



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending March 15, 2019**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, March 18:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

- Tuesday, March 19:
 - Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee, 5 p.m., room 124
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102

- Wednesday, March 20:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, March 21:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., room 215
 - Community Design Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 102

- Friday, March 22:
 - No meetings scheduled

Early voting begins next week – Village Hall will host early voting from March 18 through April 1 for the consolidated municipal election. Individuals also will be able to register and vote at Village Hall during early voting, but they must cast a ballot in person during the same visit. Voter registration requires two pieces of identification, one with a current address. Voting hours will vary by date – details are [posted on the Village website](#). Spring elections tend to have lower turnout, so disruption to day-to-day business within Village Hall should be minimal.

Eleven33 sign application hearing set – The Community Design Commission has rescheduled its consideration of an application from [Lincoln Property Co.](#) for a variance to allow new signs on the [Eleven33](#) development under construction on South Boulevard at Harlem Avenue. The meeting, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 27, is now set for 7:30 p.m., March 21. The developer wants to install two projecting signs, each 85.25 square feet. One sign would be on the west elevation and one on the north elevation of the building at about 40 feet above grade. The applicant also wants to install two wall signs above the second story window sill, one on the north elevation and one on the south elevation of the building where there is no street frontage. [Click here to see examples](#) of the proposed signs.

Parking portal progress report – The first step in linking all parking-related services via an online portal went online this week. Vehicle owners who go online to contest or pay a parking ticket they received on or after March 12, will use the new [mobile-friendly interface](#) created by Passport Parking. Owners who wish to pay a ticket received prior to the launch date, will still need to use the [old interface](#) until their records can be brought into the new system. In the meantime, Parking Services staff is working to make the universal portal a reality in time for new sticker-less vehicle registration sales set to begin in May. This new system will rely on license plate recognition technology to ensure compliance. Parking passes and permits also will be available through the same portal once it is fully operational.

Muralists sought – The Oak Park Area Arts Council is seeking artists to create murals on the walls along the Green Line corridor as part of the Village's long-running *Mini-Mural Program*. Each artist selected receives \$500 for materials prior to beginning the project and another \$500 upon completion. The deadline to apply for the first round is April 12. A second round of applications will be accepted until June 14. More information, including the program application form, is posted at www.oak-park.us/minimural19.

Student tours planned – The Village has partnered with other local taxing bodies and community organizations to host free, family-friendly events to encourage kids to put their screens away and get out and play. During the week of March 18 – 23, *Screen Break*, the brainchild of the Collaboration for Early Childhood, will include tours of the main Fire Station and the Police Department. A talk about beekeeping and a look at the honey bee hives at Village Hall also are on the tour circuit. [Click here for a calendar](#) of all of the community events planned.

Construction updates – Masonry work on the north side of the Albion at Oak Park development on Lake Street at Forest Avenue has required closing the east-west alley along Austin Gardens for about four weeks. Access to the alley will not be available from the east and garbage collection will be accessed from the west. No progress has been made on the striping required to open South Boulevard to two-way traffic between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street, and installation of the remaining sidewalk east of the commercial driveway entrance at the [Eleven33](#) development site. The contractor continues to cite weather as the cause of the delays. Wide Open West cable is expected to begin installing fiber-optic cable later this month on Randolph Street between Harlem and Euclid avenues later this month. Since the majority of the work will be in the parkway using directional boring, Randolph Street traffic should not be affected. However, some side street closures may be necessary as the work progresses.

Public Works activities – A Street Lighting Division crew responded to the extensive damage to a light pole and traffic mast arm caused by last weekend's fatal traffic crash at Ridgeland Avenue and South Boulevard. Both the streetlight and traffic pole will need to be replaced. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a sewer line at 435 Garfield St., tested water shut-off valves on Berkshire Avenue related to last year's project between Grove and Linden avenues, and inspected fire hydrants for proper operation at various locations in the community. Streets Division crews restored five parkway locations and two street openings following water and sewer repairs that

required digging. Crews also continued filling potholes as street sweeping started on main streets and in selected parking areas. Three crews also were on the streets this week picking up litter in the business districts and other problem areas. Parkway tree pruning continued, with crews working south of I-290 near Clinton Avenue.

Employee news – Nurse Madelyn Brammer and Grants Coordinator Rahel Woldemichael took the Village’s public health support messages to the community last week by participating in the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce annual health fair. The pair set up a Health Department booth and talked with participants about the wide range of services available through the Village, including information on family case management, reproductive health, healthy eating, prescription drug storage and proper disposal, West Nile Virus prevention, e-cigarettes and emergency management. Many local public health stakeholders were in attendance, offering an opportunity to discuss the status of deliverables outlined in the five-year community health assessment and strategic [IPLAN](#).

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