



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending March 1, 2019**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, March 4:
 - Reinventing Government Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber (*approval of prior meeting minutes only to facilitate publication of those minutes*)
 - Village Board Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- Tuesday, March 5:
 - Environment & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, March 6:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Thursday, March 7:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, March 8:
 - No meetings scheduled

Municipal service delivery statistics – The March/April issue of the OP/FYI newsletter includes the annual overview of services provided to the community by municipal employees. The issue of the newsletter should begin arriving in residential mailboxes by the end of next week. However, if you would like an early look, the newsletter already is posted online – [just click here to view](#).

One Earth Film Festival begins – The Village is a sponsor of the One Earth Film Festival, set to open for its eighth year today (March 1). As an *action partner*, the Village is providing information about local sustainability and energy efficiency programs such as Rain Ready, Community Choice Electricity Aggregation and Curbside Composting, as well as our beekeeping and native planting initiatives. Among the offerings of this year's festival will be the film [Living in the Future's Past](#), which will be screened at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 2, at the Lake Theater. Last year's festival included more than 60 screenings and events in 50 locations throughout the Chicago area, including Oak Park. For more information on the festival, its films and screening details, visit www.oneearthfilmfest.org.

Eleven33 update – The Lincoln Property Co. development called Eleven33 is nearing completion on South Boulevard at Harlem Avenue. Three floors of the building have been approved for occupancy and the first resident has moved in. Once fully open,

the development will include 263 rental apartments, parking for 398 vehicles and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. In related news, a hearing on the sign variation request scheduled for this week before the Community Design Commission was postponed due to a lack of quorum. The hearing notice will be republished for a date next month.

Project updates – Weather continued to delay right-of-way work by the development sites downtown, including the striping required to open South Boulevard to two-way traffic between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street, and installation of the remaining sidewalk east of the commercial driveway entrance at the [Eleven33](#) development site. Weather did not impede the annual sewer cleaning and inspections that continued this week at various locations throughout the Village.

Public Works activities – While the tree pruning contractor worked south of I-290 moving west from Ridgeland Avenue, Forestry Division staff visited two nurseries to select trees for spring planting. Staff from various divisions joined forces to clean up tree branch debris created by the heavy winds of the past weekend. Streets Division crews continued to battle the bumper crop of potholes on the main streets, while also pretreating streets as the possibility of snow stayed in the weather forecasts. Repairs to an underground cable vault at Harlem Avenue and Ontario Street began this week, while crews also focused on various routine maintenance activities, including street lights and traffic signals throughout the Village. A water valve was replaced and a fire hydrant repaired at Oak Park Avenue and LeMoyne Parkway. A fire hydrant was repaired at Oak Park Avenue and Thomas Street, and water service line leaks repaired at 1100 North Austin Boulevard and 1235 North Harlem Avenue.

Employee news – Assistant Village Engineer Byron Kutz has completed the requirements for a [Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Management](#) from Northern Illinois University. In addition to completing 15 hours of specific course work, recipients also must have experience working in a mid- or upper-level management position in the public or nonprofit sector. The course work hours may be applied towards a Master's degree in Public Administration. Byron was recently recognized for five years of service with the Village.

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