



Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 11, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, June 14:
 - Village Board meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, June 15:
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, June 16:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, June 17:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, June 18:
 - No meetings scheduled

New business licenses – Nine new businesses were licensed by the Village in May. These include *Residential Mortgage* lending, 6821 North Ave.; *Oak Park Exclusive Salons & Suites, Inc.*, 6439 North Ave.; *Graphic Conservation Company*, 840 S. Oak Park Ave.; home kitchen *Just Chocolate!*, 202 N. Kenilworth Ave.; home-based video production and editing *Loose Cannon Films, Inc.*, 1120 Lyman Ave.; home-based online education vendor *Leaf Guides, Inc.*, 643 Fair Oaks Ave.; home-based e-commerce and shipping *The Lofty Noble, LLC*, 1187 Highland Ave.; home-based music talent representation *916 Productions, Inc.*, 901 N. East Ave.; and Chicago junk dealer *De La Cruz Brothers*. These new businesses bring to 32 the total number of new businesses licensed here through May of this year.

Vehicle license sales update – More than 4,800 vehicle licenses had been sold through June 5, the fifth week of this season's sales. These licenses generated about \$300,000 in revenue to help fund public services. Of the vehicle licenses sold to date, 81 percent were online, a trend that has grown steadily since the Village made the option available. Residents who had a vehicle license in 2019, but did not renew it in 2020 during the pandemic, will be allowed to purchase a 2021 license without penalty or having to reapply and submit the required documentation. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle is required to purchase a local vehicle license before July 15 to get the lowest possible rate. The cost of vehicle licenses increase by \$20 after the deadline. Village parking enforcement officers use remote electronic recognition technology to scan license plates to ensure compliance since a window decal is no longer issued.

Visit Oak Park Annual Meeting – [Visit Oak Park](#), the Village-supported tourism and visitors' bureau, will celebrate the launch of the local summer advertising campaign at its annual meeting scheduled for 3 – 5 p.m., Wed., June 23. This year's annual meeting will be held at [One Lake Brewing](#). More information about the event is available by contacting Visit Oak Park President & CEO Eric Wagner by email to eric@visitoakpark.us.

Door-to-door solicitation – It is that time of the year when applications to solicit door-to-door in Oak Park become more frequent. All companies and non-profit organizations are required to apply for a solicitation permit via a process administered through the Development Customer Services Department. Applicants are required to pass a local background check facilitated by the Oak Park Police Department. Residents with questions or concerns about solicitation can contact the Village by email to business@oak-park.us.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – The early stages of the resurfacing phase of the project began this week as crews started replacing crossing ramps, sidewalks and curbs at North Avenue, working south toward Roosevelt Road. The most significant traffic disruption remains in the area of the Madison Street intersection. Preliminary water valve installation south of the Madison Street intersection was expected to wrap up this week, which should allow the contractor to complete all utility work in the intersection the week of June 21. The water main trenches have been restored between Madison and Randolph streets, but the sewer lining underway between Harvard Street and Roosevelt Road has encountered material availability issues and will not be completed until the week of June 21. All remaining new private water service lines should be installed in the 500 block of north Oak Park Avenue next week, along with concrete items and landscaping. The entire project remains on schedule to be completed in November. Construction details and schedules are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Illinois Department of Transportation contractors are progressing on two separate state projects – repaving North Avenue between Harlem and Cicero avenues, and making corner sidewalk crossing ramps ADA compliant on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. Punch-list work related to last year's Lake Street reconstruction project between Harlem and Euclid avenues also continues, including tasks associated with street lighting and traffic signals and additional landscaping.

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