



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 30, 2014**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, May 31:
 - Intergovernmental Committee of the Board, 9 a.m., Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield Street.
- Sunday, June 1:
 - Day in our Village, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Scoville Park
- Monday, June 2:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, June 3:
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
- Wednesday, June 4:
 - 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, June 5:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday, June 12:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
- Monday, June 30:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130

A Day in Our Village festival is Sunday – The 41st annual [A Day in Our Village festival](#) celebrating diversity and community involvement is scheduled for Sun., June 1. The Village Board will be among the 125 booths representing Oak Park civic, cultural, social service, educational, religious and business organizations filling [Scoville Park](#) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Board booth is number 104 on the west side of the park near the main entrance from the library plaza – [click here to see a map with booth numbers and list of participants by location](#). Live performances and a food court featuring local restaurants will return and [Rehm Park & Pool](#) will offer many

activities from 1 to 6 p.m. An [Oak Park Township](#) mini-bus will provide free transportation between venues.

Electronics recycling Saturday – Beginning tomorrow, residents can recycle unwanted electronic items from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the last Saturday of the month through October at the Public Works Center. Most electronics and related items are accepted, including computers, peripherals, laptops, monitors, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, printers, fax machines, MP3 players, portable digital assistants, video game consoles, video cassette recorders, digital video disk players, zip drives, scanners and microwaves.

Lieutenant Governor coming to Farmers' Market – [Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon](#) is expected to be at the Oak Park Farmers' Market from about 10 to 10:30 a.m., Sat., May 31. As chair of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, she is traveling to farmers' markets across the state to promote the acceptance of [Link](#) cards that access [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) benefits. The Oak Park Farmers' Market was one of the first to accept Link cards as a way to provide access to local, healthy foods. No request was made for Village officials to be on hand. However, I am certain there would be no objection to anyone attending.

Outdoor sculpture walk returns – The [Oak Park Sculpture Walk](#) is back for a third season with 12 pieces installed in pedestrian-friendly sites in the [Hemingway District](#) along Oak Park Avenue from Lake Street south to Pleasant Street. A brochure for a self-guided walking tour will be available at www.oak-park.us/sculpturewalk along with an interactive map and at the [Oak Park Visitors Center](#),

Last call for July 4th Parade participants – June 6 is the deadline to register to be a participant, volunteer or sponsor of the annual July 4th Parade. Since the parade is funded by donations, contributions also are needed to help the community continue to offer the event. In addition, volunteers are needed on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Please urge anyone seeking more information on participating, volunteering or donating to call 708.358.5407 or email community@oak-park.us.

Garden Walk tickets on sale – Tickets now are on sale for the annual self-guided tour of 12 private gardens in Oak Park and River Forest. The event, now in its 21st year, is sponsored by the Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest and [Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory](#). The event is set for Sun., June 22. Tickets are \$15 through June 20 and \$20 on event day. Tickets are on sale at the [Oak Park Conservatory](#), 615 Garfield St.; [Magic Tree Bookstore](#), 141 N. Oak Park Ave.; [Oak Park Visitors Center](#), 1010 Lake St.; and [Westgate Flower & Plant Shop](#), 841 S. Oak Park Ave.

Capital improvement project updates – Water main improvements have begun on Van Buren Street between Cuyler and Highland avenues. Work is scheduled to move to Highland on June 11, with work from Van Buren to Jackson Boulevard. The season's sewer cleaning and inspection contract began Thursday. With many of the sewers to be cleaned and inspected located in business districts, efforts will include coordinating schedules with business operators.

Public Works activities – Missing concrete curbs were replaced and asphalt pavement restored at three locations where street openings were necessary for water line repairs. Crews also patched potholes and repaired other water utility openings in various locations throughout the Village. The damaged bluestone on Marion Street at Westgate was replaced and repaired, and tree grates and concrete borders were removed from the Village Parking lot on North Boulevard by Marion Street. Sink holes were repaired at 6555 North Avenue and in the alley behind 114 S. Cuyler Ave. Another sink hole at 238 Forest Ave. may require a private contractor to repair. Filling requests for wood chip deliveries and final storm damage cleanup kept the Forestry Division busy, while contractor Atrium Landscape continued planting new trees in the northern sections of the Village. Contractors also continued stump grinding, removal of trees infested with emerald ash borer and landscape maintenance.

Employee news – Friday was Village Engineer Jim Budrick’s last day on the job as he retired after 35 years with the Village. Jim was honored Friday by his fellow workers in a brief ceremony that [included a VOP-TV video](#). On Thursday, we welcomed several new employees with a brief gathering in Council Chamber to introduce them to the department directors and tell them a little about the community and the organization. This is the second such gathering in what is now a regular part of new employee orientations.

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