



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 8, 2015**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, May 9:
 - Intergovernmental Committee, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township Board Room, 130 S. Oak Park

- Monday, May 11:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Special Meeting 7:30 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201

- Wednesday, May 13:
 - CDCAC Meeting, 6 p.m. room 201
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102

- Thursday, May 14:
 - Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201

- Friday, May 15:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, May 18 – Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Monday, May 25 – Village Hall Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- Tuesday, May 26 – Village Board Special Meeting, 7:p.m., room 101 (tentative)

Vehicle sticker sales begin Monday - Village vehicle stickers go on sale on Monday, May 11, and renewal notices will begin arriving next week in mailboxes around the Village. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a vehicle is required to purchase and display a Village sticker annually before July 15. About 28,000 vehicles are registered to Oak Park residents. Residents whose vehicles already are registered with the Village can save 10 percent by [renewing online](#), rather than via mail or in person at Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

Start planning ahead for the Farmers' Market – The 40th season of the [Oak Park Farmers' Market](#) is coming soon, with opening day scheduled for Saturday, May 23.

The market is held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 24 in the Pilgrim Congregational Church parking lot, 460 Lake St. In addition to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, honey, cheese, frozen meat, bread and baked goods, the Market also features donuts made on-site, fresh coffee and live music. Regional vendors will feature sustainable, organic and locally sourced goods again this season, including several heirloom products. To help support Market administration, a variety of items will be sold at the information tent, including reusable shopping bags, t-shirts and travel mugs.

Reservoir project updates – Work at the Central Reservoir under Stevenson Park continued this week. The contractor began painting the interior reservoir piping and continued removing dirt and soil from the surface, where it has been hauled to Miller Meadow Forest Preserve for temporary storage.

Public Works activities – The Street Division continued excavation and asphalt restoration work for water utility openings. The division removed old benches and bike racks in the Southtown Business District, and installed new bike racks. The Water and Sewer Division repaired a 12-inch sewer main collapse that caused a sink hole at 647 Woodbine. The Division also completed flood patrol as necessary throughout the Village during the week, clearing inlets as necessary due to rain. The Forestry Division continued resident request pruning, cycle pruning and stump removal. The Division has also been preparing for spring parkway tree planting at the end of May by marking some 325 planting locations throughout the Village. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service began stump grinding in the north part of town and will continue moving south.

Capital improvements – The first stage of the Ridgeland Avenue local sewer project between Lake Street and Chicago Avenue is almost complete. Soil from the excavation is being stored nearby, and staff expect that the traffic detour will be removed by May 8.

Alley improvements – The first five alleys completed under the current alley improvement project have been reopened to traffic. Pavement removal and sewer work is continuing to prepare the next batch of alley improvements, tentatively scheduled to begin in June.

Fire Department stats for April– The Fire Department handled 503 calls in the month of April. About 65 percent of all calls were for EMS services. Response times by Fire Department personnel to calls for service averaged just under 5 and a half minutes. For the first time in recent memory, the Department recorded no fires in April that resulted in a monetary loss.

Two rescued from fire – A man and a child were rescued by the Fire Department from a structure fire on the 600 block of North Humphrey Avenue just before midnight on Thursday, May 7. The two victims and the child's mother were taken to area hospitals for treatment. Oak Park firefighters called in mutual aid from nearby towns to help fight the fire, which spread to an adjacent building before being contained. Both structures were heavily damaged in the fire.

Volunteers sought – Residents with specific backgrounds, including dentistry and fire protection, are being sought to fill open spots on several advisory boards and

commissions. The Communications Department shared a message this week from the Village Clerk's Office on social media networks encouraging Oak Parkers who might have these fairly niche skillsets to apply for the open positions on the Board of Health and Building Codes Advisory Commission. Vacancies are also available on the Housing Programs Advisory Commission, Civic Information Systems Commission, Community Relations Commission and Public Art Advisory Commission. Interested applicants can [apply online](#) for consideration.

Employee News - Elizabeth Williams is filling in at the Permit Processing Division counter to help with a temporary vacancy. Assistant Village Manager Rob Cole's last day was May 8; he leaves us for a job in sunny Scarsdale, New York.