



**Village Manager's Report  
The Week Ending January 22, 2016**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Saturday, January 23:
  - Intergovernmental Joint Assembly, 9:00 a.m., Julian Middle School, 516 S. Ridgeland Ave.
  
- Tuesday, January 26:
  - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 6 p.m., room 101
  - Board of Health, 6 p.m., room 102
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
  
- Wednesday, January 27:
  - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
  - HPC Special Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 201
  
- Thursday, January 28:
  - Chair Person Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  
- Friday, January 29:
  - No scheduled meetings

**Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:**

- Monday, February 1:
  - Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
  
- Monday, February 8:
  - Special Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  
- Tuesday, February 9:
  - Contract Review Committee, 8 a.m. room 130
  
- Tuesday, February 16:
  - Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
  
- Monday, February 22:
  - Special Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101

**Lake & Westgate parking update** – With the closing of the sale of the public parking lots near Lake Street, Westgate Street and North Boulevard scheduled for Jan. 26, local businesses and motorists are being alerted to the pending loss of spaces. Flyers were distributed this week to nearby businesses and signs went up by the entrances and pay stations. In addition to the lot closing date, the flyers and signs also offer other parking options. The pay stations have been covered since electric power to the development site was disconnected in preparation for construction. Police will help ensure no vehicles are in the lot when the developer installs fencing around the entire site.

**North Avenue survey** – Public input is being sought via a survey to help the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways, Pace and the RTA better understand how to improve the function and appearance of North Avenue from Harlem Avenue to York Street in Elmhurst. The survey, which organizers say should take only about 10 minutes to complete, is part of the [North Avenue Corridor Study](#) funded by the RTA. Among the challenges the study is intended to address are pedestrian access issues, transit connections, traffic conditions and economic development opportunities. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

**Snow Update** –Public Works crews responded to two separate small-scale weather events this week, with a third possible today. Streets and bridges were salted last Friday (Jan. 15) due to the light snow in the afternoon. Crews were out again early Wednesday (Jan. 20), salting for light snow that started falling at about 2 a.m., leaving about an inch of accumulation, but enough to create the potential for slippery conditions. Lake-effect snow was predicted for today. While today’s accumulation is predicted to be an inch or less, crews are ready to respond as needed.

**Nicor Gas main replacement update** – Nicor crews continued transferring gas services in the north part of the Village. All gas services are scheduled to be transferred to new mains by late January, with asphalt and sod restoration work wrapping up in the spring. Work currently is underway north of Division Street between Woodbine and Euclid avenues.

**Public Works activities** – In addition to routine tasks of temporarily patching pavement openings where water main repairs were made and filling potholes, crews have continued to focus on ensuring hydrants are not frozen and are functional should an emergency arise. Streets Division crews also repaired a water service leak at 315 S. Oak Park Ave. and a water main break at Euclid Avenue and Ontario Street. The Forestry Division responded to various resident requests and managing winter-cycle pruning in the area bounded by Harrison and Madison streets, and East and Harlem avenues. Traffic signal issues caused by cold weather were resolved on Oak Park Avenue at South and North boulevards, as well as at Ridgeland Avenue and Washington Boulevard. Street Lighting crews also repaired contacts and breakers for lights at 900 Harrison St. and 100 N. Humphrey Ave.

**Employee news** – Charó Safford joined the Development Customer Services Department as an Account Clerk II in the Neighborhood Services Division. Her role will focus on the Village’s housing programs. Charó worked as a senior closing coordinator in the real estate industry for more than eight years.