



Village Manager's Report
Week ending April 12, 2019

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, April 15:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

- Tuesday, April 16:
 - Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chamber
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102

- Wednesday, April 17:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission Special Meeting, 7 p.m. room 102
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, April 18:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., room 215

- Friday, April 19:
 - No meetings scheduled

Village Hall parking lot improvements – Messages about the upcoming reconstruction of the Village Hall parking lot began going out this week to both the news media and employees. Signs also were posted at Village Hall and a letter is being sent to residents in the neighborhood who will be most affected. Work is scheduled to begin the week of April 22, but the lot will not be entirely closed until the first full week of May. The lot will be open at least through the evening of May 6 when the new Village Board members are sworn in. More details on the construction, its impact and parking options are [posted on the Village website](#).

Fair housing assessment -- Development Customer Services Director Tammie Grossman and Neighborhood Services Manager Jeff Prior recently joined representatives of municipalities and public housing authorities from throughout Cook County to launch an effort to develop a regional assessment of fair housing. The effort will culminate in a report that will replace the current [Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice](#). Although this is a collaborative effort, each municipality will be able to tailor the content of the report to match its own specific needs. A target date of July 2020 is set for the completion of the project.

Gun violence summit – Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb and Police Chief LaDon Reynolds joined municipal and law enforcement officials from across the country this week in Toledo to discuss how to stop gun violence. The two-day conference was organized by the [US Conference of Mayors](#). Activists groups and gun violence survivors attended as well, hoping to discover community-level solutions to this nationwide issue. According to news reports, the attendees agreed that communities cannot wait for state or federal solutions. [Click here for a sample](#) of how the event was covered in the news.

Business district support – The Development Customer Services Department is continuing to focus on supporting the Village’s important business districts by inspecting properties and keeping lines of communication open with merchants, service providers and nearby residents. After last year’s comprehensive effort in the North Avenue Business District, 244 letters were mailed to business and property owners informing them about the Village’s [Commercial Façade Improvement Program](#). The letters also encouraged keeping adjacent alleys and parkways clean and reminding them to call the Village before displaying any outdoor signs to ensure they are in compliance with the [Sign Code](#). A similar effort has just begun this year that will focus initially on the Madison Street Business District corridor.

Westgate repairs – Westgate Street from Marion Street west to the cul-de-sac was expected to reopen after being closed all week during the day to repair the heated sidewalk. Repairs had to be made on the south side of Westgate Street near [The Emerson](#) development site. The underground electrical circuit was damaged during construction so repairs were being made by the developer’s contractors.

South Boulevard update – Streetscape furniture is being installed in front of the [Eleven33](#) development on South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street. The crosswalk leading to the public transit station should be completed by the end of this week. Pavement markings are scheduled to be applied next week, which will allow reopening South Boulevard to two-way traffic.

Madison Street prep – Site preparation for the Madison Street improvement project is scheduled to begin next week. Business operators and residents likely to be most affected by the project have been contacted by letter with details about the construction and its impacts. In addition to targeted communications to the businesses along the corridor and neighborhood residents, construction updates also will be posted on the dedicated project website www.madisonstreetconstruction.com.

Alley improvements – As alley work continued this week at numerous locations, storm sewer were installed north of Madison Street west of Lombard Avenue where pavement removal is set to start next week. Storm sewer work began in alleys north of Randolph Street between Euclid and Linden avenues. Fifteen alleys are scheduled for reconstruction this season.

Construction updates – The east-west alley behind the Albion at Oak Park development on Lake Street has reopened. Repairs to a Comcast fiber optic communication duct on Oak Park Avenue at the Hunter Court crosswalk south of Lake Street should be nearing completion. The installation of new fiber optic cable on

Randolph Street from Harlem Avenue was expected to be at Wisconsin Avenue by the end of the week. The project by broadband provider Wide Open West eventually will reach Euclid Avenue.

Public Works activities –Streets Division crews repaired brick pavers at Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street and a catch basin at Belleforte Avenue and Augusta Street. Crews also continued to fill potholes on streets throughout the community. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a broken sewer at 220 N. Scoville Ave. and fire hydrants at various locations throughout the Village. Seasonal parkway tree pruning is nearing completion, with only punch list items remaining. Forestry Division crews delivered mulch to District 97 schools as they prepare for spring landscaping.

Employee news – Shontae Dorris has joined the Development Customer Services Department as an Account Clerk II. Prior to joining the Oak Park team, Shontae worked within social service and transportation organizations. In her new role, she will provide support as it relates to financial matters, including accounts payable.

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