



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending October 19, 2018**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Oct. 22:
  - Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., Public Works Center, 201 South Boulevard
  - Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  
- Tuesday, Oct. 23:
  - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
  
- Wednesday, Oct. 24:
  - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., Main Library, 834 Lake St.
  - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  - Elected Officials BBQ dinner, 5:30 p.m., Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St.
  - Early Childhood Collaboration IGA Governing Board, 7 p.m. room 213, Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 Scoville Ave.
  
- Thursday, Oct. 25:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Room 215
  - Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., Public Works Center, 201 South Boulevard
  
- Friday, Oct. 26:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Early voting begins next week** – Village Hall will be an early voting site for suburban Cook County voters beginning Monday (Oct. 22). Grace-period registration also will be offered during early voting hours for those individuals who missed the registration deadline. Valid identification is required to register during the grace period and a vote must be cast immediately after registration. Village Hall voting hours, which will vary depending on the day, are [posted online](#). More information on the Nov. 6 General Election, including polling sites by address, is available on the Cook County Clerk's website [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections).

**Races to close streets temporarily** – Traffic will be disrupted from about 6:30 to 10 a.m., Sunday (Oct. 21) for the Park District's annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races. Events start at Scoville Avenue and Ontario Street, just east of Oak Park and River Forest High School and finish in front of the school. Several streets will be closed and traffic flow on others restricted to one way. More information, including race routes, is posted at [www.flwraces.com](http://www.flwraces.com).

**Preservation Commission tours** – The Oak Park [Historic Preservation Commission](#) has partnered with the [Pleasant Home Foundation](#) to sponsor tours this Sunday (Oct. 21) of two homes designed by architect George W. Maher. The tours start at 2 p.m. The walk-and-talk event will feature the Herman W. Mallen House, 300 N. Euclid Ave. and the J. Hall Taylor House, 405 N. Euclid Ave., as well as a tour of the surrounding neighborhood led by Historic Preservation Commission Chair Christopher Payne. More information, including ticket purchases, is available on the [Pleasant Home Foundation website](#).

**Brisk permit activity** – As the summer construction season comes to a close, the Development Customer Services Department has processed permit applications for projects representing more \$124 million invested in our community so far this year. The more than 3,000 permit applications processed from May through September alone accounted for nearly \$84 million in investments. In addition to permits for residential property improvements, applications also were filed for permits to create and improve more than 6,500 square feet of commercial space. More than half of all permit applications so far this year were initiated online through [VillageView](#), the Village's software solution that links multiple Village databases and streamlines processes. [Click here to view the year-to-date permit activity report](#).

**Bridge rehab** -- Improvements to the expressway overpass on Oak Park Avenue and the Home Avenue pedestrian bridge between Garfield and Harrison streets are scheduled to begin next week. Initial work will require closing lanes overnight on I-290 from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard. The work is expected to be completed by mid-December.

**Water loss control initiative** – The Water & Sewer Division of the Public Works Department has launched a program to test high-volume water meters, which measure a major share of the water used in Oak Park. Scheduling notices have been sent to 30 property owners who are high-volume water users alerting them to the program and the testing process. Actual testing is planned for November. Testing of high-volume water meters is a critical part of a successful water loss management program.

**Redevelopment project news** – Crews working on the streetscape by the [Eleven 33](#) development this week laid underground pipes for the irrigation system that will water the tree pits on South Boulevard between Marion Street and Harlem Avenue. Contractors now will fill the tree pits with [structural soil](#) for planting and prepare the ground for the concrete base for the planned bluestone sidewalk. Concrete is expected to be poured next week for the alley east of the development site and the Harlem Avenue sidewalk. South Boulevard between Marion Street and Harlem Avenue likely will remain closed to vehicle traffic well into November. Meanwhile, work continued along Lake Street at the [District House](#) development at Euclid Avenue with the goal of opening the east-west sidewalk by mid-November.

**Construction updates** – North and South boulevards could be fully open to traffic by the end of next week after the final layer of asphalt is applied. Roadway striping will be the final phase of the project. Improvements are scheduled to be made next week at Prairie Way to resolve an ongoing sidewalk drainage issue. Preparation will continue through next week for a sewer relief project on Berkshire Street between

Grove and Linden avenues. The project also includes replacing curb and resurfacing the street.

**Public Works activities** – The [annual fall leave collection program](#) got underway this week with Streets Division crews pushing leaves into piles overnight for collection the following morning. Crews also restored sections of three streets and adjacent parkways where utility repairs had been made. Street Lighting Division crews repaired a damaged street light electrical line at Lombard Avenue and Harrison Street. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water service line leak at 601 S. Taylor Ave. and upgraded water services at 514 S. Kenilworth Ave., 5 Elizabeth Court and 108 S. Austin Blvd. as part of the lead abatement program.

**Employee News** – Alejandro Hardaway has joined the Development Customer Services Department as the new Budget and Revenue Analyst. In addition to serving in the United States Air Force, Alejandro brings years of experience as strategic analyst. As a consultant in the private sector, he completed projects for global companies, as well as financial due diligence for mergers and acquisitions across 15 different industries. Alejandro currently is working on his MBA. The Public Works Department this week welcomed Kenneth Monterubio to the Water & Sewer Division. Ken joined the Water & Sewer Division team after working for the Village of Oak Brook.

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