



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending July 28, 2017**

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, July 31:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, Aug 1:
 - Environmental and Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
 - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- Wednesday, Aug 2:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., room 201
- Thursday, Aug 3:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, Aug 4:
 - No meetings scheduled

Police zone meeting moved – Next week's regularly scheduled meeting for the neighborhoods within Police Zone 2 has been moved to Village Hall. Zone 2 encompasses the area bounded by North, Chicago, Harlem and Ridgeland avenues. This meeting usually is held in Mann Elementary School, but the facility was unavailable for this meeting. More information on the neighborhood Police zones, including photos of assigned officers and their contact information, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Pie-baking contest – The [Oak Park Farmers' Market](#) has put out a call for patrons who want to show off their baking skills in pie-baking contest. The inaugural *Oak Park Farmers' Market Pie Bake-Off* is open to professional and amateur bakers ages 16 and older. Registration is required by Aug. 22 and the pies will be judged on Sept. 2. The event is limited to 15 entries, so participants will be selected by a lottery. More details and a registration form are [posted on the Village website](#).

Chicago Avenue project nears end – Pavement markings and street furniture were installed this week on Chicago Avenue between Harlem and Belleforte avenues, as the project moves toward the end. Over the next few weeks, signs taken down during the construction will be reinstalled and any remaining punch-list items completed. Work between Harlem and Belleforte was the final phase of the federally funded project that began last year and included repaving Chicago Avenue across the entire Village from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard.

Alley improvements – Pavement was removed on the alley north of Erie Street between Cuyler and Harvey avenues. With all work with this contract wrapping up in the next few weeks, applications are no longer being accepted from residents wanting to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. Nearly 60 property owners took advantage of the program that allowed them to take advantage of the Village's contract unit price.

Downtown construction update – Work related to the concrete curbs and gutters continued this week along Lake Street, the new section of Maple Avenue and on Westgate as part of the Emerson development project downtown. The sidewalk area and parking lane on the south side of Lake Street remained closed from the new section of Maple Avenue to the east side of the development site, but two-way traffic flow is being maintained on Lake Street. Pedestrian access is being maintained along Westgate Street from Marion Street, and flaggers are making sure vehicles have access to the doctors' offices along Westgate during work hours.

South Boulevard redevelopment – Preliminary work continued this week for the Lincoln Property Company redevelopment project on South Boulevard east of Harlem Avenue. A security fence has been installed around the perimeter of the site and the eastbound lane of South Boulevard has been closed between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street for materials staging and operating construction equipment, which will include a large crane. Staff is maintaining close contact with affected businesses, keeping them informed of construction activities and helping address any issues they may encounter as work begins.

Lake Michigan pipeline project – Work continued this week from Highland Avenue west toward Ridgeland Avenue. Boring for the pipe casing under Ridgeland has been completed and the water main installed to this point. Once the water main has been installed through Ridgeland, a new relief sewer will be installed from Ridgeland to East Avenue. Work in this section has been staged to allow street reconstruction near schools before the beginning of the academic year. Street reconstruction activities continued this week between Maple and Euclid avenues, beginning with replacing curbs, sidewalks, driveways and alley entrances. A project website managed by the engineering company provide the latest schedule information – [click here to view](#).

Street resurfacing – The final layer of asphalt was expected to be completed by the end of this week on all streets being repaved under the current contract. Pavement markings and landscaping, the final tasks, were expected to begin this week or early next week. Work related to the final resurfacing contract of the year is expected to begin by Aug. 8. This work will focus on streets that require deeper repair than simple resurfacing. Full curb replacements also are planned. Planning is underway on scheduling, parking coordination, garbage collection and other impacts to residents and businesses.

Sidewalk repairs – Construction on sidewalks to address trip hazards and accessibility compliance issues got underway this week, after last week's weather delay. This first phase uses a newer technology to remove small trip-hazards from sidewalks by sawing, rather than complete replacement. The next phase of the project, slated for mid-August, will be full replacement of sidewalk squares that have larger trip-hazards. Work will be staged to occur on one side of the street at a time to ensure a safe pedestrian travel route on the block.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Repairs to broken crosswalk materials on Marion Street in the downtown business districts were expected to be completed by the end of this week. Pavement patching at various locations in the Village is set to resume next week.

Storm clean up – Forestry Division crews continued cleaning up brush and taking down hanging tree limbs remaining from recent storms. While most of the debris was small, a large limb fell on a garage and knocked out power in the 600 block S. Taylor Ave., and another limb fell at 721 Ontario St., damaging a nearby private tree.

Public Works Activities – Streets Division crews applied thermoplastic traffic markings to streets in several areas throughout the Village. Crews also power washed blue stone areas, sidewalks, benches and trash cans, as well as continued weed control, viaduct cleaning and litter pick up in the business districts. Water & Sewer Division staff attended excavation safety training this week where they learned about trench protection, collapses and safe work practices. Division crews also completed water service upgrades at 1015 and 538 N. Lombard Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Work on the elevator at Village Hall continued. Remaining tasks include removing the floor tile and installing carpet.

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