



Village Manager's Report
Week ending October 2, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, October 5:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, October 6:
 - Environment & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
- Wednesday, October 7:
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, October 8:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- *Monday, October 12 – Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., room 130*
- *Wednesday, October 21 – Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130*
- *Thursday, October 22 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130*
- *Monday, October 26 – Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101*
- *Thursday, November 5 – Village Board Budget Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101*
- *Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS*

D97 superintendent reception – New District 97 Superintendent Carol Kelley, PhD, will be introduced to the community at a reception scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., Mon., Oct. 5, in the Commons of Percy Julian Middle School. More information on Dr. Kelley is [posted on the District 97 website](#).

Grove Apartments earn preservation award – The Grove Apartments project on Madison Street has earned the *Crombie Taylor Award* for preservation from the [American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) Illinois](#). The awards selection jury called the project an “extraordinary restoration and renovation that creates a dignified and well-designed housing development.” The project transformed the former automobile dealership built in 1928 into a LEED-certified, affordable apartment complex. [Click here to read the news release from the architect](#). A local recognition event is

scheduled for noon, Wed., Oct. 21 at the project site on the northeast corner of Madison Street and Grove Avenue.

North Avenue demolition – Engineering staff is working closely with the contractor hired to demolish the building at 6641-43 North Ave. The basement is being backfilled and steps have been taken to make sure the removal creates an environmentally safe site for future redevelopment.

Tree information expanded on Village website – The Forestry Division worked with the Communications Department to create a new Forestry web page – www.oak-park.us/trees – where a wide range of information about tree care is posted and can be updated as needed. In addition, staff is working to develop new materials to let residents know when problem trees will be removed or new trees planted.

Electronics recycling update – Last Saturday’s recycling event at the Public Works Center collected 20,303 pounds of outdated and unwanted electronic items from 429 households. Oct. 31 will be the year’s final electronic recycling event.

Capital improvements update – Sod restoration is underway on Ridgeland Avenue between Chicago Avenue and Division Street, the final tasks related to the sewer and paving projects. About half of the street microsurfacing scheduled for this season has been completed. The microsurfacing contractor is scheduled to complete the work this month after coordination letters are sent to all residents who may be affected. Pavement crack filling was expected to be completed this week.

Street resurfacing – Only punch-list items and parkway restoration remains for the season’s first phase of resurfacing projects on local streets. Sod restoration around curb-work has begun on streets included in the season’s second phase of street resurfacing projects. The pavement binder level was installed on Woodbine Street, South Boulevard and Adams Street, with the final pavement course expected to be installed by the end of this week.

Public Works Activities – Restoration of pavement where water line repairs were made continued, as did no-parking curb painting by fire hydrants and the removal of weeds and litter in the business districts and parking lots. Crews also washed the sidewalks on Marion Street and North Boulevard, completed the planter repair project on Roosevelt Road and continued routine daily tasks of repairing signs and filling pot holes. A damaged streetlight cable in the cul-de-sac at Madison Street and Cuyler Avenue was repaired and street lights relamped on Roosevelt Road. A water service leak at Hunter’s Court, a water service valve at Euclid Avenue and Erie Street, and a sinkhole at 511 N. Cuyler Ave. were repaired. In addition to routine tasks, the Forestry Division updated the tree inventory and is migrating the tree removal and replacement process to the GIS environment as part of a larger effort to provide residents with better information and improve the customer experience.

Radon testing kits available – If you know of anyone who may be concerned about radon, you may wish to refer them to the [Cook County Department of Environmental Control Department](#), which is offering residential testing kits for \$7 each. The U.S. EPA and Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon, which can enter buildings through small cracks in the foundation, sump pumps or soil in crawlspaces. [Click here to download a flyer](#) with information about

ordering a testing kit. [More information also is available online](#), along with help finding a licensed radon mitigation professional.

New Police hires, promotions – Three new probationary officers have joined the Police Department. Richard Zasiabida, Korry Thomas and Brian Bruesch were sworn in earlier this week as friends, family and their new colleagues looked on. Two police officers also were promoted to the rank of sergeant at the same ceremony – the first promotions to sergeant since 2007. Michael Greet has been with the department for seven years, and Paul Baudo is a 12-year veteran. A news story is [posted on the Village website](#).

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