



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending Jan. 25, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- January 28:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- January 29:
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- January 30:
 - No scheduled meetings
- January 30:
 - Chairs of Advisory Boards Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- February 7: Village Board Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- February 9: WCMC Legislative Breakfast, 9 a.m., Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont
- February 11: Village Board Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- February 12: Village Board Special Meeting Performance Management, 7 p.m., room 101

Health Department participates in quality improvement initiative – Two Health Department staff attended training for certified local health departments on quality improvement (QI). The training, conducted in January, was sponsored by the Illinois Public Health Institute. The recently developed National Public Health Performance Standards include the requirement that quality improvement processes be integrated into organizational practice, programs, processes and interventions of local health departments. The goal over the next few months will be to begin incorporating the defined and deliberate QI processes staff learned into the everyday business of the health department. The QI process seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments nationwide and is part of a larger long-term goal of accreditation of local health departments by the National Public Health Accreditation Board.

111 Garfield property update – The multifamily building at 111 Garfield Street was a failed condominium conversion that ended in a foreclosure action. The bank sold the

property to [Pangea](#), a developer that owns one other building in Oak Park on North Avenue. The company also owns several buildings in Chicago, including on Austin Boulevard. The Housing Programs Division met with representatives of Pangea following the North Avenue property purchase. Pangea then worked with the Oak Park Regional Housing Center to lease apartments for their North Avenue property. We also expect them to work with the Housing Center when they are ready to lease the building on 111 Garfield. However, it may be some time before the 111 Garfield property is ready for leasing. As part of the failed condominium conversion the property was completely gutted. Permits were issued to the new owner in December 2012 and work has begun. Pangea understands that the building does not have parking and that there is no overnight parking on the street. They were given a list of owners who rent parking spaces nearby. They also understand that the apartment lease must acknowledge the overnight parking ban.

Grants sought for bicycle infrastructure - The Engineering Division has applied for two Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants to help pay for programs to facilitate bicycling in the community. The project would include shared lane pavement markings and [green colored pavement markings](#) at the Ridgeland Avenue intersections of Chicago Avenue and Division Street. Also planned is a [high-intensity activated crosswalk \(HAWK\)](#) signal on Chicago at Lombard Avenue that would facilitate a safe crossing at this busy intersection. The projects would be scheduled for 2015 to coincide with the resurfacing of Ridgeland. Preliminary grant results are anticipated in July of this year.

Public Works activities – The Water & Sewer Division repaired a water main break at 814 Harrison St. and unthawed eight fire hydrants at various locations. The Forestry Division continued parkway tree trimming in the area between South Boulevard and Chicago Avenue, working west toward Harlem Avenue. Winkler Tree Service, the Village contractor, is working in the same area, but beginning at Harlem Avenue and working east. A&B Landscaping removed 10 parkway trees infested with emerald ash borer at various locations in the Village.

Nicor sewer inspection underway – Nicor inspected 329 building sewer laterals as part of an inspection program in locations where gas main improvements are planned. Crews are looking for any conflicts with new gas services or mains penetrating building sewer laterals or sewer mains. They determined that 158 laterals had no issues, while the remaining 171 had either tree roots or other obstructions that they could not confirm clear. Two issues were identified and repaired by a Nicor Contractor. The remaining laterals will be visually inspected in the coming week.

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