



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending October 14, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, October 17:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, October 18:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, October 19:
 - Finance Committee of the Village Board, 6:30 p.m., room 101
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Zoning Code Public Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, October 20:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, October 21:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, October 24
 - : Village Board Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 201 South Blvd.
- Saturday, October 29
 - : I-Gov Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., 130 S. Oak Park

Police now equipped to treat overdoses – Over the past week, Police officers, sergeants and command staff were trained in administering Naloxone, a fast-acting drug that can save the life of an overdose victim by blocking the effect of opioids in the brain. Two Naloxone doses are now included in each of the 20 new AED cases the Police Department recently acquired. The Fire Department has been using the drug, often sold under the brand name Narcan, since the 1980s, but a new state law requires police to also have the drug since they often are the first on the scene when an overdose is reported. [More details on this new tool for the Police Department are posted on the Village website.](#)

Fall leaf collection begins – The annual fall leaf collection begins Monday (Oct. 17), with each quadrant of the Village set to have seven opportunities to have their leaves collected and mulched. The program allows residents to rake their leaves into the street the night before the designated pick-up date as indicated on a map published in the [October OP/FYI](#)

[newsletter and posted on the Village website](#). Since leaves can sometimes present driving obstacles, residents who miss their dates are urged to keep the leaves on the parkway until the night before the next scheduled pickup.

Proposed zoning ordinance ready for public presentation – The first draft of recommended changes to the Village of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance will be presented to the public at 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 20, in the Veterans' Room at the main branch of the Oak Park Public Library. Residents, business operators and property owners are invited for a presentation by [Camiros Ltd.](#), the consulting firm helping guide the review and revision process. Anyone interested in learning more before the presentation or unable to attend is urged to visit www.oakparkzoning.com, where the proposed draft is posted. Public comments also may be posted on the website. The goal of the initiative is to better align local laws with recommendations in [Envision Oak Park](#), the community's long-range comprehensive plan adopted in late 2014. A public hearing on the draft zoning ordinance is anticipated to be held in mid-November at Village Hall.

iGov assembly set – The iGov committee of Oak Park taxing bodies is asking everyone to save the morning of Sat., Oct. 29 for an assembly at 9 a.m. in room 130 of the Oak Park Township administrative offices, 130 S. Oak Park Ave. The committee will review and analyze Oak Park's community services. Presentations by officials from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center and Oak Park Board of Realtors also are planned. [Click here to view the meeting invitation](#).

Film action continues – Oak Park continues to be a popular backdrop for prominent television and film productions. Residents may have noticed the commotion near Randolph Street and Humphrey Avenue Wednesday as more than 120 crew members descended on Oak Park to film scenes for an episode of the popular television drama [Chicago Fire](#). The scenes shot in Oak Park will be part of the show's 100th episode set to air Nov. 22 on NBC. As you may recall, scenes for an episode of [Chicago PD](#) were shot in Oak Park in March. So far this year, the Community Relations Department has coordinated 16 national television and film productions in the Village, with the help of the Parking & Mobility Services and the Police department.

Downtown construction updates – Construction is set to begin next week in the alley just north of Westgate Street and west of Marion Street as Elevate Oak Park moves swiftly to button up the structure before winter. Work is expected to continue for about three weeks, and work will be coordinated with area businesses whose parking and trash collection are affected. Work continued on South Boulevard with excavation for an outdoor dining area and pouring of the concrete sub base for the bluestone pavers and the extended granite curb. Work on the boulevard's streetscape is expected to continue until late November and then be suspended until spring.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing – Pavement milling was expected to be completed this week between Austin Boulevard and at least Oak Park Avenue. Pavement patching also is underway at various locations. Engineering staff continues to coordinate with the crossing guards along Chicago Avenue to ensure all safe walking routes to the schools are maintained.

Village Hall garage repairs – The western most portion of the at-grade driveway by the south entrance to Village Hall was removed and new concrete poured this week, as workers strive

to complete as much of the project as possible prior to early voting, which begins Oct. 24. The bridge from the parking lot to the south entrance remains open to ensure the project continues to have minimal impact on employees and customers. The Lombard Street entrance also remains open for public access including for persons with disabilities.

Water/sewer main replacements – Sewer main replacement continued this week on the 500 block of Highland Avenue. All underground work near and on Madison Street has been completed, reducing the impact on traffic along this important roadway. With the sewer main replacement work expected to be completed by the end of next week, water main replacement will begin immediately on the 500 and 600 blocks of Highland Avenue.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Work on the pedestrian crossing signal at Chicago and Harvey avenues is on hold while the street is milled for repaving, but the signal arms should be installed next week. The system will be activated once the Chicago Avenue resurfacing project is completed. Concrete was replaced at the new bicycle parking facilities under construction on Harrison Street and East Avenue lots 1, 10 and 15. Lot 10 is substantially completed and was scheduled to be striped by the end of this week. The season's final resurfacing projects continued this week with curbs and sidewalks replaced on Harrison Street between East and Ridgeland avenues, and Wisconsin Avenue south of Madison Street. The final surface course was installed on Wesley Avenue from Van Buren Street to Jackson Boulevard, Cuyler Avenue between Randolph and Pleasant streets, Grove Avenue south of Ontario Street, Erie Street between Kenilworth and Grove avenues, Elmwood Avenue between Erie and Superior streets, Linden Avenue from Division Street to Berkshire Avenue, Grove Avenue from Berkshire Avenue to LeMoyne Boulevard, Elmwood Avenue from LeMoyne Boulevard to North Avenue, South Boulevard between East and Scoville avenues, and North Boulevard adjacent to the main Fire Station at Euclid Avenue. Micro-surfacing to prolong the life of the pavement began Thursday on Taylor Avenue between Greenfield Street and LeMoyne Boulevard, and Humphrey Avenue between Augusta and Thomas streets.

Public Works activities – Street Division crews repaired several street openings where utility repairs had been made. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break at 123 Madison St. and a catch basin at 1129 S. Oak Park Ave., as well as upgraded water services at 1042 Hayes Ave. and 1219 N. Taylor Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Water & Sewer Division staff also traced sewer laterals on Madison Street from East Avenue to Wesley Avenue, assisting the Engineering Division with planning for a major capital improvement project. Forestry Division crews performed regular tree maintenance and inspections at various locations in the Village. Building Maintenance staff reviewed the scope of work for electrical modifications at Village Hall, and continued to manage improvements, including removing furniture, painting and installing new carpet and lighting.

Employee news – Village Forester Rob Sproule has been asked by the [Illinois Arborist Association](#) to serve on the [Illinois Forestry Development Council](#) as chair of the Urban Forestry Task Group. The council, created by state legislation in 1983, is charged with identifying and evaluating the social, economic, scientific and educational value of Illinois's forest lands and forest products industries. The position will give Oak Park a voice in urban forestry issues statewide.

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