



Village Manager's Report Week ending July 29, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, August 1:
 - Village Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, August 2:
 - Environment and Energy Commission, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday, August 3:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, August 4:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, July 29:
 - No meetings scheduled

COVID-19 Weekly Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Status report bulletin* heading

Virtual IPLAN community meetings

Community members are invited to participate in virtual meetings to help identify strategic health issues facing the community. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9 and on Monday, Aug. 22 via Zoom. The [Oak Park Health Department](#) is hosting the meetings as part of its ongoing effort to build its community health needs assessment and strategic plan, known as the IPLAN. In addition, the Health Department is also hosting virtual working group meetings on community safety and environmental health, mental health, gun violence and access to clinical care. The virtual working group meetings are intended for representatives of community partner organizations with subject matter knowledge and ability to assist with implementation and community practitioners with expertise or passion for the issue. More information on how to register for the virtual meetings is posted on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/iplan22.

Refuse cart redressing

Beginning Monday, LRS, the Village's refuse provider, will be adding blank address labels and new cart sticker decals to refuse carts. Residents are asked to write only their address on the blank labels with dark permanent markers. Educational material will also be included with the new labels and a mailer will be sent to customers. LRS purchased existing carts

from the prior waste hauler in a move to be more sustainable. The cart redressing program will run the entire month of August. More information about the Village's waste and recycling collection program can be found at www.lrsrecycles.com/oakpark

Young pediatric vaccine average higher in Oak Park

Health officials are reporting that within the first month of the young pediatric (ages six months to 4 years) COVID-19 vaccine's release, the nation averaged 2% of children in this age group receiving their first dose. The Oak Park Health Department is reporting that nearly 35% of Oak Park's youngest residents have received their first dose. The majority of these children have received their vaccine at a clinic hosted by the health department. Information about upcoming clinics can be found at www.oak-park.us/vaccine.

Junior Citizen's Police Academy

More than thirty children from Oak Park and River Forest participated in the Junior Citizen's Police Academy this past week. The free program is hosted through a partnership between the Oak Park and River Forest police departments. It's offered to children between the ages of 10 and 15 who live or go to school in Oak Park or River Forest and are interested in learning about law enforcement and careers in public safety. Highlights of the week included visiting the Brookfield Zoo to learn how the zoo police officers train for possible rescues from animal enclosures, wearing "drunk goggles" to simulate the effects of drugs and alcohol and a close-up look at a Chicago Police Department helicopter. The academy is typically held each year in July or August and information is posted on the Police Department's webpage at www.oak-park.us/police.

Employee news – The Health Department welcomed Kathleen Monty as the new Public Health Nurse. Kitty has worked as a contracted nurse for the department since October 2020. A lifelong Oak Park resident, Kitty was previously the school nurse for Fenwick High School and is married to Oak Park Community Policing Sergeant Robert Monty. The Development Customer Services Department welcomed Michael Belle as the Grants Coordinator. Mike graduated from the University of Florida and previously worked as a communications and grants manager for Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, a free clinic serving the working uninsured. Ken Crowley was named Interim Assistant Director of Public Works. Ken will continue to supervise all Fleet Services Operations but will take a role in assisting in administrative and operational responsibilities as well.

Sewer improvement project – Construction has started for the 2022 Sewer Improvement project on the block of Kenilworth between Lake and Ontario streets. Work zone barricades have been installed. The first few weeks of the project will be focused on removing the old sewer and installing the new larger sewer in its place. After the sewer work is complete, the focus will shift to removal and replacement of selected curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons.

Pete's Fresh Market construction – ComEd crews are working on the remaining utility work associated with the new Pete's Fresh Market. The contractor for the project plans on starting work in the west lot during the week of August 25. Existing conditions for adjacent residences continue to be documented for the vibration monitoring permit.

Senior Living Center at 703 Madison – Crews for the Senior Living Center at 703 Madison are working on installing brick pavers. The installation should be completed next week along with all the landscaping.

Pleasant and Marion update - Crews for the development at Pleasant and Marion are working on pouring foundations and installing services. They will begin connecting their combined sewer to the line on the west side of Marion Street. Crews will continue to use steel plates to cover any openings in the roadway.