



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 9, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 12:
 - No meetings Scheduled
- Tuesday, April 13:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, April 14:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, April 15:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, April 16:
 - No meetings scheduled

Business license update – Five new business licenses were issued in March by the Development Customer Services Department. These include Victory Italian restaurant, 100 S. Marion St.; law firm Atkins & Walker PA, Inc., 1100 Lake St.; State Farm insurance, 212 S. Marion St.; cottage food operation Created by Christina, 814 S. Scoville Ave; and home kitchen Lalas Pastries and Treats, 1030 Chicago Ave.

Bike the Beat returns – The community policing initiative *Bike the Beat* is set to return on Sat., April 24. [Residential beat officers](#) will be riding along blocks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. connecting with residents in zone 8 in southwest Oak Park. Officers ride as a group along the streets, stopping at fields, parks and playgrounds, meeting new residents, answering questions about the community, listening to feedback and even registering bikes on-site. Officers plan to bike all eight zones this spring and summer. Future *Bike the Beat* dates will be posted and promoted on our social media pages. More information about program is [posted on the Village website](#).

ZBA rejects McDonald's double drive-through – At its April 6 meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted six to one against recommending a special use permit request to allow the McDonald's by Village Hall to add a second drive-through lane. This latest vote comes after the ZBA failed to reach a valid vote in March, when members present voted three to two against the double drive-through request, which fell short of the four votes required by the ZBA Rules of Procedure for a recommendation on a special-use permit. The item is expected to go to the Village Board for consideration in May.

North Avenue paving – A state contractor has filed permit applications with the Chicago Department of Transportation for significant work on North Avenue between Harlem and Cicero avenues beginning this month. The project includes replacing sidewalk corner crossing ramps and patching curbs, followed by paving along this entire stretch of North Avenue. Parking will be disrupted for a mile or more during some phases of the work. Staff may have to provide or even install meter bags unless the state contractor will agree to provide and install signs.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – Vehicle traffic continues to be limited through the work zone on Oak Park Avenue between Harrison and Van Buren streets in the Southtown Business District where crews are installing sewer main and service connections in the middle of the roadway. The parking lot east of Fifth Third Bank on Harrison Street (Lot 1) remains open for customers. Further north, work on the water main installation continues between Chicago Avenue and Augusta Street. Traffic is detoured during work hours as crews install water service lines in the 500 and 600 blocks of north Oak Park Avenue and valves in the intersection at Augusta. Engineers remain optimistic that all underground work will to be completed in June. Resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue will follow the underground work, but the project remains on track to wrap in November. Additional marketing and promotional efforts are continuing in an effort to help business most affected by the project. Construction details and schedules are available at a dedicated website www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Crews are back on Lake Street finishing punch list items as weather permits. Among the remaining tasks are installing new bike racks between Harlem and Euclid avenues, which should be completed by the end of next week. Meanwhile to the south, traffic lanes on Madison Street by Euclid Avenue have been restored after being shifted to the north curb to make room for assembly of a large tower crane associated with the construction of a new senior living facility. The crane is now on the construction site and crews are beginning vertical construction of the American House Senior Living Community project.

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