



Village Manager's Report
Week ending September 26, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, September 29:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 101
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Tuesday, September 30:
 - No scheduled meetings

- Wednesday, October 1:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201

- Thursday, October 2:
 - Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Special Meetings:

- Wednesday, October 8, Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, October 9, Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
- Monday, October 13, Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, October 16, Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
- Saturday, October 18, I-Gov Meeting, 9 a.m., Oak Park Township
- Wednesday, October 22, Fair Housing Task Force, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, October 23, Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., room 130
- Saturday, October 25, I-Gov Meeting, 9 a.m., Brooks Middle School
- Monday, October 27, Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101

Lake & Forest groundbreaking ceremony – Staff is working with representatives of the developers of the Lake & Forest project to plan an official groundbreaking ceremony at the site next week. The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., Fri., Oct. 3, but many of the logistical details remain to be sorted out. Invitations will be distributed via email. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Free drug disposal event – The Police Department will once again participate in a [Drug Enforcement Administration](#) initiative to prevent pill abuse and theft. The public is invited to drop off expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the Police Station. This safe collection and disposal service is free and no questions will be asked. Liquids, needles or other sharp objects are prohibited. Prescription drug disposal also is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at a [disposal bin in the Police Station](#).

Ribbon cuttings ahead – Members of the [Development Customer Services](#) team will be attending a number of ribbon-cutting events sponsored by the [Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce](#). Staff will be at [Body Gears Physical Therapy](#), 1049 Lake St., at 4:30 p.m., Thurs., October 2; [ResCare Home Care Services](#), 1049 Lake St., at 11 a.m., Fri., Oct. 10; [Walgreens](#), 811 Madison St., at 11 a.m., Fri. Oct. 24; and [Right At Home of Oak Park and Galewood](#), 7000 W. North Ave., at 11 a.m., Fri., Oct. 31.

Capital Improvements – Barring the impact of a reported materials shortage, all concrete work on the federally funded Ridgeland Avenue resurfacing project is anticipated to be completed by early October, with asphalt grinding expected to start immediately following. The Jackson Boulevard repaving project is complete, and pavement markings are being applied. The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be installed on Oct. 1 on Clinton Avenue from Randolph Street to South Boulevard, where landscaping already is underway. Work is well underway on five of the 10 segments included in the green alley program, including the east-west alley north of Lake Street west of Forest Avenue near the redevelopment site. Work also is underway on four of 10 alleys scheduled for traditional treatment, with work moving from south to north across the Village. The annual sidewalk replacement program should be completed in about three weeks.

Viaduct lighting issue – The Engineering Division is working with the electrical contractor, light manufacturer and the lighting designer to resolve a recurring issue that causes the lights to flicker at the Marion Street viaduct. The issue appears to be caused by interference and/or signal loss that affects the LED light control and causes the lights to strobe. Various tests are planned to try and resolve the issue as soon as possible.

Public Works activities – Crews repaired a broken fire hydrant at Madison Street and East Avenue, public water fountains downtown and a broken catch basin frame on the southwest corner of Forest Avenue and Ontario Street. A water service was upgraded at 308 S. Ridgeland Avenue as part of the lead abatement program. Storm sewer inlets were cleaned between Division Street and North Ave, from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue to help reduce the chances of localized flooding during heavy rains. Crews have replaced 359 water meters as the change-out program continues. Other routine activities included restoring street openings where water main breaks had been repaired, as well as brick restoration in the downtown area and Village-wide sign repair, graffiti removal and pothole patching. Tree trimming for roof clearances continued as did removals of dead, diseased and infested trees. The parkway tree inventory is continuing across the Village.

Paint exchange a success – Some 126 households dropped off paint and 22 households took a share of it home during Saturday's *Great Paint Exchange*. Of the 1,217 cans of useable paint brought in for recycling, 187 cans will be reused. The remaining paint will be recycled through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's [Partners in Waste Paint Solutions](#) program.

Employee news – Ken Crowley has been named the new Fleet Services Superintendent at the Public Works Department. Ken has been with the Village for 25 years, serving most recently as the Senior Fleet Automotive Service Technician. He is an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Master Auto Technician and recently achieved the Certified Public Fleet Professional designation from the American Public Works Association, making him one of only 11 fleet professionals in Illinois to earn this designation. Otto Hartl, who has been with the Village since 2006, has been promoted to Senior Fleet Automotive Service Technician. He is an ASE Master Truck Technician and a Certified Emergency Vehicle Fire Apparatus Technician. Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule spent two days this week in Lincoln taking a qualification course in Tree Risk Assessment.

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