



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 7, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- June 8:
 - Village Board Retreat, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Carleton, Columbian room
- June 10:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 130
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- June 11:
 - Condo Network, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Medical Reserve Corps, 7 p.m., room 102
- June 12:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
- June 13:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- July 4: Parade, 10 a.m. (Ridgeland/Jackson)

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Outdoor sculpture walk underway – The outdoor sculpture walk is well underway with the new sculptures installed at 12 high-profile locations in and around downtown Oak Park through Sept. 2. To augment materials created for the self-guided walking tour, Communications staff created an interactive map designed for convenient display on smartphones at www.oak-park.us/sculpturewalk. The brochure also is posted online and available at the Visitors Center.

North Boulevard water and sewer main Improvements – Multiple crews are working to connect all of the buildings to the new water and sewer mains. Restoration of the curbs and street paving should begin soon with a tentative goal of reopening the street by end of next week, barring any weather delays. Once North Boulevard is open to traffic, work will continue to restore brick areas and complete any punch-list items.

In the meantime, eastbound traffic on North Boulevard west of Kenilworth Avenue will continue to be detoured south on Kenilworth under the viaduct. Communication and coordination with the businesses on the schedule will continue until the project is finished.

Capital improvements update – Only punch-list items and landscaping at Austin Boulevard remain on the LeMoyne Boulevard water and sewer improvement project between Austin and Hayes Avenue. Further south on Taylor Avenue between Randolph Street and South Boulevard, the contractor is scheduled to pour concrete over the next couple of weeks, as the water main project moves toward completion. Taylor should be reopened to traffic in late June.

Fire Department update – Education and preparation maintenance were key themes of Fire Department activities in May, with the MABAS Division XI fire safety trailer visiting schools and every hydrant in the Village tested for proper flow. The fire safety trailer gave more than 700 young students an opportunity to learn important fire safety lessons in an environment they can remember and relate to in the portable miniature home with kitchen and bedroom teaching areas. All 1,233 fire hydrants in the Village were tested in May, their valves exercised and flow pressures checked as mandated by the [Insurance Service Organization \(ISO\)](#) to maintain the community's excellent fire insurance rating. Crews responded to one working fire in May. Calls for emergency medical services continued to be the top activity category for the Fire Department in May, with the 331 calls representing 64 percent of the total. The 87 calls for alarms initiated ranked second (17 percent), followed by 73 general service calls (13 percent) and 30 fire/hazardous conditions (6 percent). Through May, the Fire Department had responded to 2,553 calls.

Police calls for services update – Calls to police increased in May, as Police responded to 3,046 calls as compared to 2,775 calls in April. Medium-priority calls such as accidents with no injuries, continued to be the largest category of calls in May, representing about 39 percent of total calls. The number of high-priority calls represented about 32 percent of all calls in May, down slightly from April. Police fielded 973 high-priority calls in May, compared to 975 in April. Response times remained low in May, with officers responding to high-priority calls in an average of three minutes and 40 seconds. So far this year, Oak Park Police have responded to more than 13,169 calls for service.

Taxi license process update – As of May 22, the Office of the Village Clerk had received 207 applications for chauffeur (taxi driver) licenses for 2013. Each applicant must complete a state fingerprint background check before being authorized by the Police Department to be issued a license, a process that helps ensure that only qualified applicants are issued licenses. Because the state process is online, any subsequent issues also are reported to the Police Department. Of the applicants, 175 licenses were issued to drivers for our three licensed taxi dispatch services – Blue Cab, Red Cab and American Taxi – and 32 were denied based on fingerprint results.

Vehicle sticker sales update – Through the first four weeks of the season, 9,344 vehicle stickers had been sold. Online sales represented about 73 percent of the total, followed by in-person at Village Hall (15 percent) and mail-in renewals (12 percent). For the first four-week period last year, 10,772 vehicle stickers had been

sold – 73 percent online, 16 percent at Village Hall and 11 percent via mail. Vehicle sticker sales started a week earlier this year than last year as the vendor dropped the renewal mail earlier than expected and a few days before the online system was operational, so exact date-to-date comparisons cannot be made. A better comparative indication should come as the deadline nears. Parking Services will continue to provide periodic updates.

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