



Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 23, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 26:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, April 27:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, April 28:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, April 29:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, April 30:
 - No meetings scheduled

Pavement assessment project – A contractor hired by the [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning](#) will be in Oak Park from April 15 to May 7 evaluating the condition of the pavement of our streets. The company, [Applied Research Associates, Inc.](#), will use a high-tech multi-function vehicle to navigate at posted speeds while capturing high quality digital images and laser data of pavement surfaces. The Village will have free access to the data that our engineers will use to create a pavement management program for street maintenance.

Spilt Milk ribbon cutting – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held this week as longtime local business Spilt Milk opened a new, larger location at 811 South Blvd. In addition to indoor dining and carryout desserts, the retailer also will sell packaged beer and wine, with some specifically paired with pies baked at the shop. Outdoor dining also planned.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – Water and sewer service installations are wrapping up this week on Oak Park Avenue between Harrison and Van Buren streets. Traffic controls are in place and initial work is underway for utility improvements between Randolph and Madison streets. Further north, crews are finishing the installation of the water service lines in the 600 blocks of north Oak Park Avenue and will begin installing new valves in the intersection at Augusta Street early next week. Traffic at Oak Park Avenue and Augusta Street will be detoured during work hours. Underground work still is on schedule to be completed in June, followed by resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. The project remains on track to

wrap in November. Construction details and schedules are available at a dedicated website www.opaveanew.com.

State projects – Work has begun on the Illinois Department of Transportation resurfacing project on North Avenue between Harlem and Cicero avenues, which is likely to continue well into September. The state contractor will install signs and bag meters as needed when work will impact on-street parking, while Village staff is reviewing current parking restrictions for any changes to accommodate customers for our North Avenue businesses. Meanwhile, IDOT is reviewing construction staging options for maintaining pedestrian access when corner sidewalk ramps are replaced on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue to make them ADA compliant. Work on the Oak Park side of Harlem Avenue is projected to last until early July before shifting to the west side of the street.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Completion of punch list items on Lake Street will continue to cause short-term closures of parking lanes. Lighting and traffic signal items are now being addressed and additional planting materials will be placed in the concrete and granite planters. Meanwhile on Madison Street, construction continues on the site of the new [American House Senior Living Community](#) project at Euclid Avenue, which is expected to open in the summer of 2022.

Tenant/landlord ordinance update – At its regular meeting this week, the [Housing Programs Advisory Committee](#) determined a second meeting is needed to prepare a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the [Cook County Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance](#) that goes into effect on June 1. The committee will reconvene remotely on May 25. The committee expects to vote on a recommendation at its next meeting that should come to the Village Board for consideration by early summer.

Employee news – A new manager for the Oak Park Farmers' Market has been hired and will be working within the Development Customer Services Department as the Public Health Department continues to prioritize COVID-19 response and vaccination responsibilities. Kimball Ingram recently moved to Oak Park and holds an MBA from the United Kingdom's University of Reading and a bachelor's degree from University of Tennessee. In other news from the Development Customer Services, Amber McMorris is now certified by the [International Code Council](#) as a Permit Technician. Amber began her career with the Village last year as a part-timer in the Parking Division. She has a business/accounting degree from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and experience in marketing analytics and project management.

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