



Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 22, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 25:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Tuesday, April 26:
 - Disability Access Commission, 6 p.m., via Zoom
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Wednesday, April 27:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Thursday, April 28:
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Friday, April 29:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Climate plan update – Our climate action team will be at Taylor Park from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 29 to gather community feedback as part of the effort to create the [Oak Park Sustainability, Climate Action and Resiliency Plan](#). This is part of Arbor Day events hosted by the Park District of Oak Park at various park facilities. Activities will include scavenger hunts, science, and arts activities for all ages. More information on Arbor Day and other Park District events is posted at pdop.org/events.

Paper shredding event – Oak Parkers are invited to safely dispose of sensitive documents at a free paper shredding event scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, next Saturday (April 30) at the Public Works Center. Each household is limited to two bags or small boxes of paper items with personal information such as canceled checks, documents containing credit card numbers, social security numbers and medical information. Paper materials that can be placed in the recycling cart or bin, such as newspaper, magazines and junk mail, will not be accepted. For more information on this paper shredding event or recycling in Oak Park, email publicworks@oak-park.us or visit www.oak-park.us/recycling.

Garage permits go card-less – Parking permit holders in the Village-owned Holley Court, The Avenue and Lake & Forest parking garages no longer need a plastic barcoded access card to enter and exit. Quarterly garage parking permit holders now can access via license plate recognition (LPR) technology. Should the LPR technology fail to open the gate, permit holders can scan a unique QR-code on their mobile device, which is automatically generated through the Village’s [parking permit customer portal](#). Adoption of the technology represents the Development Customer Services Department’s ongoing commitment to being more sustainable by reducing paper and plastic in the Village-managed parking system.

Vehicle immobilization resumes – Immobilization has resumed for vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations. The process of immobilizing vehicles by placing a *boot* on the wheel to prevent driving was suspended at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020. Owners whose vehicles meet the ticket threshold are sent a notice giving them 21 days to pay all outstanding citations to avoid immobilization of their vehicles. Notices are sent to the address registered with the Illinois Secretary of State or the applicable motor vehicle department if the vehicle has an out-of-state registration. A \$150 fee applies to all vehicles that are immobilized. Towed vehicles incur additional charges. Vehicle owners may pay online to have the immobilization device removed.

Farmers’ Market assistants needed – With the May 21 opening of the Oak Park Farmers’ Market less than a month away, the Village still is seeking assistants to help Market Manager Erica Helms run the show this season. Anyone interested in applying for one of these part-time seasonal positions can get all of the details about the job and how to apply at www.oak-park.us/jobs, where all municipal job openings are posted. Information about the Market is posted at www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket.

LeMoyne Parkway sewer project – The intersection of LeMoyne Parkway and East Avenue is closed to traffic as crews set up temporary water and sewer lines to make way for installation of a new sewer. In the meantime, the contractor is mobilizing equipment, moving materials to the site and installing erosion control in preparation for the project to begin.

Development construction – Installation of concrete for the alley surface and curb is scheduled to begin next week by Wesley Avenue at the new senior living facility under construction at 703 Madison St. Crews still are awaiting clearance from the property owner to extend the construction fence across Euclid Avenue for the new Pete’s Fresh Market redevelopment site east of Oak Park Avenue. Remaining ComEd work related to the Pete’s project is delayed, which is impacting the construction of the new sewer that will connect on Madison St. Closer to downtown, relocation of utilities in the alley adjacent to redevelopment project at Marion and Pleasant streets is progressing. The development site has been fenced, a temporary four-way stop installed and excavation within the site has begun.

Harlem Avenue resurfacing – Illinois Department of Transportation construction crews continue to patch pavement and adjust related structures as part of the Harlem Avenue resurfacing project. Crews are working between Lake Street and North Avenue this week, but are expected to begin progressing south toward the Eisenhower Expressway next week. With the project extending along the entire western border of Oak Park, motorists may encounter delays at some east/west streets that cross Harlem.

Alleys improvements – Crews are working on underground improvements in the alley between Austin Boulevard and Humphrey Avenue by Chicago Avenue and Iowa Street. Actual paving was scheduled to begin this week in the north-south alley between Fair Oaks and Chicago avenues. This year’s program includes 10 alley segments. All work is expected to be completed in July. Residents who temporarily lose alley access to parking are provided on-street parking passes during construction.

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