



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending November 15, 2019**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Nov. 18:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- Tuesday, Nov. 19:
  - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Wednesday, Nov. 20:
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Nov. 21:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Nov. 22:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Traffic enforcement initiative** – The Police Department is performing targeted traffic enforcement missions this month and telling the public in advance where they will be focusing resources. The intent is to raise awareness of the need to obey all traffic laws rather than simply catch lawbreakers. These specific targeted enforcement areas are based in part on feedback from residents. Police also are urging residents to [contact their Residential Beat Officer](#) if they believe there is a problem area that could benefit from increased traffic enforcement. [Click here to read the post](#) and see the enforcement schedule.

**Senior facility hearing rescheduled** – The public hearing for the Senior Living Community Planned Development at 711-725 Madison Street has been rescheduled to Dec. 5 from the original Nov. 21 schedule. The developer advised that the list of all nearby addresses, generated by their title company, was incomplete and as a result, not all residents were invited in advance as required by the Village's Planned Development ordinance. The applicant is working through the issues and new notices will be sent. The developer indicated they have been in close contact with a number of neighbors and have notified them of the error. The Planned Development Application is [posted on the Planned Commission page of the Village website](#).

**Food waste workshop update** – The recent *Food Waste Awareness Week* workshop attracted more than 60 individuals to main branch of the Oak Park Public Library for presentations and demonstrations. Speakers included representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Rush Oak Park Hospital's food surplus project and

local groups working to reduce food waste. Sustainability Coordinator Mindy Agnew was on hand with an iPad to sign up new participants for the Village's composting program, which is now approaching 2,000 subscribers. More than 80 residents also attended the screening of [\*Just Eat It\*](#), a documentary that follows two filmmakers on a six-month experiment of eating only discarded food.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Weather has continued to affect the application of pavement markings on Madison Street. The goal now is to complete the specialty bicycle lane symbols and parking signage before Thanksgiving. With continued delays in delivery of the materials for the preliminary work this month for next spring's scheduled water main replacement project on Austin Boulevard between Chicago Avenue and Lake Street, staff is evaluating pushing the initial portion of the project to the spring as well. In the meantime, if the weather allows, City of Chicago contractors still expect to wrap up the resurfacing project underway on Austin Boulevard between Iowa Street and North Avenue before Thanksgiving. All work on Lake Street and Forest Avenue along the Albion building frontage was completed in advance of the project's grand opening event held this week.

**Employee news** – A new initiative to allow employees to learn firsthand about the scope of services provided by the Village recently brought a group of our newest team members to the Public Works Center for a tour. From visiting the various divisions and touring the salt storage cave and snow command to getting up close to the specialty equipment, the tour also offered an opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes and meet colleagues face-to-face that they may only know from emails and telephone calls. Team members from Human Resources, Information Technology and the Village Manager's Office joined a new Public Works employee on the tour led by Public Works Director John Wielebnicki.

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