



## Village Manager's Report Week ending July 11, 2014

### Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, July 14:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 130
- Tuesday, July 15:
  - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room 102
- Wednesday, July 16:
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
  - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - OPAAC Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, July 17:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, July 21:
  - Personnel Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Monday, July 28:
  - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130

**Vehicle sticker sales update** – As of Wednesday, 18,760 vehicle stickers had been sold as we move toward the Monday night deadline to purchase without penalty. About two-thirds of the sales to date have been through the online system. Walk-ins at Village Hall have been brisk, representing more than a quarter of the sales to date. About 6.5 percent of sales have been through the U.S. Mail. The Parking Services Center will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, and until 7 p.m., Monday to handle any last-minute rush. In addition, several computers have been set up inside Village Hall to help teach customers who walk in to use the online option and save 10 percent. The online system will continue to function after the deadline, but will automatically assess the \$20 late fee.

**Capital improvement project updates** – The new water main and services have been completed on Highland Avenue from Van Buren Street to Jackson Boulevard and on

Van Buren from Cuyler Avenue to Harvey Avenue. Crews will begin rebuilding manholes and removing pavement next week. Drainage structures and lines have been installed and curb work should be completed by next week on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street as part of a state-funded resurfacing project. Replacement of the speed table on Marion Street at Westgate Street is half completed. The east half of the speed table has been removed and the new base course, granite crosswalks and brick pavers have been installed. The east lane will open and work will move to the west side on Monday. Surface patching is scheduled to begin next week at various locations in the Village. Notices for sidewalk replacement will be going out via mail next week for work to start in mid-to-late July. Micropaving/crack filling projects are in the preconstruction phases. Sewer cleaning and inspections continued throughout the Village.

**Public Works activities** – Pavement and curbs were replaced where openings for water line repairs were made at 146 N. Harvey Ave., 528 S. Oak Park Ave., 901 East Ave., 208 N. Ridgeland Ave., 1012 Pleasant St. and 1122 S. Oak Park Ave. Fire hydrants were rebuilt at 300 S. Oak Park Ave and the corner of Maple Street and Jackson Boulevard. Sewer laterals were repaired at 520 S. Wesley Ave., a water main break repaired at 838 N. Mapleton Ave. and a sinkhole repaired at 818 N. Lombard Ave. in preparation for street resurfacing. In addition to tree-related service calls, dead and ailing trees were removed, including those affected by the emerald ash borer. Crews also completed recurring tasks such as delivery and pick up of barricades for special events and block parties, removing graffiti, filling pot holes and picking up dead animals. In addition, Public Works crews hung the large banner at the Lake & Forest Garage announcing its impending closure.

**West Nile Virus found here** – The [Desplaines Valley Mosquito District \(DVMAD\)](#) has reported the first positive mosquito pool collected from an Oak Park trap. Health Department officials had been expecting a local positive pool since the virus had already been found in several nearby communities and throughout the state. As in past years, the Village will focus its [communications efforts](#) on providing residents with information about avoiding mosquito bites and reducing mosquito breeding sites. In addition, an intern is walking the Village looking for potential breeding sites and providing information to property owners. The virus tends to become more prevalent as the temperatures rise in July and August, and can continue to pose a threat as late as October.

**Fire Department update** – The Fire Department responded to 516 calls for service in June, bringing the annual total to 3,219. Emergency medical service calls represented 61 percent of all calls, followed by alarm initiated (16 percent), general service calls (14 percent) and fire/hazardous conditions calls (7 percent). Our firefighter/paramedics were on the scene of calls in an average of four minutes and 12 seconds, well below the industry standard of six minutes. Of the EMS calls, contact was made with 319 patients, 225 of whom required transport to medical facilities, with 136 requiring advanced life support services. The department upgraded its cardiac monitors to include CO2 sensors, which will greatly assist paramedics monitoring patients with congestive heart failure symptoms. Firefighters responded to one significant structure fire in June when lightning struck the roof a townhome at 907 South Blvd. during a severe thunderstorm. In addition, firefighters responded to five unattended cooking fires in June, three at senior residence buildings. Fast reporting and response times meant each of these fires was

contained to the cooktops with no significant damage, but mechanical ventilation was required to eliminate substantial smoke.

**YouTube on a Budget** – Several members of the local chapter of the [Emerging Local Government Leaders](#) were at Village Hall this week to learn more about how Oak Park uses YouTube to cost-effectively promote Village programs, services and activities. VOP-TV Manager Joe Kreml shared technical tips and ideas with the audience, which included staff members from the municipal governments of Morton Grove, Elk Grove Village and Lombard. Social media coordinator Patrick Rollens then led a discussion of how to effectively share [YouTube videos](#) across a wide variety of social media platforms. Attendees reported that Joe and Patrick’s presentations were engaging and effective, and they left with a better understanding of how to make YouTube a bigger part of their public information programs.

**Employee news** – Ken Crowley earned the *Certified Public Fleet Professional* designation from the American Public Works Association, which required him to successfully complete an examination, document education and work experience, and fulfill prescribed standards of conduct and performance. Ann Rodgers and Vernon Williams are the Police Department’s newest Parking Enforcement Officers. In June Fire Battalion Chief Kevin Wiley was one of only 15 persons to receive the state’s first *Fire Prevention Officer II* certification. To earn the certification, Kevin had to successfully complete a 13-week class sanctioned by the State Fire Marshal that covered advanced subject matter in fire protection systems, building life safety and bureau management.

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