



**Village Manager's Report  
The Week Ending September 23, 2016**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Saturday, September 24:
  - Village Board Outreach Event – Farmer’s Market 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - I-Gov Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township, 105 S. Oak Park
  
- Monday, September 26:
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Tuesday, September 27:
  - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 6 p.m., room 101
  - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
  
- Wednesday, September 28:
  - CDCAC Meeting, 6 p.m., room 201
  - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 102
  - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Thursday, September 29:
  - Commission Chair Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  
- Friday, September 30:
  - No scheduled meetings

**Farmers’ Market outreach** – The table for the [Village Board](#) at Saturday’s Farmers’ Market will be located just inside the main entrance of the market in the former *Herbally Yours* space – [click here to see a map](#). About 100, two-ounce jars of honey from the apiary atop the Public Works Center have been provided for board members to share with the community as they wish. More information about the beekeeping efforts at the Public Works Center is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Chicago Avenue resurfacing** – Spot concrete curbs and sidewalk segments were removed for replacement on the north side of Chicago Avenue from Euclid Avenue to Austin Boulevard in preparation for paving by the state. Curbs also were removed and replaced on the southwest corner of Ridgeland Avenue. Engineering staff has continued to coordinate the work with crossing guards to make sure students have available safe routes to and from

school. Staff also met with the organizers of the upcoming Frank Lloyd Wright Races to prepare for the event set for Oct. 23 since the course for the 10k passes the Home and Studio at Chicago and Forest avenues.

**Village Hall garage repairs** – The first layer of concrete was poured Wednesday on the roadway deck along the south side of Village Hall that passes over the underground Police garage. The concrete will cure over the next week before work resumes. The bridge from the parking lot to the south entrance has kept this most-used entry open throughout the project. The Lombard Avenue entrance also has remained open, providing public access including for persons with disabilities.

**Downtown construction updates** – Work on the Elevate Oak Park development project downtown remained within the project site, creating no right-of-way issues in the area. Work remains on hiatus on South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion, but likely will resume next week with installation of sprinkler conduit for the landscaping. Preparations for repaving continued this week on Wesley Avenue from Van Buren Street to Jackson Boulevard, Cuyler Avenue from Pleasant Street to South Boulevard Erie Street from Kenilworth Avenue to Oak Park Avenue.

**Water/sewer main replacement** – The season's second round of water and sewer improvements continued this week on Highland Avenue from Jackson Boulevard to Madison Street and Taylor Avenue between Flournoy and Harrison streets. Sewer replacement is expected to wrap up next week on the 600 block of Highland Avenue, but continue on the 500 block.

**Miscellaneous construction projects** – Work continued this week on the pedestrian crossing signal at Chicago and Harvey avenues and the bicycle parking facilities on Harrison Street, North Boulevard at Forest Avenue and Oak Avenue at Garfield Street. Only parkway restorations remain for the street lighting project on Harrison Street. Sidewalk trip hazards and accessibility issues are being addressed in various locations in the community.

**Public Works Activities** – In addition to routine street repairs, broken water shutoff valves were repaired at 709 S. Elmwood Avenue and 214 Washington Boulevard, sewer basins were cleaned at various locations and a water service was upgraded at 931 Chicago Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Regular tree maintenance and inspections were performed, two water heaters installed at Village Hall and a wall in a jail cell repaired in the Police Department. Staff working at Saturday's paint exchange provided services for 109 vehicles that either wanted to drop off unneeded, but usable latex paint or get free paint from the collections.

**Collaboration makes Sculpture Walk a success** – As the [fifth annual outdoor sculpture walk](#) came to a close earlier this month, recognition is in order for the many Village employees who made the event so successful. Loretta Daly and Linda DeViller of the Development Customer Services Department managed the project, while individuals from several other departments helped with the hands-on tasks. Scott Brinkman, Tom Fulton and their team from the Public Works Department provided essential on-site logistical support and Parking Services' Jennifer Jones and Allison Von Ebers secured temporary parking for the artists during installation and removal of their works. The Communications Department also lent its expertise to promote the event, including taking photos for the brochure, creating a dedicated webpage and spreading the word about this fun community event. This year's site

was well received by park visitors and participating artists as Mills Park offered the space for artwork that would have been challenging to place in a more restrictive setting. The park also allowed visitors to experience the artwork without the hustle and bustle of pedestrian and vehicular traffic that was part of the past sites along public sidewalks.

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