



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 16, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 19:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, April 20:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, April 21:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, April 22:
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, April 23:
 - No meetings scheduled

Tenant/landlord ordinance review – The [Housing Programs Advisory Committee](#) is scheduled to meet remotely next week to prepare a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the [Cook County Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance](#) that goes into effect on June 1. The ordinance, approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in late January, is intended to create a consistent procedure for evictions and outlines how tenants can guarantee security deposits are returned.

High-impact state construction projects – Two major projects are planned on state roads that border Oak Park. The Illinois Department of Transportation will resurface North Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Cicero Avenue and replace corner sidewalk ramps on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue to make them ADA compliant. IDOT soon will install signage for the North Avenue project with work starting in early May and continuing well into September. On-street parking on North Avenue will be impacted at various locations and at various times during the construction, but the IDOT contractor will install signs and bag meters as needed. Village staff is reviewing current parking restrictions on the 1200 north blocks of local streets to determine if temporary parking restriction changes are needed to accommodate customers for our North Avenue businesses. As for the Harlem Avenue project, IDOT reports that construction staging options for maintaining pedestrian access along Harlem are under review. Work on the Oak Park side of Harlem Avenue is projected to last until early July before shifting to the west side of the street.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – Vehicle traffic may be limited at times next week on Oak Park Avenue between Harrison and Van Buren streets, as crews finish water

and sewer service connections. Traffic controls are being set up, crews are sawing the pavement and materials are being delivered for the upcoming utility improvements planned for between Randolph and Madison streets. Further north, traffic still is being detoured during work hours as crews install water service lines in the 600 blocks of north Oak Park Avenue and valves in the intersection at Augusta Street. Engineers remain optimistic that all underground work will be completed in June, followed by resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. The project remains on track to wrap in November. The parking lot east of Fifth Third Bank on Harrison Street (Lot 1) remains open for customers as marketing and promotional efforts continue to help businesses most affected by the project. Construction details and schedules are available at a dedicated website www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Short-term closures of parking lanes on Lake Street are likely as crews address punch list items as weather permits. Items to be addressed include electrical, bluestone and brick, as well as pavement markings. Crews also are installing tree protection rings and adding decorative rock to the tree pits. Meanwhile on Madison Street, the developer’s tower crane is now in operation on the construction site of the American House Senior Living Community project at Euclid Avenue.

Employee news –Jacob Kasmierski has been named supervisor of the Public Works Department Street Division. Jacob has been with the Village since February 2020 working in the Water & Sewer Division. Prior to coming to Oak Park he worked in the public works departments of the villages of Oak Lawn and Frankfort. Jacob, who is a graduate of Purdue University Northwest, will oversee the day-today operations of street maintenance as well as street lighting and traffic signal maintenance. He will also be one of the team leaders for the Village’s winter snow and ice control program.

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