



Village Manager's Report Week ending July 1, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, June 4:
 - 4th of July – Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, July 5:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, July 6:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, July 7:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, July 8:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Parade, fireworks highlight July 4th celebration– Oak Park’s July 4th parade is set to step off at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4 from Longfellow Park at Ridgeland Avenue and Adams Street. This marks the return of the parade after the event was canceled the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As in past years, the parade will march north on Ridgeland to Augusta Street and disperse by Whittier School. A fireworks display is set to begin at dusk in the football stadium of Oak Park and River Forest High School. Village staff has worked with personnel from OPRF and the Park District of Oak Park to coordinate plans for the fireworks display. Entry to the football stadium and the OPRF and Ridgeland Commons fields south of Lake Street will begin at 7 p.m. Space is limited. No outside food or beverages, except for water, will be allowed in the stadium or on the fields. Free parking will be available in the Avenue Garage, 720 North Blvd. There will be no public parking in the OPRF garage, Ridgeland Commons lot and along the perimeter of the OPRF football stadium. Should severe weather occur, the fireworks event will be rescheduled to July 5. More information about the parade and fireworks display is posted on the Village website – [click here to view](#).

Village Hall closed on July 4 – Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Refuse and recycling collection will also be delayed by one day next week as a result of the holiday. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents can call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Parking restrictions eased – Overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park streets for the Fourth of July holiday. Overnight on-street parking restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, July 2 and resume at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 6. All other parking regulations remain in effect, including restrictions in zones reserved for permit holders, daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. The holiday parking schedule for all of 2022 is posted at www.oak-park.us/holidayparking.

Vehicle license sales lagging – Through the first eight weeks of vehicle license sales, 6,712 licenses have been sold totaling \$426,309. This marks a 37 percent reduction compared to the first eight weeks of sales in 2021 when 10,606 licenses were sold. [Click here to see a chart comparing sales over the past four years](#). Village staff is planning to issue reminders about the upcoming deadline to purchase a vehicle license. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle is required to purchase a local license before July 15 to get the lowest rate. The vehicle license rate increases by \$20 after July 15. Parking enforcement officers continue to use license plate recognition technology to ensure compliance.

Employee news – Tina Brown recently passed her Property Maintenance and Housing International Code Council certification test. Tina is applying the skills in her role as Supervisor for the Neighborhood Services Division within the Development Customer Services Department. In other employee news, Delia Rodriguez came on board as a new Records Clerk within the Police Department. Delia formerly worked as a criminal background investigator and clerk for the Circuit Court of Cook County.

LeMoyne Sewer Project – The concrete contractor for the LeMoyne Relief Sewer project completed all the remaining sidewalk replacements. After sweeping and cleaning the road base, the binder course was poured on Monday. The contractor returned Tuesday to adjust the structures in the center of the road to the final surface grade, and plans called for the asphalt paving scope of the project to be completed by the end of the week. Restoration of parkways will follow in areas disturbed beyond the curb.

Harlem Avenue Resurfacing – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews started adding pavement markings this week on Harlem Avenue near North Avenue. Crews are also pouring the surface course south of I-290 and expect to pave the bridge over I-290 sometime early next week.

Pete's Fresh Market – Vibration monitoring inspections are in progress for the new Pete's Fresh Market. Notices were placed on doors to coordinate efforts to document existing conditions of adjacent properties. ComEd has not scheduled any outages associated with its upcoming work. Construction for the upcoming AT&T relocation work is still on hold while the company reviews alternate designs and scope at the request of Pete's to reduce costs.

Miscellaneous construction updates – The utility work on Madison Street is complete for the ongoing senior living center project at 703 Madison St., with concrete work set to take place next week. Crews for the development at Pleasant and Marion were pouring the building foundations this week, and underground mechanical and electrical work is set to resume next week.