



Village Manager's Report
Weeks ending Nov. 19 and 26, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Nov. 22:
 - Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Nov. 23:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Nov. 24:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, Nov. 25 – Friday, Nov. 26:
 - Thanksgiving holiday – no meetings scheduled
- Monday, Nov. 29
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Nov. 30
 - Environment & Energy Commission, 5 p.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday, Dec. 1
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Dec. 2
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Dec. 3
 - No meetings scheduled

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

Holiday traffic enforcement - The [Oak Park Police Department](#) has joined law enforcement agencies across the state in a traffic enforcement safety campaign to remind drivers to *Click It or Ticket* and *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. Extra officers will be on the streets through Nov. 29, during what is expected to be one of the busiest travel times of the year. The effort is made possible by federal traffic safety

funds administered by the [Illinois Department of Transportation](#). More information is [posted on the Village website](#).

Parking restrictions eased – [Overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets during the Thanksgiving holiday. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Wed., Nov. 24 and resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., Nov. 29. Restrictions will remain in effect in paid overnight permit areas, including on-street zones. Posted daytime restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety also remain in effect. More information on parking guidelines and restrictions is posted www.oak-park.us/parking.

Refuse collection impacted – Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday's collections will be delayed until Friday, and Friday's collection delayed until Saturday. The [collection schedule is posted](#) on the Village website.

Free weekend parking begins – Shopping local will be easier than ever beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving through Dec. 25 when Saturday parking will be free in public garages and for two hours at pay-by-plate stations and marked meters downtown and in the vicinity of south Oak Park Avenue. Parking in Oak Park is always free on Sundays. The program is intended to thank residents and visitors who shop locally. Retail sales benefit not only local retailers, but the entire Village since 2 percent of every retail sale comes back to municipal coffers to fund vital public services. For many retailers, the holiday season is the most important time of the year. Information on parking in the Village is posted at www.oak-park.us/parking.

Village Hall closures – Village Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents are urged to the [Police Department](#) non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. More information on Village Hall is [posted online](#).

Construction updates – The last of the construction activity on Oak Park Avenue was expected to be completed by week, as sod was placed, punch list items addressed and any remaining signs picked up. Work related to moving the fire hydrant to the south side of Lake Street just east of the theater was expected to be completed this week, with striping to follow next week, weather permitting. Roadway resurfacing activities also were expected to wrap up this week on Humphrey, Superior, Adams and Ontario with punch list items and restoration work continuing through the month. Repair of the bridge over I290 at Ridgeland Avenue was expected to wrap up this month as well, with all lanes reopened to traffic and sidewalks on both sides open to pedestrians.

Pete's Madison Street site status – Contractors for the Pete's Fresh Market coming to Madison Street at Euclid Avenue are still awaiting a construction fence permit as this report was compiled. ComEd contractors expect to begin underground work the

week of November 29, starting at Washington Boulevard. Pest control along the property boundary is planned prior to the start of the utility work.

Parking garage revenue update – Revenue from the Village’s public parking garages continues to lag well behind pre-pandemic levels. Through October 31, 2021, daily parking revenue at the Holley Court, Lake & Forest and Avenue public parking garages remains nearly 50 percent below collections for the same period in 2019. However, revenue has increased this year over 2020 when the impact of the pandemic was most pronounced. Total revenues through October 2021 were about \$636,000, which is well shy of the \$1.22 million collected through October 2019, but higher than the \$544,000 collected in October 2020. [Click here to view the data...](#)

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