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FIRE CHIEF RETIREMENT, ACTING CHIEF NAMED, SEARCH PROCESS SET

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Fire Chief Tom McEllin announced his retirement this week. McEllin has been employed as Fire Chief since 2009 and was initially hired by the Village as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 1981. Shortly after receiving McEllin's retirement letter, Village President Gopal Lalmalani announced the appointment of Battalion Chief Gary Clark as Acting Chief. Clark was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 1992. He became the department's Emergency Medical Services Director in 1996, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in 2005, and Battalion Chief in 2009.

President Lalmalani also announced the formation of a committee to search for a new Fire Chief. Trustee Jerry Wolin will serve as the Committee Chair. Trustee John Baar, Trustee Mark Moy, and residents Cathy Giangrasso and Tom Mullins will also serve on this committee.

About Oak Brook:

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 15 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oak Brook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald's Corporation, Ace Hardware, Tree House Foods, Inland Real Estate and the service club organization Lions Clubs International. Oak Brook is also known for being one of the few municipalities in the Chicago area that does not levy a property tax on residents or businesses. To learn more about Oak Brook, please visit <http://www.oak-brook.org>.

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