



Village Manager's Report Weeks ending July 7, 2017

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, July 10:
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, July 11:
 - Planned Commission Meeting, 7p.m., room 201
- Wednesday, July 12:
 - Farmer's Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, July 13:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. room 101
- Friday, July 14:
 - No meetings scheduled

Parking review comments – With the comprehensive review of Oak Park's wide array of parking rules and regulations scheduled to continue Monday night, public comments are again being solicited via the Village website at www.oak-park.us/whatdoyouthink. This latest comment page, the third since the review began, will examine restrictions on two of the Village's heavily traveled border streets - North Avenue and Roosevelt Road. The public is invited to review information related to the discussion topic, including a video, and post comments until noon, Monday, which will give staff time to share comments with the board prior to the meeting that evening. Comments are moderated to eliminate spam and any inappropriate language, but all comments posted to date are visible to all and will remain so as the study continues. Visitors to the page also can view comments related to the previous two topics.

Vehicle sticker renewal deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, July 14 – With the vehicle sticker renewal period approaching its final week, about 902 fewer permits had been sold through Fri., June 30 as compared to the same period last year. Some 15,581 vehicles stickers had been sold through last week compared to 16,483 last year. The slight lag in sales may reflect a downward trend evident since 2013 in overall vehicle sticker purchases, perhaps indicating fewer vehicles in the community – [click here to see the report](#). Online renewals continue to be the leading vehicle stickers purchase avenue so far this year, representing 64 percent of all sales. Another 28 percent of sales were made in-person at Village Hall, while 8 percent of the sales came via U.S. Mail. As in past years, the Information Technology Department will augment counter

staff with several computer stations in Village Hall for residents who want to renew in person before the deadline. The online system will continue to be available after the deadline passes, but begin automatically charging the higher rate on July 15.

Community awards – Nominations are being sought for awards that recognize efforts by organizations, individuals and businesses to improve the Village through property preservation, sustainability and accessibility. The Disability Access, Energy & Environment and Historic Preservation commissions are seeking nominations for their annual awards programs that recognize individuals, organizations and property owners whose works further the respective goals of each commission. Nomination deadlines vary by award. More information on each award is included in the July/August issue of the OP/FYI newsletter, which also is [posted on the Village website](#).

Farmers' market coupons for seniors – [Oak Park Township](#) is once again distributing coupons to help income-eligible residents age 60 and older buy fresh fruits and vegetables at area farmers' markets. Coupons are given out from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Senior Services Center lunchroom on South Oak Park Avenue. Each recipient receives one, five-coupon booklet worth \$25 while supplies last. The coupons are valid through October 31. To be eligible for the [state-funded program](#), gross monthly income must be \$1,860 or less for a single household or \$2,504 for a couple. Individuals are limited to one coupon book a year and supplies are limited. Call 708.383.8060 for more information.

Chicago Avenue streetscape/resurfacing project – Completion of the final remaining tasks for the resurfacing and streetscape project on Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues should soon get back on track now that Illinois has a budget. This was Oak Park's only state-funded construction project affected by the temporary state shutdown. All that remains to be installed are striping, furniture and the final layer of pavement. A revised schedule is in the works. In the meantime, all streets are open to vehicles, although the remaining uneven surfaces have slowed traffic, a situation that will be remedied with the new pavement.

Downtown construction update – Fencing could go up next week in preparation for the start of the Lincoln redevelopment project on South Boulevard, east of Harlem Avenue. In addition to fencing around the site, the eastbound lane of South Boulevard may soon be closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. Staff is working with the business district to keep them informed and help address any issues they may encounter as work gets underway in earnest. Reconstruction of Westgate Street and the installation of light poles continued this week as part of the Emerson redevelopment project downtown. Only one lane of Westgate is open to traffic. However, pedestrian access along Westgate from Marion Street is being maintained at all times. Flaggers are making sure vehicles have access to the doctors' offices along Westgate during work hours. Excavation along the Lake Street portion of the project also continued, as preparations are made to install new sidewalk. The sidewalk area and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street remain closed from the new section of Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site, but two-way traffic flow is being maintained on Lake.

Street Resurfacing – Street resurfacing continued this week with pavement removal beginning in the northern part of the Village, and then progressing south into next

week. Removal of sidewalks and curb sections to be repaired is progressing south ahead of the pavement removal with concrete to be poured by the end of next week. The projects are on track to be completed in late July or early August. Bids have been received for the season's second and final round of resurfacing projects, which will focus on streets in need of greater pavement repair and full curb replacement. Recommendations likely will be presented to the Village Board for consideration on July 17.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Underground drainage improvements continued this week on alley segments under construction, while pavement was removed in the alley north of Jackson Boulevard between Lombard and Taylor avenues. Work that began last year to repair broken crosswalk materials on Marion Street in the downtown business district are resuming. Crews will replace the deteriorating and damaged surface material with colored concrete. The work will be staged to ensure one-way traffic can be maintained. Engineering Division staff is coordinating communications with affected businesses.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Installation of the new main to carry Lake Michigan water to the villages of Brookfield and North Riverside continued eastward this week along Fillmore Street. The 36-inch water main was expected to be in the ground up to Oak Park Avenue by the end of the week. Construction in the intersection of Fillmore and Oak Park avenues required detouring traffic to East Avenue via Roosevelt Road and Harvard Street during the day. Next week, work will move to between Ridgeland and Highland avenues to allow for full street restoration prior to the start of the school year. Pavement, curb and sidewalk removals are set to begin next week to prepare for road reconstruction between Maple and Oak Park avenues. Road closures should be limited to intersections and alley entrances only when excavation is occurring in these areas. Installation of a Village water main also is underway between Maple and Wenonah avenues in conjunction with the pipeline project. All affected road and alley crossings will be reopened at the end of each workday. A project website managed by the engineering company has been set up to provide the latest schedule information – [click here to view](#).

Public Works Activities – Streets Division crews continued weed control, viaduct cleaning and litter pick up in the business districts. Crews also removed traffic guides at the intersection of Berkshire and Grove avenues that were part of a traffic calming study that has concluded. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired broken fire hydrants identified by the Fire Department in various locations throughout the Village. Crews also repaired a water main break at Wisconsin Avenue and Fillmore Street, and repaired a water service leak at 918 N. East Avenue. Crews also began delivering notices to residents whose properties have meters that need to be repaired or replaced. Forestry crews continued with a range of routine seasonal tasks, including tree maintenance, inspections, trimming and watering young trees. Forestry contractors continued removing trees and stumps throughout the Village.

Employee news – The Health Department has hired a new Public Health Nurse, Maggie Wax. Maggie, who joined the department last week, oversees our communicable disease surveillance and case follow-up programs, administers several public health grants and provides professional referrals for childhood services to the Collaboration for Early Childhood. Prior to assuming her new role in Oak Park, Maggie was public health nurse with the Washtenaw County Health

Department in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and worked in the Oakland County Health Division in Southfield, Michigan. A registered nurse, she also has extensive hospital experience. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. In Parking Services, Assistant Director John Youkhana, has assumed additional duties as the Interim Director of Parking & Mobility Services following Jill Velan's department at the beginning of the week.

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