



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending November 1, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- November 4:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201

- November 5:
 - CDCAC, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130

- November 6:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102

- November 7:
 - Village Board Special Meeting (FY14 Budget), 7 p.m., room 101

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- November 11: Village Board Special Meeting, FY14 Budget, 7 p.m. room 101
- November 14: Village Board Special Meeting, FY14 Budget, 7 p.m. room 101
- November 20: Tri-Board Meeting, Intergovernmental Agreement Annual Meeting regarding Early Childhood Collaboration, 7 p.m., D97 offices
- December 2: Employee Recognition Event 6:30 p.m., room 201 followed by Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. room 201
- December 10: Village Board Reinventing Government, 7 p.m., room 130

Standard time returns this weekend – Standard time officially returns at 2 a.m., Sun., Nov. 3, when we *fall back* one hour. Public safety officials urge residents to use the time change as a reminder to replace batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Working detectors can double the chances of survival by providing critical extra time for safe escape.

Still time to comment on I-290 plans – Residents are being reminded that the Illinois Department of Transportation will accept public comments on its plans to expand I-290 until Nov. 7. To participate in the process, review the public meeting materials and provide comments directly to IDOT go to www.eisenhowerexpressway.com. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to John Baczek, P.E., c/o Mark Peterson, Illinois Department of Transportation Region One/District 1, 201 W. Center

Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196 – or fax to 847.705.4159. We will continue to post information and useful links on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/eyeontheike.

Community collaboration efforts progress – Hoping to maintain the momentum of recent discussions, the [Community Relations Department](#) has continued to pursue collaboration with the [Community of Congregations](#) and Austin service providers to strengthen relationships between our communities. At a follow-up meeting on Oct. 23 the Community of Congregations offered to use its annual meeting in January to host a community education event that will explore existing partnerships that focus on key issues for our communities. Preliminary plans are to have multiple sessions with presenters who will serve as resource contacts. Opportunities to enhance and strengthen existing collaborations also will be explored. In addition, the groups intend to work together to prioritize and identify new opportunities for collaboration that can enhance mutual social and cultural understanding.

Prescription drug disposal to become regular service – After collecting nearly 85 pounds of prescription drugs on Oct. 26 as part of a national annual program, Police and Public Works have joined forces to make collection an ongoing service. A [MedReturn Drug Collection Unit](#), purchased using a grant from the Illinois EPA, will be installed in the lobby of the police station at Village Hall. The unit, which functions very much like a postal drop box, will be securely anchored to the floor and will be able to collect up to 50 pounds of material, though it will not be able to take needles or other medical waste. Police personnel will log and dispose of the drugs in accordance with established procedures. Collection of expired or unwanted prescription drugs began here as part of the annual [National Take-Back Initiative](#) sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Safe disposal of drugs is becoming increasingly important, as trace residues of some medications can turn up in the water supply. The FDA has a [list of tips for proper drug disposal](#) and advises against flushing most prescription drugs.

Hollywood keeps calling – The Food Network's Guy Fieri, host of the popular food show [Diners, Drive-ins and Dives](#), was in town this week to film segments of the hit show at two local eateries. On Monday, Guy visited Mickey's on Harlem and Tuesday he was at the Marion Street Cheese Market to highlight their fare. Air dates of the segment are not yet known, but we will try to keep everyone posted. In other film news, 20th Century Fox will be back in the Village on Monday to film scenes for the new political thriller, [Crisis](#) which is scheduled to debut on NBC during the winter Olympics.

Construction update – The water and sewer main improvement project is winding down on Highland Avenue between Harrison and Van Buren streets, with the street scheduled to reopen by mid-November. Street concrete has been poured and sidewalk concrete should be poured next week. Parkway restoration also is scheduled to begin next week. Installation of the new bicycle shelters at Marion Street and Ridgeland Avenue should be complete early next week, as the viaduct enhancement project continues. All curbs, sidewalks and driveways on the west side of Belleforte Avenue have been poured, with removal work on the east side to begin. Concrete work has been completed on the east side of Cuyler Avenue, as concrete

removal begins on the west side. The remaining concrete should be poured next week. Microsurfacing has been completed for the season.

Public Works Activities – More than 470 households participated in the final electronics recycling event for the year held Oct. 26. A water main break was repaired at the intersection of Cuyler Avenue and Van Buren Street, as were two fire hydrants and a sink hole at 825 N. Lombard Ave. Approximately 300 fire hydrants primarily north of Chicago Avenue have been sandblasted, primed and painted. Forty five Bur Oak trees grown from acorns locally collected in Oak Park were planted this week on parkways. The trees were potted and germinated at the Morton Arboretum, grown at Possibility Place in Monee and planted by in-house crews as part of a local program to maintain links to the community's historic oak trees. Preparations also are underway to plant another 80 trees of various species next week. In the meantime, the annual fall leaf collection program continues as do early morning efforts to identify and repair streetlight outages. The Engineering Division also regrets to announce the resignation of Tomasz Tretowicz who, after six years of service to the Village, will be joining a private engineering consulting firm.

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