



Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 11, 2017

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, Aug 14:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Aug 15:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, Aug 16:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Commission, 7p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Aug 17:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, Aug 18:
 - No meetings scheduled

Mosquito spraying possible – The [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) is considering spraying in Oak Park next week, perhaps as early as Tuesday evening. The District sprayed this week in River Forest and Forest Park. Mosquitos carrying the virus have been found in both Oak Park traps on multiple occasions. The Village will ramp up its communications tools as soon a spraying is confirmed on Monday, including contacting those [residents who signed](#) up to receive emergency alerts via email, text or telephone. A calm, rainless evening with temperatures no more than 85 degrees is preferred. Should unfavorable weather conditions prevail, spraying typically is delayed to a subsequent night.

Corn roast is Saturday – The Oak Park Farmers' Market will host its annual corn roast tomorrow (Sat., Aug. 12). Fresh-picked corn from market growers will be sold by the ear hot off the roaster from about 9 a.m. to noon. While most vendors now accept credit cards, be sure to bring cash for the corn - \$2 per ear. Communications staff worked with the Farmers' Market Commission to create a special filter for Snapchat users who may be posting photos at the event. Joining the regular vendors this weekend will be [Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians](#) offering music classes for kids with instruments focusing on farm, food and animal songs.

Downtown construction –Target's reported Oct. 18 opening day has crews working long hours including Saturdays on the Emerson redevelopment project downtown. Much remains to be completed before the garage can be opened, the residential units approved for occupancy and access available to the retail space. Work on the new concrete curb and gutters continued this week along Lake Street, the new section of Maple Avenue and Westgate Street. The concrete base was poured this

week for the sidewalk in front of the Target space and the new section of Maple Avenue to the west of the project. The sidewalk and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street remains closed from the new section of Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site. One lane of Westgate Street also remains closed for reconstruction, but pedestrian access is being maintained along Westgate from Marion Street. Flaggers are making sure vehicles have access to drop off patients by the doctors' offices along Westgate during work hours. Staff is maintaining close contact with affected businesses, keeping them informed of construction activities and helping address any issues they may encounter as work continues.

South Boulevard redevelopment – Preliminary work continued this week for the Lincoln Property Company redevelopment project on South Boulevard east of Harlem Avenue. The eastbound lane of South Boulevard will remain closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street for materials staging and construction equipment. An official groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Thurs., Aug. 24. The developer is managing invitations, but Village staff will help spread the work about the event.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Installation of the relief sewer continued this week on Fillmore Avenue between Ridgeland and East avenues. Once the sewer work is completed, installation of the 36-inch water main will resume at Euclid Avenue and proceed west. Preparation for paving continued this week between Maple and Oak Park avenues and between Ridgeland and Highland avenues. These sections of Fillmore Avenue are scheduled to be paved next week and be fully open to traffic for the start of the school year. A project website managed by the engineering company provides the latest schedule information – [click here to view](#).

Street resurfacing – The start of work related to the final resurfacing contract of the year was delayed by the contractor, but should begin August 14. Streets included in this project require deeper repair than simple resurfacing as well as full curb replacements. Planning continues on scheduling, parking coordination, garbage collection and other potential impacts the work will have on property owners.

Sidewalk repairs – Crews continue to focus on sidewalk squares with larger trip hazards that require complete removal and replacement, as well as completing sections adjacent to schools before the first day of classes. Work is being staged to occur on one side of the street at a time to ensure a safe pedestrian travel route on the block.

Pavement microsurfacing – Crews began microsurfacing pavement this week at various locations throughout the Village. This work, which is a one-day process, involves applying a thin layer of material on the street surface, which can extend the life of the pavement up to five years.

Miscellaneous Construction projects – Remaining punch-list items were performed this week on Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues as the project nears completion. Over the next few weeks, signs taken down during the construction will be reinstalled. The alley improvement projects are nearing completion with the final two alleys expected to be opened to traffic by August 16. Restoration and cleanup activities will continue for another few weeks.

Public Works Activities – Streets Division crews repaired damaged curbs and bluestones as well as washed trash can liners along Marion Street in the downtown area. Crews also repaired and replaced traffic delineators and lane separators at Jackson Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Weed control, viaduct cleaning and litter pick also continued in the business districts and parking lots. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a leaking meter vault at Berkshire Street and Austin Boulevard, and a sink hole at 129 N. Oak Park Ave. Crews also replaced a basin structure in the street at Washington Boulevard and Wisconsin Avenue, and completed a water service upgrade at 225 S. Ridgeland Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Street Lighting Division crews repaired a street light cable damaged by a construction contractor at Kenilworth and Fillmore avenues. Forestry crews, both in-house and contractors, continued with routine summer tasks. Building Maintenance Division staff issued a request for proposals to provide custodial services for Village facilities. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for next week, with bids due by Aug. 25.

Employee news – After working for the Village on a contractual basis, Olga Golubeva has assumed the role of staff accountant as a full-time employee. Olga, who earned master degrees in both computer science and economics in her native country of Lithuania, has extensive experience in all facets of accounting, financial reporting and budget preparation. In her new role with the Village, Olga will reconcile accounts, perform day-to-day accounting entries and assist with audit and budget preparation. In other Finance Department employee news, John Kramer, who has been Office Manager since August 2016, has been promoted to Senior Accountant. In his new role, John will manage all day-to-day accounting activities, including overseeing the cashier station and preparing for the annual audit. Both Olga and John also will work on a variety of special projects.

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