

Village Manager's Report Weeks ending May 26, 2017

Meetings/events scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, May 29:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, May 30:
 - o Collaboration for Early Childhood, 5 p.m., room 101
 - o HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Wednesday, May 31:
 - o Collaboration for Early Childhood, 7:30 p.m., room 102
 - o Volunteer Appreciation Night, 7 p.m., Cheney Mansion
- Thursday, June 1:
 - o No meetings scheduled
- Friday, June 2:
 - o No meetings scheduled
- Sun., June 3:
 - o A Day in Our Village, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Scoville Park

On-street parking restrictions eased – As with other major holidays, overnight onstreet parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets over the Memorial Day weekend. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., May 27, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., May 31. However, restrictions will remain in effect in prepaid overnight permit areas, such as on-street enclaves and on-street overnight parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including posted daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Village Hall closed Monday – <u>Village Hall</u> will be closed on Mon., May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged call the <u>Police Department</u> non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Day in Our Village preparation – With the 44th A Day in Our Village festival set for Sun., June 3, preparations are underway for the Village Board's participation. A booth has been reserved and trustees typically oversee booth activities in pairs, with shifts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1 to 3 p.m. If you have not already done so, please contact the Village Manager's Office if you would like to schedule a time slot. Members of the Village Board also are invited to join their colleagues from other local

taxing bodies at a breakfast reception set for 9 a.m., June 3 in the Veterans' Room of the main branch of the Oak Park Library. Please RSVP by Tues., May 30.

Still time to be part of parade – Participants, volunteers and sponsors still have time to be a part of the July 4th Parade. June 2 is the deadline to register to be in the parade, which typically attracts more than 75 groups each year. Volunteers also are needed on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services. If you know of anyone or any group that might want to participate, please urge them to call 708.358.5405 or email community@oak-park.us for more information.

Downtown construction update — Underground work continued this week for streetlights at the Emerson project site downtown. Lake Street traffic was affected for short periods during concrete pours this week, but flaggers were on site to ensure vehicle flow. The sidewalk and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street remained closed from the new Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site. Work in the Village surface parking north of North Boulevard (Lot 10) was completed, but limited paving and curb repairs continued as crews addressed a drainage issue at the southeast corner of the parking lot.

Chicago Avenue streetscape/resurfacing — The first course of pavement was applied to Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues and installation of decorative sidewalks began on the corners throughout the business district. Installation of the brick crosswalks is being staged to maintain traffic flow to the businesses. West-bound traffic will be maintained by detouring east-bound traffic to Division Street via Harlem and Oak Park avenues. Two-way local traffic will continue between Belleforte and Oak Park avenues, with normal traffic patterns expected to resume by the last week of June. This is the final section of Chicago Avenue remaining from last year's resurfacing from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard.

Water/sewer main improvements – Replacement of the water main on Taylor Avenue between Harrison and Flournoy streets is nearing completion. With the underground work finished, portions of curbs, sidewalks and pavement are being removed as needed. Concrete work is expected to be completed by next week, with paving to follow in the next few weeks. The contractor currently is completing remaining concrete work and adjusting water and sewer structures to final grades on Highland Avenue between Madison Street and Jackson Boulevard. Final paving on Highland will follow in the next few weeks as well.

Alley improvements – Underground drainage improvements continued this week on alley segments under construction, while pavement was removed in the alley north of Washington Boulevard between Harvey and Lombard avenues. Forty residents within the boundaries of the alley projects have elected to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. Participants are able to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price, which is lower than the cost a single property owner would pay to hire a contractor.

Miscellaneous construction projects — Resurfacing projects carried over from last year continued this week on Lombard Avenue between Van Buren and Adams streets, and on Taylor Avenue between Adams and Madison streets. The surface has Page 2 of 3

been removed and concrete work underway, with completion expected early in June. Private utility crews are boring in the parkways on Chicago Avenue between Woodbine and Kenilworth avenues installing Comcast lines.

Public Works Activities – Crews continued cleaning up after last week's heavy rains and strong winds left tree debris scattered across the Village. A large limb came down at Highland Avenue and Van Buren Street, damaging two vehicles and blocking the street for nearly an hour. Large limbs also blocked Euclid Avenue, Van Buren Street, Maple Avenue and Lexington Street, but were cleared quickly by Forestry Division crews. Streets Division crews repaired streets that had been temporarily patched during the winter following water line repairs, fixed a bollard at 1010 Lake Street damaged by a hit-and-run driver and assisted the street sweeping contractor cleaning permit parking areas. Water & Sewer Division crews reset parkway water shutoff boxes at 610 N. Humphrey Ave., 1180 S. Scoville Ave. and 928 S. Grove Ave. and replaced a four-inch water meter at the Belmont Village senior living facility at 1035 Madison St.

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