



Village Manager's Report Week ending July 6, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 9:
 - Special meeting of the Village Board, 7:30 p.m., council chamber
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Tuesday, July 10:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Environment & Energy Commission, room 130

- Wednesday, July 11:
 - Farmers' Market Commission 7 p.m., room 101

- Thursday, July 12:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., council chamber

- Friday, July 13:
 - No meetings scheduled

West Nile virus returns – A pool of mosquitoes collected the last week of June in north Oak Park tested positive for West Nile virus. The finding is typical for this time of year as conditions begin to favor the disease-carrying culex mosquito. The Health Department is [disseminating information](#) to help residents protect themselves against getting bitten and reduce mosquito breeding sites. The hot, wet weather also has made conditions right for a significant increase in the numbers of the common nuisance mosquitoes that tend to be more aggressive biters. The same precautions are recommended against both types of mosquitoes, including wearing insect repellent and limiting time outdoors between dusk and dawn when the insects are most active.

Boulevards project update – Installation of water and sewer mains is progressing along North Boulevard between Forest and Clinton avenues. 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 either the Holley Court or the Lake and Forest parking garages. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – The contractor began removing sidewalks and curbs on the various local streets north of Lake Street scheduled to be resurfaced. Manhole frames were set for the final layer of asphalt on streets south of Lake Street. Underground drainage and concrete work is underway on streets to be repaved in north Oak Park in preparation for paving. Letters were sent this week notifying affected residents of the upcoming microsurfacing, crack filling and pavement patching scheduled across more than four miles of local streets throughout the Village.

Alley improvements – Pavement removal began in the alley between Cuyler and Harvey avenues and north of Lake Street. Fourteen alleys have been completed so far, with 47 residents within the boundaries of the projects electing to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. Sewer improvements have been fully completed and all alley projects are expected to be completed by mid-September.

Miscellaneous construction – Underground work to provide water and sewer services for the Albion redevelopment began this week on Forest Avenue and the tower crane is scheduled to be erected next week. Work on a new cul-de-sac is underway on Maple Avenue as part of Rush Oak Park Hospital's emergency room project. Concrete for new curbs and road base related to the hospital project should be completed by July 13 with all non-landscaping related work done by the end of July. Landscaping on the Euclid Avenue side of District House on Lake Street is scheduled for next week following rain delays. New streetscape along the project's Lake Street frontage should be installed before summer's end.

Public Works activities –Streets Division crews are refreshing damaged and faded street markings, using reflective thermoplastic materials that are more durable and visible than paint. Crews also prepared areas for the July 4 parade and fireworks show, along with handling routine duties such patching potholes and picking up litter. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break at 1126 N. Euclid Ave. and a broken valve at Home Avenue and Jackson Street. Crews also reset a water control box at 1020 S. East Ave. and upgraded a water service at 1014 N. Lombard Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Forestry Division crews and contractors cleaned up fallen limbs damaged by recent storms at 1129 S. East Ave. and 645 N. Lombard Ave. Crews also managed contractors removing diseased and damaged trees and providing landscape maintenance throughout the community.

Plan Commission action -- The Plan Commission voted unanimously Thursday night (July 5) to recommend approval to the Village Board of Turano Baking Company's planned development application for a new corporate office facility at 6500 Roosevelt Road. The commission supported the request for an eight-foot-high wrought iron fence after the company agreed to set the fence back seven feet and install extensive landscaping between the fence and public sidewalk. The Plan Commission also voted to recommend approval of street vacation requests for Scoville Avenue at Roosevelt Road and for Kenilworth Avenue at Chicago Avenue. These Plan Commission recommendations will be on a future Village Board meeting agenda for consideration.

Employee news –Jeff Prior has been promoted to manager of the Neighborhood Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department. Jeff had

served as a supervisor in the Division since 2016. In his new role, Jeff will manage both the Housing Programs and federal grant activities in addition to the inspectors. Prior to joining Village staff, Jeff was a code enforcement supervisor for the Village of Hanover Park and had a long tenure with the Elk Grove Police Department. Jeff has a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola University and is certified by the International Code Council as a property maintenance and housing inspector.

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