



Village Manager's Report
Week ending October 23, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, October 26:
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., Little Theater, OPRF High School
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Tuesday, October 27:
 - First Time Homebuyer, 6 p.m., room 101
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, October 28:
 - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 101
 - Community Design Commission, 7:15 p.m., room 101
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, October 29:
 - No Scheduled Meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday, November 5 - Village Board Budget Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101
- Monday, November 9 - Village Board Budget Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, November 18 - Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

Online forum open for latest I-290 discussion – Staff has created a web page dedicated to the topics of Monday night's Village Board meeting – noise walls and the [CTA's Blue Line visioning study](#). Residents can comment until noon Monday at www.oak-park.us/ikecomments where related documents and presentations are posted, including IDOT's preliminary noise wall renderings. Past commenting pages, documents and presentations from previous public discussions of the project are available via links on this page and at www.oak-park.us/eyeontheike. The meeting will be broadcast live on Comcast channel 6 and AT&T Uverse channel 99 as well as [streamed live and archived online](#).

Commission to discuss parking around OPRF High School – The [Transportation Commission](#) has scheduled a public meeting to review parking on public streets around OPRF High School in the event the OPRF Public Parking Garage is demolished to make room for a new swimming pool at the High School. The meeting is set for 7 p.m., Monday (Oct. 26) in the Little Theater at the high school. The garage site has

been identified by the [District 200 Board of Education](#) as the preferred location for a new swimming facility. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit comments until noon Monday via email to parking@oak-park.us or fax to 708.358.5119. Nearby residents were [notified of the meeting by letter](#). The Transportation Commission's recommendations likely will come to the Board for consideration in November.

Apartment fire cause ruled undetermined – Due to the extent of the damage to 22-unit apartment building at Washington and Cuyler that burned Tuesday, the cause has been ruled officially as undetermined. Investigators from the State Fire Marshal and our Fire Department spent many hours combing through the charred remnants of the structure, but were unable to determine the source of the fire. The [news story on the web site](#) was updated to reflect this latest information

Garage improvements may temporarily close lanes – Equipment updates at the Holley Court Garage will mean intermittent closures of the entry and exit lanes beginning today (Fri., Oct 23). The first phase of the project, which should take about a week, will focus on the concrete islands and underground connections for new gates and pay stations to be installed later this year. New canopies also are planned to shelter the entry and exit ramps at both Ontario and Marion streets. The garage will remain open and accessible throughout the project. Similar work is planned to begin next at the Avenue Garage on North Boulevard just east of Oak Park Avenue, as the Village updates and standardizes equipment in the public parking garages. Garage permit holders were notified of the work by letter.

Andersen Park site plan public review set – The Park District will host a community meeting to review the Andersen Park site plan at 7 p.m., Tues., Oct. 27 at the Andersen Center. Citizen input on possible future improvements to the park are being sought. The current plan, developed in 2005, may be reviewed at www.pdop.org.

Capital improvements update - Microsurfacing was to wrap up this week. Only punch-list items and sod replacement remain from the season's street resurfacing projects. Bids for sidewalk replacement projects on hold due to the CDBG fiscal year calendar were opened yesterday (Thurs., Oct. 22). Depending on weather, some of the work may be delayed until spring. Surveying is underway for 2016 projects, with crews on Madison Street and in alleys. Additional surveying is scheduled on Lake Street from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard.

Nicor activity update – Nicor continued replacing gas mains, with work this week just south of North Avenue and on Ontario Street from Forest Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue. Sidewalk restoration in some of the project areas is expected to begin next week. Village engineers are helping to coordinate Nicor activities in the community.

Public Works Activities – The annual leaf collection program got underway this week with Streets Division crews pushing leaves for collection by Waste Management. This task is a major seven-week undertaking. Streets crews also continued repairing pavement where water leaks were fixed, keeping the business district and Village parking lots litter free, and painting curbs as no-parking zones by hydrants. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired broken hydrants at 115 Frank Lloyd Wright Lane and 1522 N. Austin Boulevard, upgraded a water service at 919 Clinton Ave. as part of the lead abatement program and replaced the water valve at 900 S. Oak Park Ave.

The Forestry Division continued to focus on routine tasks including responding to resident requests, removing hazardous trees, brush pick-ups, and stumping.

Employee news – The Forestry Division attended a two-day conference this week sponsored by the [Illinois Arborist Association](#). The conference was held in Tinley Park and featured presentations on new forestry techniques and demonstrations of the latest equipment. Crew Chief Aaron Fitch spent an additional day at the conference working on earning *Electrical Awareness Certification* that will prepare him to work safely in close proximity to live power lines.

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