



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending June 21, 2019**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, June 24:
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Transportation Commission 7 p.m., Council Chamber
  
- Tuesday, June 25:
  - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
  - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Wednesday, June 26:
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Disability Access Commission, Public Library, 834 Lake St.
  - Historic Preservation Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Thursday, June 27:
  - No meetings scheduled
  
- Friday, June 28:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Plastic Free July launches** –The Village officially launched the *Plastic Free July* initiative with [letters to restaurant operators](#) about the program and requesting their support. Restaurants who choose to actively participate will display a window/door cling publicly announcing their participation. Names and addresses of retail participants also will be posted on the dedicated Village webpage [www.oak-park.us/plasticfreejuly](http://www.oak-park.us/plasticfreejuly) and highlighted via the general public communication efforts. A [news release](#) distributed Thursday offered an overview of the program, with social media posts and other public information efforts planned to increase awareness throughout the community. Information is scheduled to be featured in the Chamber of Commerce's weekly electronic newsletter distributed Sun., July 23.

**FLW center up for review** – The Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled to review plans for a new visitors' center at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio at its July 11 regular meeting. The plans call for moving or demolishing 925 Chicago Ave. and altering the side and rear elevations of 931 Chicago Ave., two properties owned by the Wright Trust. Both structures are contributing buildings within the [Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District](#) and will require Certificates of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission before any activity can occur.

**Condo management seminar proves popular** – A condo management seminar held this week at Village Hall proved to be popular. More than two dozen building managers and condo association board members turned out to learn about dealing with difficult management situations like smoking, bed bugs, hoarding and screening of prospective buyers. The Neighborhood Services Division of the Development Customers Services Department partnered with [Mastercare Building Services](#) to produce the event. Future condo seminars will address financial planning and budgeting for taxes.

**Downtown construction continues** – ComEd is installing conduit as part of infrastructure necessary to bring power to the Albion development site on Lake Street. Most of activity is occurring overnight to reduce traffic disruptions. Other needed infrastructure upgrades are being completed in coordination with the ComEd project to reduce the neighborhood impact as well, including installation of AT&T fiber optic conduit and upgrades to the intersection's traffic signal and lighting system. A new fire hydrant and storm sewer catch basin also are being installed at the intersection as part of the after-hours activity. Crews are optimistic all overnight work will be completed by late July.

**Village Hall parking lot status** – The concrete patches to the external roof of the garage under the Village Hall parking lot were poured this week. Work on the plaza over the garage should resume after the concrete has cured, which could take up to two weeks. The lot remains restricted to Police vehicles, municipal vehicles and visitors. Staff parking continues to be restricted to specific sides of nearby streets. The project is expected to be completed by mid-July.

**Madison Street update** – Portions of the activity on Madison Street was expected to wrap up this week. These include concrete work east of Ridgeland Avenue and installation of the main sewer line between Euclid and Oak Park avenues. The concrete work between East and Ridgeland avenues should be completed by the end of the month. Concrete replacement is now underway between East Avenue and Austin Boulevard. Pedestrian access and communication with the business operators and residents most affected by the project have been maintained. Construction updates continue to be distributed via email and posted on the dedicated project website at [www.madisonstreetconstruction.com](http://www.madisonstreetconstruction.com).

**Water and sewer improvements** – Clarence Avenue remains closed between Roosevelt Road and Harvard Street as sewer work continues between Harvard and Fillmore streets. Installation of the sewer and property service lines is underway along Clarence Avenue between Harvard and Fillmore streets. The intersection of Fillmore Street and Clarence Avenue will be closed temporarily during a portion of next week. The project is anticipated to be completed by early September.

**Alley improvements** – Alley improvements are expected to be completed by mid-July, with 13 of the 15 alleys scheduled for reconstruction this season now substantially completed. Pavement was removed this week in the alley north of Van Buren Street and west of Highland Avenue. Garage aprons were poured in the alley south of Van Buren Street between Lyman and Humphrey avenues.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Sidewalk repairs on the east side of the Oak Park Avenue bridge over I-290 are expected to be completed next week. Curb work has started at Madison Street and Maple Avenue as the Rush Oak Park Hospital construction project moves toward completion in the next few weeks. ComEd was scheduled to be on South Boulevard at Harlem Avenue this to connect the electrical service for the new traffic signals, which will allow the temporary wooden pole to be removed.

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