



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending September 1, 2017**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, September 4:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, September 5:
  - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
  - Environment and Energy Commission, 7p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, September 6:
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Zone Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. room 201
- Thursday, September 7:
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Friday, September 8:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Parking restrictions eased** – As with most major holidays, [overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on many residential streets over the Labor Day weekend. Restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 2 and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Sept. 6. However, restrictions will remain in effect in areas such as on-street enclaves and zones that are reserved for permit holders. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

**Village Hall closed Monday** – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., Sept. 4 in [observance of Labor Day](#). Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged to call the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

**Refuse collections delayed** – [Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services](#) will be delayed by the Labor Day holiday. Monday's regular pick-up and all subsequent collections of the week will be delayed one day, with Friday's collection on Saturday. More information about Village refuse collection services is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Farmers' Market pie bake-off** – Amateur and professional bakers alike will put their pie-making skills to the test at the Oak Park Farmers' Market's inaugural *Pie Bake-Off* from 9:30 to 11 a.m. this Saturday. A panel of three judges will chose a winner from among 15 entries based on taste, creative use of Farmers' Market ingredients

and appearance. Slices of pie will be given away to Market visitors after the contest on a first-come, first-served basis. Find more info about the contest at [www.oak-park.us/piebakeoff](http://www.oak-park.us/piebakeoff).

**West Nile Virus threat alert** – With Labor Day weekend typically featuring lots of outdoor activities, the Health Department is urging residents not to become complacent and to continue taking precautions to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus. The virus has been found in mosquito samples gathered from throughout the region since the beginning of the season, including in both traps in Oak Park. Fourteen human cases also have been identified in Illinois, including one in our community. More information on prevention is posted on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/fightthebite](http://www.oak-park.us/fightthebite).

**Business closed pending hearing** – Following a joint investigation by Oak Park and Chicago Police, the Austin Pantry, 1 W. Chicago Ave., has been closed pending an administrative hearing to determine if a public nuisance exists that could result in the permanent revocation of the store's business license. The 10-day emergency closing of the business came after an arrest was made following execution of a search warrant Wednesday. A Chicago man, identified as a store clerk, was arrested and later charged with 17 felony counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. The purpose of the hearing is to review the police investigation of the business and to hear from the business owner and legal counsel. If the hearing determines a public nuisance was created by the business operations, the business license may be revoked permanently.

**Downtown construction update** – Underground lighting work continues on the east side of the new section of Maple Avenue along the Emerson Development site, while new curbs and road base are being installed. The sidewalk on the north side of North Boulevard is closed along the development site, but pedestrians have access to the area via the sidewalk on the south side of the street. Sidewalk pavers and roadway brick pavers are being installed on Westgate Street, west of Marion Street. South of the tracks, excavation for foundations continues throughout the site of the new Lincoln Properties development. The eastbound lane of South Boulevard remains closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street for materials staging and construction equipment.

**Street resurfacing** – Old pavement was removed on Humphrey Avenue between Division and Greenfield streets and on Taylor Avenue between Berkshire and Greenfield streets in preparation for paving. Work on storm sewers in these areas also began, including repairing existing drains and adding new ones as needed. Concrete operations continued in the public parking lot at Superior Street and Austin Boulevard (Lot 25S) and on Adams Street between Home and Clinton avenues. Work will continue on these sites throughout next week.

**Sidewalk repairs/street microsurfacing** – All sidewalk repair and replacement projects are substantially complete. Crews will focus on cleanup and repair or replacement of any new sidewalks sections that were damaged or suffered graffiti during construction. Microsurfacing of selected streets is scheduled to resume the second week of September. By applying a thin layer of material on the street surface, the life of the pavement can be extended up to five years.

**Washington/Wisconsin traffic signal** – Preliminary work has begun at the site of a new traffic signal planned for the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Wisconsin Avenue. Extensive work both above ground and underground must be completed before the light is installed and activated, which most likely will be in November. The project also includes dedicated turn lanes on Washington Boulevard, an unmarked state highway. Traffic will be permitted to pass through the work zone throughout most of the project.

**Lake Michigan pipeline** – The water main that will carry Lake Michigan water to the village of Brookfield and North Riverside has been installed up to Scoville Avenue, as construction continues to proceed eastward. The contractor is mobilizing this week for work that will complete the installation to just west of Austin Boulevard. At this point, workers will bore under Austin Boulevard. Street reconstruction activities along the pipeline route are set to begin in mid-September, with all underground pipe installation completed in Oak Park in early October with. The latest schedule information is posted online – [click here to view](#).

**Miscellaneous construction** – Union Pacific Railroad crews continued working in the Village this week on the retaining walls, removing loose material where needed and preparing for permanent repairs. Remaining punch-list items were performed last week on Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues as the project nears completion. Over the next few weeks, signs taken down during construction will be reinstalled.

**Public Works Activities** – Streets crews continued painting curbs at various locations throughout the Village as well as installing thermoplastic markings at various locations. Crews also continued picking up litter in Village parking lots, viaducts and the downtown business areas. Turn lanes were repainted on North and South boulevards and a new stop sign installed at the intersection of Superior Street and Linden Avenue. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a sink hole at 1143 Clarence Ave., and a water main leak at Berkshire Street and Austin Boulevard. Crews also reset a water shutoff box at 248 S. Marion St. Building Maintenance staff continues to monitor the cleanliness and security of the warming shelter at the downtown Metra station.

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