



## Village Manager's Report Week ending July 15, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 18:
  - Village Board meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, July 19:
  - Environment and Energy Commission, 1:45 p.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday, July 20:
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, July 21:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, July 22:
  - No meetings scheduled

COVID-19 Weekly Reports are posted at [www.oak-park.us/covid19](http://www.oak-park.us/covid19)  
just click on the *Status report bulletin* heading

**IPLAN community meeting** – Anyone who lives, works, plays or goes to school in Oak Park is invited to participate in a community meeting aimed at identifying strategic health issues facing the community at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 at the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St. The Oak Park Health Department is hosting the meeting as part of its ongoing effort to build its community health assessment and strategic plan, known as the IPLAN. During the meeting, Health Department staff will share results of several community assessments and attendees will be able to participate in activities to help choose the topics that will be included in the final plan. More information about the community health strategic plan is posted on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/iplan22](http://www.oak-park.us/iplan22).

**Plan Commission to hear OPRF request** – Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 has requested a special use permit, per Article 9, section 9.2 E of the Village's Zoning Ordinance, to allow for the installation of six new athletic field light standards/poles at the south athletic field located on Lake Street between East Avenue and Scoville Avenue. The proposal includes the removal of the existing light standards/poles and the installation of new light standards/poles ranging in height from 80 to 90 feet. The Plan Commission's will review the request during a meeting set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 21. The meeting agenda is posted at [www.oak-park.us/plancommission](http://www.oak-park.us/plancommission).

**Volunteers sought to help with clinics** – The Village is seeking volunteers to make the COVID vaccination clinics for Oak Park’s youngest residents a success. These clinics prioritize serving children 6 months to 4 years, and are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon/evenings throughout the summer. Anyone with pediatric vaccine experience or experience caring for or entertaining young children is encouraged to volunteer. Interested residents can find more information and links to apply online for the Village’s Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Team at [www.oak-park.us/emergencypreparedness](http://www.oak-park.us/emergencypreparedness).

**Employee news** – Sean Adams was sworn in as the Oak Park Fire Department’s newest Firefighter/Paramedic on Thursday at the main fire station. Sean grew up in Naperville and started taking fire service classes in California before returning to Illinois to complete the fire academy and earn his paramedic license. In other employee news, the Development Customer Service Department welcomed Luca Muench as the newest Property Maintenance Community Development Inspector in the Neighborhood Services Division. Luca graduated from Michigan State and previously worked as a Student Planner for the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Health Department also welcomed Environmental Health Intern Nicole Gredenius. Nicole has a Bachelor’s and Master’s of Arts in Sociology from Western Illinois.

**Vehicle license deadline passes** – The deadline for residents to secure their annual vehicle license without penalty has passed. Effective July 15, the price of the required annual vehicle license increases by \$20. Police Department Parking Enforcement Officers use license plate recognition technology to ensure compliance. Residents can renew or purchase new vehicle licenses online at [www.oak-park.us/vehiclelicense](http://www.oak-park.us/vehiclelicense).

**West Nile threat returns** – The Health Department is reminding residents that as temperatures rise, so does the threat of the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus. Illinois reported 64 human cases and three deaths last year. The severity of this season has not been established, but public health officials recommend taking precautions against being bitten and eliminating mosquito breeding opportunities. These steps include using insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol. Residents also are urged to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites by cleaning roof gutters, storing containers upside down and emptying birdbaths every few days. More information is posted at [www.oak-park.us/fightthebite](http://www.oak-park.us/fightthebite).

**LeMoyne sewer project** – New thermoplastic striping was installed on the paved sections of LeMoyne Parkway. The last remaining items to perform include placement of sod and final cleanup of the areas within the project limits. The landscaping contractor had concerns about installing the sod this week due to the excessive heat that is forecasted, so this will now be pushed into the week of July 18. After installation of new sod, the final cleanup will occur.

**Harlem Avenue resurfacing** – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews finished pouring the new surface course on Harlem Avenue. They may need to remove and replace specific locations based on results from their upcoming sample testing. The crews are also still working on cleaning out storm structures within the project limits.

**Senior Living Center on Madison Street** – Crews working at the new Senior Living Center at 703 Madison St. finished pouring the curb along Madison Street. The remaining concrete work and paver installation will start this week and continue through next week.

**Pleasant & Marion construction** – Crews working at the development at Pleasant and Marion streets are working on pouring concrete foundations and installing water service stubs. Crews are also patching a portion of Marion Street where it was opened for the new water service.

**Pete's Fresh Market update** - ComEd anticipates it will complete utility relocation work by the end of July. ComEd will be notifying impacted customers of any scheduled outages. Sewer work may begin once the ComEd work is complete. AT&T is still working with the Village and Pete's on alternate designs and scope to reduce costs on its upcoming relocation work associated with the project.