



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 28, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, May 31:
 - Memorial Day holiday – Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, June 1:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, June 2:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, June 3:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, June 4:
 - No meetings scheduled

Village Hall closed – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents may call the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. Information on Village Hall, including hours and directions, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Parking restrictions eased – [Overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets over the Memorial Day weekend. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., May 29, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., June 2. However, restrictions will remain in effect in prepaid overnight permit areas, such as on-street enclaves and on-street overnight parking zones. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including posted daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Rental/mortgage assistance update – According to information just released by the [Illinois Housing Development Authority](#), 186 Oak Park households received rental assistance and 16 households received mortgage assistance in 2020 through the state's Emergency Rental Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance programs. Some 244 local households applied for rental assistance and 36 households applied for mortgage assistance. [Click here for some additional data...](#)

Farmers' Market opening update – The Development Customer Services Department reports that more than 3,200 customers turned out on Sat., May 22, for the opening of the 46th annual Oak Park Farmers' Market. Attendance at opening day this year far exceeded last year when about 1,750 customers turned out on May 30 for the first

market, which was held on nearby streets to allow for proper social distancing as COVID-19 guided our strategies. The market is back at its traditional location in the Pilgrim Church parking lot for the 2021 season. The Oak Park Public Health Department is continuing to require vendors and patrons to wear masks. The number of patrons allowed inside the market at one time continues to be restricted and one-way travel within the market is being enforced.

Accessory dwelling unit discussion – The Plan Commission is scheduled to discuss allowing additional independent housing units on residential properties as a way to offer more adaptable and affordable housing options in our dense, built-up community. Officially known as accessory dwelling units, the discussion will focus on the feasibility of Zoning Ordinance text amendments that would make them a permitted use in residential districts, particularly on the larger lots. The Village currently allows dwelling units over a garage on a single-family residence lot, with restrictions based on lot size, number of units on a lot, design, height and location. This discussion is set for the June 3 Plan Commission meeting.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – New water service lines are being installed between Washington Boulevard and Madison Street, which will require lane-shifts on Madison Street by the Oak Park Avenue intersection through next week. Two-way traffic has been restored between Van Buren Street and Jackson Boulevard, but crews are still lining sewers between Harvard Street and Roosevelt Road, much of the work occurring at night. ADA upgrades to the crossing ramps as well as curb and sidewalk replacements at the intersections is likely to begin in mid-June, which will herald the start of the final phase of the overall project – resurfacing Oak Park Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. The project remains on schedule to be completed in November. Construction details and schedules are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Work continues on two state projects – the repaving of North Avenue between Harlem and Cicero avenues, and making corner sidewalk crossing ramps ADA compliant on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. In the downtown area, ComEd still is making infrastructure repairs in the alley south of the 1100 block of Lake Street, which continue to require late-night, temporary power outages/ Punch-list work related to the Lake Street reconstruction project between Harlem and Euclid avenues also continues, including electrical tasks associated with the street lighting and traffic signals.

Employee news – Parking Meter Technician Keywane Woolford earned a special display of appreciation for taking the time to tell the children at the Pilgrim Nursery School all about his duties. While on the job near the school recently, a representative of the school said Keywane patiently discussed his work with the curious children who were playing nearby, engaging them in a thoughtful and fun way with a practical demonstration. Then during his lunch break, he brought the children pizza and juice boxes in appreciation of their interest and good listening skills. The children demonstrated their appreciation at a subsequent picnic where they presented Keywane with a handmade card and book, which also acknowledged his recent birthday. In other employee news, Deborah Meneses, who has been a

Property Maintenance Inspector in the Neighborhood Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department since early 2020, has been promoted to Grants Coordinator. In addition to her experience in DCS over the past 17 months, she also has 25 years of real estate experience.

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