



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 9, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- August 12:
 - HPAC/CRC Public Hearing, 7 p.m., room 101
- August 13:
 - Medical Reserve Corps, 7 p.m., room 102
- August 14:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- August 15:
 - Reinventing Government, 7 p.m., room 101

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- August 15: Reinventing Government, 7:00 p.m., room 101
- August 19: Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., executive session (room 130), 8:00 p.m. room 201
- August 26: Tentative Village Board Study Session Fund Balances, 7:00 p.m.
- November 20: Tri-Board Meeting, Intergovernmental Agreement Annual Meeting regarding Early Childhood Collaboration, 7 p.m., location TBD

West Nile virus activity down – Due to cooler weather this spring and summer, the Illinois Department of Public Health is reporting that [West Nile virus activity](#) has been much less intense this year than in 2012. So far this year, 511 positive mosquito pools have been collected and 41 counties have reported positive cases in birds, mosquitoes or horses, but no human cases. As of this date in 2012, more than 2,300 positive mosquito samples and at least one human case had been reported. Public health officials are continuing to urge citizens to [take precautions](#) since the threat of the virus can last into October.

Capital improvements update – With the water and sewer main improvements on Taylor Avenue between South Boulevard and Randolph now complete and the street reopened to traffic, all that remains is parkway sod, which is scheduled to be installed in September. Sewer work on Harvey Avenue north of Chicago Avenue is completed as well, and the contractor now is removing existing pavement and plans to begin pouring concrete the week of Aug. 19. Sewer main improvements on Taylor Avenue from Ontario Street to Erie Street are scheduled to begin next week.

Public Works activities – Public Works divisions are completing routine summer maintenance work throughout the Village including filling potholes, cleaning storm sewer basins, inspecting and trimming parkway trees, removing graffiti, maintaining signs and repairing street lighting as needed.

Sewer mapping and modeling project status -- Mapping and modeling of Village sewers continues. The consultant recently provided an update on the progress, as they continue running through calibrations on the model, with the goal of providing draft recommendations in October. Staff expects to be prepared to provide the Village Board with more details in September.

Police activities update – Calls to police declined about 4 percent in July, as Police responded to 3,114 calls as compared to 3,239 calls in July. Medium-priority calls such as accidents with no injuries, continued to be the largest category of calls in July, representing nearly 40 percent of total calls, a slight decline from June. Police fielded 989 high-priority calls in July compared to 1,098 in June. The number of high-priority calls represented about 32 percent of all calls in July, which was unchanged from June. Response times remained low in July, with officers responding to high-priority calls in an average of three minutes and 46 seconds. So far this year, Oak Park Police have responded to more than 19,522 calls for service.

Special traffic enforcement planned – Oak Park Police will join law enforcement agencies across Illinois in targeting impaired drivers from August 16 through Labor Day as part of the annual [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) crackdown on those driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. While [Oak Park Police](#) are always on the lookout for impaired drivers, they will be especially aggressive during the statewide campaign and will have extra officers on patrol. And as Deputy Police Chief Anthony Ambrose put it, “If you chose to drive impaired in Oak Park, you will be arrested – no warnings, no excuses.” Police also will be looking for seat belt violations and will have zero tolerance for unbuckled passengers in both the front and back seats. Federal traffic safety funds through [Illinois Department of Transportation’s Division of Traffic Safety](#) cover the extra personnel costs of the stepped up enforcement effort. Police will provide a report on their efforts.

Annual budget process underway – Department directors began meeting this week with Village Manager Pavlicek, CFO Lesner and Budget & Finance Manager Harris to hold a first discussion regarding their FY2014 budget requests. These meetings will continue throughout the month as we prepare for a presentation a recommended budget to the Finance Committee and Village Board on Sept. 20. A public hearing on the Budget in will be held in November, with Board adoption scheduled for early December.

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