



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending Oct. 8, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Oct. 11:
 - Village Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Tuesday, Oct. 12:
 - Village Manager Search Community Forum, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom (oak-park-us.zoom.us/j/85139378905 - meeting ID: 851 3937 8905)
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Wednesday, Oct. 13:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Thursday, Oct. 14:
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Friday, Oct. 15:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Hate crimes town hall – Oak Park Police Chief LaDon Reynolds and other members of the [Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes](#) will host a virtual town hall from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 13. The Commission will hear from leaders working with displaced residents across the state. The Commission will also hear from experts on hate crimes reporting and begin to identify improvements. The session is open to all – [click here to register](#).

County rental assistance – The [application process](#) opened Monday for a second round \$75 million in additional Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2) to help residents of suburban Cook County at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability during the COVID-19 pandemic. This round of funding provides emergency rental assistance to both tenants and landlords, with preference given to suburban Cook County's most vulnerable residents. [Click here to read the news release](#) announcing the program.

Police go pink – For the second year in a row, members of the Oak Park Police Department are showing support for [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) in October by

wearing special pink patches throughout the month in support of survivors and those currently facing the disease. The highly visible patches help bring attention to the importance of early detection, an issue the Oak Park Public Health Department is working to highlight by sharing a local resource available to help fight the disease. More information is [posted on the Village website](#).

New business licenses update – Oak Park has licensed a record 73 new businesses in 2021 through September. The Village had licensed 42 new businesses through September in 2020 and 56 new businesses for the same period in 2019. The list of new business licenses is updated monthly and posted online at www.oak-park.us/businessservices.

Construction winding down – With the construction season winding down, work on the Ridgeland Avenue bridge over I-290 and striping of Oak Park Avenue remain the only major projects. Traffic over the Eisenhower remains restricted to one lane in each direction to allow for repairs, with a shift in the traffic pattern to the west lane still anticipated and pedestrian travel limited to one side at least through this month. Meanwhile on Oak Park Avenue, all permanent traffic control systems were installed this week and application of pavement markings got underway, their completion next week depending on the weather. Restoration of the parkway landscaping is scheduled to begin late next week, weather permitting. Updates on the Oak Park Avenue project are posted at www.opaveanew.com

Employee news – Michael Montino has joined the Village of Oak Park’s Public Health Department as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator. His role is to assist with public health and emergency management initiatives in the Village including the COVID-19 response. Michael is public safety professional with nearly 10 years of experience, including work in local emergency management, the fire service, law enforcement and emergency medical services. In these roles, he has been responsible for planning in response operations for a number of jurisdictions including the City of Chicago. Michael holds a Master’s Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from Georgetown University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Studies and Anthropology with an emphasis on Environmental Sustainability. He also holds numerous local, state and federal certifications and licenses.

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