



**Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending June 9, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, June 12:
 - Village Board Finance Committee Meeting 7p.m., room 130
 - Transportation Commission, 7p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, June 13:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, June 14:
 - Farmer's Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Fire and Police Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 123
- Thursday, June 15:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
 - Plan Commission Development Public Hearing, 7 p.m., room 101
- Friday, June 16:
 - No meetings scheduled

Farmers' Market activities – Children's activities are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month beginning this Saturday (June. 10) at the [Oak Park Farmer's Market](#). This weekend's market will feature activities hosted by the Friends of the [Oak Park Conservatory](#). Future markets will feature University of Illinois Extension master gardeners (July 8), Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians (Aug. 12), Wonder Works Children's Museum (Sept. 9) and Stomp & Shout (Oct. 14). A majority of the vendors now accept credit/debit cards, as well as WIC and senior coupons. All vendors accept Link cards.

Free concerts begin Sunday -- Free summer concerts return Sunday to Scoville Park with a performance by the *Blue Water Kings Band*. Hosted by the Park District, the concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held every Sunday through Aug. 20. The complete 2017 concert schedule is [posted on the Park District website](#).

Trailside Museum to celebrate anniversary – Area residents are invited to celebrate 85 years of nature education and programs from 12 to 3 p.m., Sunday at Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave., in River Forest. The event will include an ice cream social, bluegrass jam and family-friendly historical activities. Attendees also will be able to meet some of the animals housed at the Trailside, view local history displays and make an animal craft. More information is [posted on the Forest Preserves of Cook county website](#).

Police basketball camp – Registration is now open for the Oak Park Police Department's annual youth basketball camp. This year's camp is set for July 31 to Aug. 4 at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. The popular free camp is available for Oak Park boys and girls ages 8 to 14. More information and a link to the camp application form are posted at www.oak-park.us/police.

A Day in Our Village review – Rave reviews continue to come in regarding the 44th [A Day in Our Village](#) festival held this past Sunday. Nearly 200 organizations participated, making this year's event one of the largest in memory. The Community Relations Department's special outreach to the Austin community brought three entities to the festival in what was seen as a show of community collaboration and unity. This year's awards for the most creative, fun and interactive booths went to IncrediCamp, Geppetto's Toy Box and Signature Smiles Dental, respectively. Community Relations Director Cedric Melton offered special thanks to the volunteers who helped organize and staff the event.

Chicago Avenue streetscape/resurfacing – Chicago Avenue remains open only to westbound traffic between Belleforte and Harlem avenues as work continues on decorative sidewalk, brick street crosswalks and new lighting in the business district. Normal traffic patterns are expected to resume by the last week of June. New crosswalks also began going in this week on Chicago at Ridgeland Avenue. The work is blocking the turning lanes on Chicago Avenue, but two-way traffic is being maintained. Normal traffic flow through the busy intersection is expected to be restored by June 24, barring any weather delays. This is the final phase of the project that began last year to repave Chicago Avenue across the entire Village from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard.

Downtown construction update – Excavation along the Lake Street portion of the Emerson redevelopment project has begun in preparation for new sidewalk, but two-way traffic flow has been maintained along the busy east-west corridor. The sidewalk and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street remain closed from the new Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site. Underground work also continued this week for the new street lights at the project site.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Work on the water line that will carry Lake Michigan water to the villages of Brookfield and North Riverside is scheduled to start next week at Maple Avenue and Fillmore Street. The intersection of Maple and Fillmore will be closed for up to three days when excavation begins, then will reopen to traffic as work progresses eastbound along Fillmore across the Village to Austin Boulevard. Road closures will be limited to intersections and alley entrances when excavation is occurring in those areas. All affected road and alley crossings will be reopened at the end of each workday. Material and equipment deliveries continued this week, and fencing to protect parkway tree trunks has been installed between Maple and Oak Park Avenue, the first segment of the project. A project website managed by the engineering company has been set up to provide the latest schedule information – [click here to view](#).

Alley projects – Underground drainage improvements continued this week on alley segments under construction at various locations, while pavement was removed in the alley north of Jackson Boulevard between Taylor and Lyman avenues. The number of residents within the boundaries of the alley projects who have now elected

to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed has grown to 45. By having the work done as part of the alley reconstruction, these property owners are able to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price, which is lower than the cost a single property owner likely would pay to hire a contractor.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Final pavement should be installed next week on Taylor Avenue between Harrison and Flournoy streets and on Highland Avenue between Madison Street and Jackson Boulevard now that all underground and concrete work related to the water and sewer main improvements is complete. This week, crews graded the roadways and installed the stone sub-base for paving. Only parkway restoration remains on Lombard Avenue between Van Buren and Adams streets, and on Taylor Avenue between Adams and Madison streets.

Public Works activities – Streets Division crews helped set up and breakdown barricades and no-parking signs for special events throughout the Village, including for A Day in Our Village and the Oak Park and River Forest High School graduation. Crews also completed curb and sidewalk repairs at various locations, began viaduct cleaning and continued litter pick up in the business districts. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a fire hydrant at 715 Clinton Ave., replaced a fire hydrant at 1170 S. Grove Ave. and repaired a sinkhole at 609 Madison St. Crews also cleaned sewer inlets and basins throughout the Village to reduce the changes of flooding during heavy rains. Landscaping and tree contractors continued working throughout the Village, while in-house Forestry Division crews focused on routine tasks such as tree maintenance, inspections and request trimming.

Employee news – Linda DeViller has joined the Information Technology Department as Office Coordinator. Linda moved to IT from Development Customer Services. An Oak Park resident, she joined the Village in 2014. In her new role, Linda will coordinate all IT work and flow, including department requests and system support service agreements. She also will review procedures and processes, and analyze available data to identify ways to improve the efficiency of the wide range of IT services provided to the organization. Her demonstrated proficiency in MS-Office is sure to be of value to the IT Department as well as the entire organization the department supports.

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