



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending Dec. 18 and 25, 2020

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Dec. 21:
 - Board of Health, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Dec. 22:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Dec. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, Dec. 24:
 - Christmas Eve – Village Hall closed
- Friday, Dec. 25:
 - Christmas Day – Village Hall closed
- Monday, Dec. 28
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Dec. 29
 - Ballot position lottery, 9 a.m., via GoToMeeting
- Wednesday, Dec. 30
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, Dec. 31
 - No meetings scheduled
- Fri., Jan. 1, 2021
 - New Year's Day – Village Hall closed

Village Hall holiday hours – Village Hall is closed to the public Thurs., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. Village Hall also will be closed all day on Fri., Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Residents are urged to call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 should an incident that does not quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency call occur when Village Hall is closed. Of course they should always call 911 in an emergency.

Business marketing support program – [Pick Oak Park](#), the Village-funded marketing program for local business, has launched on the web, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). A marketing toolkit also has been created for use in Village and business

communication efforts. The toolkit includes logos and suggested social media posts. The Village will use its communications tools to help promote the online sites.

Community solar update – More than 80 participants from various municipalities in Illinois joined an Environment and Energy Subcommittee meeting hosted by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on Dec. 15 to learn more about Oak Park’s progress toward energy innovation in Illinois. Advancing renewable energy strategies by providing access to community solar subscriptions for residents is critical to the success of Village’s commitment to the [Greenest Region Compact GRC](#). The Village of Oak Park was the first to pilot a municipally sponsored [community solar subscription program](#) to an operating solar facility in northern Illinois that is providing solar energy to the ComEd electricity service grid. More information about community solar is [posted on the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus website](#).

Ballot position lottery – The Village Clerk is scheduled to hold the lottery at 9 a.m., Tues., Dec. 29 to determine the local candidate who will have the first position on the ballot. The lottery drawing will be streamed live at [www.oak-park.us/commissiontv](#) due to technical challenges that prevented streaming from the [board meeting web page](#). Information on 2021 Consolidated Municipal Elections, including a list of candidates, is posted online at [www.oak-park.us/2021election](#).

Plan Commission activity – The Plan Commission voted 6 – 2 Wednesday night (Dec. 16) to recommend approval of a 28-unit residential planned development at 261 Washington Blvd. The item likely will come to the Village Board for consideration in January. Rush Oak Park Hospital’s application to rezone the properties at Monroe Street and Maple Avenue is scheduled to come to before the Plan Commission in January. The Pete’s Market application for the proposed new development on Madison Street also may be presented to the Plan Commission in January.

Lake Street update – Crews continued installing parking pay stations and signage along Lake Street this week to as part of the project’s finishing touches. Electricians will be onsite through next week installing the traffic signal interconnect cable and finalizing the communication systems between each controller. Crews will return in the spring to freshen up landscaping, activate the irrigation system and address any punch-list items that could not be completed until warmer weather returns.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Final water and sewer connections were completed this week for the utility relocation project for the new senior living facility to be built at Madison Street at Euclid Avenue. AT&T and ComEd crews will be at the Madison and Euclid Avenue intersection during the winter over the winter to complete their infrastructure relocations as well. The fiber optic ring infrastructure project is nearing an anticipated end-of-December completion as crews splice the new fiber cables at various locations in the Village.

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