



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending Sept. 3, 2021**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Sept 6:
  - Labor Day – No meetings scheduled; Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, Sept. 7:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Sept. 8:
  - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Sept. 9:
  - Liquor Control Review Board, noon, via Zoom
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, Sept. 10:
  - No meetings scheduled

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just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

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**Parking restrictions eased** – [Overnight on-street 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. 4 and resume at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Sept. 8. 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. [Lifting the restrictions for major holidays](#) is a long-practiced tradition to help residents with limited parking accommodate guests.

**Village Hall closed Monday** – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., Sept. 6 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 may call the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. A wide range of [services continue to be available online](#) around the clock.

**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. Residents may call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us) for more information about Village refuse collection services.

**Short-term rental discussion** – The Neighborhood Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department is gearing up to gather public input on the [proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance](#). Virtual public meetings are set for 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 23. A [dedicated webpage](#) also has been created so residents and rental property owners can review the proposed ordinance as well as post comments. In addition to the Village's standard communications tools such as social media, the information will be shared next week with condo associations, real estate associations, rental management companies, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations whose members might be affected. Staff also has asked Airbnb to share the information with its Oak Park clients.

**Sustainability marketing to begin** – The beta version of the website for the *Better Homes, Better Planet* environmental sustainability marketing campaign launched on schedule this week (Aug. 30). The website is intended to be the information hub for a campaign designed to build awareness of and participation in energy-conservation programs sponsored by the Village, utility companies and other organizations. In addition to helping the public learn about the connection between home energy use and climate change, the campaign also will help residents and property owners find and apply for assistance programs.

**Eviction moratorium update** – Last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that ended the federal Covid-19 related eviction moratorium does not affect the state eviction moratorium, which remains in place through Sept. 18. [Illinois still has resources available](#) for renters and landlords facing potential evictions. Emergency rent assistance information is available online at [illinoisrentalassistance.org/providers](http://illinoisrentalassistance.org/providers), which also has legal assistance resources. Legal assistance information also is available online at [evictionhelpillinois.org](http://evictionhelpillinois.org) and [rentervention.com](http://rentervention.com).

**203 S. Marion project update** – The Plan Commission last night (Sept. 2) approved a request by Focus Development to reduce the height of the mixed-used development planned for 203 S. Marion St. to 81 feet, eight inches from the original approved plan of 84 feet, 10 inches. The [Zoning Ordinance](#) considers a change in building height that is 10 percent or less to be a minor modification that may be approved by the Plan Commission without public notice. However, a Plan Commission decision may be appealed to the Village Board.

**New business licenses** – The Business Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department had licensed 57 new businesses through August 2021, compared to 37 in 2020 and 45 in 2019. A list of businesses licensed in 2021 is posted at [www.oak-park.us/businessservices](http://www.oak-park.us/businessservices) or just [click here to view](#) the latest list.

**Pie-baking contest registration** – Registration is now open for the Oak Park Farmers' Market's Pie Bake-Off set for Sat., Oct. 9. The contest is open to professional and amateur bakers ages 16 and older, but is limited to 10 entries that are selected via a lottery. Contest rules and the registration form are posted online at [www.oak-](http://www.oak-)

[park.us/2021piebakeoff](http://park.us/2021piebakeoff). Entry forms may be submitted through Sept. 25 at the Farmers' Market information tent or by email to [farmersmarket@oak-park.us](mailto:farmersmarket@oak-park.us).

**Ridgeland Avenue bridge closure** – Traffic over the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway on Ridgeland Avenue is scheduled to be reduced to one lane in each direction beginning Thurs., Sept. 9. Pedestrian travel also will be limited to one side at a time. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

**Oak Park Avenue status** – Crews are continuing to adjust structure frames for utility access holes and catch basins in preparation for final paving of Oak Park Avenue. The electrical contractor has begun installing the new traffic signal detector loops at each signalized intersection along the route. The concrete contractor will continue pavement patching next week as well as removing and replacing the final sections of curb and sidewalk at some intersections. Installation of the final surface layer remains on track to be completed the week of Sept. 13, with pavement markings and parkway restoration to follow. The latest updates on the Oak Park Avenue project are posted at [www.opaveanew.com](http://www.opaveanew.com).

**Sidewalk replacement wraps up** – Major sidewalk improvement work ended this week in northeast Oak Park after about 800 squares were replaced across some 120 blocks as part of the annual repair and replacement program. Crews focused on larger trip hazards that could create challenges for pedestrians. In the week ahead, the contractor will concentrate on punch list items and angle cuts. The current list of items slated to be completed by the second week of September.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – The cul de sac on Euclid Avenue south of Madison Street was completed this week as part of the senior living center project under construction there. Landscaping should be completed by Sept. 10 and will be followed by resurfacing Euclid Avenue from south of Adams Street to the new cul de sac. AT&T is responsible for restoring the street as part of its related utility relocation project completed earlier this year.

**Employee news** – The Police Department recently named two new sergeants, while the Fire Department welcomed two new probationary firefighter/paramedics. Traccye Love and Nathaniel Leitl were promoted to Police Sergeant. Sgt. Leitl previously was a Patrol Officer, having also served as a Canine Officer. Prior to her promotion, Sgt. Love served as the [Residential Beat Officer](#) for zones 4 and 6. Joining the Fire Department were Michael Gigele and Cameron Russell, who now have begun the mandatory one-year probationary period.

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