



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending July 19, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- July 22:
 - Village Board Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- July 23:
 - Board of Health, 6 p.m., room 102
 - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- July 24:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - HPC/Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- July 25:
 - No scheduled meetings

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- July 29: Village Board Study Session, preceded by CIC Volunteer of the Year Awards & Reception at 7:00 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. public meeting (room location in Village Hall to be announced)
- August 5: Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., executive session (room 130), 7:30 p.m. room 201
- November 20: Tri-Board Meeting, Intergovernmental Agreement Annual Meeting regarding Early Childhood Collaboration, 7 p.m., location TBD

Vehicle sticker sales update – Despite some early concern about the pace of vehicle sticker sales, by midnight, July 15, the final tally was 144 more stickers had been sold than last year. Online renewals remained strong, representing about 60 percent of sales. About 30 percent of the renewals were in person at the counter in Village Hall and 7 percent via mail. The remaining 3 percent of sales were renewals made at the computer kiosks the IT Department set up in Village Hall as the deadline approached. The final day of sales saw 551 residents come to the counter and

another 376 use the kiosks. Perhaps a share of this year's kiosk users will renew online next year from home or other sites.

Flu shot distribution strategy – Following a discussion with the head pharmacist at a local Osco, the Health Department is exploring a strategy to link residents to local resources, rather than offering clinics staffed by employees and volunteers. Clinics may continue to be offered at public sites as in the past, but they would be sponsored and staffed by private providers. Since organizations such as Osco are able to bill Medicare and private insurance, as well as offer a gift card to those they vaccinate, the incentive to get the important inoculation may be greater than any promotional message the Village may disseminate. Department staff will continue to link residents who might not have insurance to the PCC Community Wellness Clinic as well as promote the <http://www.flu.gov> where local resources for flu shots are identified. In addition, the Health Department will continue to provide flu vaccinations to Village employees as a way to assure that the workforce is adequately vaccinated.

New housing funds – The West Cook Housing Collaborative was among 54 not-for-profit groups to share in \$70 million distributed from the 2012 national foreclosure settlement. The Collaborative's share, announced Wednesday by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, will be about \$3 million. The funds will be used to continue to support our current single-family initiative across the five participating communities. Funds will be used to purchase, rehab and sell foreclosed properties. Collaborative representatives will be meeting next week and the funds will be discussed. The group most likely will look for greatest opportunities within each of the communities rather than simply dividing up the funds. [Click here to read the news release](#) announcing the funding.

Building & Property Standards update – The volume of permit and plan review applications dropped slightly in June, perhaps as a result of the severe weather. The number of permit applications decreased 8 percent and plan reviews declined 3 percent from the previous month. Requests for construction inspections were unchanged from May. Notable projects that were issued building permits in June include repair of the Holley Court Parking Garage, renovation of the Oak Park Library's First Floor Lobby and renovation of the West Suburban Medical Center's Wound Care Clinic. Plan reviewers worked on reducing the case backlog. At the end of the month 28 applications were in the plan review queue with only one case overdue by five days. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

Capital improvements update – Water and sewer main improvements on Taylor Avenue between South Boulevard and Randolph Street are complete and the street is reopened to traffic. The contractor will apply a sealer to the concrete later this month. Sewer work has started on Harvey Avenue north of Chicago Avenue. The contractor expects to complete the underground work on Harvey the week of July 22, with final pavement restoration in August. Street patching continues throughout the Village, but should be completed the week of July 22.

North Boulevard water and sewer main improvements – The contractor has completed all of the underground and pavement on this project. Both streets are open to parking and traffic while the remaining minor work is completed.

Budget preparation process begins – The Village Manager’s Office and Finance Department have begun working with the various department directors and program managers to prepare recommendations for the fiscal year 2014 budget. Staff has been briefed on the process and meetings are being scheduled to discuss budget needs. As in recent years, the mindset will be conservative and cautious.