approach my vehicle my breath catches until I see that there is no orange card on my windshield.

I know this email provides no suggestions or solutions, but please consider these scenarios as you make your decisions.

Less is More

Submitted by Aaron on Mon, 2018-04-23 11:06

God forbid, we just stop building so many multifamily structures. The more people, the more cars. Let's convert some multifamily buildings into single family buildings. Less people, less cars, more parking. Less... is More.

Parking meters

Submitted by Sandra on Mon, 2018-04-23 11:08

Merchants are a healthy tax base, but they're not a given. Why do you 'quarter' chase them out of business? Having free parking beginning at 6P and on Sundays is our last bastion to keep merchants and their patrons in our village. That you increased cost of meter parking is bad enough, DO NOT EXTEND METER TIME by 2 hours. The rest of your proposed regulations are not presented in a coherent format. DO NOT EXTEND PARKING METER HOURS.

Parking shopping district should be free and evenings visitors

Submitted by cynthia ross on Mon, 2018-04-23 11:47

To encourage shopping and dining we should allow at least 2 hours Free in some spaces near each business district.
Additionally We should provide for the boxes and meters that allow for a quick stop. Therefore, less than an hour amount.

I do not agree with charging beyond the 6 pm time anywhere. And especially near residential for evening visitors. Why not move it to 6 am to 6 pm if you want consistent time window.

Neighborhood Greenways & Bike Pedestrian Conflicts

Submitted by Jeff McMahon on Mon, 2018-04-23 11:57

It looks from the maps as if this Parking Plan was developed without consideration of the Neighborhood Greenways Plan that was adopted by the Village Board in 2015, and which prescribes street design on streets that are designated as greenways: in the pilot area, those include Kenilworth and Pleasant.

https://www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/public-works/2015-07-20-gree...
It's hard to say for sure because the street names are illegible on the maps provided for the Parking Plan, both in the pdf and the video.

I hope the Commission and Village Board will also consider that increased parallel parking poses increased risk to bicyclists, from dooring in particular, and to children and pedestrians from decreased visibility.

I hope the Commission and Village Board will also consider that increased parking availability encourages automobile use and carbon pollution, contributing to global warming. We should be going in the other direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Overnight parking ban should be maintained

Submitted by cynthia ross on Mon, 2018-04-23 12:00

I agree with many villagers that is very important to maintain the overnight parking ban on our residential streets. It much safer environment to be able to walk home when you can see the street from curb to curb with vehicles for approaching activities that may not be well intended. Easier to identify one car without many other around it. The only on street parking should be for old vintage buildings that were built before auto were in common use and no parking lot is provided on pro or very limited spaces which cannot accommodate the many cars of today.

We should also continue the restriction that have been in place by ordinance one bedroom requires properties to have one space.

Parking

Submitted by Faith Qualls on Mon, 2018-04-23 12:03

I'm on the north end of Oak Park on Lombard and parking is definitely needed. There is a parking lot going towards Austin for this area, however It's an inconvenience to Residence. We can't view our vehicles in parking lot near Austin is just not good. Too much is going on with carjackings or theft. I don't feel safe walking to Austin early in the morning or late at night, the my guest and the tenants in my building are forced to park on the Chicago side. I don't it's Fair we should be able to park in front of our residence .