



**The Village Manager
Association
of Oak Park**

P.O. Box 4046
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*VMA is a diverse group of
informed citizens who may not
all think alike but are
committed to these guiding
principles:*

*Accountable and responsive
government*

Ongoing and inclusive diversity

*Balance and sensitive economic
growth*

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VMA Announces Endorsements for the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees

The Village Manager Association (VMA) proudly endorses its slate for the upcoming elections in Spring 2011:

Village Trustee: Ray Johnson

Village Trustee: Adam Salzman

Village Trustee: Bob Tucker

"We are extremely excited about the selection of Ray, Adam and Bob," said Brad Bartels, President of the Village Manager Association. "We believe that they possess diverse backgrounds and experiences that make them well suited to tackle the pressing issues of the Village in an effective and inclusive manner. All three candidates have demonstrated that they are thoroughly committed to public service. Ray's tenure on the board gives him tremendous insight and historical context on key issues. Adam is the current Chair of the Universal Access Commission and his law practice specializes in municipal and pension issues. Bob is the current Chair of the Community Design Commission. He also served as the Chair of the Downtown Oak Park Sub Area Plan 'Superblock' Steering Committee and has significant professional experience in the areas of housing and municipal finance."

The VMA firmly believes that when voters have the opportunity to meet and interact with these fine candidates, they will join the VMA in supporting their candidacies for Village Trustee.

Ray Johnson, elected Village Trustee in 2003, is seeking his third term on the Village Board. Currently serving on the Personnel and Intergovernmental sub-committees of the board, Ray is also the board liaison to the Plan, Historic Preservation, Transportation, and Universal Access citizen commissions. He brings unique budget, finance and management experience to the Village Board through his 28 year career with HSBC North America, one of the largest banking and financial services organizations in the world. As AVP for Group Programs in the Community Investment department, his business background and commitment to citizen outreach are unique qualities which exemplify the

very best in an elected official. He is a 21 year resident of the East side of the Village, and continues to serve on the board of the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association.

An experienced public and private advocate, **Adam Salzman** is a labor and employment attorney specializing in pension and administrative law. Prior to entering private practice, he served as an Assistant Public Guardian with the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, where he litigated cases on behalf of abused and neglected minors and disabled adults. His service to the Village began as a Commissioner on the Universal Access Commission of Oak Park, which serves as an intermediary between residents of the Village with disabilities and the Board of Trustees. He presently serves as the Chair of the Universal Access Commission, where his goals have included a more ambitious outreach program on behalf of the Village to residents with disabilities, and more extensive coordination between the Village and other municipal entities on the issue of services for disabled residents. Adam lives in Northeast Oak Park with his wife, Jill, and their two daughters (3 and 10 months.)

Bob Tucker is the current Chair of Oak Park's Community Design Commission, and he has served on Oak Park's volunteer commissions for thirteen years. Many Oak Parkers know Bob from 2005 when he was the Chair of the Downtown Oak Park Sub Area Plan "Superblock" Steering Committee, where he helped build a consensus recommendation for the Village Board from numerous stakeholders regarding the "Superblock". Bob is the Corporate General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to affordable housing and improving neighborhoods in Chicago. As such, he is responsible for all legal operations for NHS and its affiliates and responsible for evaluating, managing and minimizing corporate risk for the organization. Prior to working at NHS, Bob was a partner at the law firm Chapman and Cutler LLP, where he had over ten years of municipal finance experience and served as the Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. Bob and his wife, Vicki, have lived in Oak Park for over fifteen years. They have two children: Spencer, a freshman at Oak Park River Forest High School, and Bennett, a fifth grader at Longfellow Elementary School.

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