



Seeking Residents to Volunteer for Village Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Village Board, Commission, and/or Committee. The participation of our residents enhances and promotes The Village of Palos Park's character and core values. Below is a list of available Boards, Commissions, and Committees and a brief description of their primary function.

Should you have any questions regarding these volunteer positions, please contact the Village at 708-671-3700 or email info@palospark.org.

Interested candidates, please email your resume and a brief description of your qualifications to mayor@palospark.org.

- **Newcomers Welcoming Ad Hoc Committee**

The Newcomers Welcoming Ad Hoc Committee will develop various strategies to welcome newcomers into the community and help them learn all of the various amenities that make this community great. Voting members of the ad hoc committee will consist of five to seven members and may include: three representatives of the residential community of incorporated Palos Park, one to two representatives of the business community of incorporated Palos Park, a realtor whose residence is in Palos Park, a member of the community who has a business background in marketing or promotions, and a member of the community who serves on District 230 High School Board or District 118 Elementary. This is a newly formed committee; all positions are vacant.

- **Plan Commission**

The Village Plan Commission is a body of citizens that serves as an advisory group to the municipal governing body on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development. The Commission consists of seven members appointed to five-year terms by the Mayor and meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. There are currently two vacancies on the Plan Commission.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals holds public hearings to consider applications for rezoning, conditional use permits, requests for variation, and administrative appeals. The Board makes recommendations to the Council based on the outcome of the public hearing. The Board is made up of seven members appointed to five-year terms by Council and meets as needed on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. There is currently one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- **Historic Preservation Commission**

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to assist the Council with the preservation, protection, enhancement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or use of historic structures, buildings, sites, and areas within the Village. The Commission also educates residents on the significance of the sites as well as the importance of preserving such sites. Seven members serve on the Commission for four-year terms and are appointed by the Mayor. There are currently four vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission.

- **Beautification Committee**

The Beautification Committee makes recommendations to the Council on the improvement of the appearance of public ways, waysides, and places through the planting of flowers, shrubs, trees, etc. The Committee consists of nine members appointed by Council to serve three-year terms. There are currently three vacancies on the Beautification Committee.

- **Library Board**

The Library Board members serve as advocates for the library including establishing the mission and vision for the library and determining the policies that are implemented to govern the library. Board Members are appointed to four-year terms and meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the library. There are not any vacancies currently on the Library Board.

- **Palos Fine Arts Committee**

The Palos Fine Arts Committee promotes and stimulates fine arts and encourages greater public awareness of and participation in fine arts including music, the visual arts, drama, literature, and dance. The Committee consists of twenty (20) members, under the direction of two co-directors appointed to four-year terms staggering every two years. The Committee meets as needed on the third Thursday at 3:00 p.m. No vacancies exist currently for the position of co-director.

- **Palos Park Tree Body**

The Palos Park Tree Body promotes the preservation and reforestation program of the Village and encourages public involvement in the program. The Body makes recommendations to Council on planting, maintenance, removal, and funding for inclusion in the Municipal forestry program. The Body consists of seven members appointed by Council to four-year terms and meets as needed. There are currently three vacancies on the Palos Park Tree Body.

- **Recreational Advisory Commission**

The Recreational Advisory Commission makes recommendations to Council relating to the recreational programs provided by the Village. The Commission is made up of seven members appointed to three-year terms and meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. There is currently one vacancy on the Recreational Advisory Commission.

- **Police Pension Fund Board**

The Police Pension Fund Board manages, invests, and controls the police pension fund as allowed by Illinois State Statute. The Board consists of five members, of these members two are elected from the police force, one is elected by the beneficiaries of the pension, and two are appointed by the Mayor. There is currently one vacancy on the Police Pension Fund Board.