



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending August 23, 2013**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- August 24:
  - Village Board Outreach Event, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., Farmers Market
  
- August 26:
  - Village Board Special Meeting (Executive Session), 7 p.m., room 130
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m. room 215
  
- August 27:
  - Board of Health, 6 p.m., room 102
  - Town Hall Meeting Congressman Danny Davis, 6:30 p.m., room 201
  - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- August 28:
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Architectural Review Committee/HPC, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- August 29:
  - No scheduled meetings

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

- September 4: Personnel Committee, 7 p.m., room 130
- September 14: Village Board Outreach Event, Barriefest, 1-5 p.m.
- September 19: Finance Committee, 7 p.m., room 101
- November 20: Tri-Board Meeting, Intergovernmental Agreement Annual Meeting regarding Early Childhood Collaboration, 7 p.m., location TBD

**Youth skills workshop wrap up** – The Community Relations Department recently concluded its ninth annual Summer Youth Skills Initiative workshop series, with help from the Oak Park Public Library, which provided the venue. Fifteen local youths participated in the week-long life and employment skills training sessions aimed at providing critical skills necessary to secure gainful employment and make positive life decisions. Guest mentors and speakers from local businesses used their experiences to challenge and motivate the teens to avoid destructive behavior and make life choices that promote success.

**Parking sign survey continues** – As you may recall the Village has been testing a new format for parking signs and invited the public to weigh in via a [quick online survey](#). Communications staff sought to rekindle interest by using the new website's main page news feature to direct users to the survey, then cross-promoted the call for input via its social media tools. The effort doubled the number of respondents in just a couple of days. Unfortunately, the chance to weigh in apparently has not been compelling, with only about 160 responses so far. However, more than 100 respondents did take the time to write a comment, which we hope will provide some useful input. The survey is scheduled to remain open through August. The new signs are intended to make it easier for residents, commuters and visitors to identify when and where they can park in Village-owned spaces, which typically have different rules for different types of users.

**Capital improvements update** – Improvements to the sewer main on Taylor Avenue from Ontario Street to Erie Street continue. The Marion Street viaduct enhancement project was delayed, but is scheduled to begin next week with cleaning and painting. Half of the viaduct will be closed at a time to ensure access. Crack filling is underway on local streets throughout the community and microsurfacing is planned for mid-September.

**Public Works activities** – Routine summer maintenance work continues throughout the Village. Activities include filling potholes, cleaning storm sewer basins, inspecting and trimming parkway trees, removing graffiti, maintaining signs and repairing street lighting as needed.

**Sewer mapping update** – Sewer mapping and modeling continues. Draft recommendations are expected in October. We hope to provide the Village Board with an update on the project in September.

**Traffic signal management system status** – With hardware for the new traffic signal management system now being configured and the software upgrade underway, the new system should be ready to test in early September. More details will be provided as tests are scheduled.

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