



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending August 31, 2018**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Sept. 3:
  - No meetings scheduled – Village Hall closed in observance of Labor Day
  
- Tuesday, Sept. 4:
  - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Environment and Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
  
- Wednesday, Sept. 5:
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  
- Thursday, Sept. 6:
  - Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., room 191
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  
- Friday, Sept. 7:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Pie-baking contest is Saturday** – The Farmers' Market Commission will host the second annual *Pie Bake-Off* from 9:30 to 11 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 1. A panel of judges will choose a winner from among the 15 entries. Their decision will be based on taste, creative use of Farmers' Market ingredients and appearance. Slices of pie will be given away to Market visitors after the contest on a first-come, first-served basis. More information about this year's event is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Village Hall closed Monday** – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., Sept. 3 in [observance of Labor Day](#). Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged to call the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

**Parking restrictions eased** – As with most major holidays, [on-street, overnight parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on many Oak Park residential streets over the Labor Day weekend. Restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 1 and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Sept. 5. However, restrictions will remain in effect in areas such as on-street enclaves and zones that are reserved for permit holders. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

**Refuse collections delayed** – [Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services](#) will be delayed by the Labor Day holiday. Monday's regular pick-up and all subsequent collections of the week will be delayed one day. Information about Village refuse collection services is [posted on the Village website](#).

**Crosswalk safety stings** – Oak Park Police are conducting a series of unannounced special enforcement efforts at high-traffic pedestrian crossings to underscore the importance of ensuring safe walking routes throughout the community. Officers issued 26 citations Tuesday to drivers who did not properly yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks at Jackson Boulevard and Cuyler Avenue. This was the first of what will be a series of similar enforcement efforts at other important street crossings in the community. A second sting was planned for this week at Ridgeland Avenue and Erie Street, but the results are not yet available. The timing of the program coincides with the new school year and focuses on 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. when students walking to school are the most active.

**Topping-off** – The redevelopment project underway on South Boulevard and Harlem Avenue achieved a significant construction milestone Tuesday as the mixed-used building was ceremoniously topped off. Trustees Simon Boutet and Deno Andrews joined Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb, Village staff and representatives of developer Lincoln Property Company and construction company AECOM Hunt at the ceremony, which is a traditional celebration for workers on major construction projects. As part of the festivities, Village Trustees in attendance signed one of the final steel beams being installed at the top of the 12-story, 252-unit building, which developers told attendees they expect to be ready for occupancy in early 2019. Photos of the event are [posted on the Village Facebook page](#).

**Rain response** – Heavy rain Tuesday night into early Wednesday (Aug. 28 – 29) caused widespread temporary street flooding. The 1.57 inches of rain measured at the Public Works Center required Water & Sewer Division crews to clear blocked street inlets and use the Vactor truck to open more seriously blocked inlets. Crews from the Streets and Forestry divisions worked together to pick up parkway tree branches brought down by the high winds, including a few large limbs that had blocked public right of ways. All storm damage was expected to be cleaned up by the end of this week.

**Boulevards project** – Boring beneath the Clinton Avenue viaduct between South and North boulevards was expected to be completed this week for installation of a new sewer main. The intersection of South Boulevard and Clinton Avenue is closed to traffic for approximately three weeks for excavation of a shaft for a new sewer connection, as well as additional boring and restoration activities. South Boulevard traffic has been rerouted at Kenilworth Avenue to Randolph Street, with local access to properties and parking available via temporary two-way traffic on either side of the Clinton Avenue intersection between Kenilworth and Home avenues. Meanwhile on North Boulevard, restoration continued this week around areas where new curbs and gutters, sidewalks and driveway entrances had been installed. North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Clinton Avenue, but access to private driveways has been retained. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at [www.oak-park.us/boulevards](http://www.oak-park.us/boulevards).

**Street resurfacing and repairs** – Removal of pavement was expected to begin this week on the season's second and final round of resurfacing projects. Four blocks of streets are to be resurfaced, six blocks reconstructed and four parking lots rehabilitated. Striping and punch list items remain to be completed on the first round of street resurfacing projects.

**South Boulevard/Harlem Avenue** – Maple Avenue will be closed south of the development site to Pleasant Street from September 5 through 7 to remove the tower crane. Plans are to start the South Boulevard streetscape construction on Sept. 17, beginning at Harlem Avenue and moving east to Marion Street.

**Rush Hospital update** – Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction on Madison Street, east of Harlem Avenue as sewer work related to the Rush Hospital expansion projects was scheduled to underway this after weather delays. The work is expected to last about four days, but the traffic disruption will be limited to work hours, with full traffic flow restored at the end of each work day. Adjacent businesses and residences have been alerted to the possible impacts, including no parking on the north side of Madison Street to Wisconsin Avenue.

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