



Village Manager's Report
Week ending January 2, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, January 5:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
Preceded by an Employee Service Awards Reception and Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 6:
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
- Wednesday, January 7:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, January 8:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Plan Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 102

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, January 12 – Village Board Special Meeting on Fair Housing Report, 7 p.m. room 101
- Tuesday, January 20 – Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Monday, January 26 – Village Board Special Meeting on the Eisenhower, 7 p.m., room 101
- Monday, February 2 – Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 2011
- Monday, February 9 – Finance Committee of the Village Board, 7 p.m., room 101

Lombard Street closure - Lombard Street will be closed Monday, Jan. 5 from Madison Street south to the Village Hall parking lot entrance in order to mobilize a crane that will be used to remove the old air conditioning chiller from Village Hall. Notification will be sent to those affected by the temporary closure, and signs will be posted on Lombard Street before Monday.

Holiday tree collection - Holiday tree collection will start throughout the Village beginning Jan. 5 and continuing through Jan. 16. Staff is reminding residents to place their trees in their regular collection areas (in most cases the alley - not out on the curb).

Sarah's Inn donations - During 2014, the Administrative Professionals Group continued their quarterly professional training programs which included activities such as CPR certification for the group, a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, as well as writing and editing seminars. In addition, the group had time to coordinate a holiday donation drive for Sarah's Inn, and they challenged the Department Directors to match their donations. The results included gift cards, school supplies, toiletries, infant and baby supplies and 24 used cell phones, which can be reprogrammed and reused by the agency. Sarah's Inn is a local nonprofit that serves families affected by domestic violence.

Eagle Scout project - A local Boy Scout worked with the Engineering Division to install red reflective strips on stop signs at high-traffic intersections near three District 97 schools (Mann, Holmes and Whittier). The installation was part of the Scout's final service project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Engineering staff expects increased safety near these intersections thanks to the enhanced visibility of the stop signs.

Tree inventory completed - Graf Tree, the Village's inventory contractor, has completed and delivered inventory data for all trees located on the public parkway. This project was recently showcased in a VOP-TV video on the Village's YouTube channel. The data will be used by the Forestry Division to better manage and understand our tree canopy.

Public Works activities - The Streets Division completed some curb painting and application of temporary traffic markings in various locations throughout the Village due to the recent unseasonably warm temperatures. The Water and Sewer Division replaced a broken fire hydrant at Clinton and Lexington. Crews continued changing out old water meters, with 1,093 appointments completed to date. The Forestry Division focused work on stump removals and parkway restorations.

Save the Date for Employee Appreciation Breakfasts - For the second year, all Village employees are being invited to an appreciation breakfast as a thank you for their great work in 2014. Members of the Village Board are welcome to join staff at the breakfasts. Invitations will be sent next week to employees for the following dates:

- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Jan. 13 - Village Hall
- 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jan. 21 - Public Works Center
- 9:30 a.m., Jan. 21 - Fire Department
- 7:30 a.m., Jan. 21 - Police Department
- 9:30 a.m., Jan. 22 - Fire Department
- 8 p.m., Jan. 22 - Police Department
- 9:30 a.m., Jan. 23 - Fire Department