



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending September 16, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, September 19:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, September 20:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, September 21:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, September 22:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Friday, September 23:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Saturday, September 24:
 - Village Board Outreach Event – Farmer's Market 7am-1pm

Paint exchange is Saturday – Residents are invited to safely dispose of unwanted, but useable latex paint or get free paint at the *Great Paint Exchange* tomorrow (Sat., Sept. 17) at the Public Works Center. Half-to-full cans of latex paint will be accepted from 9 to 11 a.m., then anyone in need of paint may pick from the morning collection from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Remaining paint will be recycled by an EPA-approved firm. In other recycling news, last Saturday's paper shredding and clothing collection event at the Public Works Center attracted 368 vehicles whose drivers said they represented 380 households.

Oaktoberfest returns – The [Downtown Oak Park](#) business association brings its annual fall celebration *Oaktoberfest* back beginning tonight (Fri. Sept. 16) and continuing Saturday on Marion Street and North Boulevard south of Lake Street. The event includes live music, craft beer and food from local restaurants from 4:30 to 10 p.m. on Friday and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday. A kids' root beer garden also will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free. More information is online at oaktoberfest.net.

Final movie in the park – The Park District will host the final film in its annual movies in the park summer program tomorrow night (Sat., Sept. 17) at Scoville Park. The event will screen the 3D computer-animated buddy cop comedy mystery adventure *Zootopia* beginning at dusk.

Rehm Park planning session – Residents are invited to help the Park District plan for the future of [Rehm Park](#) by attending a community meeting at 7 p.m., Wed., Sept. 21 at Oak Park Conservatory. The site plan for the park developed in 2008 will be reviewed and updates discussed for future improvements.

Township services showcased – Oak Park will join townships across the state in celebrating *Illinois Township Day* on Wed., Sept. 21 with family friendly events designed to spread the word about the community services offered by these local resources. Residents are invited to visit both Oak Park Township facilities on Oak Park Avenue from 2 to 4 p.m. for an open house where representatives from the Assessor, Senior Services, Youth Services and General Assistance programs will be on hand to distribute information and answer questions.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing – In preparation for paving, concrete curb and sidewalk sections were removed on the south side of Chicago Avenue from Forest Avenue to Marion Street, the work progressing from the west. Crews already are backfilling and adding topsoil to areas where curbs and sidewalks have been replaced. Engineering Division staff is working with the crossing guards at the Oak Park intersection to ensure the safety of pedestrians traveling to and from school each morning and afternoon. In an unrelated project on Chicago Avenue, a 16-inch water valve was replaced at Euclid Avenue in coordination with the resurfacing contractor.

Downtown construction updates – Work continued on the Elevate Oak Park development this week, but none of the activities interfered with the public right of way. The developer of the property at 1111 South Blvd. continued with frontage and façade improvements while the streetscape project was on hold awaiting deliveries. However, with the new bicycle parking rings now on site, installation should begin in the upcoming weeks.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Sandblasting of Village Hall garage rebar and shoring of the underground structure were completed this week in preparation for pouring the concrete deck next week along the south side of Village Hall. Work to address sidewalk trip hazards and accessibility issues will begin next week at various locations in the Village. Crews excavated for the dedicated bicycle pathways at each corner of Chicago and Harvey avenues where the new high-tech crossing beacon will be installed. Water and sewer main improvements continued this week on the 600 block of Highland Avenue. Only general and brick parkway restorations remain before the Harrison Street lighting project is closed out.

Street resurfacing/sidewalk work – Pavement was milled on the 500 and 600 blocks of Forest Avenue, 1000 and 1100 blocks of Grove Avenue, 900 block of Linden Avenue and 1200 block of North Elmwood Avenue in preparation for resurfacing. Leveling binder was installed on the 500 and 600 blocks of Forest Avenue, 1000 and 1100 blocks of north Grove Avenue, 900 block of Linden Avenue and the 1200 block of North Elmwood Avenue. The surface course was set to be installed on 100 and 200 blocks of South Harvey Avenue and on Pleasant Street between East and Scoville avenues. Meanwhile, upgrades to the curbs and ramps to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act were made

on the 100 and 200 blocks of South Cuyler and South Harvey avenues, as well as the 600 block of Lyman Avenue.

Public Works Activities – Street Division crews repaired utility openings at 177 S. Oak Park Ave., 826 Woodbine Ave. and 427 Wisconsin Ave., projects that required saw-cutting pavement, excavating soil and pouring new concrete. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break at 44 Washington Blvd. and sink holes at 124 and 134 S. Euclid Ave., and upgraded a water service at 919 N. Elmwood Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Forestry Division continued to clean up storm damage remaining from last week. Building Maintenance Division staff worked with the maintenance contractor, carpet vendor and Information Technology Department personnel to modify several electrical circuits and raceways to accommodate the locations of the new furniture as part of the Village Hall moving project. All electrical work and painting associated with the latest phase of the Village Hall renovation project have been completed.

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