



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 26, 2023**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, May 29:
 - Memorial Day – Village Hall closed

- Tuesday, May 30:
 - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 6 p.m. in Council Chambers
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m. in Room 215

- Wednesday, May 31:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

- Thursday, June 1:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

- Friday, June 2:
 - No meetings scheduled

Village Hall closed for Memorial Day – Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Oak Park's annual gathering of veterans, their families and the community is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Monday at the Peace Triumphant Monument in Scoville Park, just west of Oak Park Avenue on Lake Street. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day next week as a result of the holiday. 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. For more information about Village Hall hours, visit www.oak-park.us/villagehall.

Parking restrictions eased – Starting tonight, overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced on most Oak Park streets over Memorial Day weekend. Overnight on-street parking restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27 and resume at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31. All other parking regulations remain in effect, including restrictions in zones reserved for permit holders, daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. The holiday parking schedule for all of 2023 is posted at www.oak-park.us/holidayparking.

Memorial Day traffic enforcement – The Oak Park Police Department is stepping up traffic enforcement as part of a national campaign to remind motorists to [Click It or Ticket](#) now through Memorial Day weekend. Oak Park Police officers will be taking a no-excuses approach, writing citations day and night. Motorists caught not buckled up will be ticketed, and those caught driving impaired will be arrested. [Click here for more information](#).

Police holds community meeting on parking restrictions – Approximately 30 residents attended a community meeting Wednesday at Irving Elementary School organized by the Police Department to discuss new parking restrictions on the 1150 blocks of S. Harvey, Highland, Cuyler and Ridgeland avenues. All residents in attendance were in favor of the new restrictions, which were put in place to mitigate late-night disruptions caused by patrons of Mike’s Place Sports Bar and Grill in Berwyn. The Police Department plans to hold another information session later this year to share details about how residents of the impacted blocks will be able to obtain overnight parking passes and permits for themselves and guests.

Opportunity for community health plan input – The Public Health Department is hosting an engagement session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at the main branch of the Oak Park Public Library to share information and answer questions about the goals, strategies, and draft implementation steps for the community health plan, also known as the IPLAN. Brief remarks will be given around 6:15 p.m., but Public Health Department staff will be available at individual stations throughout the event to walk participants through priority areas. The five-year plan addresses four priority areas, including the natural and built environment, mental health and substance use, gun violence and access to care. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with health officials and partner agencies, hear about the work already being done, engage with fellow community members, share their perspectives, and learn about opportunities to get involved. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to RSVP – [click here to RSVP](#). Learn more about the implementation process at www.engageoakpark.com/community-health-plan-implementation.

Move with the Mayor event planned – The community is invited to Move with the Mayor and join Village President Vicki Scaman at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 in participating in an African Dance class on the south lawn at Village Hall. The free event is open to all ages. In the event of inclement weather, the session will move indoors at Village Hall to room 101. The African dance class will be taught by Donna Callender, Artistic Director of local youth dance group Kuumba Kids. Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to RSVP – [click here to RSVP](#). Move with the Mayor is a national initiative that works with leaders across the country to challenge their communities to be more physically active. More information about Oak Park’s Move with the Mayor event is at www.oak-park.us/movewiththemayor.

Village staff meets with mHub – Village staff and the OPEDC met with leaders of [mHub](#) this week to discuss how the Village could collaborate with mHub to promote sustainable entrepreneurship for Oak Park residents. Plans are in the works for mHub to relocate to the Ashland stop on the green line, a short 10-minute train ride from Oak Park. As part of the 2024 budget, Village staff will be presenting a pilot partnership project with mHub for the Board’s consideration.

Economic vitality update – Restaurant group One Off Hospitality, owners of Chicago restaurants Black Bird, AVEC, Big Star and The Publican, to name a few, has announced its first Oak Park venture. The company plans to open the Publican Quality Bread Company at 211 Harrison St. in the Oak Park Arts District. Publican Quality Bread is baked daily in house and moves directly from the business’ ovens onto its shelves. One Off Hospitality has one

other Publican Quality Bread location at 1759 W. Grand Ave. in Chicago. For more information about what might be on the menu at the Oak Park Arts District restaurant, check out Publican Quality Bread's website at www.publicanqualitybread.com. One Off Hospitality hopes to open its Oak Park operation in late summer/early fall of this year.

Single-use plastic update – Beginning June 1, food establishments in Oak Park may only provide single-use plastic foodware upon request from the customer or at a self-service station in connection with any delivery or take-out order of food or beverage. The new regulations around single-use plastics align with the Village's efforts to reduce waste outlined in the Climate Ready Oak Park plan. [Click here for more information about the Village's single-use plastic ordinance.](#)

Sustainability updates – Staff members from the Village's Office of Sustainability and Resilience attended the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce BIPOC affinity group's celebration of AAPI month held Monday at Civinte Candle Bar. The Office of Sustainability and Resilience is also helping to promote the We Are One – Open Mic Celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 28 at Compound Yellow, 244 Lake St. The event is described as a time for artists, activists and friends to gather to honor the earth. More information is available on the Village's Sustain Oak Park website – [click here to view.](#)

Go Green Days at Farmers' Market – Following a successful opening week, more sunshine is in the forecast for the Oak Park Farmers' Market this Saturday. This week continues the Market's celebration of Go Green Days with a focus on local efforts around environmental sustainability and ways the community can get involved. Customers are always encouraged to bring reusable bags when shopping at the Market, which takes place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday in the Pilgrim Church Parking lot at 460 Lake St. More information is at www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket.

