



Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 14, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, August 17:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130

- Wednesday, August 19:
 - Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Oak Park Township
 - Farmer's Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 124

- Thursday, August 20:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Friday, August 21:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 24, Tentative Village Board Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

Weekend activities abound – The weekend will be a busy one for both residents and visitors seeking entertaining activities. The annual corn roast is scheduled for about 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Oak Park Farmers' Market as, fresh-picked corn gathered from vendors is sold by the ear hot off the roaster. Later that same day the [Micro Brew and Food Review](#) will return to Marion Street from 3 to 7 p.m. featuring craft beers from dozens of breweries and food from a range of Oak Park's restaurants. Then on Sunday the annual [Wright Ride](#) will begin in Oak Park, offering a family friendly opportunity to bicycle through some of the area's most architecturally rich communities with routes ranging from 10 miles to 68 miles.

Ridgeland Avenue work nears completion – Contractors wrapped up the sewer replacement project on Ridgeland Avenue last week, as the project that has created traffic detours on the important north-south roadway through most of the summer nears the end. All concrete work was completed this week in preparation for repaving by state contractors, which is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Social media update – The Village’s official social media presence has continued to grow. The number of fans of [our Facebook page](#) recently surpassed 5,000, a significant milestone in the evolution of the page. Followers of [our Twitter feed](#) are approaching 4,000 and more than 2,500 individuals also subscribe to the [e-news](#) distribution list. The number of videos on the [Village YouTube channel](#) is nearing 350, with just under 150,000 views.

Capital improvement project updates – The water main has been installed on Harvey Avenue between Augusta and Thomas streets, with pavement restoration to follow in the next several weeks. Sewer work began last week on Kenilworth Avenue adjacent to Holmes Elementary School, with activity beginning at Chicago Avenue and proceeding north to Augusta Street. All work directly adjacent to the school is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of classes on Aug. 31. Asphalt patching will begin next week at various locations throughout the Village. Repair to the Central Water Reservoir under Stevenson Park is expected to be completed by mid-September, as sod replacement is the only remaining task.

Street resurfacing underway – The pavement has been removed on all five roadways scheduled to be repaved in the season’s first round of resurfacing projects, with the new surfaces to be applied soon. Concrete work is underway on the two remaining streets scheduled for repaving in this phase.

Alley improvements winding down – Five of the seven alleys improved during the season’s second round of projects have been opened to traffic. The remaining two are expected to be reopened to traffic in mid-August.

Public Works activities – Damaged wrought iron fencing is being removed along Roosevelt Road, while parking lots throughout the Village are being cleaned and weeds removed in the business districts. Curbs by fire hydrants were painted at various locations throughout the Village and thermoplastic pavement markings were restored on portions of Oak Park Avenue. Crews also continued repairs to pavement and curbs where water issues required excavation at various locations in the community. Sewer laterals at 1026 N. Lombard Ave. and 167 N. Humphrey Ave. and a basin vault at 229 Washington Blvd. were repaired. A water service box at 618 Forest Ave. was reset and a catch basin at Pleasant Street and Ridgeland Avenue was repaired. Sinkholes were repaired in the alley at 1111 Westgate Street and at the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Greenfield Street. Stump removals and responses to individual resident requests were completed, along with collection of some remaining storm debris.

Employee news – Human Resources Director Kim Shamley’s last day with the Village was Wednesday, as she left to pursue a professional opportunity in another state. Routine, day to day administrative duties will continue to be handled by the HR Department’s two-member staff. The Village Manager will provide direct oversight for the department until a new interim or permanent director is selected.

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