



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 2, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 5:
 - No meetings Scheduled
- Tuesday, April 6:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, April 7:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, April 8:
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, April 9:
 - No meetings scheduled

Block parties to return – Staff is taking steps to relaunch the block party application process in time for the Memorial Day weekend. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place based on public health guidelines, including limits on the number of participants, and requiring masks and proper social distancing. Restrictions could change with conditions. Plans are to give residents access to the required petition in time to collect signatures from their neighbors and be ready to submit requests when the online portal reopens. The number of block parties will be limited to 20 per weekend, with each block allowed to host one party during the season. Initially, the maximum number of participants likely will be 100 per event. More details will be provided as plans are finalized.

Early voting winding down – Early voting for the Consolidated Municipal Election is winding down. This will be the last weekend to cast an early ballot at Village Hall. Suburban Cook County voters can vote at Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow and Monday (April 3 and 5), and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday (April 4). Village Hall is not a polling place on Election Day, Tues., April 6. More information on the 2021 Consolidated Election, including polling sites by address, is posted online at www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – Sewer main replacement will begin next week between Harrison and Van Buren streets in the Southtown District. Traffic will be limited through the work zone as crews install the sewer main and service connections in the middle of the roadway. Crews will reopen local access once the trenches are backfilled. The parking lot east of Fifth Third Bank on Harrison Street (Lot 1) will remain open. Preliminary work will also begin next week between

Randolph and Madison streets for the upcoming underground water main work. Further north, work will continue on the water main installation at Augusta Street. Traffic will continue to be detoured during work hours as crews move into the intersection to complete the connection of the new water main. When possible, eastbound traffic on Augusta will be maintained while westbound traffic will be detoured at East Avenue. Water service work will begin once the crews complete the connection at the Augusta intersection. All underground work on Oak Park Avenue is expected to be completed in June, with resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue to follow. The project is expected to be completed in November. Additional marketing and promotional efforts are underway to help increase patronage in the Southtown Business District during the underground portion of the work. Construction details and schedules are available at a dedicated website, www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Traffic on Madison Street by Euclid Avenue will be shifted to the north curb to make room for installation of a large tower-crane as work on the American House Senior Living Community continues. Work to date had focused on excavation for the underground parking garage and concrete foundations. The crane will allow crews to start the vertical construction of the project. AT&T and ComEd infrastructure relocation activities related to the project at the intersection of Madison Street and Euclid Avenue are nearing completion. In other construction news, Nicor crews are inspecting natural gas infrastructure between Harrison Street and Jackson Boulevard, and between Gunderson Avenue and Austin Boulevard.

Employee news – Police Chief LaDon Reynolds has been named to [Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes](#). More information on the Chief's responsibilities will be released when the Governor's Office makes a formal public announcement. In other Police employee news, Kellie Murphy has been promoted to Administrative Commander. Kellie joined the Police Department in 2018 as a Budget Analyst. Also in the Police Department, Shayleen Gortowski is the new Police Records Supervisor. In other employee news, Village Planner Craig Failor has been invited by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning (CMAP) to provide an overview of the Village's accessory dwelling unit zoning as part of an upcoming educational panel. The panel date has not been set, but more information will be provided as it becomes available.

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