



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending September 22, 2017**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, September 25:
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, September 26:
  - Board of Health Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, September 27:
  - HPC Architecture Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., Oak Park Library, 834 Lake Street
- Thursday, September 28:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, September 29:
  - No meetings scheduled

**New deputy police chief** – Commander LaDon Reynolds will be promoted to deputy chief in a ceremony scheduled for 6 p.m., Mon., Sept. 25 in the Village Hall Council Chamber. A 23-year veteran of the Oak Park Police Department, Deputy Chief Reynolds will oversee the Patrol Division, which includes all of the men and women in uniform who police the community day to day. [More details about his skills and experience are posted on the Village website...](#)

**Accessible public transit** – The Disability Access Commission will host a presentation to help persons with disabilities use public transportation to get to appointments, maintain social connections and enjoy independent travel. The presentation, which will include a question and answer session with a representative of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), is set for 7:15 p.m., Wed., Sept. 27 at the main branch of the Oak Park Public Library. Topics will include benefits of using accessible travel, how to plan trips on CTA, Pace and Metra, and overview of the Ventra payment system and how to get a reduced fare or a ride free permit.

**Divvy discount extended** – Oak Parkers considering joining the popular Divvy bike share program now have through October to take advantage of a special reduced-rate offer. The discounted rate is \$59.99 for an annual membership, a savings of nearly \$40 off the regular membership price of \$99. To receive the discount, go to at [www.divvybikes.com](http://www.divvybikes.com) and use the coupon code *OPFYI* when making the purchase.

More information about Divvy in Oak Park and a map of the 13 stations located throughout the Village is posted at [www.oak-park.us/divvy](http://www.oak-park.us/divvy).

**Downtown construction update** – Sidewalk and curb work continued this week on Westgate Street and Maple Avenue. Roadway excavation and concrete base work also continued on Maple Avenue and North Boulevard. Concrete planters were installed along North Boulevard. The sidewalk remains closed on the north side of North Boulevard by the ongoing development site, but pedestrians have access to the area via the sidewalk on the south side of the street. Westgate Street has been temporarily opened to vehicle traffic and pedestrian access is being maintained along from Marion Street. Lake Street east of Harlem Avenue was scheduled to be milled today (Fri., Sept. 22), with paving of Lake and the new section of Maple Avenue to follow on Saturday (Sept. 23). Flaggers will be on site to ensure traffic flow is maintained during contractor operations.

**South Boulevard/Harlem Avenue redevelopment update** – Installation of the foundation continued this week at the new Lincoln Properties development site on South Boulevard east of Harlem Avenue. The eastbound lane of South Boulevard likely will remain closed for much of the project between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street for materials staging and construction equipment, but ensuring access to the businesses near site will be a priority. Engineering Division staff is working with the contractor to make sure construction signs and activities do not confuse potential customers.

**Street resurfacing** – Crews worked on storm sewers on Wisconsin Avenue between Madison and Randolph streets. Concrete and asphalt operations continued on Humphrey Avenue between Division and Greenfield streets, Taylor Avenue between Berkshire and Greenfield streets, Adams Street between Clinton and Home avenues, Wisconsin Avenue between Madison and Randolph streets, and on South Boulevard between Cuyler and Harvey avenues. Concrete and asphalt work will continue at these sites throughout next week.

**Washington/Wisconsin traffic signal** – The tentative November activation date for the new traffic signal at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Wisconsin Avenue may be delayed. Manufacturers are shifting existing inventory to hurricane recovery efforts in Florida and Texas. In the meantime, work is continuing on site preparation, which includes extensive work both above and below ground. Sidewalk and curb removal and replacement began this week. In addition to the new signal, the project also includes dedicated turn lanes on Washington Boulevard. Traffic will be permitted to pass through the work zone throughout most of the project.

**Lake Michigan pipeline project** – The water main to carry Lake Michigan water to the Villages of Brookfield and North Riverside has been completed to Lombard Avenue, with work progressing to the east toward Austin Boulevard. All underground pipe installation is projected to be completed in Oak Park in early October. Street reconstruction activities along the pipeline route are underway. A project website managed by the engineering company provides the latest schedule information – [click here to view](#).

**Miscellaneous construction projects** – Crews continued to focus on cleanup, repair and replacement of any new sidewalk sections that were damaged or vandalized

during recent construction. Microsurfacing of various streets will continue into next week with the application of pavement markings to follow. Union Pacific Railroad crews continued working on retaining walls where tracks pass over Village streets, removing loose material and preparing for permanent repairs.

**Public Works activities** – Streets Division crews replaced bricks at 144 S. Oak Park Ave. following the replacement of a fire hydrant damaged in an accident. Crews also removed graffiti and stickers applied to street light poles and signs at several locations throughout the Village. Litter pick up in Village parking lots and business districts continued. Streets crews began preparing equipment for the upcoming leaf sweeping season, which begins in October. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a fire hydrant at North and Linden avenues, reset a water shut-off box at 1043 S. Harvey Ave., replaced a catch basin at Austin Boulevard and LeMoyné Parkway, and installed a water service at 947 Wesley Ave. as part of the lead abatement program.

**Employee news** – September has been a busy month for the Police Department. In addition to [naming a new Deputy Chief](#), three recruits graduated from the Chicago Police Academy, four new recruits entered the Academy, one officer with prior experience began the Department's field training program and a new Community Service Officer joined the administrative team. Police Chief Ambrose was the keynote speaker at the Academy's Sept. 11 graduation ceremony for recruits Kamile Sutaite, Michael Rumoro and Auturo Vera. Sutaite was class valedictorian and Rumoro won an award for top physical fitness. New recruits set to graduate from the Police Academy in December are Ruben Murguia, Jason Laskowsk, Matthew Ortiz and Robert Aghajan. Zackary Doell, formerly an officer with Elmhurst Police and a 2016 Police Academy graduate, began his on-the-job field training program. Kinga Stanek joined the Police Department as a Community Service Officer, a role she previously held with the Summit Police Department. She has Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and brings both Polish and Spanish language skills to the job, which includes a variety of public service, customer service, administrative and law enforcement duties that do not require the services of a sworn police officer.

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