



Village Manager's Report
Week ending July 20, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 23:
 - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, July 24:
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, July 25:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., Main Library, 834 Lake St.
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, July 26:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, July 27:
 - No meetings scheduled

Vehicle sticker sales update – As the vehicle sticker renewal deadline came to a close on Sat., July 14, some 20,253 stickers had been sold, 852 fewer than the same period last year. Online renewals remained the preferred transaction tool representing nearly 58 percent of sales, followed by in-person at Village Hall (35 percent) and mail renewals (7 percent). Some 186 stickers were sold via the computer terminals set up in Village Hall on for final day of in-person sales to supplement counter staff. Owners can continue to renew online and in person, but must pay an additional \$20. Failure to purchase and display a current vehicle sticker by the deadline may also result in a \$75 citation.

Pie bakers wanted – The Oak Park Farmers' Market has begun accepting registrations for the second annual pie-baking contest. Participation is open to professional and amateur bakers age 16 and older. This year's contest will be limited to 15 entries, with the winner selected at the Sept. 1 market. Entry forms may be submitted through Aug. 22 at the information tent at any Saturday market or emailed to farmersmarket@oak-park.us. Contest rules and a registration form are posted at www.oak-park.us/2018piebakeoff.

BYO license initiative – The Development Customer Services Department has begun notifying restaurant operators of the recently adopted ordinance that would allow them to apply for a liquor license that will permit customers to bring their own beer

and wine to accompany their meals. The new restaurant liquor ordinance classification – Restaurant Class B-6 – requires restaurants to meet many of the same requirements as other liquor-licensed establishments in order to obtain the bring your own (BYO) license classification, such as training employees, ensuring adults-only consumption and not contributing to intoxication. BYO license holders cannot charge any fees for services or supplies and they may not handle the beer or wine of their customers. A BYO license could offer a number of local restaurants a new tool for attracting a wider range of adult customers.

Boulevards project – Installation of water and sewer mains along North Boulevard between Forest and Kenilworth avenues began this week, following last week's completion of work between Forest and Clinton avenues. The intersection of North Boulevard and Kenilworth Avenue will be closed temporarily to vehicle traffic next week. Connections to properties will be made for both sewer and water services once the entire system has been installed. North Boulevard remains closed to through traffic between Forest and Kenilworth avenues, but is accommodating two-way local traffic. Traffic is being detoured around the construction site via Lake Street and arrangements have been made to accommodate affected parking permit holders' vehicles in the Holley Court Garage. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Sidewalk replacement – The annual sidewalk replacement program begins next week. Crews will begin with sidewalk squares with larger trip hazards. The goal is to complete all sidewalk removal and repairs prior to the start of school. Work will occur on one side of the street at a time to ensure safe pedestrian travel on the affected blocks.

Street resurfacing and repairs – Concrete repairs and sidewalk corner upgrades should be completed by the end of this week, followed by the application of the final surface layer to streets south of Lake Street beginning next week. The streets north of Lake Street will be paved in the next few weeks after pavement milling has been completed.

Microsurfacing, crack filling and pavement patching – Letters have been sent to residents whose properties will be affected by annual microsurfacing, crack filling and pavement patching. The routine maintenance work is expected to begin the last week of the month. The project includes more than four miles of local streets.

Alley improvements – Pavement removal began in the alley between Euclid and Linden avenues and south of Greenfield Street. Seventeen alleys have been completed so far and 49 residents whose properties are within the boundaries of the alley projects have elected to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. All alley projects remain on schedule to be completed by mid-September.

Albion project update – Water and sewer connections to the new development should be completed next week. The work on Forest Avenue requires reducing traffic to one lane during construction hours. The tower crane has been erected and vertical construction will begin soon.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Work on a new cul-de-sac continued this week on Maple Avenue as part of the Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency room project. Concrete for new curbs and road base has been poured and asphalt is scheduled to be applied next week. Landscaping on the Euclid Avenue side of District House at Lake Street began this week. Crews will begin connecting the project to the municipal sewer on Lake Street next week, with work to be staged to minimize impact on traffic flow.

Public Works Activities – Crews from both the Street Lighting and Forestry divisions were needed Monday (July 16) when a large limb fell from a parkway tree on Augusta Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. The limb blocked the street and sidewalk and damaged a light pole. Street Lighting Division crews also repaired a ComEd electrical feed for the 1100 block of south Lyman Avenue. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired sewers at 6555 North Ave. and at 443 Greenfield St., and upgraded water services at six locations as part of the lead abatement program. Streets Division crews cleaned and weeded in the business districts and other locations, helped prepare for a weekend foot race and restored parkways where water service repairs had been made. Forestry Division crews managed routine requests from residents as well as ongoing tree and landscaping services.

Employee news – Village Manager Cara Pavlicek will represent Oak Park along with civic leaders, judges, state representatives and area school superintendents selected to participate in the next [McCormick Foundation Executive Fellows](#) education series at the [Erikson Institute](#) in Chicago. The fellows participate in training provided free to attendees over two months to instill a comprehensive understanding of the long-term benefits of investing in early child development. Cara was a part of the initial group of Village and school district officials that recommended an intergovernmental agreement and contract for services for early childhood education approved by the Village, School District 97 and 200 in 2013. [Click her to read the news release about the 2018 class and its participants.](#)

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