



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending March 30, 2018**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, April 2:
  - No meetings scheduled
  
- Tuesday, April 3:
  - Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force, 7 p.m., room 201
  - Environment & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.
  
- Wednesday, April 4:
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Thursday, April 5:
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  
- Friday, April 6:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Yard waste collection begins next week** – Seasonal collection of yard waste will begin Mon., April 2. Bundled brush no larger than two feet in diameter and four feet in length and yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and vines placed in the regular refuse collection point will be picked up on regular refuse collection days. A green yard waste sticker must be attached to each brush bundle, 32-gallon paper bag and rigid container. Residents are urged to look for alternatives to bagging yard waste such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders or backyard compost piles.

**Green lecture series to return** – The Environment & Energy Commission is bringing back its environmental lecture series in April in celebration of Earth Month. Similar to commission-sponsored lecture series of the past, speakers will address a wide range of environmental challenges and opportunities on each Tuesday evening in April at the main Oak Park Public Library on Lake Street. More information on the topics and speakers for each session is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Holmes School expansion** – Underground utility work related to the scheduled expansion of Holmes Elementary School began this week and will continue for about two weeks. Village water and sewer mains are being located, but most of the work is occurring within a fenced area. However, the adjacent sidewalk along the north side of Chicago Avenue will be closed. Plans are in place to ensure pedestrian safety.

**Alley improvements update** – The season’s first round of alley improvements is scheduled to begin Mon., April 2. Crews have delivered supplies and staged equipment at locations throughout the community where work is scheduled. Drainage improvements are the first steps, which are followed by resurfacing. Some 25 alley segments are scheduled for reconstruction this season.

**Boulevards project** – Preliminary preparations have begun for major improvements on both North and South boulevards that are pending Village Board consideration. Plans call for water and sewer work on North Boulevard from Forest Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue and under the Clinton Avenue viaduct. Affected roadways, including under the Kenilworth Avenue viaduct, would be completely reconstructed, and North Boulevard restriped from Kenilworth Avenue to Oak Park Avenue to accommodate a new bike lane. The South Boulevard work would include lighting improvements, sidewalk repairs and street resurfacing as well as minor sewer repairs between Marion Street and Home Avenue. Business operators who would be affected by the work have been invited to learn more about the proposed project at an open house-style discussion set for 9 a.m., Thurs., April 5 at the Nineteenth Century Club. With Village Board approval, the project could start in May. [Click her to see a map](#) of the proposed project.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Crews are progressing with the final stages of the pipeline project to carry Lake Michigan water west through Oak Park. The pipeline work in Oak Park is projected to be completed in May, followed by paving Fillmore Street between Highland Avenue and Austin Boulevard. Underground utility work for the Lincoln Property redevelopment project on South Boulevard has moved away from Harlem Avenue with all work now within the site. However, the sidewalk along Harlem Avenue will be closed during construction hours for about two days next week for remaining ComEd tasks. Bids were received this week for the first round of street resurfacing projects at various locations throughout the Village. With Village Board approval of a contractor, work could start in May. Prior to any work of this kind beginning, affected residents and businesses are notified by mail in time to ensure effective coordination of parking and garbage collection.

**Public Works activities** – Street Division crews repaired damaged fences at various cul-de-sac locations in the Village, patched openings where water line repairs had been made and picked up litter in the business districts and Village parking lots. Street Lighting Division crews replaced a banner pole knocked down in a vehicle accident on the southwest corner of Austin Boulevard and Chicago Avenue. Crews also repaired and modified the traffic signals on Oak Park Avenue and Harrison Street that had been shifting to flashing when it rains. Water & Sewer Division crews replaced a damaged fire hydrant at East Avenue and Division Street, as well as repaired a water service leak at 1024 Superior St. and a broken sewer lateral at 843 N. East Ave. Forestry Division crews continued preparation for spring tree planting.

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