



**Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending April 7, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, April 10:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, April 11:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, April 12:
 - CDCAC, 6:00 p.m., room 201
 - Farmer's Market Commission, 7:00 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, April 13:
 - CDCAC, 6:00 p.m., room 101
 - Civic Information Systems, 7:00 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Friday, April 14:
 - No meetings scheduled

Dual weekend recycling events – The Public Works Center will host two free specialized recycling events from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday (April 8). Residents can have private documents shredded, as well as recycle old clothing in any condition. Each household is limited to two bags or small boxes of documents with personal information such as canceled checks or papers containing credit card numbers, social security numbers and medical information. The clothing items, which also may include shoes, belts, hats, bags, linens and towels, will be sent by the Epilepsy Foundation to developing nations where the raw materials will be repurposed.

Maple Park grand opening – The Park District will celebrate the grand opening of a newly renovated Maple Park with a public ceremony set for 10 a.m., Saturday. Renovations include a new playground, picnic shelter, climbing boulders, walking paths and baseball fields.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing – Foundations and wiring for new light poles were installed this week, as work continues on the final section of the Chicago Avenue resurfacing project that began last year. This final section, which includes streetscape improvements, is between Harlem and Belleforte avenues. Engineering Division staff has worked closely with business operators affected by the work to make sure they are kept up to date on the progress of the work and any specific impacts.

Water and sewer main improvements – Equipment and materials were delivered this week for the water and sewer main improvements planned for Taylor Avenue between Flournoy and Harrison streets. Pavement removal will begin soon, depending on weather. The underground installation will follow the pavement removal, with work beginning at Taylor and Harrison, and then proceeding south to Flournoy.

Alley improvements – Underground drainage improvements began this week on alley segments set to be reconstructed, while pavement removal was delayed due to rain. Work will start on the alley segments north of North Boulevard between Kenilworth and Oak Park avenues. Eight residents within the projects' boundaries have opted to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed, allowing them to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price.

Lake Michigan water pipeline project – Engineering staff hosted members of the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission this week at the Public Works Center for discussions of final plans for bringing Lake Michigan water to these west suburban communities via a main through Oak Park. The two-year project will begin in Forest Park and proceed east along Fillmore Street across the entire width of the Village. Fillmore will be reconstructed as part of the project.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Roadway layout and sidewalk removal began this week on Lake Street and the new block of Maple Avenue adjacent to the Emerson redevelopment project downtown. Underground electrical work, roadway excavation and relocation of fire hydrants will occur within the fenced construction site. The sidewalk and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street will be closed until early May from the new Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site.

Public Works activities – Street Division crews repaired a street opening where a water main had been fixed at Harlem and Superior avenues. Water & Sewer Division crews had repaired two breaks on the same four inch water main at the intersection. Streets crews also began permanently repairing pavement openings for other water main breaks that had been temporarily patched during the winter. The week's heavy rains had Water & Sewer crews clearing inlets to reduce street flooding. Rain also slowed tree pruning, as forestry contractors worked on East Avenue between Chicago Avenue and Division Street, the final remaining block of the seasonal trimming cycle.

Township annual meeting – The Oak Park Township will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tues., April 11 in the Senior Services Center meeting room. The meeting will include a presentation of financial statements as well as a review of fiscal year 2017. The agenda and related documents are posted at www.oakparktownship.org.

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