



Village Manager's Report Weeks ending March 17, 2017

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, March 20:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Tuesday, March 21:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Wednesday, March 22:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, March 23:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30p.m., room 215
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Friday, March 24:
 - No scheduled meetings

Early voting begins next week – Village Hall once again will host early voting beginning next week. Voting is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Sundays, from March 20 through April 3. Individuals with proper identification can register to vote during early voting and then immediately cast a ballot. A wide range of voting information, including voting sample ballots and other early voting locations, is posted online at www.cookcountyclerk.com. With Village Hall serving as a polling place for early voting, the state statute prohibiting electioneering – political discussion – at polling places applies. Therefore, no one may solicit votes within 100 feet of room 101, which is the official polling place and essentially covers inside Village Hall. In addition, no person may interrupt, hinder or oppose any voter from entering Village Hall. Election judges will be at Village Hall and are responsible for enforcement.

Snow removal report – The work week began early for Public Works crews who responded as light snow began falling at about midnight Sunday and picked up through the early morning hours Monday. By noon, streets were cleared of the two inches of snow that accumulated throughout the morning. The process then repeated Monday night into Tuesday morning as an additional three inches of snow fell across the Village. Crews remained busy salting streets and plowing main streets and alleys Tuesday afternoon as an additional one to two inches fell during bursts of lake-effect snow. With temperatures dipping below freezing Tuesday evening, two Streets Division operators worked overnight Wednesday to salt school crosswalks, overpasses and public sidewalks.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing update – Letters were sent to alert residents and businesses to the upcoming construction work that will include streetscape improvements and new pavement along Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues. Staff also took time to meet with business operators individually. Minor concrete removals were scheduled to begin this week for street lighting improvements.

Alley improvement plans – Preconstruction meetings for the upcoming season’s alley improvement projects have been held with contractors. Residents and businesses affected by the work will be notified by letter about two weeks before construction begins in their alleys. Staff will coordinate garbage collection and parking needs as work gets underway. Staff also will meet with business operators individually to brief them on construction activity that may affect their operations.

Public Works activities – Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break at 944 S. Maple Ave., a leaking water valve at the intersection of Augusta Street and Lombard Avenue and a sewer lateral at 1035 S. Maple Ave. Street Division crews continued sign work, filling potholes and accident clean-up as necessary. Winter-cycle tree pruning is nearing completion with activity now moving west from Ridgeland Avenue between Chicago Avenue and Division Street. Contractors also continued removal of diseased and damaged trees throughout the Village.

Pace, Metra seeking public input – Both Pace and Metra are seeking public input into plans that may affect riders, which include many Oak Park residents. Pace will hold an open house on its [North Avenue Corridor Study](#) from 5 to 8 p.m., Wed., March 22, at the Elmhurst Public Library, 125 Prospect Ave. The study, which is funded by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), is focused on improving public transit efficiency and connectivity along North Avenue, including addressing pedestrian access issues, transit connections, traffic conditions and economic development opportunities. Metra is seeking [input via an online survey](#) through March 31 on a variety of potential fare and ticket options. Both organizations have asked the Village to help spread the word about these opportunities for public participation in their planning processes.

Residents sought for high school work group – The Oak Park River Forest High School administration has asked the Village to help reach out to residents who may be interested in serving on a its new *Imagine OPRF* work group. This committee will be comprised mainly of community members and will work on recommending a facilities plan to the District 220 Board of Education by reviewing previous facilities work, exploring new options and gathering community input. Anyone interested in applying must attend one pre-application meeting at the high school on March 20, April 6 or April 8, as well as submit an application posted online at <https://goo.gl/eL3QYE>.

Employee news – Veteran employee Vanetta Logan is the new Executive Coordinator in the Village Manager’s Office, succeeding Sue Kornatowski who has moved to a new position in the Human Resources Department. Vanetta has been with the Village since 2008, working as a supervisor of the Police Department’s Records Division. She has a master’s degree in human resource development from Northeastern Illinois University and a bachelor’s degree in human resource management from Lewis University.

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