



Village Manager's Report Week ending September 7, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Sept. 10:
 - Rosh Hashanah, no meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Sept. 11:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Taxing Body Efficiency Task Force, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- Wednesday, Sept. 12:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, Sept. 13:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Friday, Sept. 14:
 - No meetings scheduled

Honey donated to Food Pantry -- An extra touch of sweetness was available at an [Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry](#) distribution last week compliments of the hardworking honeybees who call Village Hall home. Staff delivered 200 three-ounce jars of honey to the lower level of First United Church of Oak Park from which the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry provides hunger-relief programming and services to 13 zip codes across Cook County. The donation came after about 50 pounds of honey was collected earlier this summer from the two honeybee hives installed this year on the small outdoor balcony above the south entrance to Village Hall. [More details are posted on the Village website.](#)

Holiday traffic enforcement results – Oak Park Police stopped 33 vehicles and issued 25 citations as part of the state's [Click It or Ticket](#) Labor Day traffic safety campaign Aug. 20 through Sept. 4. Eleven motorists were cited for failure to wear seatbelts and 14 were issued citations for miscellaneous violations such as disobeying a traffic control device, no insurance and distracted driving. Administered by the [Illinois Department of Transportation](#), the program uses federal dollars managed by the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) to put extra officers on the street during high-traffic holidays.

Vehicle charging stations issue – The two electric vehicle charging stations in parking lot 10 by North Boulevard between Marion Street and Forest Avenue currently are not operational. The stations were installed with a solar panel canopy as part of an agreement with I-GO Car Sharing and currently owned by Enterprise Holdings, the parent of Enterprise Rent-A-Car which acquired I-Go. While staff works to gain access

to the electrical infrastructure and resolve any issues, signs have been posted to direct potential users to the charging stations in the Holley Court and Avenue garages. Village staff is involved because Enterprise has failed to respond to the repair needs.

South Marion demolition update – At its Aug. 30 meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission denied a Certificate of Appropriateness application to demolish a commercially used residential structure and replace it with a condominium building within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District at 224 S. Marion St. As allowed under Village Code, the applicant has appealed the decision to the Village Board, which has 45 days from the Sept. 4 appeal to rule. The Village Board can affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission. If the Board chooses to take no action within the allotted time, the appeal will be considered denied and the Commission's decision will stand. The application, exhibits and Commission resolution have been posted online – [just click here to review](#). In addition, the recording of the Aug. 30 Plan Commission meeting is available for viewing at www.oak-park.us/commissiontv.

Rush Hospital update – Sewer work related to the Rush Hospital expansion is expected to limit traffic next week on Madison Street east of Harlem Avenue to one lane in each direction for about four days. The traffic disruption will be limited to work hours, with full traffic flow restored at the end of each work day. Adjacent businesses and residences have been alerted to the possible impacts, including no parking on the north side of Madison Street to Wisconsin Avenue.

Eleven 33 development update – Removal of the tower crane at the Eleven 33 development on South Boulevard scheduled for last week was delayed by weather. Crews are scheduled to try again next week. The work will require closing Maple Avenue south of the site to Pleasant Street. Work currently is scheduled for Sept. 12 – 14. Plans are to start streetscape construction on South Boulevard on Sept. 17. Streetscape work will begin at Harlem Avenue and move east to Marion Street.

Boulevards project update – The intersection of South Boulevard and Clinton Avenue is closed to traffic for excavation of a shaft for a new sewer connection, as well as additional boring and restoration activities. The intersection is expected to remain closed for about two weeks. Boring for a new sewer main beneath the Clinton Avenue viaduct between South and North boulevards was expected to be completed this week. South Boulevard traffic continues to be rerouted at Kenilworth Avenue to Randolph Street between Kenilworth and Home avenues, with local access to properties and parking available via temporary two-way traffic on either side of the Clinton Avenue intersection. Restoration continued on North Boulevard around areas where new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway entrances have been installed. Although North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Clinton Avenue, access to private driveways has been retained. Installation of catch basins was expected to begin this week on South Boulevard between Home Avenue and Marion Street. No street closures are required for this work, but some pay-by-space street parking will be lost during construction. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – Pavement removal is expected to begin next week for the four blocks of streets to be resurfaced, six blocks of streets to be

reconstructed and four parking lots to be rehabilitated in the season's final round of paving. Striping and punch list items still remain to be completed on the first round of street resurfacing projects.

Public Works activities – Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water service leak at 150 N. Scoville Ave. and a broken water valve at Harrison Street and Home Avenue. Crews also upgraded water services at 1101 N. Humphrey Ave. and 704 S. Oak Park Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Streets Division crews focused on routine maintenance activities including patching potholes, picking up litter and cleaning viaducts and areas in business districts.

Employee news – Ben Blankenship is a new Pumping Station Operator at Public Works. Ben has been with the Village for more than four years, most recently as a Water & Sewer worker. Jameelah Curry has joined the Public Works Department's Engineering Division. She comes to the Village from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), where she worked for more than seven years.

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