



Village Manager's Report
Week ending August 15, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, August 18:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Tuesday, August 19:
 - Citizen police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, August 20:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake Street
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, August 21:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 25 – Village Board Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m. room 130
- Wednesday, August 27 – Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 130
- Saturday, August 30 – Village Board I-Gov Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Village Hall

Annual corn roast is Saturday – The Farmers' Market will feature its annual corn roast this Saturday. As in past years, fresh-picked corn from market growers will be sold by the ear hot off the roaster from about 9 a.m. to noon – or until the corn runs out.

Weekend community events – The largest zero-waste craft beer festival in the Midwest is set for 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday downtown. This year's [Micro Brew and Food Review](#) will feature beer samples from dozens of breweries and food from some of Oak Park's finest restaurants. The [Wright Ride 2014](#) is Sunday. Organizers are calling the annual event a family-friendly, leisurely bike jaunt through architecturally rich communities, including Oak Park, River Forest, Riverside and Western Springs.

ComEd substation report – The repair of the wall at the ComEd substation on North Boulevard just east of the Main Fire Station is coming to a close. A column for the metal entry gate still remains to be installed. However, this final item cannot be completed without shutting down power to substation equipment that is very near the work areas. ComEd intends to complete the project during scheduled

maintenance power outages on Aug. 19 and 20, and Sept. 15. North Boulevard will be reduced to one lane on each of these days. These dates may change as planned outages are dependent upon weather and other conditions that affect ComEd service in Oak Park and the surrounding communities served by the substation.

Capital improvements – The surface of Van Buren Street has been milled off and asphalt pavement was replaced this week as part of the water main construction project in the area. All affected roads are scheduled to open to traffic next week. Bids are being sought to replace the water main on Forest Avenue adjacent to the Lake & Forest Garage, with a contract expected to come to the Village Board on Sept. 2. Drainage and concrete work, as well as street milling have been completed on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street as part of state-funded resurfacing projects. The first layer of asphalt has been applied to all of the streets except Grove, which was expected to be completed by the end of this week. Work is underway on the 100 and 200 blocks of Clinton Avenue as part of our local street and parking lot resurfacing program. Micro-paving of various streets should be completed this week, with pavement markings installed next week. While all major pavement patching is complete, the contractor has been given a list of locations where additional attention is needed and vehicle detector loops for traffic signals need to be replaced at various locations. Sidewalk replacement began this week, with all work near schools scheduled to be completed before the new school year begins on Aug. 25. Pre-construction meetings were held this week for the Ridgeland Avenue resurfacing and green alley projects. Review of the sewer video reports continued.

Public Works Activities – Restoring pavement and related items where excavations were necessary to repair water leaks continued, as did pavement striping at various locations. Crews also focused on repairing trip hazards in the brick walkways in the downtown business district. A catch basin at 455 Greenfield St., a broken fire hydrant at 6645 North Ave. and sinkholes at 737 N. Taylor Ave. and 807 S. Cuyler Ave. were repaired. Water service upgrades were completed at 1147 S. Scoville Ave. and 1152 S. Harvey Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Catch basins were cleared between Austin Boulevard and Harlem Avenue and North Avenue and Chicago Avenue to help reduce localized street flooding in heavy rain events. Crews participated in training to change meter register heads and safe trenching, shoring and excavation. In addition to responding to ongoing service requests from property owners, Forestry crews also dealt with some damage caused by Monday's storm, including removing a large limb that fell on two vehicles at 35 Washington Blvd. Stump grinding and removals of dead, diseased and EAB infested trees continued. Proposals are being sought for the parkway tree inventory planned for fall and for a supplemental contract for removal of large trees.

The Moving Wall remembrance ceremony – Fallen soldiers from Oak Park, Berwyn, Brookfield, Cicero, Forest Park, La Grange, LaGrange Park, Lyons, Stickney and Western Springs were remembered in a ceremony Saturday, August 9 in Berwyn's Proska Park where [The Moving Wall](#), a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C. was displayed. Village Manager Cara Pavlicek represented the Village at the ceremony for Oak Park soldiers PFC Randall Bruce Anderson, CPL Paul Joseph Bonetti, SSG Donald Norman Cartland, LCPL William Grant Dailey Jr, 2LT Neil Allen Kroger, PFC Robert Dennis Martin, CPT Joseph Paul Nolan Jr. and CPL Harold Sean Turskey. The names of these residents are among the

58,272 names engraved on traveling monument, which has been touring the U.S. for almost 30 years.

Employee news – Kristine Giornalista has joined the Development Customer Services department as the new Neighborhood Services Manager. She will oversee the Village's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), housing and property maintenance programs, as well as serve as a liaison to the Fair Housing Task Force and the West Cook County Housing Collaborative. Kristine has worked in affordable housing development for the last 10 years, most recently with the non-profit organization IFF. She has both undergraduate and graduate degrees in public affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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