



Village Manager's Report
Week ending September 12, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, September 13 – Village Board Outreach Event – Barrie Fest, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Barrie Park
- Monday, September 15:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, September 16:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, September 17:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Community relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 124
 - OPAAC Board meeting, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 pm., room 215
- Thursday, September 18:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215

Village Hall recognition – Although we have yet to receive official notification, the local press is reporting that [Village Hall](#) has been added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#). Work to earn landmark status had been underway since 2012, when the Historic Preservation Commission first began the application process. The honor is especially significant since buildings typically must be at least 50 years old to get listed. The history that led to building Village Hall at its current location in 1975 played a major role in the early designation. The official communications from the National Park Service, which manages the program, will be shared once it is received.

Recycling events – The Public Works Center will be a busy site from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, as vendors will be on hand shredding documents and recycling old clothing that otherwise might end up in a landfill. Residents are invited to bring up to two bags or small boxes of documents containing personal information such as canceled checks, credit card or social security numbers, or medical information. Representatives of Epilepsy Foundation also will be on site collecting apparel of all types in any condition for recycling, including shoes, belts, hats, bags, linens and towels.

West Nile Virus threat continues – Tests have confirmed that a dead crow found in Oak Park last week had died from West Nile Virus. The results were provided by the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Illinois in Urbana. The Health

Department continues to warn the public of the dangers of the mosquito-borne illness even as the weather cools. So far this year, the virus has been found in 46 Illinois counties and eight human cases have been confirmed.

ComEd substation update – The contractor for ComEd is scheduled to complete the work on its North Boulevard substation next week, weather permitting. The north lane of North Boulevard east of Euclid Avenue will be closed periodically throughout the week as the facility gate, the final step in the project, is reinstalled.

Capital improvements – Sidewalks are being replaced and sewer manhole frames removed as crews prepare to grind the asphalt as part of the federally funded Ridgeland Avenue resurfacing project. The final layer of asphalt should be installed by the end of next week on Jackson Boulevard from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Avenue, as local street and parking lot resurfacing projects continued throughout the week. Rain has delayed the Clinton Avenue repaving project, but the first layer of asphalt should be installed next week, with the final layer installed the week of September 22. All five parking lots scheduled for repaving this season are complete. Landscaping is all that remains to complete the traffic diverters on Elmwood and Rossell avenues. Sod is now being installed on the portions of Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street now that the state-funded resurfacing projects have been completed. Street surface patching is substantially complete, as are crack filling and microsurfacing. Sidewalk replacement projects, which have been delayed by rain, are expected to be completed in about three weeks. Work is expected to be completed in early October on the east-west alley north of Lake Street and west of Forest Avenue near the redevelopment site. This alley is one of 10 segments scheduled for replacement under the Green Alley Program.

Public Works Activities – Restoration of street openings to repair water main breaks continued throughout the Village, as did cleaning of various Village Parking lots and repairs to sidewalk brick in the downtown business district. Blue stone was installed along North Boulevard to create four pedestrian walkways into the parking lot. Various signs were repaired, graffiti removed and potholes repaired Village wide, and pavement lane markings, crosswalks and stop bars were painted at various locations. The fifth street sweeping cycle was completed this week. A broken sewer lateral at 1150 S. Scoville Ave., a broken valve at North Boulevard and Bishop Quarter Lane and a broken water service at 344 Wisconsin Avenue were repaired and a water service upgraded at 1012 Augusta Avenue as part of the lead abatement program. Crews assisted the Park District with videotaping sewer laterals at Stevenson Park and continued the meter head replacement effort, with 214 meter heads upgraded to date. Three bollards damaged in vehicle accidents were replaced at 1120 Lake Street. The time clock that controls the streetlights on Lake Street between Oak Park and Ridgeland avenues was replaced with a photo cell due to significant overnight outages. Storm-damaged traffic signals at Ridgeland and Augusta and Ridgeland and Harvard were repaired. Forestry service requests focused on removals and pruning to ensure proper sidewalk and roof clearances, as well as eliminating wasp nests. Contractors continued removing large dead and diseased trees, grinding stumps and maintaining landscaping on public property throughout the Village. A contract was executed with landscaping consultant [Altamanu](#) to inventory and update our landscape maintenance plan for 2015.

Employee news – Friday was cleanup day at Village Hall, as staff discarded and recycled unneeded materials, dusted and generally reorganized their individual workspaces. Several temporary staff moves have been made to begin the process of bringing all of the Development Customer Services Department divisions into closer proximity to the public. Temporary signage was displayed to let our customers know why the area opposite Parking Services is now vacant and additional signs will be installed to direct walk-in customers to the new locations of the various relocated operations.

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