

**BOARD OF REVIEW ACCEPTING ASSESSMENT
APPEALS FROM OAK PARK THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2018;
TAX APPEAL MEETING ON AUGUST 20**

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Oak Park property owners concerned about their property taxes have an opportunity to do something about next year's tax bills. According to Oak Park Township Assessor Ali ElSaffar, Oak Park property owners can appeal their 2018 assessed values with the Cook County Board of Review through August 30. The township is offering residents two ways to get help in filing an appeal.

One option for residents seeking help with appeals is to **attend a meeting with the Board of Review on August 20**. At the meeting, representatives from the office of Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr. will explain the appeal process and help residents file appeals. The meeting will take place **at 6:30 PM in the auditorium at Brooks Middle School, located at 325 S. Kenilworth Avenue in Oak Park**. The meeting is co-sponsored by the offices of the Oak Park Township Assessor and Senator Don Harmon.

A second option involves a visit to the Oak Park Township Assessor's office, located at 105 S. Oak Park Avenue. During the visit, assessor's office staff will help residents prepare evidence to substantiate their appeals. To avoid long waits in the office, Assessor ElSaffar asks that those seeking help from the Township call (708) 383-8005 to schedule an appointment.

"All Oak Park properties were reassessed in 2017, and the tax bills that were mailed in July were the first to reflect the reassessment. Since the appeal period for the 2017 assessment has been closed for nearly a year, taxpayers for the most part cannot do anything about the bills they just paid," ElSaffar said. "But a successful 2018 appeal with the Board of Review can reduce a property owner's 2018 tax bill, which will be paid in calendar year 2019."

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