

Village Manager's Report The Week Ending October 21, 2016

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, October 24:
 - Village Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd.
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, October 25:
 - o First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 6 p.m., room 201
 - o Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - o HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Wednesday, October 26:
 - o Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 201
 - o Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
 - o HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, October 27:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Friday, October 28:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, October 29
 - o I-Gov Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., 130 S. Oak Park

Early voting begins Monday at Village Hall – Early voting begins Mon., Oct. 24 at Village Hall and continues daily right up to Election Day, Nov. 8. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. County workers have installed voting machines in room 101 and will manage the process.

Races to close streets temporarily – The Park District's annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races will bring street closures along the route from about 7:30 to 11 a.m., Sun., Oct. 23, including from Lake Street north to Division Street. Traffic on other streets within the race route also may experience delays. The Park District is encouraging residents to review the course map at www.flwraces.com and allow for extra travel time.

Downtown Construction Updates – The alley reconstruction, just north of Westgate Street and west of Marion Street, began this week with a small stretch of sewer replacement. Removal of the old pavement will begin by next week. Irrigation piping and granite-curb were installed for the new outdoor dining area on South Boulevard west of Marion. Work on the boulevard's streetscape is expected to continue until late November and then be suspended until spring.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing status – Crews were scheduled to begin applying the first layer of asphalt today (Fri., Oct. 21) at the Ridgeland Avenue intersection and between Belleforte and Woodbine avenues. Existing pavement was milled earlier in the week and oil applied to help the new asphalt adhere to the existing surface. Staff is working with the Park District to ensure the work does not interfere with Sunday's Frank Lloyd Wright races, since Chicago Avenue is part of the course. The decision has been made to delay paving the section between Harlem and Belleforte avenues until spring so that planned landscaping and lighting improvements can be done at the same time to minimize the impact on the business.

Village Hall garage repairs – The waterproof membrane was installed on the garage deck roadway along the south side of Village Hall, while the new at-grade concrete continued to cure. The bridge from the parking lot across the construction area to the south entrance continues to provide access for both employees and customers. The Lombard Street entrance also remains open for public access including for persons with disabilities. Maintaining access during early-voting will be a project priority.

Water/sewer main projects – Individual property connections were made to the new sewer main installed on the 500 block of Highland Avenue. Installation of a new water main is set to begin on the 500 block of Highland Avenue and continue north on the 600 block.

Miscellaneous construction projects – The signal pole was scheduled to be installed this week on the new high-tech pedestrian crossing signal at Chicago and Harvey avenues. Concrete was poured this week for the new bicycle parking facilities under construction on Harrison Street at East Avenue, while landscaping began at the facilities at North Boulevard and Forest Avenue, and Oak Park Avenue and Garfield Street. The season's final round of local resurfacing projects continued this week with curbs and sidewalks replaced on Harrison Street between East and Ridgeland avenues, and on Wisconsin Avenue south of Madison Street. Streets paved this week include Harrison Street between East and Ridgeland avenues, Wisconsin Avenue south of Madison Street, North Boulevard east of Euclid Avenue, and Forest Avenue just north of Chicago Avenue. Pavement marking and parkway restoration began this week at various locations where paving projects have been completed.

Public Works Activities – Street Division crews repaired pavement where utility repairs had been made at 1100 S. Grove Ave., 1000 Hayes Ave., 709 Clinton Ave., 1115 N. Harvey Ave. and 930 Chicago Ave. Streets crews also worked with Forestry Division personnel to remove parkway tree debris caused by the high winds this week. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a broken valve nut at North and East avenues, a sink hole at Austin Boulevard and Division Street, and a fire hydrant at Division Street and Taylor Avenue. Building Maintenance Division staff is closely monitoring the new boilers at Village Hall as the weather cools and the need for heat increases.

Employee News – Diane Stanislavski, administrative secretary in the Public Works Department, and Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule are now Certified Technical Associates with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Certification required several weeks of study and passing a comprehensive exam. In other employee news, Forestry Division staff attended the Illinois Arborist Association Annual Conference in Tinley Park, which offered opportunities to see live demonstrations and earn continuing education credits through various sessions.

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