



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending Oct. 1, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Oct. 4:
 - Village Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Tuesday, Oct. 5:
 - American Rescue Plan Act community listening session, 9 a.m., via Zoom
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Wednesday, Oct. 6:
 - American Rescue Plan Act community listening session, 7 p.m., via Zoom
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Thursday, Oct. 7:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Friday, Oct. 8:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

ARPA citizen engagement – The citizen engagement effort to help the Village Board determine how best to address the local impact of COVID-19 using federal dollars from the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) is underway. Residents are invited to provide input through an [online survey](#), in virtual meetings and via a dedicated email address, ARPAcomments@oak-park.us. The dedicated webpage www.oak-park.us/arpa will be the repository for information and links to engagement opportunities. In addition to our standard communications tools including a [news release](#) and [enews](#), staff will use paid boosts to increase the reach of our social media messages. Virtual public listening sessions are scheduled for 9 to 10 a.m., Tues., Oct 5, and 7 to 9 p.m., Wed., Oct. 6 – links to participate will be posted at www.oak-park.us/arpa.

October zone meetings – Oak Park Police Chief LaDon Reynolds and members of his command staff will participate in each of the October town-hall-style virtual meetings hosted by our residential beat officers (RBOs). The command staff will discuss recent crime trends including vehicle hijackings and answer questions. Residents are urged

to visit www.oak-park.us/rbo, identify their neighborhood zone and sign up for monthly updates and meeting notices specific to their zone, including participation links for the October online meetings.

Parking pilot survey underway – The [online survey to gather public input](#) on Oak Park's parking pilot program opened this week. Residents who live within the pilot area bounded by Harlem Avenue east to Oak Park Avenue and South Boulevard south to Harrison Street, including portions of the adjacent business districts, were specifically asked to take the survey. However, residents Village wide also are invited to participate since results may help determine if aspects of the pilot program should be implemented in other areas of the community. The policies the survey is rating include standardized parking limits, exemptions, meter time extensions and graduated pricing at pay stations. simplifying Oak Park's parking restrictions and regulations. [Click here to take the survey..](#)

ResCorp planned development application – The Oak Park Residence Corporation has submitted a planned development application for a six-story, 45-unit residential building at 7 Van Buren St. The petitioner is seeking zoning allowances to increase the height and lot coverage, and to decrease the required lot area, side setback, parking and loading area. The Village also is being asked to vacate a portion of Van Buren Street abutting the property. The development is proposed to be a net zero energy building with nine of the units – or 20 percent – meeting federal affordability criteria. The application is scheduled to go before the Plan Commission on Oct. 7.

Business, non-profit loan program – Applications are now being accepted for the Village's new Business and 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Coronavirus Recovery Grant Program funded by federal [American Rescue Plan Act](#). The program is intended to help local businesses with less than \$3 million in annual average gross receipts and Oak Park-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. More information, including eligibility criteria and application forms, is available at www.oak-park.us/covid19gant.

Pie bake-off entry date extended – Registration for the Oak Park Farmers' Market Pie Bake-Off Contest has been extended through Oct. 5. The contest is set for Oct. 9 and is open to professional and amateur bakers age 16 and older. This year's contest will be limited to 10 entries, with participants chosen from among the entries by lottery. The contest rules and registration form are posted online at www.oak-park.us/2021piebakeoff. Entry forms may be dropped off at the Farmers' Market information tent on Saturday or submitted by email to farmersmarket@oak-park.us.

Honey harvest – The honeybees that call the hives atop the Public Works Center and Village Hall home have been hard at work this season. Village staff delivered 200, six-ounce jars of *Rooftop Honey* to [Beyond Hunger](#), which provides hunger relief programs and services to 13 zip codes across Cook County, including Oak Park. The Village maintains its hives to support local honeybee populations and create awareness of the importance of honeybees. More information about our beekeeping efforts is posted at www.oak-park.us/honeybees.

Oak Park Avenue paved – The final surface layer was installed this week on Oak Park Avenue. Permanent traffic control striping is set to be applied next week. Traffic signal detector loops have been installed at all intersections and all sidewalk and curb concrete pours completed. Flashing pedestrian beacons have been installed at the Lexington Street, Van Buren Street and Ontario Street intersections. Beacons also will be installed at the Erie Street intersection for the planned bicycle route. Restoration of the parkways disrupted by the construction will be the final step in the project. Updates on the Oak Park Avenue project are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Ridgeland Avenue bridge repair update – A new traffic pattern will be in place next week as the repair of the bridge over the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway on Ridgeland Avenue continues. Traffic will continue to be restricted to one lane in each direction, but will be diverted to the west side of the roadway next week as the east side is closed for repairs. Pedestrian travel will remain limited until work is completed. Work is projected to continue through October.

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