



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending January 13, 2017

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, January 16:
 - Village Hall Closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- Tuesday, January 17:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 – 7 p.m., room 130
 - Employee Recognition Ceremony, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201

- Wednesday, January 18:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, January 19:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Friday, January 20:
 - No scheduled meetings

Village Hall closed Monday – Village Hall will be closed on Mon., Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Residents are reminded that should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 call occur when Village Hall is closed, to call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. Regular Village Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Parking Services center is open until 7 p.m. on Mondays, except holidays. [Information about Village Hall hours is posted online.](#)

Parking app menu expanded – The Parking & Mobility Services Department has introduced a new feature to the [Passport Parking](#) app to allow users to reserve an overnight parking pass. The new feature essentially adds overnight parking passes as an option to the current ability to pay at any parking meter or pay-by-space lot in the Village. As with the current automated system used to pay for parking at meters and in lots, users requesting an overnight pass will be required to enter a zone number. For an overnight pass, users will need to enter Zone 206, which encompasses all locations where on-street overnight parking passes are allowed. [Click here to read more about the new service...](#)

Late leaf pickup ends next week – Residents whose leaves fell late and missed the last scheduled collection will have one more chance to schedule a special pickup. The final yard waste collection will occur on Wed., Jan. 18. Residents should place

leaves into yard waste bags and call 708.358.5700 in advance to arrange a pickup. A green yard waste sticker is not required. The Public Works Department has made special arrangements with the vendor servicing the 1,100-plus participants in the [CompostAble Program](#) to temporarily add these special leaf pickups to its schedule. After Jan. 18, the next opportunity for yard waste collection will be the first full week of April when regular yard waste collection resumes. [Information on refuse collection is posted online.](#)

At-your-door collection update – The new at-your-door collection of hazardous household materials and electronics is off to a promising start. During the first week of the program, more than 750 pounds of materials were collected via nine scheduled pickups. More than 60 collections already have been scheduled for January, with more on the books for February. Additional routes are being set up as well. The program, available to residential properties served by the Village's contract hauler, allows residents to request collection at their home online at www.WMATYOURDOOR.com, with a toll free call to 1.800.449.7587 or by emailing atyourdoor@wm.com. Collection kits sent by U.S. Mail include instructions on how to package the materials and where to place them safely for pickup on the scheduled date. Residents need not be home at the pickup time. More information on the program is [posted on the Village website.](#)

Snow response – Public works crews were on the streets three days this week dealing with snow, freezing rain and sleet. Crews began salting streets at about 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon after a quarter of an inch of snow accumulated creating slippery conditions. Response continued Tuesday morning as freezing rain and sleet created the potential for hazardous conditions before turning into an all rain later in the day. Wet pavement began to freeze early Thursday morning, and sleet and freezing rain began to fall before the morning rush, requiring a crew to also salt school crosswalks, the Home Avenue pedestrian bridge and bluestone in the public way downtown.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Installation of the bicycle shelters and fix-it stations were expected to be completed this week, with the racks and rings to be installed in late January and early February. Sewer cleaning and inspections resumed this week. ComEd is scheduled to begin repairing cable on the 100 block of North Marion Street next week, work that will occur only during the day, but likely will continue intermittently into the first week of February. While the work will not disturb pavement, some daytime parking may be lost while work is underway. Should equipment block any lanes, a flagger will be on site to maintain two-way traffic.

Public Works activities – Street Division crews swept no parking zones, main roadways and residential streets, while also picking up litter in the business districts that was uncovered by the melting snow and scattered by the recent high winds. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water service leak at 531 S. Ridgeland Ave., replaced a broken fire hydrant at 1016 S. Elmwood Ave. and repaired a frozen fire hydrant at 22 S. Austin Blvd. Tree pruning continued between Chicago Avenue and South Boulevard from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue, as well as between Division Street and Chicago Avenue from East Avenue to Austin Boulevard.

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