



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending September 30, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, October 3:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Tuesday, October 4:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room TBD
- Wednesday, October 5:
 - 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, October 6:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Friday, October 7:
 - No scheduled meetings

Solar tour here Saturday – Six Oak Park properties will be among those participating in the 2016 Illinois Solar Tour set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 1. The public tours are intended to demonstrate how Illinois homes and businesses are using solar, wind, geothermal and efficient design to be less energy dependent. Renewable energy system owners and installers will lead the tours and answer questions. A complete [list of the tour sites is posted online](#) in alphabetical order by community – scroll down to see the addresses for the Oak Park properties, which include the Park District facility in Austin Gardens. [Click here to register for the tour.](#)

Oak Park in prestigious architectural tour – Ten Oak Park sites will be among the 200-plus locations featured in the sixth-annual *Open House Chicago*, the Chicago Architecture Foundation's annual free, behind-the-scenes look at many of the region's great places and spaces that are rarely, if ever, open to the public. This year's event is Oct. 15 and 16. In addition to the long-recognized Oak Park sites, this year's tour will include the new history museum in the Village's pumping station at Lombard Avenue and Lake Street, and Vantage Oak Park, which the organization described as transforming the skyline. More information, including a list of all locations, is posted at openhousechicago.org.

Downtown construction updates – No right-of-way work occurred this week at the Elevate Oak Park development project site downtown. Bicycle parking rings were installed on the sidewalk adjacent to the intermodal transportation station on South Boulevard. Excavation work began on the south side of South Boulevard between Marion Street and the alley to make way for an expanded decorative sidewalk and outdoor dining area.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing update – Work continued to focus on curbs and sidewalk crossings in preparation of repaving Chicago Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard. Concrete curbs and sidewalk crossings were removed at spots where needed on the north side of Chicago Avenue between Euclid to Belleforte avenues to make way for new crossings that meet Americans with Disability Act standards. New concrete was poured at the southwest and southeast corners of Ridgeland Avenue. Engineering staff has continued to coordinate construction activities with crossing guards to ensure safe walking routes to the schools are maintained. Staff also will continue working with organizers of the Oct. 23 Frank Lloyd races to minimize any issues that construction could cause along the route.

Village Hall garage repairs – While the structural concrete poured last week in the center portion of the roadway by the south entrance continued to cure, crews removed the pavement from the east and west ends of the roadway and installed new rebar in anticipation of concrete being pour next week. The bridge from the parking lot over the roadway to the south entrance has kept the route open with minimal customer impact. The Lombard Street entrance also has remained open for public access including for persons with disabilities.

Water/sewer main replacements – Water and sewer main replacement work continued this week on Highland Avenue from Jackson Boulevard to Madison Street, and Taylor Avenue from Flournoy Street to Harrison Street. These sections will be resurfaced after all underground work is completed. On Highland Avenue, sewer replacement continued on the 600 block and got underway on the 500 block.

Miscellaneous Construction Projects – Work continued this week on the pedestrian crossing signal at Chicago and Harvey avenues and the bicycle parking facilities on Harrison Street, North Boulevard at Forest Avenue and Oak Park Avenue at Garfield Street. Work to address trip hazards and accessibility issues on sidewalks throughout the Village is substantially complete, with general cleanup and restoration planned for next week. The season's final round of resurfacing projects continued this week with pavement milling and installation of the leveling/binder pavement course on South Boulevard between East and Scoville Avenues, Cuyler Avenue between Randolph and Pleasant streets, Erie Street between Kenilworth and Oak Park avenues, and on Grove Avenue south of Ontario Street.

Public Works activities – Street Division crews completed framing for concrete curb replacement work at 812 Augusta St. after a water service leak repair. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired water services at 208 and 214 N. Austin Blvd. and a sewer lateral repair at 1027 S. Grove Ave., and upgraded a water service at 839 S. Elmwood Ave. as part of the lead abatement program.

Employee news – Sue Kornatowski has joined the Human Resources Department as an HR Generalist after nine years as Secretary to the Village Manager. Sue joined the Village in October, 2002 as a part-time administrative secretary in the Community Relations Department, became a full-time administrative secretary in the Housing Division and then

joined the Village Manager's Office. Prior to beginning her Village career, she spent five years as a human resources manager for a real estate company. In her new role as HR Generalist, Sue, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Penn Foster College, will be involved in hiring, employee benefits and leave coordination, as well as play an active part in training and recruitment efforts to ensure the Village continues to attract and retain the highest caliber of employees.

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