



## Village Manager's Report Week ending July 13, 2018

### Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 16:
  - Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, July 17:
  - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- Wednesday, July 18:
  - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, July 19:
  - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, July 20:
  - No meetings scheduled

**North Avenue survey** – A survey to gather public input on ways to revitalize North Avenue is scheduled to open Monday (July 16). The survey is being conducted by the [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning \(CMAP\)](#) on behalf of The North Avenue District neighborhood association, the Village and City of Chicago. The revitalization plan will focus on identifying appropriate redevelopment opportunities, strategies for attracting desirable development and recommendations for streetscape improvements and corridor branding. Information from the survey also will become part of a transportation study conducted by the City of Chicago. The survey will be available through August by the link [www.oak-park.us/northavenuesurvey](http://www.oak-park.us/northavenuesurvey).

**Emergency garage demolition** – The Village had a garage on private property demolished Thursday (July 12) after a structural engineering report determined the building was in danger of collapse. The garage is at a home on the 900 block of Home Avenue that is vacant and in foreclosure. The assessment was ordered after the roof of the garage collapsed and the sides began bowing outward. Staff had reported numerous issues with the property to the attorney representing the bank that holds the property deed with no success. When the bank's attorney was non-responsive to this latest issue, the decision was made to demolish the deteriorating structure before it fully collapsed and possibly damaged the neighboring garage. A lien for the \$4,000 cost of the emergency demolition and site cleanup will be filed against the property.

**Boulevards project** – Installation of water and sewer mains along North Boulevard between Forest and Clinton avenues was expected to be completed this week.

Service connections will be made for both the sewer and water once the entire system has been installed. Work is expected to progress between Clinton and Kenilworth avenues next week. North Boulevard remains closed to through traffic between Forest and Clinton avenues, but is accommodating two-way local traffic between Clinton and Kenilworth avenues. Traffic is being detoured around the construction site via Lake Street and arrangements have been made to accommodate affected parking permit holders' vehicles in the Holley Court Garage. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at [www.oak-park.us/boulevards](http://www.oak-park.us/boulevards).

**Street resurfacing and repairs** – Application of the final surface layer to streets south of South Boulevard has been combined with paving operations north of South Boulevard. Combining the two areas will mean another three weeks before the work is completed as crews must first repair curbs and crossing ramps as needed on streets north of South Boulevard. Meanwhile, letters have been sent to residents notifying them that microsurfacing, crack filling and pavement patching is expected to start in their neighborhoods on July 23. More than four miles of streets throughout the Village will be affected by the work.

**Alley improvements** – Pavement removal began this week in the alley between East and Scoville avenues and south of Jackson Boulevard. To date, 16 alley segments have been completed, with 48 residents within the boundaries of the projects electing to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. All alley projects remain on schedule to be completed by mid-September.

**Albion project update** – Installation of new water and sewer services for the Albion project building began this week under Forest Avenue. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during construction hours until the water and sewer connections are completed. A tower crane is scheduled to be erected in the next few days, which could create additional traffic disruptions near the intersection of Forest Avenue and Lake Street.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Work on the new cul-de-sac continued this week on Maple Avenue as part of the Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency room project. Concrete for new curbs and road base related to the project was completed this week with all work other than landscaping expected to be completed by the end of July. Landscaping on the Euclid Avenue side of District House on Lake Street is scheduled for next week following several rain delays. New streetscape along the project's Lake Street frontage should be installed before summer's end. The eastbound lane of South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street along the frontage of the Lincoln development remains closed as construction continues.

**Public Works Activities** –Streets Division crews power washed sidewalks in the Southtown Business District near Oak Park Avenue and Garfield Street and moved a bench and garbage can for a new outdoor café area at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street. Crews also painted the Marion Street viaduct and viaduct walls by South Boulevard at Oak Park and Ridgeland avenues. In addition, Streets crews patched streets where water line repairs had been made, filled potholes on Austin Boulevard from North Avenue to Roosevelt Road and picked up litter in the business districts and various public areas throughout the Village. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired fire hydrants at various locations, flushed the main sewer for the Holly Court

Garage and upgraded water services at 1017 S. Euclid Ave. and 911 Forest Ave. as part of the lead abatement program. Forestry Division crews responded to routine resident requests, with a focus on ensuring visibility of traffic signs. Removals of dead, damaged and diseased trees continued as did regular maintenance of landscaping on public ways.

**Employee News** – Three Village departments this week welcomed their picks for the Budget & Revenue Analyst positions. Kellie Murphy joined the Police Department, Sean Keane the Finance Department and Diane Stanislavski the Public Works Department. Kellie was a business assistant at Glenview School District 34. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from Concordia University. Sean was an administrative analyst for the Village of Homer Glen. He has a bachelor's degree in urban planning and master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Illinois Chicago. Diane had been an administrative secretary in the Public Works Department since 1999. Her experience has included providing support to the Environmental Services Division and serving as an interim crew chief in the Forestry Division. Among the duties of these new employees will be providing, preparing and maintaining records, financial reports and statistical reports. They also will provide analyses to help improve business processes and efficiencies through better use of technology.

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