



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 29, 2014**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, August 30:
 - Village Board Outreach Event – Farmer's Market 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Monday, September 1:
 - Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, September 2:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, September 3:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, September 4:
 - Public Hearing Training Session Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, September 13 – Village Board Outreach Event – Barrie Fest, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Barrie Park

Police plan special holiday traffic enforcement – Police have planned a late-night traffic enforcement campaign during the Labor Day holiday weekend. Impaired and unbuckled drivers will be targeted as part of a statewide [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) enforcement effort. Efforts will focus on late-night hours when statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur that involve impaired drivers and unbuckled motorists. [Click here to read more...](#)

Recycle electronics Saturday – The Public Works Department will host another of its seasonal monthly [electronics recycling](#) events from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday. Two more opportunities for electronics recycling are scheduled for this year – Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. More information on our recycling programs is [posted on the Village website](#).

Parking restrictions eased over weekend –The [overnight on-street parking ban](#) will not be enforced on many residential streets over the Labor Day weekend.

Restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Saturday and resume at 2:30 a.m., Tuesday. Restrictions will remain in effect in overnight permit areas, such as Village-owned lots, on-street enclaves and on-street overnight parking zones. Other parking regulations also remain in effect, including all daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Village Hall closed Monday – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Residents are advised to call 708.386.3800, the Police Department non-emergency number, for assistance should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 9-1-1 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed.

Refuse collections delayed

[Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services](#) will be delayed by the Labor Day holiday. Monday's regular pick-up and all subsequent collections of the week will be delayed one day. Next Friday's collection will occur on Saturday.

Chinese mayors request visit – A delegation of 25 mayors from Chengdu, China scheduled to visit Chicago next month and will also tour of Oak Park on Sat., Sept. 27. The trip is part of the [American Planning Association \(APA\)](#) perennial [Chinese Mayor and Planner Training Program](#), which has brought delegations to our community in the past. The APA will manage logistics, including providing transportation, a tour leader and a planner/translator. The delegates have expressed an interest historic preservation, history and reuse. They also typically inquire about governmental structure, financing and development.

Capital improvements update – The contractor is scheduled to start replacing the sidewalks and curbs at crosswalks on Ridgeland Avenue next week from I-290 to just south of Lake Street under a federally funded Illinois Department of Transportation resurfacing contract. Asphalt grinding is anticipated to start in mid-September, with the project expected to be completed in late October. Curbs and sidewalks were patched on Jackson Boulevard from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Avenue as local street and parking lot resurfacing projects continued. Asphalt grinding is anticipated for after Labor Day. With concrete work completed on Clinton Avenue from Randolph Street to South Boulevard, the contractor is rebuilding the street and anticipates placing the first layer of asphalt next week. Parking lots on Marion Street south of Lake Street, Chicago Avenue at Maple Avenue, Washington Boulevard near Austin Boulevard and North Boulevard east of Kenilworth Avenue were expected to be repaved this week, weather permitting. Work has begun on the traffic diverters on Elmwood and Rossell avenues and should be completed next week. The final layer of asphalt should be installed next week on the state-funded resurfacing projects on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street. Pavement markings and landscaping are set for early September. The program to replace 10 alley segments with "green alleys" is scheduled to start Tuesday with the east-west alley north of Lake Street and west of Forest Avenue. The annual sidewalk replacement program is underway and is expected to be completed in about four weeks.

Public Works Department activities – Restorations of streets where repairs were made to water mains continued, as did parking lot cleanups and fire hydrant curb painting. Speed bumps were installed in two alleys and way finding signage cleaned in the downtown and Hemingway business districts. Crews replaced a broken fire hydrant at 846 N. Kenilworth Ave., and repaired the top section of the valve at 747 S.

Harvey Ave., a broken sewer lateral at 1175 Gunderson Ave. and a sinkhole at Augusta Street and Lombard Avenue. Forestry crews cleared storm debris from the Aug. 21 storm, including a major limb from a parkway tree that fell into traffic lanes on Harlem Avenue near Division Street. Monday's stormy weather created more tree debris, but no significant damage. Private contractors A&B Landscaping, [B. Haney & Sons](#) and [Davis Tree Care, Inc.](#) continued grinding stumps and removing dead and diseased trees throughout the Village.

Mosquito spraying conducted –The [Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) did spray in Oak Park Wednesday as scheduled. The spraying was part of its ongoing efforts to control mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus. Oak Park, which abatement officials characterized as a “hot spot” for West Nile virus based on mosquito traps here, was among the last communities within the district's 77-square-mile jurisdiction to be sprayed this season. Residents who signed up for the Village's emergency notification system were alerted to the spraying on Tuesday. Alerts also were posted on the [Village website](#) and disseminated via social media and other communications tools.

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