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Downtown Oak Park Fully Recovers from the Blizzard of 2011

Oak Park, February 18, 2011 - Downtown Oak Park reports that they have fully recovered from the snowstorm that blasted the area on February 1st-2nd.

For the past ten years, Downtown Oak Park has had a fixed price contract with McAdam Landscaping for snow removal. The extraordinary quantity of snow required that DTOP contract for extra services -- bringing snow removal costs to a total of \$37,000 for the storm.

“We actually closed down the streets, and McAdam shoveled the snow off the walks, and pulled the snow out. It took a record 85 semi-truckloads to clear the streets!” said executive director, Pat Zubak.

“Even though it was a crazy expensive, it’s definitely worth it. Customers expect that we’ll be as clean Oakbrook or Brickyard. We can’t disappoint them or risk sending them to other shopping districts,” said Book Table co-owner, Jason Smith.

In the past few days, the unseasonably warm weather has made short work of the remaining snow, and the recent blizzard seems like a distant memory. Pictures and the remaining snow pile at the corner of Forest and Lake are all the evidence that remain.

About Downtown Oak Park: Downtown Oak Park offers an exceptional array of shops and restaurants, a state-of-the-art seven-screen movie theater and an exciting year-round schedule of promotions and special events. The district provides shoppers the convenience of numerous professional and personal service businesses, a central location, a public transportation center and plenty of parking. The district is located right off I-290, or at the Harlem stop on the CTA Green Line, and at the Oak Park stop on the Metra Union Pacific West Line. Learn more at www.downtownoakpark.net.

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