



Village Manager's Report
Week ending November 3, 2017

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, November 6:
 - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201 (Council Chamber)
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, November 7:
 - Environment & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Historic Preservation Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, November 8:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, November 9:
 - Finance Committee, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Parking Forum, 6 to 9 p.m., Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School, 325 S. Kenilworth Ave.
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201 (Council Chamber)
- Friday, November 10:
 - No meetings scheduled
- *Save the Date for upcoming events*
 - Tri-Board Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, D97 Board of Education and D200 Board of Education, Tuesday evening, November 28, 2017 pursuant to the IGA for Early Childhood Collaboration
 - Cavalcade of Pride Awards, Wednesday evening, December 13, 2017

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday -- Standard time officially returns at 2 a.m., Sunday (Nov. 5), and clocks should be set back one hour. The Fire Department recommends using the time change as a convenient reminder to replace the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but an estimated one-third has dead or missing batteries. CO detectors are required by state law.

Parking forum set – Village staff, consultant [Dixon Resources Unlimited](#) and the Transportation Commission will host a community meeting next week to gather public input on changes to parking rules and regulations that will be tested in a pilot area. The meeting is from 6 to 9 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 9 at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School.

Recommendations for the pilot project will be presented at 6 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., with time set aside for residents and stakeholders to ask questions and offer feedback on the proposals. [More details are posted on the Village website.](#)

Zoning referral – Recently adopted changes to the zoning code eliminated the need for the Village Board to refer applications for relief to the Zoning Board of Appeals to initiate a hearing. Under the new code, the referral is automatic and the Board is only required to rule on ZBA findings. The ZBA was scheduled to take up the first application filed under the new process last night (Thurs., Nov. 2). The application filed on behalf of Learning Oak Early Childhood Development is requesting a special use permit authorizing a day-care center at 6429 North Ave. The proposed center would offer early childhood educational programs for ages 2 to 6 years as well as an extended childcare program that would be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday – Friday. The day-care center would have three staff members and serve approximately 30 children.

Downtown construction update – Repairs to the sidewalk, crosswalks and tree pits along Lake Street between Harlem and Forest avenues were expected to wrap up today along with street signs installed by The Emerson development site. Landscaping and lighting work continued on the north side of North Boulevard, which requires the sidewalk to be closed during work hours and pedestrians to use Westgate Street to Marion Street as an alternate route. The sidewalk on the south side of North Boulevard is open to allow access to the CTA station from the east. The top layer of pavement has been removed from North Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street, with the first new layer of pavement scheduled to be installed next week. North Boulevard continues to be open westbound only, with traffic detoured from Harlem Avenue and Marion Street.

South Boulevard/Harlem Avenue update – The next major step for the Lincoln Properties development on South Boulevard is for ComEd to bring electrical service to the site from the west side of Harlem Avenue. ComEd has approval from the state to disrupt traffic on Harlem, including closing lanes. The Engineering Division still is awaiting a construction schedule. The project will require closing South Boulevard completely from Harlem to Marion Street for several weeks, so the closure will not occur until two-way traffic has been restored on North Boulevard, which should be before the Thanksgiving holiday. Engineering Division staff will continue to monitor the site and signage to ensure potential customers are not confused or impeded by the construction.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Work to install the pipeline to carry Lake Michigan water to Brookfield and North Riverside was expected to wrap up this week for the season. The final tasks included installing smaller-diameter sewers and drainage structures between Highland and Lyman avenues. Installation of new curbs, sidewalks, alley entrances and driveway aprons will begin next week along the same section. Final paving is scheduled for Monday (Nov. 6) from Oak Park Avenue to Highland Avenue. Initial paving between Highland and Lyman avenues is scheduled for after Thanksgiving.

Historic sidewalks repairs – Repairs to about two dozen segments of historic sandstone sidewalk are scheduled to begin next week at various locations in the community. Repairs will focus on eliminating trip hazards by resetting the squares

rather than replacing them with concrete to help maintain the historical character of the sidewalks, which date back to the earliest days of the Village.

Public Works Activities – Weather caused a parkway tree to fall onto private property Monday at 826 N. Euclid Ave. Forestry crews removed the tree without incident and no property damage was reported. Pushing leaves continues to be the major task within the Streets Division as the program wraps up the third of seven scheduled weeks. Crews typically require an eighth, unannounced week to clean up from residents who don't always observe the program deadline. Streets crews also placed and removed traffic barricades for last Saturday's Halloween parade in the Hemmingway District, picked up litter in Village parking lots and business districts and temporarily patched openings where water main breaks had been repaired. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired water main breaks at 539 N. Oak Park Ave., Lombard Avenue at North Avenue and at 430 S. Cuyler Ave. and replaced a fire hydrant damaged in a vehicle accident at Oak Park Avenue and Iowa Street. Fall tree planting began Monday, with 190 trees set to be planted by the end of the week at various locations throughout the Village. Building Division staff is overseeing a number of maintenance and rehab projects at Village Hall and other properties, including roof repairs at the main Fire Station, which are expected to wrap up next week.

City transportation officials visit – Village Manager Pavlicek led an Oak Park *walkshop* as part of the recent [2017 Designing Cities Conference](#) hosted recently in Chicago by [National Association of Transportation Officials \(NACTO\)](#). A group of 15 officials from the U.S. and Canada participated in the Oak Park field tour, which covered public transit, infrastructure, transit-oriented development, public art and of course, Frank Lloyd Wright. Guides for what was a very popular event included Village Engineer Bill McKenna, Development Customer Services Director Tammie Grossman, Oak Park Area Arts Council Director Camille Wilson-White, Oak Park resident and FLW Trust Director of Development Tom Gull and CTA Chief Planning Officer Carole Morey.

Collaboration conversation – The [Collaboration for Early Childhood](#) will host a community conversation about the important role early development plays in a child's learning and success in life. The gathering is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 16, at the Maze Branch Library. The [Erikson Institute's](#) President and Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey A. Nagle, PhD., and Associate Director of EDI Jaclyn Vasquez MS, will be the speakers. [Click here to review the event flyer...](#)

Employee News – Orlando Velasquez joined the Water & Sewer Division of the Public Works Department this week as the new Pump Station Operator. Orlando comes to Oak Park from the Village of Melrose Park where, as a building inspector, he worked with the water department on water sampling and became certified by the Illinois EPA as a public water supply operator. His duties with Oak Park will include gathering water samples and monitoring the operations of the pump stations that supply an average of five million gallons of water to Oak Park residents every day.

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