



# SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Get Involved, and Make A Difference.

## **Mission**

To provide guidance and recommend direction to the Park District of Oak Park regarding the implementation of recreational activities and procedures for senior citizen programs, goals and objectives.

## **Committee Composition**

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- Three (3) are elected by the Active Adult Membership-at-large
- Three (3) are appointed by the Park Board of Commissioners
- One (1) is appointed by the Park District Citizen Committee

## **History**

The Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) has been established in response to Park District of Oak Park Active Adult program participants voicing concerns in the spring of 2009 about declining participation levels, communication, decision-making processes, and pricing structure. Those concerns resulted in the drafting and establishment of Senior Program Goals & Objectives, officially accepted by the Park District Board of Commissioners on July 16, 2009.

A Task Force was developed whose main goal was to establish a voluntary Park District Committee that will act as a voice for the Oak Park senior population's recreational needs. The Task Force determined the operational purpose, composition, procedures and standards of the SAC.

The Task Force has completed its mission and has established a set of By-Laws under which the Senior Advisory Committee will operate. These By-Laws were approved by the Park Board of Commissioners on January 21, 2010.

## **How to Apply**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Senior Advisory Committee, you may obtain an informational packet (which includes an application, list of frequently asked questions, and a copy of the By-Laws) at the following locations:

- The Hedges Administrative Center, 218 Madison Street
- The Dole Center, 255 Augusta
- Ridgeland Common, 415 Lake Street

You will need to indicate whether you are interested in running for election or being appointed to the committee.

All applicants, whether running for election or requesting an appointment, must return their completed applications to the Park District Administrative Center at 218 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL, 60302. All applications for either election or appointment must be received by Monday, April 12. Mailed applications should be post marked by April 5, 2010.



## **Election Process**

Active Adult Members should expect to receive a mailing the week of April 19 which will include information about the candidates who are running, and a postage-paid ballot card which you will use to vote. Please fill out the ballot card and return it by mail or in-person. Ballots will need to be received by April 30 to be counted. Only current Active Adult Members may vote for Senior Advisory Committee Members. If you are not yet an Active Adult Member, but would like the opportunity to vote, you may go to any one of the locations listed at left to register for a membership.



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## Duties and Responsibilities of the Senior Advisory Committee

The SAC shall be an active contributor to the Park District's Recreation Department, in helping fulfill the agency's mission, "In partnership with the community, we provide quality parks and recreation experiences for the residents of Oak Park."

To assist in this endeavor, the SAC shall be charged with the following principal duties and responsibilities.

1. To act in service to the goals and objectives accepted by the Park District Board of Commissioners.
2. To review prospective areas affecting seniors in the Park District as called upon by the Park District Board of Commissioners.
3. To provide community outreach concerning senior issues and recreation programs within the Park District.
4. To recommend and support the development of recreation programs and services within the Park District.
5. To advocate for senior programs and services offered by the Park District.
6. To provide the Park District Board of Commissioners feedback regarding senior programs and services.
7. To report periodically to the Park District Superintendent of Recreation and annually to the Park District Board of Commissioners on the activities, projects and goals of the Committee.
8. To develop annual goals and a work plan in support of those goals for the upcoming year.



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