



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending Sept. 17, 2021**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, Sept 20:
  - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Sept. 21:
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., via Zoom
  - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Sept. 22:
  - Civic Information Systems Commission, noon, via Zoom
  - Energy & Environment Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
  - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Sept. 23:
  - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Sept. 24:
  - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at [www.oak-park.us/covid19](http://www.oak-park.us/covid19)  
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

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**Online sustainability symposium is tomorrow** – Village sustainability staff will participate in a virtual symposium set for 9 to 11 a.m., tomorrow, Sat., Sept. 18 hosted by the iGov assembly. The sustainability symposium also will feature [Illinois Senate President Don Harmon](#) of Oak Park and climate action professionals. Village staff will note the release of the beta version of the website for the municipal *Better Homes, Better Planet* environmental sustainability marketing campaign. For more information about the symposium and to register, [click here...](#)

**Police, Fire honor wounded warriors** – The Oak Park Fire and Police departments took part in the [Wounded Warrior Project Solider Ride](#) as it made its way through Oak Park yesterday morning (Thurs., Sept. 16). Fire Truck 631 was stationed at Chicago and Oak Park avenues with a large American flag suspended from its ladder as the ride moved through Oak Park and neighboring communities. The *Wounded Warrior Project* is a non-profit organization that assists and honors wounded service members. The *Soldier Ride* is a three-day event that covers 68 miles in the

Chicagoland area and aims to strengthen and empower wounded veterans and service members. More information is available at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

**Oak Park Avenue paving delayed** – Due to private utility adjustments, Oak Park Avenue will be paved next week, rather than this week as indicated in last week's report. Frames for utility access holes and catch basins have been adjusted and new electromagnetic vehicle detector loops installed at each signalized intersection along the route between Roosevelt Road and North Avenue. Miscellaneous sidewalk and concrete work also was completed this week. Traffic control markings will be installed on the new surface and parkways disrupted by the construction restored once all paving operations are completed. The latest updates on the Oak Park Avenue project are posted at [www.opaveanew.com](http://www.opaveanew.com).

**Lead water service line replacements** – Crews will replace private water service lines on four private properties using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds beginning next week. The selected locations, which meet federal income eligibility guidelines, were selected because the Village had replaced the public side of the delivery system to these properties as part of water main replacement projects.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – AT&T should complete the resurfacing of Euclid Avenue from the new cul de sac to south of Adams Street next week following utility work related to the senior living facility under construction on Madison Street. On-street parking will not be available during the resurfacing work, but residents with driveways on Euclid will be given passes to park overnight on adjacent streets.

**Ridgeland Avenue bridge repair update** – Repair work continues on the bridge over the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway on Ridgeland Avenue. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and pedestrian travel is limited to one side. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

**Employee news** – The Development Customer Services Department recently welcomed Keisha Wheaten and Takeshi Thompson to Village staff. Keisha is the Village's new Property Maintenance Inspector in the Neighborhood Services Division and Takeshi is a new Customer Service Representative in the Parking & Mobility Services Division. In other employee news, Ken Crowley, Superintendent of the Fleet Services Division of the Public Works Department, spoke at a virtual [Chicago Area Clean Cities](#) conference on emissions reductions held this week. Ken, who is a member of the organization's steering committee, discussed the Village's adoption of electric vehicles and some of the challenges we faced, as well as talked about other ways municipal fleets can reduce emissions.

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