



Village Manager's Report Week ending September 2, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, September 5:
 - Labor Day – Village Hall closed

- Tuesday, September 6:
 - Village Board meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
 - Environment and Energy Commission, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Wednesday, September 7:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. via Zoom

- Thursday, September 8:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Friday, September 9:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Status report bulletin* heading**

Village Hall closed Monday – Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services will also be delayed by one day next week as a result of the holiday. Regular Village Hall business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are encouraged to call the Police Department non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Parking restrictions eased – Starting tonight, overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park streets for Labor Day weekend. Overnight on-street parking will be lifted at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 and resume at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. All other parking regulations remain in effect, including restrictions in zones reserved for permit holders, daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. The holiday parking schedule for all of 2022 is posted at www.oak-park.us/holidayparking.

Green business program launches – The Village is partnering with the [Smart Energy Design Assistance Center \(SEDAC\)](#) to offer the Illinois Green Business Program to Oak Park

businesses. SEDAC helps local businesses identify sustainable solutions that will help reduce operating costs and climate impacts in areas such as energy, water use, and waste. Oak Park businesses can participate at no-cost through this special partnership. More information is available in a flyer posted on SEDAC's website – [click here to view](#).

Climate Ready Oak Park around town – Look for the Climate Ready Oak Park table at several upcoming community events, including BarrieFest on Sept. 10 and Convivencia on Sept. 17. Staff and volunteers will be sharing information about the Climate Ready Oak Park plan and steps residents and community stakeholders can take to combat the impacts of climate change. Climate Ready Oak Park will also be featured at the annual I-GOV Sustainability Forum on Sept. 24.

Energy efficiency grants still available – Income-qualified Oak Park homeowners and renters can receive up to \$10,000 in full grant funds for home weatherization and energy efficiency improvements. Village staff will help home and building owners coordinate with ComEd qualified contractors to receive a technical energy efficiency assessment and additional incentives, in addition to Village-provided grants. Income-qualified renters are encouraged to speak to their landlord about participating in the program. More information is available at www.sustainoakpark.com/get-started.

Planning and development panel discussion – A large group of planning and economic development professionals were in Oak Park this week on a tour sponsored by [OneRegion](#), a Northwest Indiana non-profit organization. Village President Vicki Scaman, Development Customer Services Director Tammie Grossman, OPEDC Executive Director John Lynch and OPEDC Chairman Cory Wesley participated in the panel discussion, held at the Albion, to share their perspectives on the transit-oriented development projects completed in Oak Park over the past few years.

Pie Bake-Off registration deadline – Professional and amateur bakers can register for the Oak Park Farmers' Market's Pie Bake-Off through Sept. 3. The contest is scheduled to take place Sept. 17. More details can be found on the contest entry form at www.oak-park.us/2022piebakeoff. Entry forms may be submitted at the Farmers' Market information tent or by emailing farmersmarket@oak-park.us. And voting is still underway as part of a \$10,000 grant giveaway organized by the American Farmland Trust and the Farmers Market Coalition. [Click here to cast a vote for the Oak Park Farmers' Market](#).

Pete's Fresh Market update – Construction activity for the new Pete's Fresh Market on Madison Street is set to begin early next week. Crews will start by demolishing and excavating the underground storm water detention system in the west lot. The entirety of the storm water system work is expected to take about five weeks. Euclid Avenue is being fenced off and closed indefinitely between Madison and the east/west alley to the north.

Sewer improvements project – The contractor completed the sewer replacement on Lenox Street and began mobilizing on Thomas Street. On Kenilworth Avenue, a full-depth removal of the roadway and the first two layers of asphalt were completed earlier this week. Next up is the replacement of the sewer main and services on Thomas Street from Grove Avenue

toward Linden Avenue and utility structure adjustments and other preparations on Kenilworth for the final layer of asphalt.

Street resurfacing project – The annual street resurfacing project is being broken into two construction seasons. All streets to be constructed in 2022 have had protective tree fencing installed. Additionally, the concrete contractor has saw-cut select curb and sidewalk that is planned to be removed. Concrete removal has begun and will be followed by replacement over the next few weeks.

Pleasant & Marion development – Trucks continue to bring in panels, columns and beams for the new development at the intersection of Pleasant and Marion streets. The additional traffic control signs have been delivered and are being installed this week.

Employee news – This week the Oak Park Fire Department celebrated the completion of two firefighter/paramedics' probationary periods. Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Gigele and Cameron Russell were sworn in Aug. 30 after completing their year-long probationary periods. In other employee news, Bright Osazuwa came onboard as the newest Community Service Officer within the Police Department and Jacqueline Hargrove joined the organization as a Customer Service Representative within the Public Works Department.