



Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 10, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Aug. 13:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Aug. 14:
 - Aging Place Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Taxing Body Efficiency Task Force, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Wednesday, Aug. 15:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Aug. 16:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, Aug. 17:
 - No meetings scheduled

Second round of mosquito spraying postponed – Thursday evening's rain and thunderstorms prompted the [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) to postpone its plans to spray in Oak Park. Officials say they will try again Monday (Aug. 13), weather permitting. Officials have indicated that spraying likely will occur once each week here as long as West Nile virus continues to be found in samples of mosquitoes collected from traps in Oak Park. Staff is continuing to follow the lead of public health officials and urging residents to take precautions against getting bitten. [More information is posted on the Village website...](#)

Farmers' Market corn roast is Saturday – The annual Farmers' Market corn roast is Saturday (Aug. 11). This season's roast is part of the celebration of [National Farmers' Market Week](#), Aug. 5 – 11. Fresh-picked corn from Market growers will be sold by the ear hot off the roaster from about 8:30 a.m. to noon this Saturday. [Click here for more details...](#)

Madison/Lyman proposal – A proposal to build a three-story, 23-unit residential rental building at the southeast corner of Lyman Avenue and Madison Street was presented recently to the [Madison Street Coalition](#). The proposal would require a special use permit since it does not include any ground-floor retail as required by zoning. The special use permit request likely will be reviewed in September by the Zoning Board of Appeals, which then will make a recommendation for Village Board consideration. The architectural design is not an issue with the special use permit

request, but is subject to the current design standards within the Zoning Ordinance at the building permit stage. Company representatives are in conversation with the Village's architectural consultant to ensure compliance with the design standards. The exterior elevations have changed and may change again based on these discussions. [Click here to see the presentation to the Madison Street Coalition.](#)

Boulevards project – Crews were authorized to work overnight this week to line the sewers on North and South boulevards near downtown. Work was scheduled for 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 8 and 9) on South Boulevard between Marion Street and Home Avenue. The overnight work was set to shift to the intersection of North Boulevard and Forest Avenue on Friday (Aug. 10) between 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Work to install the water main between North Boulevard and South Boulevard under the Clinton Avenue viaduct is continued during normal day hours. Water services were scheduled to be connected to the properties this week, but sewer services will not be connected until the sewer main under the Clinton Avenue viaduct has been completed. North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Clinton Avenue, but access to private driveways is being maintained. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – The season's second and final round of resurfacing projects is now underway. Work includes resurfacing four blocks, reconstructing six blocks streets and rehabilitating four parking lots. In the meantime, the first round of street resurfacing projects are nearing completion, with several blocks only awaiting the final layer of asphalt. Pavement repair and maintenance was scheduled to wrap up this week at various locations throughout the Village and is anticipated to be completed this week, with crack filling and microsurfacing to follow.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Sewer work began this week on the Lake Street frontage of the District House development at Euclid Avenue. Related activity is expected to continue through next week, with the work is being staged to maintain two-way traffic. Irrigation and electrical work in the parkway on Lake Street will start next week. Alley projects are progressing toward a mid-September wrap up. Pavement removal began in the alley between Harvey and Lombard avenues and north of Chicago Avenue. Meanwhile, construction continues at the Albion development at Lake Street and Forest Avenue as staff continues to monitor steps to ensure safe pedestrian and traffic flow. Preliminary discussions have begun for a late August topping-off ceremony for the Lincoln development project on South Boulevard at Harlem Avenue.

Public Works Activities – Event set up and clean up keep Streets Division crews busy over the weekend. Crews also picked up litter pickup throughout the Village, cleaned and painted viaduct center islands for safety, saw cut pavement for street restoration work, patched sewer water service openings and removed bicycles abandoned in the Avenue Garage. Street Lighting Division crews replaced light poles knocked down in vehicle accidents at Thomas Street and Harvey Avenue and at Westgate and Marion streets. Repairs to prevent streetlight outages on the East Avenue bridge and annual preventive maintenance of traffic signals continued. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired water main breaks at 1010 Hayes Ave. and 846 N. Taylor Ave. and a water service leak at Taylor Avenue and Augusta Boulevard. Crews also replaced a water valve at Grove Avenue and Harvard Street and upgraded a water service at 1125

Wisconsin Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Forestry Division crews and contractors focused on routine tasks and maintenance

Employee news – Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule was in Columbus, Ohio this week to attend the [International Society of Arboriculture \(ISA\)](#) annual conference, which is considered the industry's premiere forum for exchanging the latest information. The event featured a wide range of educational sessions led by industry leaders from around the globe who came to discuss the trends in equipment, best practices, technology and research in arboriculture and urban forestry. The event, held Aug. 6 – 8, brings practicing arborists and urban foresters together with industry leading researchers and educators. Rob's attendance allowed him to earn continuing education credits necessary to maintain his arborist certification.

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