



Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 20, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, June 23:
 - Village Board Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m., room 101
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Tuesday, June 24:
 - First Time Homebuyer Seminar, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - CISC Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Wednesday, June 25:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., room 101
 - Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., room 201
 - Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Community Design Commission, 7:15 p.m., room 201
 - HPC Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, June 26:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
 - Public Hearing for Com Plan, 7 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 30:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130

- Thursday, July 17:
 - Reinventing Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130

CMAP seeking public comments – Public input is being sought into the update of the GOTO 2040 comprehensive regional transportation plan. The [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning \(CMAP\)](#) is hosting a series of public meetings across the region, including July 9 in La Grange and July 31 in downtown Chicago – [click here to view the announcement flyer](#). Written comments also [may be submitted online](#). Language related to the I-290 project may be of particular local interest. Adding capacity on I-290 is included as a project to be funded and constructed with a variable-rate toll lane, while the CTA Blue Line extension is listed as a project that is still being evaluated. The plan also includes a table summarizing benefits of widening I-290 that have been challenged by the Village.

Online vehicle sticker sales are brisk – Residents wanting to beat the typical last-minute rush and take advantage of the 10-percent discount already have purchased nearly 8,500 vehicle stickers [via the online portal](#) since sales began last month. By Wednesday, online purchases during the first five and half weeks of sales represent about 72 percent of the 11,805 vehicle stickers sold. Some 2,364 stickers – or about 20 percent of the total – have been purchased in person at Village Hall. The 993 stickers purchased via the U.S. Mail represent about 8.4 percent of total sales.

West Nile Virus threat returns – The [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) has reported its first positive pool of the season. The sample was gathered in Brookfield over the weekend. Health officials expect the virus soon will be found in Oak Park and our neighboring communities. As the virus tends to become more widespread as summer progresses, the Village will roll out its annual public information program in the upcoming July/August issue of the OP/FYI. In the meantime, a Health Department summer intern is walking the Village looking for potential mosquito breeding sites and providing residents with information on [how to fight the bite](#).

Summer camp at Public Works – The [Oak Park Education Foundation](#) held two summer camps, focused on mural creation and bicycling, at the Public Works Center this week. The mural camp is creating a mural on the east side of the Harvey Avenue viaduct, and the bicycle camp learned bicycle repair and safety and took daily rides through the community. Students at both camps got a closer look at how the Public Works Department delivers services throughout the Village.

Capital improvements – The Department is looking ahead to the June 23 start of the Marion Street speed table replacement. Planners have been working with [Downtown Oak Park](#) to make them aware of the construction schedule and any potential impact to their outdoor events. Water main construction work continued on Highland from Van Buren to Jackson. Sewer cleaning and inspection continued apace. State-funded resurfacing on Grove, Lombard, Taylor, and Berkshire continued as well.

Public Works activities – The Streets Division patched and repaired damage on Westgate and Marion Street and reset the granite crosswalk border at Marion and Pleasant. The Water and Sewer division repaired sinkholes on the 400 block of North Elmwood Avenue. The division also completed a water service upgrade on the 1000 block of North Marion Street as part of the lead abatement program. Working with the Engineering Division, the Forestry Division conducted a special trim project at Highland and Van Buren to remove branches ahead of road construction. Trimming, watering, stump grinding and planting continued throughout the Village.

Grand opening video – If you were busy Saturday when the Park District of Oak Park unveiled its newly renovated [Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex](#), Joe Kreml has you covered. A video he posted on the [Village YouTube channel](#) captures all of the excitement as visitors stopped by to visit the many new amenities, including three activity rooms, a wading pool featuring a penguin slide, the customer service lobby area with free Wi-Fi, and of course, the new, regulation-sized ice arena.