



## Village Manager's Report Week ending June 29, 2018

### Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 2:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, July 3:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, July 4:
  - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closed
- Thursday, July 5:
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Friday, July 6:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Police holiday traffic enforcement**– Oak Park Police are out in full force through July 8, showing zero tolerance for impaired drivers. In addition, officers are checking to make sure drivers and their passengers are buckled up as required by state law. The Oak Park holiday traffic enforcement effort is part of a statewide initiative intended to discourage impaired and unbuckled motorists during the busy July 4 holiday. [More details are posted online.](#)

**Parking restrictions eased** – Enforcement of the [overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will be eased on most Oak Park residential streets during the July 4 holiday. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., June 30, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Fri., July 6. However, restrictions will remain in effect in areas such as on-street enclaves and zones that are reserved for permit holders. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

**July 4th parade** – The many dimensions of Oak Park will be on display when the annual Independence Day parade steps off at 10 a.m., Wed., July 4. The Village Board is scheduled to be third in the lineup, just behind the Fire and Police departments that traditionally lead the procession. Parade participants are asked to be at the staging area by 9:30 a.m. near Longfellow Park on Adams Street, just east of Ridgeland Avenue. As in past years, the parade will march north on Ridgeland to Augusta Street and disperse by [Whittier School](#). The annual fireworks display is set to begin at dusk in the football stadium of [Oak Park and River Forest High School](#).

**Village Hall closed on July 4** – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Wed., July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the

level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents can call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

**Streetlight survey update** – Residents are being invited to share their views on the new LED streets being tested by the Public Works Department. The upcoming issue of the [OP/FYI](#), which should begin reaching mailboxes next week, urges residents to visit the blocks where the new lamps are being tested and share their opinions at [www.oak-park.us/streetlightsurvey](http://www.oak-park.us/streetlightsurvey). Wider promotion efforts will be coordinated with delivery of the newsletter, which goes to every residential address in the community. The issue already is [posted on the website](#).

**Condo training update** – A free seminar on recent changes to Illinois' Condominium Property Act attracted more than 65 attendees to Village Hall this week. Hosted by the Neighborhood Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department, attendees included condominium owners and association board members who recognized a valuable opportunity to learn more from the experts. An attorney from [Keough & Moody](#), a law firm that provides legal services for condominium and homeowners' associations, explained recent changes to the state law and answered questions. A news story about the seminar is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Cavalcade of Pride awards** – The selection process for the 2019 Cavalcade of Pride Awards has begun. The awards recognize both residential and business property owners for their efforts in beautifying, maintaining and improving their properties. Members of the Community Design Commission traverse assigned sections the Village, street by street, to choose properties to nominate for the prestigious award. The nominations of each commissioner are reviewed by their colleagues to reach consensus on the award winners, who are honored at a ceremony in December. In the meantime, nominations are being sought for the annual [Historic Preservation Awards](#), which also are presented at the December ceremony.

**Albion project update** – ComEd was scheduled to install temporary electric service for the construction project this week, which required closing the east-west alley to the north of the site during construction hours on Thursday and Friday. Now that the caisson subcontractor has completed work, the concrete subcontractor is expected to pour foundations next week for the tower crane scheduled to be erected the following week. Underground utility work is scheduled to begin early next week on Forest Avenue, which will require lane closures during working hours for several days. Village staff is continuing to monitor pedestrian safety along the site perimeter after additional signs and barriers were installed to discourage pedestrians from walking in the street along the construction site.

**Boulevards project update** – Installation of water and sewer mains were scheduled to begin this week along North Boulevard between Forest and Clinton avenues, the work starting at Clinton. North Boulevard remains closed to through traffic between Forest and Clinton avenues, but is accommodating two-way local traffic between Clinton and Kenilworth avenues. Traffic is being detoured around the construction site via Lake Street. Staff has continued to communicate directly with residents whose parking has been affected, with arrangements made to accommodate their vehicles in the Holley Court Parking Garage. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes also will be posted online at [www.oak-park.us/boulevards](http://www.oak-park.us/boulevards).

**Street resurfacing** – Resurfacing began this week on streets south of South Boulevard as part of the current contract. The final layer of pavement is scheduled to be applied next week. South Boulevard traffic is no longer being detoured from Lombard Avenue to Austin Boulevard. Preparation began this week for repaving of the streets included in the Lake Street project. [Bids for the second round](#) of street resurfacing projects were due on Thurs., July 28.

**Alley improvements** – Pavement removal began this week in the alley located between Cuyler and Harvey avenues and north of Lake Street. Fourteen alleys have been completed to date and 47 residents within the boundaries of the projects have elected to have their private garage aprons replaced to take advantage of the Village's contract price.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Landscaping along the Euclid Avenue side of the District House development on Lake Street began this week after last week's rain delay. The sidewalk will be closed along the Euclid Avenue building frontage as material by the construction entrance is removed, topsoil placed and the area sodded. Trees, perennials and shrubs also will be planted. The contractor for Rush Hospital began work this week on Maple Avenue where a traffic diverter is being replaced with a landscaped cul-de-sac and a bike cut-through.

**Public Works activities** – Heavy rainfall this week kept Water & Sewer Division crews busy clearing sewer inlets that had caused standing water on streets throughout the Village. In addition to the weather-related tasks, crews also repaired sewer laterals at 1219 N. Taylor Ave. and the northwest corner of Ridgeland Avenue and Greenfield St., reset a water control box at 1030 Wisconsin Ave. and upgraded water services at 1136 S. Maple Ave. and 1008 N. East Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Streets Division crews repainted faded pavement crosswalks and stop bars at Garfield Street and East Avenue, and at Garfield Street and Home Avenue. The Division also picked up litter, cleaned under viaducts and repaired pavement where water lines were repaired and water services upgraded. Street Lighting Division crews installed new power sources on Lake Street and Chicago Avenue at Harvey Avenue where the Police Department is testing security cameras. Crews also repaired an electrical cable at 1136 S. Maple Ave. that had been damaged by a contractor. Forestry Division crews focused on routine duties, including responding to resident requests, and managing tree-care and landscape contractors.

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