



Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 17, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Aug. 20:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Aug. 21:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, Aug. 22:
 - Disability Access Committee, 7 p.m., Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124
- Thursday, Aug. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Aug. 24:
 - No meetings scheduled

Aggregation enrollment begins – The Village's new electricity aggregation contractor MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) began mailing letters this week to residential and small business customers eligible to participate in the Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Program. Customers already enrolled in the program do not have to take any action. Those whose energy is provided by another vendor can enroll by following the instructions in the letter to contact mc² directly. The enrollment period ends Sept. 4. Details on the new contract are [posted on the Village website](#).

Mosquito spraying update – [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) trucks were back in Oak Park Monday (Aug. 13) spraying after weather had postponed the activity from the previous week. This was the second time the district has sprayed this year, but indications are it will not be the last. Officials say they likely will continue to spray here each week as long as West Nile virus continues to be found in samples of mosquitoes collected from traps in Oak Park. Staff is continuing to follow the lead of public health officials and urging residents to take precautions against getting bitten. [More information is posted on the Village website...](#)

New Fire station look – New overhead doors have been installed at the Central Fire Station on Euclid Avenue. The bright red doors, in keeping with the traditional fire department color theme, are not about looks, however. The new doors replaced ones that were at least 15 years old and in near constant need of maintenance and repair.

Reliable doors that can be raised quickly are essential when the call for emergency services comes, which is why the project was part of the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan. The new doors also allow for more natural light into the station and are insulated for better energy efficiency. The 2019 CIP contains funds to replace the aging doors in the other two fire stations.

North Avenue survey update – Residents still have time to help guide the future of North Avenue by sharing their views via an online survey at www.oak-park.us/northavenuesurvey. Input gathered through the survey will help create a plan for North Avenue that builds on assets, addresses issues and strengthens the economic and aesthetic appeal of the district. The survey is being conducted by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on behalf of the Village, the City of Chicago and the North Avenue District neighborhood association. More information is posted online - [just click here](#).

Boulevards project – The intersection of South Boulevard and Clinton Avenue will be closed to traffic for approximately four weeks beginning Monday (Aug. 20). South Boulevard traffic will be re-routed at Kenilworth Avenue to Randolph Street during the closure. Three days of sewer work is scheduled to begin next week on South Boulevard between Home Avenue and Marion Street. Water main work on South Boulevard at Clinton Avenue required shutting off water service for about eight hours on Thursday (Aug. 16), but residents were notified well in advance. The new water main along North Boulevard has been installed, all service connections transferred and the main fully active. North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Clinton Avenue, but access to private driveways is being maintained. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – The season's second and final round of resurfacing projects is now underway. Work includes resurfacing four blocks, reconstructing six blocks and rehabilitating four parking lots. In the meantime, paving to finish up the first round of street resurfacing projects began this week. Patching and crack filling of various other streets has been completed, with microsurfacing expected to follow in the next few weeks.

Miscellaneous construction updates – Coordinating various utility tasks has delayed the work on the Lake Street frontage of the District House development at Euclid Avenue, but activity should resume next week. Pavement removal began in the alley between Elmwood and Ridgeland avenues and north of Roosevelt Road, as alley projects progress toward a mid-September wrap up. Construction continues at the Albion development at Lake Street and Forest Avenue as staff continues to monitor steps to ensure safe pedestrian and traffic flow. Planning is underway for a late August topping-off ceremony for the Lincoln development project on South Boulevard at Harlem Avenue.

Public Works activities – The Streets Division has begun installing and replacing signs and refreshing thermoplastic streets markings in intersections along routes designated as [Safe Routes to Schools](#), an Illinois the Department of Transportation program to improve safety and promote healthy alternatives for children to get to and from school.

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