



Village Manager's Report Week ending July 3, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Friday, July 4:
 - 4th of July Parade, 10 a.m., Longfellow Center Park, Ridgeland & Jackson

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

- Tuesday, July 8:
 - Medical Reserve Corps/CERT Training, 7 p.m., Rooms 102 and 201

- Wednesday, July 9:
 - Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 102

- Thursday, July 10:
 - Civic information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, July 14:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 130

- Thursday, July 17:
 - Reinventing Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., room 130

July 4th Parade information – Participants in the July 4th Parade are asked to be at Longfellow Park by 9:30 a.m. The Village Board will be third in line, just behind the Police and Fire departments. Nearly 50 groups had signed up by the deadline, but a few others are expected to join – [click here to see a list of the official lineup](#). The parade is scheduled to step off at 10 a.m. and follow the usual route north on Ridgeland Avenue to Augusta Street, turning east to disperse near [Whittier Elementary School](#) at Harvey Avenue. The annual fireworks display is scheduled to begin at dusk in the Oak Park and River Forest football stadium.

Village Hall closed Friday – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Friday in observance of Independence Day. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 9-1-1

emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents can call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Traffic enforcement increased – Motorists may notice more police on our streets over the holiday, as the department is on the lookout for impaired and unbuckled drivers as part of a statewide [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) and [Click It or Ticket](#) enforcement effort. The intensified enforcement will continue through July 6. Efforts will focus on late-night hours when statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur that involve drunk drivers and unbuckled motorists. More information is [posted on the Village website](#).

Parking restrictions eased – The [overnight on-street parking ban](#) will not be enforced on most residential streets over the July 4 holiday weekend. Overnight restrictions were lifted at 2:30 a.m., today (Thurs., July 3), and will resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., July 7. However, restrictions remain in effect in overnight permit areas, such as Village-owned lots, on-street enclaves and on-street overnight parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including all daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Lake & Forest Garage closing communications – Signage announcing the upcoming closing of the Lake & Forest Garage to accommodate construction of the new multi-use development at that location was installed this week. A review of the project and the modifications underway in the parking system will be discussed with the Village Board on Mon., July 7. The signage installed this week announces the August 4 closing date for the Garage. The closing date is approximately four weeks in advance of the sale of the Village property to the developer at the end of August. Demolition of the Garage is scheduled tentatively for the end of September/beginning of October. Additional construction information will be provided to the public as the Garage closure nears and construction begins.

Metra planning station repairs – The Village has received drawings and specifications from Metra for repairs to the station near Marion and North Boulevard. The plans were reviewed and an on-site, pre-bid meeting held. Since the work is expected to exceed \$100,000, Metra officials indicated that their board would need to approve the bid. With approval not expected before mid-September, actual work likely will not occur until next spring unless Metra decides to enclose and heat the area since masonry work cannot be performed when the outside temperature drops below 40 degrees.

Storm response – Luckily, the Village missed the worst of the storms that blew through the region Monday evening. Public Works recorded about 2.25 inches of rain, most in the second wave of storms that occurred after 10 p.m. One tree was reported down on south Lombard Avenue and a large limb was on a house on south Clarence Avenue, but the issues did not require immediate attention, so Public Works staff was not called in overnight. Forestry crews spent much of Tuesday checking for other tree damage and gathering up small limbs brought down by the high winds. Lightning struck a townhome at 907 South Blvd., causing considerable damage to the cupola of a townhouse. The fire was quickly extinguished. No one was hurt, but the cupola and bedroom below sustained fire, smoke and water damage.

Public Works activities – Sections of streets where openings were necessary for water line issues were repaired at various locations, including 946 S. Oak Park Ave., 135 S. Oak Park Ave., 1004 Linden Ave., 1112 Edmer Ave. and at the intersection of Belleforte Avenue and Greenfield avenues. A section of chain link fencing was installed on the east side of the Oak Park Avenue viaduct for the [Love Locks](#) art project. A leaking water service was repaired at 464 N. Austin Blvd., a 1.5-inch water tap made at 321 S. Elmwood Ave., a sink hole repaired at 540 N. Cuyler Ave. and a catch basin replaced at 321 Chicago Ave. The current phase of tree planting has been completed and the contractor has vacated the cul de sac south on Lombard Avenue behind the Public Works Center where the new trees were stored. Stump grinding and removal of trees damaged by the emerald ash borer continued, along with responding to routine tree-related requests from residents.

Bicycle helmets donated – [Joe Rizza Ford](#) in North Riverside has donated about 85 new youth-sized bicycle helmets to help residents comply with the requirement recently codified for anyone 17 and under. The dealership's service director saw the story about the helmet requirement [on our website](#) and contacted the Health Department. The dealership had sponsored a bike safety day and the helmets were remaining from the event. Emergency Preparedness Manager Murray Snow will work with the Police Department to develop a distribution plan, most likely with an emphasis on providing helmets to those who may have difficulty purchasing one. Once the plan is in place, the Village will promote the availability of the helmets and acknowledge the source of the generous gift.

Family Case Management Program excels – Our Health Department's Family Case Management Program ranked at the top of the 30 agencies in the region in a recent review by the Illinois Department of Public Health, which funds the program. The ranking was based on grant deliverables achieved, including the percentage of pregnant women entering prenatal care in the first trimester and the percentage of infants immunized appropriately for age. Several of Oak Park's deliverables were measured at or near 100 percent. Pam Rumoro, RN, is Oak Park's Family Case Management nurse. Her role includes visiting Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and infants in their homes, linking families to medical care, tracking immunizations, depression screening and referral, and providing information and referral to numerous community resources such as child care, domestic violence prevention and behavioral health care.

Capital improvements projects update – New water mains have been installed on Highland Avenue from Van Buren Street to Jackson Boulevard and on Van Buren from Cuyler Avenue to Harvey Avenue. Replacement of water services on these streets will begin next week. State-funded resurfacing projects on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street continue. Drainage structures and lines have been completed, and curbs should be completed by next week. Sewer cleaning and inspections continue in various locations throughout the Village. Replacement of the Marion Street speed table is well underway. The east half of the speed table has been removed and a new base poured. The east half of the crosswalks was expected to be finished this week. Brick pavers are scheduled to be installed on the east half of the speed table early next week, then work will shift to the west side. Surface patching, micro paving and crack filling projects are in the preconstruction phases, as scheduling is worked out with contractors.