



Village Manager's Report
Week ending September 14, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Sept. 17:
 - Executive session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

- Tuesday, Sept. 18:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102

- Wednesday, Sept. 19:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, Sept. 20:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber

- Friday, Sept. 21:
 - No meetings scheduled

Paper shredding, textile recycling event – The Public Works Center will host a paper shredding and old clothing recycling event from 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow (Sat., Sept. 15). Each household may bring two bags or small boxes of paper items with personal information such as canceled checks, documents containing credit card numbers, social security numbers and medical information. Through a cooperative program with the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, residents also can recycle just about anything textile-related and receive a tax donation receipt.

Police Chief search – The input-gathering phase of the search for our next Police Chief began this week with online surveys to gather input on what citizens and department staff believe are the most important qualities in Oak Park's next top law enforcement official. Residents, business operators and individuals who work in Oak Park here have been invited to take a survey posted online at www.oak-park.us/chiefsearch. In addition to the community survey, separate surveys have been targeted to both sworn and civilian staff in the Police Department. The surveys ask about attributes respondents they believe candidates should possess as well as issues they think the new chief will face. The three surveys will be open through Sun., Sept. 23.

Local sites on solar tour – Eight Oak Park sites, including the Avenue Garage, will be among the more than 100 solar homes and businesses across the state scheduled to open their doors to the public tomorrow (Sat., Sept. 22) for the [Illinois Solar Tour](#). Hosted by the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA), the Solar Tour is a free open-

house-style event that allows the public to view real-life examples of how local businesses and residents have reduced their utility bills by going solar. Sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Specific local sites and more information are [posted on the Village website](#).

Pedestrian safety enforcement – Police are continuing their special enforcement efforts at high-traffic pedestrian crossings to underscore the importance of ensuring safe school walking routes throughout the community. Police have conducted more than a dozen operations since the first full week of school, focusing on the morning and afternoon hours when students are walking to and from school. Since Aug. 27, Police have issued 140 citations to motorists who violated or ignored regulations intended to protect pedestrians. Additional special enforcement efforts are scheduled for various problem intersections across the Village.

Eleven 33 development update – Maple Avenue was closed south of the construction site to Pleasant Street as crews at the Eleven 33 development on South Boulevard were scheduled to remove the tower crane by the end of today (Fri., Sept. 14). Barring any unexpected delays in the crane removal, streetscape construction will begin Monday (Sept. 17), requiring South Boulevard to be closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. Streetscape work likely will continue into late November, with the goal to reopen the area by Thanksgiving. The CTA has been notified and alternate bus routings posted. Staff also is working with the affected businesses to address any needs or concerns.

Boulevards project update – The intersection of South Boulevard and Clinton Avenue is expected to remain closed to traffic for another week for sewer work and site restoration. Connections are being made to the new sewer main beneath the Clinton Avenue viaduct between South and North boulevards. South Boulevard traffic continues to be rerouted at Kenilworth Avenue to Randolph Street between Kenilworth and Home avenues. Restoration of North Boulevard is expected to begin next week now that new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway entrances have been installed. Although North Boulevard remains closed during work hours at Clinton Avenue, access to private driveways has been retained. Installation of catch basins continued this week on South Boulevard between Home Avenue and Marion Street, and restoration and street lighting installation is scheduled to begin next week. No street closures are required for this work, but some pay-by-space street parking will be lost during construction. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at www.oak-park.us/boulevards.

Street resurfacing and repairs – Pavement removal began this week for the four blocks of streets to be resurfaced, six blocks of streets to be reconstructed and four parking lots to be rehabilitated in the season's final round of paving. Striping and punch list items still remain to be completed for the first street resurfacing project. Meanwhile on Harrison Street, the contractor for the private development at 202 – 210 is preparing replace the sidewalk along the frontage and resurface the street. Staff is coordinating with businesses to minimize disruption.

Public Works Activities –Streets Division crews repaired six street locations and five parkways disrupted during water and sewer repairs. Crews also worked with the Forestry Division to remove a tree at 438 S. Kenilworth Ave. that was interfering with a leaking water service, picked up brush and delivered woodchips to residents

throughout the Village. In addition to regular maintenance activities including pothole patching, cleaning viaducts and picking up litter in the business districts, crews removed inappropriate language from sidewalk at two locations. Street Lighting Division crews repaired a corroded service feed to the traffic signals at Madison Street and Ridgeland Avenue and fixed the pedestrian crossing beacons at Chicago and Scoville avenues and at Jackson Boulevard and Cuyler Avenue. Water & Sewer Division crews upgraded water services at 1047 Highland Ave., 1106 Hayes Ave. and 938 N. Lombard Ave. as part of the lead abatement program.

Employee news – Ryan Shelton is the new Animal Control Officer in the Health Department. Ryan comes to the Village from the Town of Cicero’s Animal Welfare Department. After three years as a volunteer in Cicero, Ryan became a full-time employee, a post he held for five years prior to accepting the position in Oak Park. In his role as Oak Park’s Animal Control Officer, Ryan will investigate animal welfare issues, catch strays, enforce Village codes related to animals and support our nuisance wildlife management efforts. More information on animal control and licensing is posted on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/pets.

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