



**Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending April 14, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, April 17:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Transportation Commission, 9:00 a.m., room 102
 - CDCAC, 6:00p.m., room 101

- Tuesday, April 18:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Wednesday, April 19:
 - CDCAC, 6:00 p.m., room 130
 - Community Relations Commission, 7:00 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, April 20:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room215

- Friday, April 21:
 - No meetings scheduled

Public health survey closing – The Community Health Needs Assessment survey intended to help set future public health priorities will end on Sat., April 15. Anyone who lives, works or attends school in Oak Park or River Forest is invited to take the survey. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete and all respondents are anonymous. The survey is posted at www.oak-park.us/needsassessment.

July 4th Parade recruitment begins – July 4th may seem like a long way off, but the Community Relations Department already has begun recruiting participants, volunteers and sponsors for the annual parade that not only celebrates our nation's birthday, but also showcases our community's diversity. June 2 is the deadline to register to be in the parade, which typically attracts more than 75 groups each year. A registration form is available at Village Hall, by email to community@oak-park.us or via the Village website at www.oak-park.us/community. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services. The Community Relations Commission, which organizes the parade, needs volunteers on the morning of July 4th to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. For more information call 708.358.5407 or send an email to community@oak-park.us.

Key box emergency entry program – The Fire Department is participating in a key-box program that allows property owners to guarantee first responders have rapid access to their businesses and/or homes in case of an emergency. Working with industry leader [Knox-Box](#), the Fire Department maintains a master key to access the entry key stored securely inside the box. Officials say the cost of the key box generally is advantageous to avoiding any delay in response times or the cost of replacing a door if it must be forced open to gain emergency access. More information on the program, which is available for both commercial and residential properties, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Chicago Avenue construction – Installation of foundations and wiring for new street lights continued on Chicago Avenue, as contractors work on the final section of the Chicago Avenue resurfacing project that began last year. Spot repairs to sewers are tentatively scheduled to begin next week, but traffic flow will be maintained. This final section of Chicago Avenue, which includes streetscape improvements, is between Harlem and Belleforte avenues. Engineering Division staff has worked closely with business operators affected by the work to make sure they are kept up to date on the progress and any specific impacts.

Water and sewer main improvements – Pavement removal began this week on Taylor Avenue between Flournoy and Harrison streets. Utility work will begin next week starting at Harrison Street and proceeding south to Flournoy Street. Through traffic will be detoured temporarily via Van Buren between Lyman and Lombard avenues while work is occurring in the intersection. Improvements will not impede vehicles or pedestrian access to businesses and residences along Harrison Street. Engineering staff is coordinating with Harrison Street business operators near the site to maintain communication about the project and minimize impacts from the construction.

Alley improvements – Underground drainage improvements continued this week on alley segments set to be reconstructed, while pavement removal began on North Boulevard between Kenilworth and Oak Park avenues. Nine residents within the project's boundaries have opted to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed, allowing them to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Work on the Brookfield-North Riverside water line to be installed along Fillmore Street is set to begin at Harlem Avenue in late May. The Oak Park portion of the project, which will carry Lake Michigan water to the two communities, should be completed by late November. Fillmore will be reconstructed as part of the project. Adjacent residents and businesses will receive letters detailing the work, garbage collection and parking coordination prior to the start of work.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Curb removal began this week on Lake Street adjacent to the Emerson redevelopment project downtown. Underground electrical work, roadway excavation and relocation of fire hydrants will occur within the fenced construction site.

Public Works activities – Street Division crews patched streets that had been opened to repair water lines at various locations, including at Harlem Avenue and Superior Street. Crews also repaired brick at Oak Park Avenue and North Boulevard, and continued installing speed bumps in designated alleys. Water & Sewer Division crews

repaired a catch basin at 419 Randolph St. and completed a sewer lateral repair at 629 S. Lombard Ave. The winter tree pruning cycle has been completed, but contractors will continue with removals of diseased and damaged trees. Forestry Division crews began assessing and repairing landscape that had been restored following construction work last fall.

Township seeking volunteers – The Township has asked the Village to help spread the word about its need for Youth Services Advisory Committee volunteers. Applications are available at www.oakparktownship.org, at the main Township office, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., and by calling 708.383.8005. The deadline to apply is Fri., April 21. More information is [posted on the Township website](#).

Employee news – Stacy Dexter has joined the Development Customer Services Department as Permits Supervisor. Stacy comes to DCS Permits Processing Division after nine years in the Building & Zoning Department of the Village of Oswego. She holds several certifications, including from the [International Code Council \(ICC\)](#).

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