



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 27, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, August 30:
 - Village Board, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, August 31:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Sept. 1:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Sept. 2:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, Sept. 3:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Oak Park Avenue work moving ahead – The first leveling layer of asphalt was installed this week on much of Oak Park Avenue. Work next week will focus on areas where the pavement base layer needs to be replaced. Crews also will be adjusting structure frames for utility access holes and catch basins in preparation for final paving. In the meantime, crews will continue removing and replacing concrete curbs and sidewalks along the roadway. The final surface layer is on track to be installed in mid-September with pavement markings and parkway restoration to follow. The latest updates on the Oak Park Avenue project are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Holiday traffic enforcement –The Oak Park Police Department has joined law enforcement agencies across the state in cracking down on impaired, unbuckled and distracted drivers during the busy Labor Day period. Additional officers will be on the streets through the early morning hours of Tues., Sept. 7 actively stopping motorists violating these life-saving laws. The [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) campaign is paid for by federal traffic safety funds administered by the [Illinois Department of Transportation](#). The enforcement efforts are running concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has [life or death](#) consequences. [More details are posted on the Village website.](#)

Public input sought on accessory dwelling units – The Plan Commission is accepting public comment on proposed changes to Village code that would allow additional independent housing units on residential properties as a way to offer more adaptable and affordable housing options in our dense, built-up community. Officially known as accessory dwelling units, the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance would make the units a permitted use in residential districts, particularly on the larger lots. The Village currently allows dwelling units over a garage on a single-family residence lot, with restrictions based on lot size, number of units on a lot, design, height and location. Comments may be submitted via email to planning@oak-park.us until 5 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 2. [Click here to view the proposed changes...](#)

Drivers urged to take extra care – With the new school year now underway, Police have stepped up their presence at key crossings and along walking routes to protect the many students who typically trek along Oak Park streets to their neighborhood schools. Motorists are urged to stay alert – especially when driving in school zones. Staying focused and avoiding distractions like talking on cell phones are essential, as is coming to a complete stop at intersections and not blocking crosswalks. Drivers also must obey the signals of crossing guards and should never attempt to pass a stopped school bus with lights flashing. Anyone with questions about Oak Park Police Department school programs, may call 708.386.3800 or email police@oak-park.us.

Award deadline approaching – The deadline to make a nomination for one of five upcoming community awards is fast approaching. Sept. 1 is the deadline to [nominate businesses, organizations and other entities](#) that provide extraordinary accessibility for patrons with disabilities and their families. The deadline to submit nominations for Aging in Place, Historic Preservation and Sustainability awards is Oct. 15. The Health Department also is preparing to seek nominations for the Fitzsimmons Public Health Awards that recognize those who made exceptional contributions to improving the health of Oak Parkers.

Sidewalk replacement update – Work is winding down for the sidewalk maintenance program that is underway this season primarily in the northeast section of the community. Next week, the contractor will complete punch list items and angle cuts that help control cracking that can occur when concrete expands and contracts as weather conditions change. All remaining tasks should be completed by the second week of September. About 800 sidewalk squares were replaced across some 120 blocks this year as part of the annual repair and replacement program. The program focuses on larger trip hazards that could create challenges for pedestrians.

Neighborhood clean-up efforts – The Public Works Department is urging residents and organizations to help improve the community by organizing a neighborhood clean-up event. The Village provides up to 10 heavy duty trash bags, 10 pairs of gloves and 10 pink refuse stickers that can be used to collect litter from alleys and parkways. Brooms and shovels also are available to borrow on a first come, first served basis. More information about the program is [posted on the Village website](#).

Miscellaneous construction updates – The contractor for the senior living center under construction on Madison Street has begun work on the cul de sac on Euclid

Avenue. Work on the cul de sac and landscaping are expected to be completed by Sept. 10. AT&T's contractor will resurface Euclid Avenue from south of Adams Street to the new cul de sac as part of the utility relocation work earlier this year.

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