



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending August 22, 2014**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, August 25:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m. room 130
  - Village Board Special Meeting, Immediately Following Executive Session., room 130
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Tuesday, August 26:
  - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Wednesday, August 27:
  - Forestry Sub-Committee, 6:45 p.m., room 201
  - Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
  - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Thursday, August 28:
  - Joint Review Board Meeting, 5 p.m., room 101
  - Special Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Saturday, August 30:
  - Village Board I-Gov Meeting, 9:00 a.m., room 101

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Saturday, September 13 – Village Board Outreach Event – Barriefest, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Barrie Park

**Ridgeland Avenue resurfacing to begin** – The resurfacing of Ridgeland Avenue from I-290 to just south of Lake Street is scheduled to start next week. Work will begin with replacing sidewalks and curbs at crosswalks. Asphalt grinding likely will begin the second week of September. The project, which is federally funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is expected to be completed in late October. The second phase will entail resurfacing Ridgeland north to Division Street and is scheduled for next year.

**Mosquito spraying under consideration** – A recent spike in the number of mosquito pools testing positive for the West Nile Virus has the [Desplaines Valley Mosquito](#)

[Abatement District](#) considering spraying. According to the abatement district's director, Oak Park is among those communities with the highest number of positive pools. While spraying has not been scheduled for Oak Park, the DVMAD was expected to begin spraying in some of the western suburbs within the 77-square-mile-area it serves. The City of Chicago also is beginning to spray in its west and northwestern suburbs. Should spraying be scheduled for Oak Park, the Health Department is prepared to notify those residents who have signed up for our [emergency notification system](#). Unfortunately, the window for notification can be short given that changing weather conditions can lead to last minute changes in the spraying schedule. Community education has been ongoing since spring, with information also posted at [www.oak-park.us/fightthebite](http://www.oak-park.us/fightthebite).

**Capital improvements update** – Curb and sidewalk patching on Jackson Boulevard from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Avenue is scheduled to begin next week, along with pavement grinding. Clinton Avenue from Randolph Street to South Boulevard will be excavated and a new stone base laid next week now that concrete work has been completed. Parking lots will be resurfaced next week at Marion Street south of Lake Street (Lot 3), Chicago Avenue at Maple Street (Lot 7), Washington Boulevard near Austin Avenue (Lot 36) and North Boulevard east of Kenilworth Avenue (Lot 55). The water main construction projects on Highland Avenue and Van Buren Street are nearing completion. The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be laid on Van Buren Street by the end of this week or early next week, depending on the weather. The parkways have been prepared for new sod, which will be installed once temperatures cool. The street will be opened in time for the first day of school on Monday. The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be installed next week on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street, resurfacing projects funded by the state. Landscaping will be done in early September. Surface patching, crack filling and microsurfacing of various streets in the Village are substantially complete, with final pavement markings likely to be finished next week. Sidewalk replacement is underway, with work focusing on completing areas near the schools. The sidewalk work should take about four weeks. The project to transform 10 alley segments into *green alleys* is scheduled to start on Sept. 2. Work will begin with the east-west alley north of Lake Street, just west of Forest Avenue to ensure completion prior to demolition of the Lake & Forest Garage, which is expected to begin in early October.

**Public Works activities** – Restoring pavement and related items where excavations were necessary to repair water leaks continued, as did pavement striping, eliminating brick sidewalk trip hazards in the downtown shopping district and updating, removing and relocating signs to improve vehicle and pedestrian travel that has been affected by the closing of the Lake & Forest Garage and the coming redevelopment project. Crews replaced a four-inch water service valve at Clinton and Pleasant avenues, and upgraded water services at 1152 Clarence Avenue and 915 South Boulevard as part of the lead abatement program. Summer interns continued cleaning catch basin inlets from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue, between North Avenue and Division Street. Forestry crews addressed a range of service requests, primarily pruning. Crews also pruned trees along Ridgeland Avenue from South Boulevard to Harrison Street to meet equipment height clearances in advance of the resurfacing project set to begin next week. Stump grinding and tree removals also continued, as crews address the problems created by the emerald ash borer and disease. A supplemental tree removal contract was awarded this week to [Davis Tree Care, Inc.](#) who will

remove 18 trees in the Village over the next two weeks. Responses to the request for proposals for a parkway tree inventory are due Monday.

**Triton College begins 50th anniversary celebration** – Triton College will begin a yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary next week with a cake-cutting and sundial dedication ceremony. The free community event is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 28 in the Commons Area of the west campus. Triton memorabilia will be on display and a sundial unveiled to mark Triton's first 50 years. More information on this and other anniversary events is posted at [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).

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