



Village Manager's Report
Week ending January 26, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, January 29:
 - Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m., Brooks Middle School

- Tuesday, January 30:
 - Police Forum, 6:30 p.m., north cafeteria, Oak Park and River Forest High School

- Wednesday, January 31:
 - Police Forum, 6:30 p.m., room 201 (Council Chamber)
 - Citizens Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Thursday, Feb. 1:
 - Plan Commission 7 p.m., room 201 (Council Chamber)
 - Police Forum, 6:30 p.m., Main Fire Station

- Friday, Feb. 2:
 - Police Forum, 9:30 a.m., room 201 (Council Chamber)

Parking pilot program update – The Transportation Commission will host a public meeting at 7 p.m., Mon., Jan. 29, at Brooks Middle School to present the final recommendations for the parking pilot test. This will be the last public meeting before final recommendations for the pilot program are presented to the Village Board for consideration. In addition to commission members, Village staff and representatives of consultant Dixon Resources Unlimited will participate. More information is posted at www.oak-park.us/parkingpilot.

Resilient Communities forum – Residents are invited to learn how to take steps toward building healthy, sustainable communities at a forum set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wed., Jan. 31 at the 19th Century Club. Local climate experts and sustainability leaders will discuss the global perspective from the United Nation's climate talks in Bonn, Germany, as well as provide updates on current regional and local initiatives. Officials from River Forest and Oak Park will share their takeaways from in the North American Mayors' Conference held recently in Chicago. Anyone interested in attending is [asked to RSVP on line](#). More details are posted at www.greencommunityconnections.org.

Yard set-back requirement to be reviewed – The Plan Commission has scheduled a public hearing on a text amendment to the Village's Zoning Ordinance that would

increase the side yard set-back requirement to 2.5 feet from one foot. The hearing is set for 7 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 1, at Village Hall. This item was one of the few the Village Board remanded to the Plan Commission for further consideration when the revised Zoning Ordinance was adopted in September. The Zoning Ordinance no longer requires the Village Board to refer proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for commission review. The Plan Commission's recommendation on the set-back change will be forwarded to the Village Board of Trustees for a final decision.

Madison Street demolition – Demolition of the former District 97 administrative building on Madison Street at Home Avenue is expected to be completed this week. Demolition of the former Robinson's Ribs restaurant to the east should be underway by next week. Measures are in place to ensure public safety.

South Boulevard/Harlem Avenue redevelopment – Both lanes of South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street will be closed starting February 12 for about 10 days along the frontage of the development. Delivery access to the businesses east of the development will be available on South Boulevard and pedestrian access will be maintained on the north side of the street. Engineering staff continues to monitor the alley closure east of the project site as well as the overall construction project to minimize impacts on adjacent properties.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Surveys to collect data for construction plans for this year's road and utility projects resumed this week. Annual cleaning and inspections of sewer mains continued at various locations throughout the Village, including on Madison Street near Village Hall. ComEd will be working in the alley behind 1128 Lake St. from Jan. 31 through February 2, with work tentatively scheduled to be done at night to reduce impacts to businesses.

Public Works Activities – In an unusually busy week, Water & Sewer Division crews repaired water main breaks at 1018 N. Humphrey Ave. and 518 N. Taylor Avenue as well as a main break and eight-inch valve at 227 South Blvd. Division crews also removed and replaced an old 12-inch water valve that was leaking at Lake Street and Euclid Avenue. Street Division crews patched street openings where water lines had been repaired, filled potholes, picked up litter in the business districts, removed graffiti at various locations and helped Police collect bicycles and parts abandoned at racks throughout the Village. Street Lighting Division crews repaired the emergency vehicle preemption signals at Lake Street and Harvey Avenue and at Chicago and Oak Park avenues. Work on the preemption signals at South Boulevard and Ridgeland Avenue is underway. Winter cycle pruning of parkway trees continued on blocks between Division Street and Chicago Avenue, with crews expected to move north of Division Street next week.

Employee news – Four new Police Officers were welcomed to the force today (Fri. Jan. 26) at a ceremony in Council Chambers. The four, Ruben Murguia, Matthew Ortiz, Jason Laskowski and Robert Aghajan, just graduated from the Chicago Police Academy. They now will begin 16 weeks of field training. Upon successful completion of the training, they will be assigned to patrol.

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