



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending November 10, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, November 11, 2017
 - I-Gov Assembly, 8:30 a.m. Julian Middle School
- Monday, November 13:
 - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, November 14:
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room
- Wednesday, November 15:
 - Community Design Commission special meeting, 7:15 p.m., room 201
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
 - Housing Programs Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, November 16:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, November 17:
 - No meetings scheduled

Save the Date for upcoming events

- Tri-Board Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, D97 Board of Education and D200 Board of Education, Tuesday evening, November 28, 2017 pursuant to the IGA for Early Childhood Collaboration
- Cavalcade of Pride Awards, Wednesday evening, December 13, 2017

Parking forum report – More than 150 individuals turned out for Thursday night's public parking forum at Brooks Middle School to hear consultant [Dixon Resources Unlimited](#) outline a pilot program to test changes that would affect a wide range of current rules and regulations. The majority of the participants – about 110 – were on hand for the first presentation at 6 p.m., while another 45 came for the 8 p.m. presentation. Village staff and representatives from the Transportation Commission participated as well and residents and stakeholders were invited to ask questions and offer feedback on the proposals. Key components of the pilot included allowing permit and pass holders to park up to 72 hours or creating an odd-even regulation to ensure one side of the street would always be open. Recommendations also would consolidate permit zones, simplify signage and use license plate recognition

technology for enforcement. The presentation is online at www.oak-park.us/parkingpilot where comments may be posted. Feedback gathered at the forum and comments posted online will be reviewed and recommendations considered at the Nov. 27 Transportation Commission meeting.

Madison Street demolition – Crews were on site this week at 923 – 946 and 970 Madison St. to begin removing any material from the buildings that may contain asbestos. Removal of the asbestos, which is being done in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations, is expected to take several weeks. Actual demolition of the buildings likely will occur in January. The Home Avenue and Madison Street frontages will be closed at all times during this stage of the work, with a Police Community Service Officer at the intersection to direct pedestrians around the site during hours when students typically walk to and from nearby schools.

Farmers' Market attendance report – Now that the 42nd season is in the history books, the Oak Park Farmers' Market Commission has released its attendance report. Volunteers physically counted patrons as they entered, estimating that nearly 109,000 individuals visited the market this year. While not a perfect method for data gathering, the approach provided considerable information that the commission has parsed in multiple ways to assess how season and weather affect attendance. According to the report, more than 5,100 visitors attended on a typical, non-rainy summer day in 2017, dropping to 3,800 on a similar fall day. The commission reported that these numbers are similar to those gathered the previous two years. [Click here to read the full attendance report...](#)

High School facilities planning – The OPRF facilities planning team will host a community meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., Wed., Nov. 15, in the high school cafeteria. More information about the effort is [posted on the OPRF website](#).

Winter prep begins – Public Works Department crews began the annual preparation for snow removal this week with the snow rodeo. Training included reviewing the snow response plan, snow routes and safety guidelines, as well as hands-on exercises for how to prepare and operate the equipment. Superintendents and supervisors on the command teams completed a management training exercise as well to ensure they are prepared to take charge with the season's first event.

Downtown construction update – North Boulevard has been paved and is now open to two-way traffic between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. South of the tracks, South Boulevard has been closed to all traffic between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street as ComEd brings electrical service from Harlem east to just past Maple Avenue for the Lincoln Properties development. The westbound lane of South Boulevard is expected to reopen to traffic the week of November 20, but the eastbound lane will remain closed for most of the remainder of the project to allow for equipment and materials staging.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – With the pipeline project been shut down for the season, crews are focusing on street reconstruction tasks along the pipeline route between Highland and Lyman avenues. The work includes new curbs, sidewalks, alley entrances and driveway aprons. Paving was completed this week on Fillmore Avenue between Oak Park and Highland avenues, with paving between Highland and Lyman avenues scheduled to begin the week after Thanksgiving.

Water main valve replacements – Replacement of water main valves at various locations in the Village began this week. The majority of the work, which is expected to take fewer than two weeks, will occur on Garfield Street between Oak Park and East avenues. Traffic was detoured this week on Garfield Street between Oak Park and East avenues, and will be detoured next week between Home and Kenilworth avenues.

Street resurfacing – Landscaping and sod placement continued this week on Humphrey Avenue between Division and Greenfield streets, Taylor Avenue between Greenfield and Berkshire streets, Wisconsin Avenue between Madison and Randolph streets, Superior Street between Elmwood and East avenues, and Pleasant Street between Ridgeland and Harvey avenues. Landscaping and sod work also will continue at various locations next week.

Historic sidewalks repairs – Work began this week at various locations to repair about two dozen segments of historic sandstone sidewalk. The repairs focus on eliminating trip hazards by resetting the squares to help maintain historical character rather than replacing them with modern concrete.

Public Works Activities – Leaf removal continued this week as the annual program wrapped up its fourth of seven consecutive weeks. In addition to handling leaf pushing duties, Streets Division crews picked up litter in business districts and Village parking lots, and helped Street Lighting Division technicians remove a downed street light pole and debris from a vehicle accident at Chicago Avenue and Austin Boulevard. Water & Sewer Division crews assisted with the water main valve replacement project along Garfield Street and installed a new water service at 301 Wisconsin Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Building Maintenance staff continued managing repair projects at Village Hall and the roof of the Main Fire Station, which should be completed by the end of the month.

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