



Village Manager's Report
Week ending Jan. 14, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Jan. 17:
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Jan. 18:
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Jan. 19:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Jan. 20:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Jan. 21:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Sunday, Jan. 23:
 - Village Manager Search Public Forum, 7 p.m., via Zoom

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

Betty White celebration – A celebration of the life of radio and television performer and Oak Park native Betty White is set for 10 a.m., tomorrow, Sat, Jan. 15 under the marquee at Classic Cinemas Lake Theatre. The event, which will be held two days before what would have been Ms. White's 100th birthday, is sponsored by the [Wednesday Journal newspaper](#), and will feature Village President Vicki Scaman, local historian Frank Lipo and a performance by Cindy Fee, who was the vocalist for the *Golden Girls* theme song, *Thank You for Being a Friend*. Other state and county elected officials are expected to attend as well, including State Senate President Don Harmon. Complete details about the event are [posted online](#). And enjoy this video from the VOP-TV archives made 10 years ago when Betty White celebrated her 90th birthday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPQvg7V2DH0>.

No Village services Monday – Routine Village services will not available Mon., Jan. 17 in celebration of [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#). While in-person services at Village Hall are paused through January, limited appointments are available for time-sensitive transactions such as property transfers by calling 708.358.5700 from 7 a.m. to 4

p.m., weekdays except holidays. Emergency Police, Fire and medical services will function as usual.

2021 business license record – The Development Customer Services Department issued 100 new businesses licenses in 2021, a record compared to recent years. In 2020, the Village issued 60 new business licenses and 75 new licenses were issued in 2019. A list of new business licenses is updated monthly and posted online at www.oak-park.us/businessservices – just click on the *Business Licenses and List of New Businesses* title.

Parking pilot recommendations – The Transportation Commission wrapped up its considerations of the parking pilot program this week, with recommendations expected to come to the Village Board for consideration in February. The pilot program to test new rules and regulations designed to simplify and streamline parking rules and regulations began in early 2019 in one of the Village’s most in-demand parking areas – Harlem Avenue east to Oak Park Avenue and South Boulevard south to Harrison Street, including portions of the adjacent business districts. The program also included extensive citizen input, including through an online survey. More information on the pilot program is [posted on the Village website](#).

High school garage repairs – Planned improvements to the Village-owned garage at Oak Park and River Forest High School garage are substantially complete, with only minor punch list items remaining. As outlined in the Village’s Capital Improvement Program, improvements included constructing an enclosure around the existing stair and elevator tower on the upper level of the garage. The elevator system was installed originally without a roof, which left much of the mechanical system exposed to the elements, which has led to frequent issues and significant repair costs. These latest improvements should result in improved reliability and reduced repair costs in the future.

Sewer inspections wrapping up – The annual camera inspections of sewer lines are expected to wrap up by early next week. Crews videotaped locations near Marion Street and Linden Avenue early this week. Activities were expected to move into the alley between Oak Park and Euclid avenue and then Augusta Boulevard between Taylor and Humphrey avenues. This season’s inspections included 65 blocks of sewer lines in 18 different locations.

Pete’s construction update – The manhole installation at 431 and 427 Euclid Avenue is expected to be completed by Jan. 21, which is ahead of schedule, as preparations continue to the new Pete’s Fresh Market planned for Madison Street near Oak Park Avenue. The underground utility relocation work on Euclid Avenue from Washington Boulevard to the east/west alley north of Madison Street has been completed and ComEd crews are in the east/west alley north of Madison between Euclid and Wesley avenues. ComEd workers are accommodating alley garage access for those residences affected by the work. Temporary parking passes also were mailed to residences in the area. This work is anticipated to be completed by Jan. 28.

Alley closures for Marion/Pleasant project – Crews for the residential development at Marion and Pleasant streets have begun work in the alley south of Pleasant Street. They are expected to cross Pleasant Street by the end of next week. The alley is closed to through traffic during working hours, with steel plates covering surface openings to allow vehicle access when work is not occurring. The project is projected to take about 14 days to complete, weather permitting. Residents of the condominium building west of the alley are being allowed to park their vehicles in the surface lot of the former funeral home site during the work.

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