



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending July 2, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 5:
 - Independence Day holiday – Village Hall closed
- Tuesday, July 6:
 - Village Board Personnel Committee, 6 p.m., via Zoom
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, July 7:
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, July 8:
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, via Zoom
- Friday, July 9:
 - No meetings scheduled

Parking restrictions eased – [Overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets during the July 4th holiday. Overnight restrictions will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Sat., July 3 and resume at 2:30 a.m. Tues., July 6. However, restrictions will remain in effect in areas such as on-street enclaves and zones that are reserved for permit holders. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety. Residents with questions about holiday parking may call 708.386.3800 or email police@oak-park.us.

Village Hall closed Monday – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Mon., July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Current business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staff arrives at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for walk-in customers. Should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 911 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed, residents can call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance. More information on Village Hall hours is [posted online](#).

Weather impacts – Last weekend's storms brought down one tree and damaged four others, while also backing up water into basements particularly in northeast Oak Park, the lowest point in the Village. High winds Saturday (June 26) felled a tree across the street in the 300 block of North Ridgeland Avenue. Large limbs also came down in the 1000 block of South Cuyler Avenue, 800 block of South Kenilworth Avenue, 1100 block of South Scoville Avenue and 1000 block of Pleasant Street. Ridgeland Avenue was quickly reopened and all storm debris in other areas was cleaned up by the end of Monday (June 28). Heavy rain Sunday night (June 27)

temporarily overwhelmed our combined storm and sanitary sewer system as about 1.25 inches came down in about 45 minutes. Once the rain stopped, the system quickly recovered. The Public Works Department received calls from more than 30 property owners who reported basement backup issues. Staff is reviewing these impacts to determine if any steps can be made to mitigate future issues. Village Hall also experienced water leaks from the roof area into the main floor. Options for repairs are begin evaluated.

Vehicle license sales update – Through July 25, more than 8,200 Village vehicle licenses had been purchased. More than 80 percent of the purchases were made online. Sales so far have generated about \$520,000 to help fund municipal services. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle is required to purchase an Oak Park vehicle license before July 15. The cost of vehicle licenses will increase \$20 after the deadline. This year is the third year that vehicle licenses have been virtual and a physical window decal not required. Parking enforcement officers use vehicle-mounted remote electronic recognition technology to scan license plates and ensure compliance.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – All restoration tasks related to the underground water and sewer work was expected to wrap up by the weekend, including in the busy Madison Street intersection. Crews will continue replacing crossing ramps, sections of sidewalk and curb in preparation for paving. The project remains on schedule to be completed in November, with all new pavement from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue, except in the Hemingway District, which was part of last year’s Lake Street improvement project. Construction details and schedules are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Reservoirs inspected/cleaned – The Village’s underground water reservoirs were recently inspected and cleaned in accordance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended five-year schedule. A crew of three professional commercial divers with a firm in Montana relied on industry-approved standards to perform the inspections and cleaning. No issues were found in any of our four reservoirs that collectively store some 12.5 million gallons of drinking water, which is about 2.5 times the average amount of water delivered to Village residents and businesses each day. More information about the Village’s water storage and delivery system as well as water quality is posted at www.oak-park.us/waterquality. A video about the recent reservoir inspections and cleaning is posted on the Village’s YouTube channel – [click here to view](#).

Miscellaneous construction updates – State contractors are still on North Avenue as part of a repaving project between Harlem and Cicero avenues. IDOT crews also are replacing crossing ramps on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue, making sure they meet ADA requirements. The crosswalk work has had more of an impact on pedestrians than traffic, but eventually will improve accessibility for all foot traffic between Oak Park and River Forest.

Employee news – The Police Department recently added a new commander to fill a vacancy created by a prior promotion. Paul Kane joined the Village after retiring from

the Chicago Police Department with 31 years of service. He most recently was a captain in the CPD's 19th District, which includes Wrigleyville. He joins Oak Park's sworn commanders Thomas Dransoff, Dave Jacobson, William Rygh and Donicio Silva, as well as Administrative Commander Kellie Murphy.

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