



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending October 2, 2020**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Oct. 5:
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Tuesday, Oct. 6:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Oct. 7:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Thursday, Oct. 8:
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Friday, Oct. 9:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Parking update** – Pending further discussions, the parking restrictions eased due to the COVID-19 pandemic are scheduled to go back into effect at 2 p.m., Mon., Oct. 26. The date coincides with the beginning of the [annual fall leaf pickup program](#) and the potential need for the [snow emergency parking plan](#) to be implemented to allow for plowing. Next week, Police will begin placing [informational notices](#) on vehicles parked in violation of the regulations. The notices along with other communications messages are intended to give those most affected by the return of the regulations sufficient time to re-establish their pre-pandemic parking arrangements.

**Vehicle license update** – The Development Customer Services Department is reporting that 15,162 vehicle licenses had been sold through September. Some 72.8 percent of vehicle license sales to date were via the online system.

**Lake Street update** – Work on the decorative crosswalks began this week at the intersection of Lake Street and Oak Park Avenue, which remains closed to traffic. New subgrade materials were placed between Oak Park and Euclid Avenues and new electric, irrigation and other utilities are being installed. Crews are adding the structural soil for the new tree pits with installation of the decorative concrete curb to follow next week. To the west of the intersection, crews are pouring final concrete sidewalk sections between Forest and Kenilworth Avenues, while electricians install the remaining new light poles. The final streetscape elements are being added between Harlem and Forest Avenues. Updated project information is posted at [www.betterlakestreet.com](http://www.betterlakestreet.com) and questions about specific aspects of the Lake Street improvement project may be emailed to [info@betterlakestreet.com](mailto:info@betterlakestreet.com).

**Fiber optic ring update** – Installation of conduit for the Village’s new fiber optic ring continues on Lake Street between the main water pumping station on Lombard Avenue and the Central Fire Station on North Boulevard. Work also is underway on East Avenue and North Boulevard with work to make the final connections downtown scheduled to start later next week. Areas disturbed by the work are restored after the conduit is installed. Conduit soon will be installed under various state-managed roads to connect the new network.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Three major projects are expected to wrap up by the end of the month as the construction season winds down. Activities that are set to be completed by the end of the month include installation of a new water main on Austin Boulevard, the annual sidewalk replacement program and treatment of streets to extend their life, improve vehicle ride quality and preserve deeper layers of the pavement structure. The annual replacement of leaking and malfunctioning water main valves also is expected to be completed by the end of October. AT&T has begun relocating infrastructure on Madison Street just south of Euclid Avenue as part of the preparation activities for the redevelopment project to begin in the 700 block. The AT&T work will require shifting eastbound traffic around the work-zone on Madison at Euclid for at least a week, but two-way vehicle flow will be maintained. Routine inspections of Nicor infrastructure on Harrison Street between Scoville and Humphrey avenues, which has required period lane shifts into parking spaces, should wrap up soon. ComEd is planning an underground project near Randolph Street and Euclid Avenue for mid-October through mid-November. Notifications will be mailed to the neighborhood and Village staff will work with ComEd to make sure impacts are properly managed.

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