



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending November 16 and 23, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next two weeks:

- Monday, Nov. 19:
 - Executive Session, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- Tuesday, Nov. 20:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, Nov. 21:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Nov. 22:
 - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving
- Monday, Nov. 26
 - Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Tuesday, Nov. 27
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, Nov. 28
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., Main Library, 834 Lake St.
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Nov. 29
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Nov. 30
 - No meetings scheduled

Parking restrictions eased – As in previous years, [overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets during the Thanksgiving holiday. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Nov. 21

and resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., Nov. 26. Restrictions will remain in effect in paid overnight permit areas, including on-street zones. Posted daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety also remain in effect. More information on the holiday rules is [posted on the Village website](#).

Village Hall closed – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, for Thanksgiving. 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.

Refuse collection delayed – Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by the Thanksgiving holiday. If your [regular pick-up](#) is on Thursday, your collection will be delayed until Friday, and Friday's collection delayed until Saturday. More information on the refuse and recycling collection is [posted on the Village website](#).

Free weekend parking begins – The annual free public parking program begins next week when parking will be free on Saturdays in public garages and for two hours at pay-by-plate stations and marked meters downtown and in the vicinity of south Oak Park Avenue. The program continues through Dec. 22. Parking is always free on Sundays. The purpose of the program is to thank for residents and visitors who shop locally during what is the most important revenue time of the year for many businesses.

First snow event – The first measurable snow of the season came a little early this year, as crews took the streets and sidewalks Thursday (Nov. 15) to ensure safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians. Four pieces of equipment were called into service beginning at about 8 a.m. and worked through much of the day, focusing first on salting the main streets, overpasses and sidewalks near school crossings, before moving onto the neighborhood streets. Plowing was not necessary, but salting was done to prevent any remaining slush from freezing as the temperatures fall during the evening. Additional wintry mix is in the forecast for tomorrow (Nov. 17), so crews will remain on alert to take appropriate actions should conditions require.

South Boulevard streetscape update – Business operators near the Eleven 33 project on South Boulevard have voiced their approval of the [Village Board's financial support](#) for tents, heaters and insulating blankets to keep the materials from freezing so that the streetscape project can be wrapped up this year. The start of the streetscape project was delayed by work on the new mixed-use building and would have meant postponing installation of the brick roadway until spring. However, with the Board's agreement to share the costs with the developer to create conditions where the work could continue should mean South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street will be reopened to traffic by mid-December. Related streetscape work underway along the site includes installing ornamental lights, underground electrical wiring, irrigation pipe, tree pits, planters, curb and sidewalk. Crews also will be removing the current roadway to make way for the brick, starting at Harlem Avenue working east.

At-Your-Door report – The Village's waste hauling contractor Waste Management reports that October was the highest month ever for the [At-Your-Door](#) collection service. Some 306 collections were scheduled for October, eclipsing the previous

record set in July, which had 210 scheduled collections. Waste Management collected 23,000 pounds of materials in October, of which 90 percent was recycled.

Tree care update – The fall parkway planting cycle has just ended with 205 new trees planted across the Village. This final round brings the total number of trees planted in 2018 to 607, which includes the 105 trees in a special round of planting south of I-290 last month that was made possible by funds collected from last year's Brookfield/North Riverside Lake Michigan water main installation project along Fillmore Street. Forestry Division activities now will shift to managing pruning, as the [2019 cycle](#) begins next month. Areas currently scheduled for pruning are from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue between I-290 and Roosevelt Road and from Austin Boulevard to East Avenue between Madison Street and I-290. The pruning area could expand if a decision is made to move to a three-year trim cycle from the current four-year strategy.

Miscellaneous project news – Nicor began installing services for the Albion development this week on Forest Avenue between Ontario and Lake Streets, with ComEd scheduled to begin installing services next week. Crews continued installing bluestone sidewalks along the Lake Street frontage of the [District House development](#) at Euclid Avenue. All water and sewer connections have been terminated to the former Car X building at 700 Madison St., as only the foundations are yet to be removed. The perimeter of the site is enclosed with a security fence and adjacent sidewalks closed, but a pedestrian path has been created in the parking lane on Madison Street.

Construction updates – Work on the I-290 overpass sidewalk and parapet was expected to be suspended this week for the season, but all sidewalks should be walkable during the winter. Underground work for the sewer relief project on Berkshire Street between Grove and Linden avenues continued this week, with Oak Park Avenue traffic detoured around the construction to Ridgeland Avenue via North Avenue and Division Street. Work on the last remaining site for the annual water valve repair and replacement program is tentatively scheduled to begin next week at Harlem Avenue and Augusta Street now that the required Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) permit has been received. Staff submitted a [Safe Routes to School Grant](#) application this week, which would provide additional funds for improving pedestrian safety across the community.

Public Works Activities – Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a sewer line at 160 N. Euclid Ave. and water service leaks at 616 N. Kenilworth Ave. and 1147 Home Ave. Streets Division crews applied temporary pavement patches where water lines had been repaired at several locations in the Village. The openings will be permanently patched when warmer weather returns in the spring. Crews also picked up litter in the business districts, removed alley speed bumps for the season and prepared salt trucks for snow response. Overnight leaf pushing continued, as crews dealt with the unexpected volume caused by the early cold weather.

Employee News – Madelyn “Maddy” Brammer has joined the Health Department as the new Public Health Nurse. A Chicago native who professes a passion for public health, Maddie's duties with our Health Department will include serving as the Communicable Disease Coordinator and Family Case Manager. Maddy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from [Case Western Reserve University](#) in

Cleveland, Ohio. She returned to Chicago to work as a bedside RN at [Illinois Masonic Medical Center](#) and has experience working with a variety of populations. In other employee news, Ron Schwab has joined the Streets Division of the Public Works Department as an Equipment Operator. Ron has been with the Village for nearly 17 years, and serviced previously as an Urban Forestry Technician.

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