



Village Manager's Report
Week ending Aug. 16, 2019

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Aug. 19:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Aug. 20:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Wednesday, Aug. 21:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Aug. 22:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Aug. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled

FLW Trust hearings set – The Historic Preservation Commission has scheduled hearings at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Aug. 27 on requests by the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust related to the plans for a visitors center on its Chicago Avenue property. The Trust is seeking certificates of appropriateness to move or demolition the home at 925 Chicago Ave. and alter the home at 931 Chicago Ave. Both structures are considered contributing buildings within the Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District. The Commission first reviewed the requests at a meeting on Aug. 8, but took no action. Any recommendations the Commission might take will come to the Village Board for consideration.

Parking lot reopens – The Village Hall Parking lot returned to full service this week. While some minor punch list and clean up tasks remain, it is parking as usual in the lot. New features include an enhanced pedestrian center walkway and five electric vehicle charging stations, two dedicated to public use and the others for the growing fleet of electric municipal vehicles. Each station can charge two vehicles. The temporary signs erected to manage parking on the side streets during the construction project have been removed, but any standing restrictions such as time limits in place prior to the project are being enforced.

Downtown construction update – Restoration of the pavement by Lake Street and Forest Avenue could begin as early as next week now that all infrastructure and utility work in the street has been completed. A final date has not yet been set for restoration of the alley adjacent to the Forsyth Building at 1001 Lake Street just west

of Forest Avenue, which also was affected by the infrastructure work. The sidewalk adjacent to the Albion redevelopment project at northwest corner of Lake and Forest is open to pedestrians, but minor leveling and resetting of some pavers is needed. Pedestrian access can be steered around the work without closing the sidewalk.

Water main break – Routine replacement of a fire hydrant this week at Harlem Avenue and Greenfield Street ended in a six-hour job for Water & Sewer Division crews after pressure blew a large hole in the bottom of the hydrant service line near the main. About two blocks were affected when water had to be shut off temporarily, but all Harlem Avenue traffic lanes remained open. The hydrant had been severely damaged in a vehicle accident.

Madison Street update – Milling of the current pavement in preparation for paving is expected to start next week at Austin Boulevard and move west toward Harlem Avenue. The milling portion of the project, which likely will take the full week, will include applying the leveling binder. All concrete work was expected to be completed by the end of this week and installation of the electrical infrastructure necessary for future pedestrian features is underway. Village staff and the project team have begun coordinating messaging with nearby schools to ensure information is available for parents and students prior to the first day of classes. The project remains on track to be completed in early October. Construction updates continued to be distributed weekly via email to subscribers and posted on the dedicated project website www.madisonstreetconstruction.com.

Water and sewer improvements – Clarence Avenue remains closed this week between Roosevelt Road and Harvard Street as installation of new water services moves from Harvard south on Clarence. Work on Berkshire Street between Columbian Avenue and Grove Avenue should wrap up next week. Both the Clarence Avenue and Berkshire Street projects should be completed the end of September.

Street resurfacing projects – Crews will be pouring concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons through next week on Wisconsin Avenue between Harrison and Adams streets, with pavement removal and replacement to follow. Pavement milling on Clarence Avenue, Randolph Street and Iowa Street is set to begin next week. The reconstruction of Marion Street between Ontario Street and Chicago Avenue will follow in the coming weeks. Replacement of various sidewalk segments, garage aprons and crossing ramps is underway on Randolph, Marion and Iowa streets. The final phase of paving should be completed by the end of September.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Pavement preservation activities are scheduled to begin next week with the application of special surface treatments intended to extend life, improve ride quality and preserve deeper layers of the pavement structure. The annual sidewalk replacement program continued this week, with the focus on eliminating trip hazards along main streets throughout the Village. Landscaping by the Holley Court Garage passageway intended to remedy drainage issues and to beautify the pedestrian path is scheduled to be completed next week.

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