July 4th parade registration – Registration is underway for Oak Park's annual July 4 parade. More than 50 groups typically participate in the parade, which marches north on Ridgeland Avenue from Adams Street to Augusta Street. Registration can be completed on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/paraderegistration. The deadline to register is June 23.

Day in Our Village drawing near – The 49th annual A Day in Our Village festival celebrating diversity and community involvement is quickly approaching. More than 120 Oak Park civic, cultural, social service, educational, religious and business organizations are signed up to host activity and information booths from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 4 in Scoville Park. The event will be more family friendly than ever with the Park District of Oak Park hosting activities for kids on site in Scoville Park. Find more information about the event at www.oak-park.us/DIOV23.

Village hosting youth martial arts camp – The Village is sponsoring a free, one-day [Summer Martial Arts Day Camp](#) for kids ages 6 through 14 who live or attend school in Oak Park. The camp will be held the morning of July 12 in the Julian Middle School gymnasium. Sessions will last one hour and will be broken up by age. The Village's Adjudication Office is coordinating the event and is working with local martial arts schools to bring the program to

the community. Find more information and a link to the camp application packet on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/MAcamp.

Police Department basketball camp – The Oak Park Police Department will start accepting registration for its 2023 Youth Basketball Camp on Tuesday, May 30. The free camp will take place July 31 – August 4 at the Park District of Oak Park’s Community Recreation Center, 229 Madison St. The camp is open to Oak Park kids ages 8 to 14. Activities include group instruction, team play, one-on-one, full-court games, contests and awards. Registration is required and space is limited. More information and a link to the application is on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/police.

Deputy Chiefs sworn in – Bringing nearly 60 combined years of policing experience to the community, Dave Jacobson and Roderick Robinson were sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police for the Oak Park Police Department during a ceremony held Tuesday at Village Hall. Jacobson is a familiar face having served Oak Park and its police department since 1995. Robinson began his extensive law enforcement career with the Chicago Police Department in 1992 and served for 30 years in a variety of positions across the city. Find more information about the appointments at www.oak-park.us/deputychiefs.

Employee news – The Fire Department celebrated the career of Firefighter/Paramedic John Weidner, who retired this week after nearly 27 years of service to the community. The celebration included a walkout ceremony for John on Wednesday at the main fire station. In other employee news, Vivica McClinton is the newest Customer Service Representative in the Public Works Department. Vivica moved into her new role this week after previously serving as a Cashier in the Finance Department. The Police Department recently welcomed Joseph McNeal as its newest Parking Enforcement Officer. The Health Department also welcomed a new face as Mira Mundt joined the team this week as an Environmental Health Intern. Mira is a rising junior at American University majoring in public health and minoring psychology. She is a 2021 graduate of Oak Park & River Forest High School.

Street resurfacing project – Pavement milling occurred this week along the first group of roadways scheduled for resurfacing as part of this year’s resurfacing project. The next steps involve patching level binder next week. Parkway restoration is now complete at the various project locations across the Village. The reconstruction of Ontario Street and Elmwood Avenue will begin next month once the local school year ends as part of the second phase of the resurfacing project.

Division Street construction update – Concrete work continued this week on the north side of Division Street across the Village. The contractor anticipates switching to concrete work on the south side of the roadway next week as work on the north side wraps up. Paving of the entire stretch of Division Street is expected to begin in late June or early July.

South and Marion crosswalk improvements – Work in the intersection of South Boulevard and Marion Street is complete except for minor touchups. Traffic control will be removed once the concrete in the eastbound lane has cured. Until then, South Boulevard will remain closed to east bound traffic from Harlem Avenue to Home Avenue. Travel in all other directions remains open.

Alley lighting upgrades – Crews for the alley lighting project will soon begin replacing existing mercury vapor bulbs with energy efficient, dark sky LED fixtures. This project was awarded to Lyons & Pinner, which will be working through the entire Village to replace and inventory existing alley lights. The crews will initially begin work in the alleys between Humphrey Avenue and Austin Boulevard, south of South Boulevard, and work towards East Avenue. All work is expected to be complete before the end of the year.

Pleasant & Marion update – The roofer at the new development at the intersection of Pleasant and Marion streets will start permanent roof installation next Tuesday. Work on the masonry façade is underway at the southeast corner of the property, and exterior framing and sheathing continues to be installed at the north elevation. Interior framing is also ongoing and will finish up next week.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Utility construction is in progress for this year's alley improvement project, with excavations for alley reconstruction not expected to start until June 5. No work occurred this week at the site of the new Pete's Fresh Market on Madison Street, but plans call for AT&T to mobilize next week to begin work in the area of the future Euclid Avenue cul-de-sac. Along Roosevelt Road, Illinois Department of Transportation crews are raising structures and installing detector loops as part of the state's resurfacing project. Elsewhere, the contractor for the Nicor Gas project televised the 1100 block of S. Lombard Ave and 1000 block of S. Scoville Ave resulting in partial lane closures.