



Village Manager's Report
Week ending September 21, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Sept. 24:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber

- Tuesday, Sept. 25:
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 123
 - Taxing Body Efficiency Task Force, 7 p.m., Council Chamber

- Wednesday, Sept. 26:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Disability Access Commission, Main Library, 834 Lake St.
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, Sept. 27:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Friday, Sept. 28:
 - No meetings scheduled

Police chief search survey – Sunday, Sept. 23 is the last day residents, business operators and their employees can complete an online survey about the qualities most important in the community's next top law enforcement official. The survey is posted at www.oak-park.us/chiefsearch. So far, about two hundred surveys have been completed. The separate surveys for the sworn and civilian Police staff also are underway through Sept. 23. More about the search for the new police chief is [posted on the Village website](#).

Solar tour is Sunday – Oak Park will feature eight sites in the [Illinois Solar Tour](#) set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sun., Sept. 23. The free, open-house-style event allows the public to view real-life examples of how local businesses and residents have reduced their utility bills by going solar. In addition to the [Avenue Garage array](#), other local sites include three park facilities and four private homes. A complete list of local sites is [posted on the Village website](#).

Green grant – Support of zero-waste events has earned the Village a \$1,500 Waste Management *Think Green Grant*. The Village encourages all local events to be zero waste by providing landfill, recycle and compost stations that help event participants separate waste for proper disposal. The Village often is the first resource used by

organization considering a zero-waste event. The grant will help the Village continue to provide support for local events, including our popular [Green Block Party](#) program.

Recycling news – The Public Works Center hosted one of the largest paper shredding and textile recycling events since the programs began. Nearly 420 cars representing some 437 households drove through the center Saturday (Sept. 15) to drop off 521 boxes and bags of personal papers for shredding. Another 329 bags and boxes of old clothing weighing 3,237 pounds were collected for recycling by the Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago.

Redevelopment project news – Equipment and materials for streetscape construction on South Boulevard began arriving this week by the Eleven 33 development site, as crews prepare to begin bringing the area between Marion Street and Harlem Avenue back into drivable and walkable condition before Thanksgiving. This section of South Boulevard is closed and traffic detoured to Randolph Street and North Boulevard, where westbound traffic is restricted to turning north onto Harlem. Meanwhile, Public Works crews completed 14 water main taps in the 900 block of Madison Street for the new Lexington Reserve development project.

Boulevards project update – The intersection of South Boulevard and Clinton Avenue is expected to remain closed to traffic for another week for water main work and site restoration. South Boulevard traffic continues to be rerouted at Kenilworth Avenue to Randolph Street between Kenilworth and Home avenues. All sewer main work has been completed on both North and South boulevards. Restoration of North Boulevard is well underway, and street lights are being installed on South Boulevard. Although North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Forest Avenue, access to private driveways has been retained. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – Paving is set to begin on the 10 blocks of streets and four parking lots to be rehabilitated in the season's final round of paving projects. Striping and punch list items still remain on several sections of streets included in the first round of resurfacing projects. Resurfacing is expected to begin next week along 202 – 210 Harrison Street where a private development is underway.

Microsurfacing – Microsurfacing is scheduled to begin next week on streets in the north end of the Village. Each block where work is underway will need to be closed for up to four hours to apply the mixture and allow it time to properly dry before reopening the streets to traffic. No parking signs will be posted 48 hours prior to work beginning. Work hours will be from about 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Applying the thin layer of material helps extend the life of the pavement.

Rush Hospital update – Contractors are expected to begin working on the sewer lines under Madison Street east of Harlem Avenue on Monday (Sept. 24) as part of the Rush Oak Park Hospital expansion. Madison Street traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction during work hours for about three days. Adjacent businesses and residences have been alerted to the possible impacts, including no parking on the north side of Madison Street to Wisconsin Avenue.

Public Works activities – Temporary overhead cables had to be installed to restore street lights in 300 block of South Cuyler. Crews also had to repair a ComEd cable splice to restore street lights on the 1000 block of north Oak Park Avenue and a damaged cable causing outages on the 700 block of south Ridgeland Avenue. Crews also restored power to the Marion Street underpass by installing electrical conduit that had been removed by Union Pacific crews patching the concrete wall. Water shutoff boxes were reset at 209 Division St., 1116 Gunderson Ave. and 1169 Home Ave. A water main break at 515 South Blvd and a water line valve were repaired at 846 N. Humphrey Ave.

Employee News – Street Lighting Technician Jesus Rodriguez has earned Level I Traffic Signal Technician, Level II Traffic Signal Field Technician and Work Zone Temporary Traffic Control Technician certifications. These certifications are from the [International Municipal Signal Association \(IMSA\)](#), which offers a wide range of programs based on national standards and regulations intended to ensure the safe installation, operation and maintenance of public safety systems. Jesus worked in the Village's Forestry Division from August 2006 until October 2013, returning this year with experience as an electrician.

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