



Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 13, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, June 16:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Volunteer of the Year Reception, 7 p.m., room 101

- Tuesday, June 17:
 - North Avenue Walking Tour, 5 p.m., North & Harlem
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102

- Wednesday, June 18:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - OPAAC Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, June 19:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 23:
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101

- Monday, June 30:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130

ComEd substation repair update –North Boulevard will be reopened to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic Monday, barring any unexpected weather delays. A fence will be installed at the north curb to enclose the area where face brick will be attached to the wall. A pedestrian walkway will be installed along the south side of the street. Construction could be complete as early as the end of July. [Click here to read a memo with more details...](#)

Village present at business events – Members of the Development Customer Services team attended an [Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce](#) ribbon-cutting event today (Fri., June 13) at Fashionable Addictions, 130 Madison St. Team members also will attend a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., Fri. June 20, at the Onion Roll Restaurant and Deli, 6935 North Ave, and a birthday celebration at 11 a.m., Thurs. July 3, at [Glitter Nail Salon](#), 912 Madison St.

Website goes responsive – New features have been added to make the [Village website](#) respond to the display size of the user's device. The responsive features went live early today. The features don't affect administration of the website. They merely display the information in a way that is easier to use on smaller screens. Staff will be tweaking some of the internal webpages where tables and other page layout features may need to be reconfigured slightly for proper display on mobile devices. Responsive design is rapidly becoming the industry standard for modern website design and function. With about a third of our website visitors coming via a mobile device, these new features should further enhance our online customer service and public information programs.

Police activities update – Police responded to 2,959 calls in May, up from the 2,581 calls in April. High-priority calls increased in May from April, which saw the second lowest number of calls this year. The 979 high-priority calls represented about 33 percent of the May volume. Medium-priority calls – such as accidents without injuries – represented the largest percentage of May calls (39 percent), which is typical in any given month. Oak Park Police officers have responded to nearly 13,000 calls so far this year. Officers were on the scene of high-priority calls in an average of three minutes and 30 seconds in May. Oak Park continued to represent the largest percentage of calls handled by the West Suburban Dispatch Center in May at 60 percent, a percentage consistent with our population share. [Click here to see the police call data.](#)

Capital improvement projects update – Underground work for water main improvements has begun on Highland Avenue from Van Buren Street to Jackson Boulevard. Sewer cleaning and inspection also are underway, with Engineering Division staff coordinating activities with merchants in the various business districts affected. Drainage work has begun on Berkshire Street from Hayes Avenue to Austin Boulevard and on Taylor Street from Augusta Street to Berkshire. Pavement removal work on Berkshire has begun. The project to replace the speed table on Marion Street at Westgate Street is scheduled to begin June 23. The project will be coordinated with Downtown Oak Park. Plans and specifications for resurfacing various streets were made available for bid yesterday. Bids for the sidewalk replacement program were opened on May 29 and the contract will be scheduled to go to the Village Board at an upcoming meeting. Preparation work is underway for state-funded projects on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street. The traffic signal project planned for Washington Boulevard at Wisconsin Avenue is awaiting approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Staff will meet with IDOT in the next two weeks to finalize the intersection geometry.

Public Works activities – Openings in streets for water repairs were made and repaired at 901 N. East Ave., 1012 Edmer Ave. and 834 Fair Oaks Ave. Crews repaired sink holes at 903 and 920 N. Harvey Ave., a service leak at 142 N. Austin Blvd. and a sewer lateral at 701 through 705 N. Lombard Ave., as well as performed a 1.5-inch tap on the water main at 421 N. Grove Ave. Forestry crews responded to requests to remove stumps and trim parkway trees at various locations throughout the Village. Parkway tree planting moved into the southern sections of the Village from Madison Street to Roosevelt Road, while removals of diseased and declining trees continued. Workers in the Streets, Street Lighting and Water & Sewer divisions attended state flagger training as part of a three-year certification program.

Employee news – Two veteran law enforcement professionals are the Oak Park Police Department's newest commanders. Michael Richardson and Joseph Waitzman were sworn in during a June 9 ceremony at Village Hall. A 26-year law enforcement veteran, Cmdr. Richardson joined the Oak Park Police Department in 1988. Cmdr. Waitzman came to Oak Park after a 26-year law enforcement career in Country Club Hills, Rolling Meadows and the Illinois Secretary of State's office. More information about our new commanders is [posted on the Village website](#).

Conservatory seeking volunteers – The [Oak Park Conservatory](#) is seeking volunteers to help plant, weed and maintain landscapes within the Park District system, including [Cheney Mansion](#) and the native planting areas at Lindberg, Taylor and Field parks. If you or anyone you know is interested in putting your landscape skills to work as a volunteer, contact Scott Stewart at scott.stewart@pdop.org.

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