



Village Manager's Report Week ending May 17, 2019

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, May 20:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- Tuesday, May 21:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, May 22:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Historic Preservation Architectural Review Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, May 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, May 24:
 - No meetings scheduled

Farmers' Market opens Saturday – Cross-pollination will be the theme when the Oak Park Farmers' Market kicks off its 44th season at 7 a.m. this Saturday, May 18. The dynamic, open air, producer-only Market is held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine every Saturday from opening day through October at 460 Lake Street, just west of Ridgeland Avenue. [Click here to read more about this season's Market...](#)

July 4th parade seeking participants – Registration is open through June 14 for participants who wish to participate in the annual July 4th Parade. Sponsorship opportunities also are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services. [Registration is available online.](#)

Village Hall parking lot status – Repair of the underground garage roof continued this week as part of the Village Hall parking lot reconstruction. Concrete work for the plaza area also began this week.

Water and sewer improvements – The pavement was removed this week on Clarence Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Harvard Street as part of a water and sewer improvement project that will close the block for several months. Installation of sewer

main and associated structures will begin at Harvard Street and proceed south on Clarence Avenue.

Alley improvements – Storm sewers were installed this week in the alleys south of Greenfield Street and west of Austin Boulevard as part of the season's alley improvement program. Pavement removal began in the alley south of Greenfield Street and west of Lombard Avenue, while new pavement was installed in the alley south of LeMoyne Parkway between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. Six of the 15 alleys scheduled for reconstruction this season have been repaved so far.

Traffic studies wrapping up – What should be the final week of data collection was underway across the Village this week, as staff updates the residential traffic studies for the first time since the 1990s. The data will be used to help analyze future traffic issues that may come before the Transportation Commission for review. Data collection does not affect traffic flow.

Madison Street update – Medians have been removed and replaced with asphalt all along Madison Street as the road diet project moves along. Concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk work is scheduled to begin next week. Frequent, ongoing communication continues with business operators and residents most affected by the project to ensure they have the latest work status updates. Construction updates also are posted regularly on the dedicated project website www.madisonstreetconstruction.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – The sidewalk along the east side of Oak Park Avenue remains partially closed as rehabilitation of the bridge over I-290 continues. The concrete curb and sidewalk on Madison Street along the development frontage at Home Avenue was expected to wrap up this week. Utility work related to the Rush Oak Park Hospital construction project continued to disrupt traffic periodically on Madison Street and the contractor has asked to temporarily shut off water for the 1100 block next week to complete the new connection. The Alcuin Montessori development on Roosevelt Road closed Home Avenue this week adjacent to the site for utility installation. The construction site for the new Turano Bakery corporate headquarters on Roosevelt Road has been fenced in, permanently closing Scoville Avenue to traffic between Roosevelt Road and the east-west alley to the north of the site. A&T completed the manhole repairs at the entrance to Village parking Lot 10 on Marion Street north of North Boulevard, but the brick restoration has not yet been scheduled. Crews also will restore the brick on Oak Park Avenue by Hunter Court just south of Lake Street where underground work had occurred previously. Underground work associated with broadband provider Wide Open West's new fiber optic cable was completed this week on Randolph Street between Harlem and Euclid avenues. A portion of Ontario Street is scheduled to be closed on Wed. May 22 to replace the rooftop HVAC unit at the Brookdale senior facility, 1111 Ontario St. Portions of the Union Pacific's concrete retaining walls are scheduled to be repaired next week at the southeast corner of Harlem Avenue and North Boulevard, requiring the sidewalk on the east side of Harlem Avenue and the south side of North Boulevard to be closed during the daytime work hours.

Public Works Activities – Streets Division crews temporarily patched three areas where utility repairs had occurred and repaired brick pavers on Lake Street near Marion Street. Crews also swept and cleaned viaducts, filled potholes and prepared Harrison Street for the upcoming [What's Blooming on Harrison](#) event. Streets crews also worked with the Forestry Division to restore parkways where stumps had been removed. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a collapsed valve vault on Harlem Avenue at Augusta Boulevard and a water main break at LeMoyne Parkway and Grove Avenue.

Employee news – Six new officers are now officially part of the Police Department after taking their Oath of Office. The new officers are Patrick Burgess, Kaitlin Howell, Lee Kim, Pablo Padilla Jr., Jonathan Lemmenes and Andrew Vaughn. In other Police news, members of the Department joined their colleagues from across the region to participate in the [St. Jude Police Memorial March](#) and Run to Remember in Chicago, which honor officers who have died in the line of duty. Congratulations also are in order for Police Commander Mike Lepczynski who recently graduated from Northwestern University's [School of Police Staff and Command](#), an intensive 10-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by combining academic principles with practical applications. The Human Resources Department welcomed Christina Waters as its new HR Coordinator. Christina joined the Village team in 2017 and worked as the executive secretary in the Development Customers Services Department prior to her promotion.

###