



Village Manager's Report Week ending Feb 5, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Feb. 8:
 - Village Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., via GotoMeeting
- Tuesday, Feb. 9:
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Feb. 10:
 - Aging in Place Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Feb. 11:
 - Historic Preservation Commissions, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Friday, Feb. 12:
 - No meetings scheduled

CMAP releases North Avenue plan – The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has issued its plan for North Avenue. The *North Avenue Corridor Revitalization and Mobility Plan*, which had been underway since March 2018, is intended to create a vision and framework for making North Avenue a safe, inviting place to live, work, shop, dine, and walk. This economic development study of the North Avenue commercial corridor was a joint effort among the Village, the City of Chicago and North Avenue business districts, and included an economic development workshop with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and collaboration with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) for right-of-way enhancement. The CMAP plan for North Avenue will be presented for consideration at a future Village Board meeting. [Click here for an early look at the plan...](#)

203 S. Marion project update – The Plan Commission moved last night to continue the public hearing for the development project proposed for 203 S. Marion St. until Feb. 18 after providing some advice and comment to the applicant. Cross examination was completed, with public testimony set to begin at the Feb. 18 meeting. The proposal includes a seven-story, transit-oriented development with 159 units, 123 covered parking spaces and 1,200 square feet of retail space on the former Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home site. The developer characterizes the project as reminiscent of vintage Oak Park style courtyard apartment buildings. The planned development application is [posted on the Plan Commission webpage](#) under the applications for public hearings heading.

Preparing for Oak Park Avenue construction – Staff hosted a virtual meeting this week with representatives of the businesses along the 800 block of south Oak Park Avenue. This meeting was intended to introduce the businesses in the Southtown Business District to the project management team. The meeting also allowed the team to explain the scope and possible impacts of the project that will include water and sewer main improvement as well as paving most of the roadway from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue. Bids for the locally

funded water and sewer project were received this week and work is scheduled to begin in March with the goal of completing it prior to the resurfacing.

Snow response – Public Works crews responded to two significant snowfalls since the last report. A foot of snow fell in Oak Park over the past weekend (Jan. 30 – 31), requiring implementation of the [snow emergency parking regulations](#) for the first time this season. Another few inches fell yesterday (Feb. 4) afternoon and into the evening, but crews were able to meet the challenge without further parking restrictions. All streets, alleys and major street crossings should be cleared and treated by the end of today, but predicted cold temperatures could create some spotty slippery conditions where any melt residue remains.

New business licenses issued -- The Development Customer Services Department reports it has issued seven new local business licenses, ranging from financial services to a daycare operation. Licenses were issued to financial services provider Taxes Financial Insurance, 6435 North Ave.; nail salon Caribbean Pleasure, Inc., 250½ Chicago Ave.; life skills and adult learning center Michal Gray Foundation of Dreams, 6435 North Ave.; hair salon Shi is Rooted, LLC, 6340 Roosevelt Road; non-emergency transportation services provider Majestic Transportation Corp., 6955 North Ave.; home kitchen operation Sugar Blitz, 110 Bishop Quarter Lane; and Hephzibah daycare facility at United Lutheran Evangelical Church, 409 Greenfield St.

Miscellaneous construction updates – AT&T and ComEd crews continue infrastructure relocation activities near the intersection of Madison Street and Euclid Avenue in preparation for the new senior living facility to be built there. In the meantime, demolition continues at the site to make way for the new construction. Nicor will soon resume routine infrastructure inspections between Harrison Street and Jackson Boulevard, and between Gunderson Ave and Austin Boulevard.

Police service recognized – Personal service provided to a long-time resident earned Zone 4 Residential Beat Officer Traccye Love special recognition on WGN-TV this week. Love helped one of her elderly constituents navigate the COVID-19 registration and vaccination process, prompting relatives to share their thanks to the officer with the WGN reporter who chronicled the result in a news story. The story helped showcase the role of Oak Park Police officers in the community beyond the typical law enforcement activities so often in the news. The story and video are posted on the TV station's website – [click here to view...](#)

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