



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending March 19, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, March 22:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, March 23:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, March 24:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, March 25:
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, March 26:
 - No meetings scheduled

New business guide launched – *Pick Oak Park*, the Village-funded marketing campaign created to promote local businesses, has launched a new business directory and an updated spring shopping guide. The new online directory allows users to find information on more than 1,000 licensed businesses in Oak Park by business type and business district. The shopping guide, which includes about 80 businesses with more added each week, is organized by business district and markets what is special about each district. *Pick Oak Park* also is advertising online with the *Wednesday Journal* and on Facebook and Instagram, as well as using social media and digital marketing tools. Visit www.pickoakpark.com to see the new directory and updated shopping guide.

Early voting begins Monday – Early voting begins at 9 a.m. on Monday (March 22) at Village Hall. Voting booths are in room 101 as in past years, with voter flow in and out of the building managed to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19. As with the presidential election, voters enter Village Hall via the courtyard entrance, with any lines kept outside for proper social distancing. Voters who park in the main lot will be directed to walk around the outside of the building to enter from the courtyard. Turnout typically is not as large for the municipal election as for a presidential election. Village Hall is not a polling place on Election Day April 6. A wide range of information on early voting, including weekday and weekend hours, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Oak Park Avenue detours – Northbound Oak Park Avenue traffic will be detoured at Chicago Avenue from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Monday (March 22) now that water main installation has begun. Crews are working along the east side of Oak Park Avenue moving north from Chicago toward Augusta Street. Northbound traffic will be detoured east to Ridgeland Avenue, north to Division Street and back west to Oak Park Avenue, but only during working hours. Northbound traffic will be allowed during evenings and on the weekends. Meanwhile, water main installation continues between Van Buren Street and Jackson Boulevard. Once completed, the new main will be pressure tested, chlorinated and flushed. Water samples then will be taken and if approved, individual service lines will be connected. Further south, crews expect to complete cleaning and televising the sewer main next week between Garfield Street and Roosevelt Road with spot repairs made as needed. All underground work on Oak Park Avenue is expected to be completed in June, with resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue to follow. The project is projected to be completed in November. Construction details and schedules are available at a dedicated website, www.opaveanew.com.

Vehicle charging stations increase – The Village has taken over management of the two electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot on North Boulevard between Marion Street and Forest Avenue. The stations, along with the solar canopy, were installed in 2011 and originally operated via a licensing agreement with I-GO Alternative Transportation for Chicagoland, Inc. This license agreement expired in 2018 and the [Center for Neighborhood Technology](#) has since paid for the electricity at these stations. CNT has now transferred responsibility for these stations to the Village, which brings the total number of public vehicle charging stations we manage to 20. These include four spaces at Village Hall, six spaces at the Holley Court Garage and four spaces each at The Avenue and Lake and Forest parking structures.

Overnight parking lot lost – Effective April 1, overnight parking permits will no longer be issued for the Village-managed lot at 901 S. Taylor Ave. (Lot 93). The property is owned by the Harrison Street Bible Church, which is selling the property to another church for its anticipated parking needs. However, the 20 spaces in the lot will continue to be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Lot 93 overnight permit holders were contacted and offered alternative parking options in the vicinity.

Madison/Euclid project update – Infrastructure relocation activities near the intersection of Madison Street and Euclid Avenue continues, as AT&T and ComEd crews make way for the new senior living facility to be built there. Nicor is scheduled to resume inspecting sewers on Monday (March 22) between Harrison Street and Jackson Boulevard, and between Gunderson Avenue and Austin Boulevard.

Employee news – Jamarro (Jay) Brown has been promoted to Water Division Supervisor at the Public Works Departments. Jay joined the Village in May 2019 after four years with the Village of LaGrange. In this newly created supervisory position, Jay will oversee water meter replacement, meter reading, cross connection control and other water loss programs.

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