



Village Manager's Report
Week ending September 4, 2020

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Sept. 7:
 - Labor Day, Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, Sept. 8
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Wednesday, Sept. 9:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Thursday, Sept. 10:
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting
- Friday, Sept. 11:
 - No meetings scheduled

Downtown business expansion – [MedMen](#) is preparing to substantially expand its Lake Street presence. The Oak Park medical and recreational marijuana dispensary will add an additional 2,000 square feet to its operations at 1132 Lake St. In addition to a much larger retail environment, MedMen also will make a range of other improvements including to bathrooms, access points, lighting and security.

New shared office space – A final occupancy permit has been granted to allow [CrossFunction Flexible Workspace](#) to open in the renovated Boulevard Arcade Building, 1033 South Blvd. In addition to its modern office conveniences, the boutique space has tin ceilings, iron staircases and terrazzo floors. Space will be available for teams, in private offices and in an open gallery with individual work areas. The space also includes a 600-square-foot, soundproof studio that will be available for recording, mixing, playback and podcast sessions.

Madison Street development – With work set to begin soon on the American House Senior Living Communities in the 700 block of Madison Street, the developer has established a web presence at www.americanhouse.com/oak-park/construction-updates for its promotion efforts and to help answer questions and provide construction updates. Preparation activities continued this week for the initial phase of the project, which involves relocating Village water and sewer mains.

Mosquito spraying canceled – Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was canceled last night (Thurs., Sept. 3) due to high and variable wind speeds. [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) officials say they currently have no plans to reschedule spraying next week as temperatures are predicted to drop sharply, which would not

be conducive to successful [spraying operations](#). The threat of West Nile Virus remains heightened into Labor Day weekend, officials warn, but should decline as temperatures drop. The Abatement District did spray in Oak Park on Aug. 18, which was the first time here since 2018. We have been asked to refer all questions regarding spraying, including options for those medically sensitive to the insecticide, to the Abatement District at 708.447.1765. District officials determine when spraying is necessary to help control the spread of the West Nile Virus within its 77-square-mile jurisdiction.

Lake Street update – Lake Street is set to open today (Fri., Sept. 4) between Harlem and Forest avenues. Activities such as installing signs and street furniture will continue over the next few weeks, but vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be unimpeded. Crews soon will be wrapping up installation of the new concrete sidewalks and light poles from Forest to Oak Park Avenue and Nicor infrastructure relocation activities in the area are expected to be completed next week. Streetscape work on Lake Street between Oak Park and Euclid avenues is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. Both Oak Park and Euclid Ave will remain open to two-way vehicle traffic until work requires temporary road closures and traffic detours. Since the construction office remains closed due to the pandemic, anyone with questions about specific aspects of the Lake Street improvement project may email info@betterlakestreet.com. Detailed information also is updated regularly at www.betterlakestreet.com.

Other construction updates – Installation of conduit for the Village's new fiber optic ring has now progressed to between Mann and Hatch schools. Replacement of the water main on Austin Boulevard is scheduled to begin at Erie Street after the Labor Day weekend. Staff has coordinated the start of the work with West Suburban Medical Center. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October. Application of a pavement life-extending material is expected to be completed by the end of the month after a delayed start. Routine inspections of Nicor infrastructure on Harrison Street between Scoville and Humphrey avenues continue to require periodic lane shifts into the adjacent parking lanes. Residents are notified in advance when parking near them may be affected.

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