



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending August 7, 2015**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, August 10:
  - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
- Tuesday, August 11:
  - No scheduled meetings
- Wednesday, August 12:
  - No scheduled meetings
- Thursday, August 13:
  - Tentative Village Board Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
  - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Friday, August 14:
  - No scheduled meetings

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, August 17, Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room (room TBD)
- Wednesday, August 19, Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Oak Park Township
- Monday, August 24, Tentative Village Board Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

**Farmers Market posters a hit** – The Village Board gave away more than 200 premium, limited edition posters to attendees and vendors at the Aug. 1 Farmers' Market. The posters celebrate the 40 Years of Freshness at the Oak Park Farmers' Market and feature a watercolor painting by local fair housing advocate Bobbie Raymond. The layout was designed by Jim Groll, a local graphic artist.

**Record month for Fire Department service calls** – The Fire Department responded to 641 calls for service in July, a significant increase which puts the department on pace to exceed its total call volume from 2014. The majority of calls (63%) were for EMS services. The department also responded to 13 fires in July, including a July 17

blaze on the roof of a multifamily building that was inadvertently started by commercial roofing contractors.

**Surplus hybrid fuel vehicles for sale** – The Fleet Services Division listed [three surplus Chevy Cavaliers](#) for sale online this week. All three vehicles can run on compressed natural gas or gasoline. The Communications Department helped promote the online auctions via social media.

**Storm cleanup** - Another round of storms on Aug. 2 meant more cleanups this week for the Forestry Division. The crews removed a split hackberry at 134 S. Cuyler on Monday and also spent time pulling hangers, pruning storm damage and completing brush pick-ups throughout the Village.

**Reservoir project update** – Restoration of the sod atop the central reservoir under Stevenson Park continued this week. The project is projected to wrap up by September.

**Ridgeland Sewer Project** – Mainline sewer work on Ridgeland Avenue is expected to be completed this week. After that, the next step will be concrete restoration, scheduled for next week, in preparation for resurfacing of the avenue.

**Capital improvements** – Water main installation on Harvey between August and Thomas is complete, and pavement restoration will follow over the next several weeks. Sewer work began last week on Kenilworth adjacent to Holmes School. We expect all work directly adjacent to the school to be completed prior to the start of classes.

**Street resurfacing** – The first batch of local street resurfacing projects – some seven roads in total – continued this week. Work on the second batch of resurfacing will begin later this month in the north part of the Village.

**Alley improvements** – Two rebuilt alleys are scheduled to open to traffic this week, bringing the total number of improved alleys to five so far this season. Construction will begin later this month on a new alley added to the season's first contract.

**Water & sewer activities** - The Water and Sewer Division repaired a water main break at 941 Wesley and a sinkhole at 739 S. Harvey. The Division also replaced a broken fire hydrant at 819 S. Elmwood, repaired broken fire hydrants at 727 S. Maple and at Augusta/Hayes, and repaired a fire hydrant struck by an automobile at Roosevelt and Wisconsin. A one-inch water service upgrade at 519 S. Oak Park Ave was completed as part of the lead abatement program.

**Public Works activities** - The Streets Division began the removal project of damaged wrought iron fencing all along Roosevelt Road. Crews also applied thermoplastic pavement markings for crosswalks and stop bars at various locations. The viaduct power washing project was completed, and the business district litter clean-up and weed removal project continued as well as continued saw cutting, excavation and pavement restoration work for water utility openings.

**New hire in Permit Processing** – Syrises N. Myers has joined the Permit Processing Division as a part-time customer service technician. She can be reached at extension 6438.