



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 25, 2018**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, May 28:
 - Memorial Day – No meetings scheduled, Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, May 29:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, May 30:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, May 31:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, June 1:
 - No meetings scheduled

Save the Date - Sunday, June 3rd the 45th A Day in Our Village returns from 11 am to 6 pm in Scoville Park and Rehm Park.

Village Hall closed Monday – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged to call the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Members of the Oak Park Police command staff will be on hand for the Village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony at 9 a.m. Mon., May 28 in Scoville Park. The Police Department's color guard will also present a rifle salute during the ceremony, which will honor America's service members and remember the United States' participation in World War I as part of the 100th anniversary of the war's conclusion. All veterans, their families and residents are invited to attend.

Parking restrictions eased – [Overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets over the Memorial Day weekend. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., May 26, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., May 30. However, restrictions will remain in effect in prepaid overnight permit areas, such as on-street enclaves and on-street overnight parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including posted daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Tax Task force seeks public input on third topic

The [Taxing Body Efficiency Task Force](#) is seeking a third round of public input as it develops recommendations to identify cost efficiencies in the public services

provided by the local governments that rely on property taxes. The Task Force has opened comments on the third of six topics at www.oak-park.us/taxefficiencycomments.

Still time to be part of July 4th parade

Participants, volunteers and sponsors still have time to be a part of the July 4th Parade. June 1 is the deadline to [register to be in the parade](#), which typically attracts more than 75 groups each year. Volunteers also are needed on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services. More information is available by calling 708.358.5405 or emailing community@oak-park.us for more information.

Wright Trust hosting community open house – The Frank Lloyd Wright Trust invites the community to an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio at 951 Chicago Ave. The family-friendly event includes a highlights tour of the Home and Studio. After the tour, kids will have the opportunity to work on an art project. Refreshments will be served. The free event is appropriate for all ages, but registration is required at www.flwright.org/homeandstudioopenhouse.

Farmers' Market off and running – A strong turnout was reported at the first Oak Park Farmers' Market of the season on May 19 despite chilly weather. Several Village Trustees and members of the Environment & Energy Commission were on hand passing out reusable bags and flower seeds and engaging with residents as part of the Market's Go Green Days special event. Village staff also shared information about the Village's composting and recycling programs. Trustees, commissioners and staff encouraged guests to shop green by bringing reusable bags, containers and coffee mugs as part of the Market's sustainability push this season. Go Green Days continue at the Market this week with seed potting for children and the University of Illinois Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer a worm and soil interactive display. Complete details about this week's goings on at the Farmers' Market are available at www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket.

Police community outreach - Acting Police Chief LaDon Reynolds had the pleasure of stopping by at the Oak Park Township's Senior Lunch Program on Tues., May 22 to meet with seniors and help out in the kitchen. Information about the meal programs offered to residents of Oak Park and River Forest age 60 and over can be found on the Township's website at www.oakparktownship.org/services/meal-programs

Police raise money to support Special Olympics – Members of the Police Department participated in [the statewide Cop on a Rooftop event](#) May 18. Oak Park police officers set up shop to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois at the Dunkin' Donuts on Roosevelt Road, which was one of 293 locations participating across the state. Detective Jim Sperandio, who helped lead the initiative for the Department, reports that more than \$3,200 were raised in Oak Park.

Albion Project Update – Demolition work continues at the Albion development site at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Forest Avenue. Demolition work is anticipated to be complete by June 1 at which point the contractor will start work on the foundations. Work on the foundations and future construction of the building

itself will require closing one lane of southbound Forest Avenue and adjusting the fence and sidewalk closures to accommodate the work.

Boulevards Project – The Engineering Division is gearing up to manage what will be the highest-visibility project of the season – repair and replacement of deteriorating utility lines and resurfacing North Boulevard and South Boulevard between Marion Street and Oak Park Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in early June. Plans call for work on the water and sewer mains on North Boulevard from Forest Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue and under the Clinton Avenue viaduct. Affected roadways, including under the Kenilworth Avenue viaduct, will be completely reconstructed. North Boulevard will be restriped from Kenilworth Avenue to Oak Park Avenue to accommodate a new bike lane. The South Boulevard work will include lighting improvements, sidewalk repairs and street resurfacing as well as minor sewer repairs between Marion Street and Home Avenue. Periodic notifications and schedule changes will be posted on www.oak-park.us/boulevards

Street resurfacing – Curb removal began this week on streets in the southern portion of the Village slated for street resurfacing this year. A total of 21 blocks of streets are scheduled for resurfacing in the first of two project phases planned for this year. Traffic control, signs with projected completion dates, and tree protection will be installed prior to work beginning. Notices have been mailed to residents who will be affected by the work, which will be at various locations throughout the Village.

