



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending April 29, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, May 2:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, May 3:
 - Reinventing Government Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 130
 - CDCAC, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, May 4:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m. room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, May 5:
 - Plan Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Friday, May 6:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Saturday, May 7
 - Ethnic Fest Parade, 10 a.m., (Cuyler and Washington)

Pace to host North Avenue Corridor Study open house – Area residents are invited to learn more about the North Avenue Corridor Study being conducted by Pace, the suburban bus division of the Regional Transportation Authority. The open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tues. May 3, in the Bulger Park Facility, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park. More information is posted at www.northavenuecorridorstudy.com.

Farmers' Market to start on May 21 - The Farmers' Market will feature weekly not-for-profit bake sales, special events including a monthly "Kid's Day" and "Go Green Days" (May 21 & 28), "Corn Roast" (August) and "Stone Soup" (October 29). The Farmers' Market will feature fresh produce, breads, meats and artisanal cheeses.

May is Building Safety Month - a time to raise awareness and understanding of what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Several events are being planned in Oak Park. There will be **Residential Construction Symposia**: Learn about permits, the permit process and requirements for remodeling kitchens, baths and basements – 9 a.m., Wed., May 4, Council Chamber of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. and 7 p.m., Wed., May 11, Oak Park Public

Library, 834 Lake St. Next, there will be an open house to tour the new Development Customer Services Department, which oversees building permits, inspections and code enforcement – 5 to 7 p.m., Mon., May 16, Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Light refreshments will be served. Last, there will be a **Lunch & Learn** Presentation by Masonry Council's Kevin Cavanaugh on Aminoplast Masonry Foam, Insulation & Next Gen CMU Facts – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., room 101, Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Free lunch for those who RSVP to scutaia@oak-park.us.

VillageView update – The Development Customer Services Department is poised to launch VillageView, the new software solution for licensing, permitting and inspections set to go live on May 9. The current software system is scheduled to be turned off on April 29 to migrate existing data to the new system. Information will be input by hand during the week between the two systems. While this time likely will be difficult, the bright side is that staff will have an opportunity to practice how they might have to deal with an unexpected issue such as a power failure. In the meantime, staff will participate in two weeks of intensive training beginning April 25 in preparation for the launch. Once up and running, VillageView will improve the permit processing functions by allowing multiple departments to communicate more efficiently and effectively. In addition, customers will be able to obtain real-time information about their permit applications, inspections, license applications and property complaints.

3 Hour Parking Limits - The Parking and Mobility Services Department have begun the process in designating lots 3, 10, and 118 in the Downtown Oak Park Business District, as 3 hour parking lots. Signage is scheduled to be complete on Friday, April 29. Starting next week, a public education process will start with the local businesses and patrons of those parking lots. 15-minute meters are also being installed on the north side of Lake Street east of Marion Street; and on both the east and west sides of Marion Street south of Lake Street.

Harrison Street Lighting Improvements – Work on the Harrison Street Lighting Improvement project, from Ridgeland to Austin, continued this week, with removal and foundation pours continuing for proposed pole locations.

Nicor Gas Main Replacement – Restoration for Nicor work continues at various locations in the northern portion of the Village.

Alley and Sidewalk Improvements – Work continues on the Alley program with sewer installed on nine total alleys, and concrete pavement has been completed on four alleys, with most of the work in the southern portion of the Village so far. 14 residents within the alley project limits have decided to opt into the private apron replacement program – this program replaces resident's private aprons at the contract unit price. Staff from the Engineering Division drove the 2017 alley-list this week, to refine the selection for next year. Sidewalk improvements continued this week; all sidewalks north of Lake Street between Ridgeland and Marion have been completed. It is anticipated that the program will be completed in three weeks. Engineering staff met with staff this week to discuss the Historical Sandstone Sidewalk Program which will be implemented later this summer.

South Blvd Streetscape – Sewer construction began this week, and water main installation is anticipated to begin next week. Staff from the Engineering Division is checking in with the adjacent businesses to ensure their needs are coordinated during the work. Today and

Monday, May 2nd, the South Blvd work will be on hold as Kiewit construction will be utilizing the closure in order to work on the CTA Green Line track work.

Street Resurfacing – The first resurfacing project of the year is scheduled to begin May 2nd on the 500 and 600 blocks of South Harvey and the 800 – 1000 blocks of Mapleton.

Non-Village construction projects - The City of Chicago Department of Water Management contractors have completed the Madison sewer project in Chicago, and the detour of eastbound traffic on Madison is now open. Improvements to the CTA Green Line tracks began on Friday, April 1st, at the Harlem station; all stations in Oak Park will be closed while any work is being performed. Work is scheduled to occur over seven weekends. Work continues this weekend on Friday night at 7 p.m. until Monday morning at 6 a.m., but parking restrictions start at 7 a.m. on Friday morning as needed. This will be the fourth weekend of seven construction weekends.

Public Works Activities – The Streets Division assisted the Water and Sewer Division with repairing a sinkhole on Harlem and the Division also completed temporary blue stone crosswalk patching until they can be replaced. The Division also placed an additional load of compost at the Rehm Pool parking lot for use by compost program participants. Curb excavation and framing for areas where water and sewer repairs took place have started. Litter removal, parking lot cleaning, and filling potholes continued. The Water and Sewer Division repaired a sinkhole on Chicago Ave. & Harlem. The Division also repaired a catch basin at Cuyler and Erie as well as reset a buffalo box at 1234 Edmer. The Street Lighting Division re-lamped the street lights on Harlem from Roosevelt to Garfield. The Division also repaired cable trouble that was causing light outages on the East Avenue Bridge over I-290. The Forestry Division continues preparing for the upcoming planting season tagging trees and marking locations. Landscaping work also continues throughout the Village. Forestry Division staff and their landscape architect, Altamanu, met with residents of the 900-1200 blocks of N. Kenilworth to discuss a vision of the median improvements ongoing in that space. The Division also continues focusing on routine tasks including responding to resident requests, and delivering compost materials to two schools.

Earth Month Events – Earth Fest was held on Saturday, April 23rd at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There were 40 vendors offering various services, three food trucks, and approximately 500 attendees.

Employee News – DeAngela Boston and Mary Kindred of Fleet Services both received their certifications for Certified Petroleum Storage Tank Operators. The certification required approximately ten hours of online training and testing through a certified Illinois testing website. Greg Soltwisch of the Streets Division obtained certification through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) becoming the Department's news certified arborist.