



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending March 29, 2019**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, April 1:
  - No meetings scheduled
  
- Tuesday, April 2:
  - Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Environment & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
  
- Wednesday, April 3:
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m. room 101
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  
- Thursday, April 4:
  - Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., room 101
  
- Friday, April 5:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Yard waste collection begins** – The Village’s refuse hauler will begin collecting yard waste on Mon., April 1 at residential properties of five or fewer units served under the municipal contract. Bundled brush no larger than two feet in diameter and four feet in length and yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and vines will be picked up on regular refuse collection days. A green yard waste sticker must be attached to each brush bundle, 32-gallon paper bag and rigid container. Stickers are \$3 each and available at most grocery and hardware stores, as well as Village Hall. Residents are urged to look for alternatives to bagging yard waste such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders or [composting](#). A [guide to refuse and recycling](#) is posted on the Village website.

**South Boulevard update** – The last section of the public sidewalk adjacent to the alley by the Eleven33 development on South Boulevard is scheduled to be installed next week. Work on the crosswalk to the Metra Station also is scheduled to begin next week. The crosswalk work will be staged to ensure westbound traffic continues to flow.

**Construction updates** – The east-west alley behind the Albion at Oak Park development on Lake Street will remain closed for at least another two weeks at Forest Avenue, as masonry work progresses on the north side of the structure.

Broadband provider Wide Open West is scheduled to begin installing fiber optic cable next week on Randolph Street starting at Harlem Avenue and progressing east towards Euclid Avenue. The first of the 15 alleys scheduled for reconstruction this season are set to begin Mon., April 1.

**Public Works activities** – Water & Sewer Division crews replaced a fire hydrant at Augusta and Humphrey avenues, which triggered three water main breaks in the immediate area. Such breaks are not uncommon when a new hydrant is installed because of the stress created when water pressure returns rapidly to the pipes. Crews also replaced a three-inch water meter at 100 Forest Ave. and cleaned sewer inlets in the Pilgrim Church parking lot in preparation for the Farmers' Market. Streets Division crews restored eight parkway sites where various work on water lines had occurred, filled about 250 potholes and picked up windblown litter throughout the business districts and Village. Street Lighting crews replaced a light pole in the Village parking lot on Marion Street, south of Lake Street (Lot 3) that had been knocked down by truck. Forestry Division crews installed watering bags on about 300 parkway trees planted last year, an approach that helps ensure their health as the summer heat returns. Crews also replanted a parkway tree on Austin Boulevard at Fillmore Street after it was hit by a vehicle and began delivering woodchips requested by residents.

**Employee news** – We are happy to announce two staff promotions in Parking and Finance. Following an internal search, Parking Services employee Nancy Diaz will be promoted to Account Clerk III in April. Nancy will join Ruth Schaeffer in the Finance Department who was also promoted to Account Clerk III last month. The Account Clerk III's work collaboratively and perform a variety of internal and external services including water billing support, real estate transfer tax processing, special event billing and accounts payable for the Village.

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