



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending June 26, 2015**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, June 29:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  
- Tuesday, June 30:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  
- Wednesday, July 1:
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Thursday, July 2:
  - Special Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Friday, June 3:
  - Village Hall - Closed
  
- Saturday, June 4:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, 10 a.m. – Longfellow Park (Ridgeland/Adams)

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Tuesday, July 7 – Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
- Saturday, August 1 – Village Board Outreach – Farmer's Market, 7am-1pm
- Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

**Coal City tornado aid response**– Two Public Works employees were dispatched to Coal City to help with recovery after a powerful tornado touched down, damaging homes and knocking down power lines. Ron Schwab and Otto Hartl took the department's grappling truck to assist with debris removal. Their mobilization is part of the Village's membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN), which is a system of public works agencies available for response in the event of disasters.

**Storm debris collection** – A storm debris collection event coordinated by the Refuse and Recycling Division sent Waste Management trucks to approximately 200

residences in the Village last weekend. The trucks picked up waterlogged, storm-damaged debris, much of it from residential basements that had flooded after the June 15 storms.

**Vehicle sticker sales** – Sales of vehicle stickers are continuing as we approach the July 14 deadline to display the new sticker. As of June 15, when the most recent data was available, the Village had processed 13,340 sticker sales across all platforms (mail, web and in-person). This is slightly ahead of last year's sticker sales and represents more than half of the total sales expected before the deadline in July. Residents can [renew their sticker online](#) and save 10 percent.

**FBI Academy graduate** – Police Cmdr. Ladon Reynolds graduated from the FBI National Academy Program earlier this month in Quantico, Va. More than 200 law enforcement officers from 47 states took part in the 10-week program, which focused on leadership, communications and fitness training.

**Electronics recycling event** – The Public Works Department will host the next electronic recycling event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The events are scheduled for the last Saturday of each month from May through October. After last month's record-setting event, staff will be asking for identification to ensure residents are served first now that state collection goals have been met and the Village is incurring costs. Since the Village began recycling electronic items in 2010, nearly 740,000 pounds of electronics have been collected from more than 9,600 households.

**Holiday traffic enforcement** – Oak Park police launched a period of enhanced traffic enforcement leading into the July 4 holiday. With federal traffic safety funds through [Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety](#), additional officers will be on the street from Fri., June 26 through Sun., July 5 looking for impaired and unbuckled motorists. The effort is part of a statewide [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) and [Click It or Ticket](#) enforcement effort that targets those holidays when drug and alcohol related traffic accidents tend to be high. Our officers will focus on late-night hours when statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur that involve drunk drivers and unbuckled motorists. More information about the special enforcement effort is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Reservoir project updates** – Interior roof repairs are continuing at the central water reservoir under Stevenson Park. As long as no rain is forecast, the contractor plans to install the sealing on the outside of the reservoir roof this weekend. Work will be performed overnight to take advantage of cooler temperatures.

**Alley improvements** – Some alley improvements were delayed due to rain, though crews were able to continue with pavement removal and storm sewer work to prepare for upcoming concrete pours.

**Ridgeland Avenue sewer project** - Mainline sewer installation on Ridgeland Avenue is complete up to Augusta. Work will resume next week starting north of Augusta, with a tentative completion date in the first week of August. In conjunction with the local sewer project, Ridgeland Avenue is being resurfaced. The first layer of asphalt was paved this week from South Boulevard to Chicago Avenue and the second layer will follow next week in preparation for the July 4 parade. The remaining resurfacing

between Chicago Avenue and Division Street will begin after the conclusion of the sewer project.

**Capital improvements** - Water and sewer work on Harvey Avenue between Augusta and Thomas was delayed due to weather and is tentatively scheduled to begin next week. Resurfacing is underway with concrete pours that have begun on Wesley Avenue from Harvard to Garfield.

**Public Works Activities** – Crews trimmed weeds and picked up litter in local business districts. Bluestone repair work continued in the DTOP area and the Pleasant District. The Water and Sewer Division completed repairs in the alley behind Madison Street, as well as at the dead end of South Humphrey north of Madison. The Division also repaired the water service at 216 N. Ridgeland, installed a new water service as part of the lead abatement program at 412 Pleasant, and performed water taps on Elmwood and Roosevelt. The Forestry Division continued to respond to tree damage and failures from heavy rains. In addition, the crew has been doing pruning in preparation for sewer work that will occur along North Kenilworth and North Harvey in the upcoming weeks.

**Tree City USA** – The Village has once again been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This year's recognition is the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year that the honor has been bestowed upon the Village.

**Employee news** – Diane Stanislavski in Public Works recently earned a scholarship to obtain the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) certification.