



Village Manager's Report
Week ending January 11, 2019

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Jan. 14:
 - Village Board Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, Jan. 15:
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, Jan. 16:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Jan. 17:
 - Plan Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Friday, Jan. 18:
 - No meetings scheduled

One more chance to recycle holiday trees for free – Next week, (Jan. 14 – 18) will be the last week the Village's refuse hauler will be [collecting holiday trees](#) for free. Trees must be placed in the regular collection area by 7 a.m. on the [neighborhood's regular refuse collection date](#). Trees set out after the collection program ends will require a pink bulk refuse sticker be attached. Stickers are available for \$3 each and available at most local grocery and hardware stores, as well as at Village Hall. The program applies only to those buildings of five or fewer units served under the municipal collection program.

Lake Street project update – The Lake Street resurfacing and streetscape project is tentatively scheduled to be bid by the Illinois Department of Transportation in April. The Village is continuing its work to acquire easements with affected properties. Staff also will be meeting with representatives of the downtown business districts in the coming weeks to review preliminary construction timelines, subject to final award of the contract by the State of Illinois. The resurfacing of Lake Street, east of Euclid is a local project and that contract is subject to award by the Village Board. The Village previously awarded a contract for sewer replacement/repair work under Lake Street in the Hemingway Business District and that work will be scheduled in coordination with the larger Lake Street improvements.

Miscellaneous project updates – South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street has been reopened to westbound traffic, but the eastbound lane likely will remain closed at least through January due to obstructions caused by installation of the adjacent sidewalk which is underway. Light poles, planters and

bike racks will be installed in the next few weeks at [District House development](#) on Lake Street at Euclid Avenue as weather permits.

Garage elevator back in service -- The southeast elevator in the Holley Court Parking Garage is back in service now that the hydraulic cylinder has been replaced. The project also included modernizing the mechanics and electronics of the elevator and cleaning the pit and shaft. Renovation of the interior of the elevator cab is planned in the coming weeks with the one-day project to be scheduled for a Saturday to minimize disruption to tenants of the neighboring buildings who rely most heavily on the elevator during weekdays.

Public Works Activities – Some 200 potholes were filled on main Village streets this week, with plans to move to side streets in the days ahead. Crews also are topping off planters around the Village with fresh soil to save time when spring planting begins. Winter parkway tree pruning has started in the section of the Village between Madison and Harrison streets, with the work moving east from Austin Boulevard. Crews repaired a pedestal cabinet on Berkshire Street and Austin Boulevard that houses an electronic shutoff valve for water flowing into the Village's north reservoir pumping station. The cabinet had been damaged in a vehicle accident earlier in the week. A fire hydrant at 845 N. Lombard Ave. was also repaired following an inspection which is part of ongoing hydrant inspections and maintenance throughout the Village.

Employee news – Staff in Parking Services was welcomed back for the new year with a bulletin board highlighting thank you notes and compliments recently received from customers. Several of the notes mention staff by name and thank them for being friendly, helpful and courteous. The notes are a reminder that their service is appreciated. Parking Services manages more than 4,000 public parking spaces, including enclaves, garages and off-street lots. Staff also issue parking permits and passes as well as vehicle stickers.

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