Alley Improvements – Pavement removal began in the alley located between Jackson and Van Buren streets and Scoville and Gunderson avenues. Seven alleys have been completed and reopened so far. Thirty-five residents within the boundaries of the alley projects have elected to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. Participants are able to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price, which is lower than the cost a single property owner would pay to hire a contractor. The sewer contractor will return to complete the remainder of the alleys beginning on June 4th after school is complete for the year.

Fillmore Street Update – Fillmore Street has been repaved and the parkways restored from Highland Avenue to Austin Boulevard as part of the final phase of the Lake Michigan water line project in Oak Park. The contractor also re-landscaped the cul-de-sac at Austin Boulevard and will address remaining punch list items over the next couple of weeks.

Miscellaneous construction updates - The eastbound lane of South Boulevard remains closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street along the frontage of the Lincoln development and will be closed to all traffic Tuesday, May 29 until the end of the day on Friday, June 1 in order to allow for AT&T, Comcast, and WOW to install multiple communication ducts and fiber optic services for the Lincoln Development and to better serve the area for future fiber optic or high speed internet requests. Signage will indicate that the businesses west of Marion are open. AT&T was also scheduled to close the curb lane of northbound Harlem Avenue south of South Boulevard this week to bury aerial phone lines starting late this week and lasting into early next week. The lane closures will only occur during working hours along Harlem. Additionally, AT&T is scheduled to install fiber optic communication infrastructure next week in the north/south alley adjacent to The Emerson development, north of North Boulevard and west of Marion Street. Access to the

alley will be limited during the work. Staff has been coordinating parking with affected businesses. Work continues in the public right of way along Euclid Avenue for the District House development. Curb, gutter and sidewalk have been poured and work will continue along Euclid Avenue making its way towards Lake Street in the following weeks.

Public Works Activities – Street Division crews completed an alley repair and a bike station repair for the Engineering Division. Crews also completed a small paver repair on Harrison Street and continued litter pickup and filling potholes. Water and Sewer Division crews repaired the sewer at 1022 Forest Avenue. Crews also responded to flooded streets during heavy rains last week and this week and vactored inlets that needed more work to keep streets from flooding. Forestry Division crews continued parkway tree trimming, removals, and wood chip deliveries throughout the Village. Contractors are completing stumps and removals across the Village, and container plantings in the Village’s Business Districts were installed last week and will be maintained through the season.

Plan Commission agenda items – Turano Bakery submitted a Planned Development application to redevelop its property currently storing delivery trucks on the company’s Roosevelt Road property between Scoville Avenue and Gunderson Avenue. The applicant is requesting several allowances and the vacation of a portion of Scoville Avenue between Roosevelt Road and the abutting alley to the north. The two-story brick and glass single-tenant office building will be used as the company’s corporate headquarters. The applicant held its neighborhood meeting on April 30, 2018 at Maze Library. Turano is currently working through the public art process with Camille Wilson-White of the Oak Park Area Arts Council and staff. This application will appear before the Plan Commission at its June 7 meeting. Also on the agenda for the June 7 meeting is the request to vacate an 8-foot wide portion of the public alley that runs parallel to building at 435-437 Madison Street. The request is being made by owner Steve Mudjer. Lastly, the owners of the Wendy’s restaurant at Madison Street and Harlem Avenue will be remodeling their building both on the interior and exterior as well as updating the signage on the building and site.

Flagger Training – On Tues., May 22, Public Works Department employees, along with employees from other municipalities, were trained for the Illinois Department of Transportation Work Zone Flagger Certification at the Oak Park Public Works Center. This consisted of three hours of intensive instruction and an exam. Certification is good for three years and this training in on the latest techniques for work zone safety ensuring the wellbeing of workers and residents alike.

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