



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 6, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, August 9:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, August 10:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, August 11:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, August 12:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, August 13:
 - No meetings scheduled

Eviction moratorium update – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently extended the moratorium on evictions through Oct. 3 in counties that have substantial or high levels of community transmission of COVID-19. Cook County currently meets the CDC's criteria for substantial community transmission. In related news, The Illinois Department of Human Services has launched the website [Eviction Help Illinois](#) to connect tenants and landlords to free legal aid to assist with eviction issues. Those lacking internet access can call 855.631.0811 and text to 844.938.4280.

Taking vaccination to the community – The Health Department is taking vaccination opportunities on the road next week to the high school and downtown Oak Park to make getting vaccinated against COVID-19 even easier and more convenient. The Health Department's mobile response van will be at [Oak Park and River Forest High School](#) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., on Mon., Aug. 9 and in downtown Oak Park from 6 to 9 p.m., on Thurs., Aug. 12, at the popular [Thursday Night Out](#) weekly dining event. Anyone 12 and older is eligible to be vaccinated. [Click here to read more...](#)

Vehicle license sales – Since the sales/renewal period came to a close on July 14, more than 16,000 vehicle licenses had been sold. Vehicle owners can still renew and purchase 2021-2022 vehicle licenses online and in person at Village Hall, but must pay an additional \$20. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle is required to purchase a local license before July 15 each year. Residents who failed to renew their vehicle license in 2020-2021 – likely because of the pandemic – were not be penalized for renewing a lapsed vehicle license before the July 15 deadline.

Parking enforcement officers use remote electronic recognition technology to scan license plates to ensure compliance.

New business license update – Five new businesses received their first business license in July, bringing the number of new license issued since January 48. Businesses licensed in July include home, body and candle products Einnim, 1020 Lake St.; home-based media company Palaver, 153 N. Cuyler Ave.; beauty salon Braid Lady Chicago, 329 Harrison St.; home-based property management Advantage Property Specialist, 823 S. Lombard Ave., and retail florist and event planning service Cherishable Moments, 1011 Madison St. In addition, existing business Sugar Fix, 119 N. Marion St., had a change in ownership.

Supporting Special Olympians – The Oak Park Police Department will join law enforcement agencies across the state in [Coffee for Champions](#), a benefit for the athletes of [Special Olympics Illinois](#). Officers will be at the Dunkin' Donuts at 6820 W. Roosevelt Road between 5 a.m. and noon. on Fri., August 20 to lend your support. This is the 18th Anniversary of the Dunkin' partnership with the [Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois](#). More than \$5.75 million has been raised in Illinois during these events throughout the years. Anyone who makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a coupon for a free donut.

New mural –The talented teens who participated in the Oak Park Area Arts Council's Off the Wall summer arts employment program recently put the finishing touches on the program's latest contribution to the community. Titled *Parrot Pandemonium*, the mosaic mural can be found at 914 North Blvd. The backstory on the eye-catching piece is [in this video](#) posted on the [Village YouTube channel](#). More information about the program is on the Arts Council website at www.oakparkareaartscouncil.org/causes/off-the-wall.

Employee news – Water & Sewer Superintendent Mike Bills recently completed the American Public Works Associations (APWA) Illinois Public Service Institute (IPSI). The Institute, developed by the Chicago Chapter of APWA, is a three-year training program designed for public service employees and focuses on leadership development, service excellence and personal supervisory skills. Mike joins a group of four other Public Works staffers who have graduated from this well-regarded professional development program.

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