



Village Manager's Report Week ending August 12, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, August 13:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, August 14:
 - Citizen Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday, August 15:
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, August 16:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, August 17:
 - No meetings scheduled

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New compost drop-off locations – Residents who live in multifamily buildings too large to participate in the Village’s compost program now have four locations where they may drop off food scraps after the Public Works Department’s Environmental Services Division launched three new sites this week. The new locations are at 1125 Ontario St. inside the east entrance of the Holley Court Garage, 720 North Blvd. inside the main entrance to the Avenue Garage and 1010 N. Ridgeland Ave. at the North Water Pump station. The Village has also accepted compost drop-offs at 102 N. Lombard Ave. near the Central Water Pump Station for several years. All four sites have clearly labeled carts. Scraps may be stored in ASTM 6400 standard compostable bags or wrapped in newspaper. The Village’s household food scrap composting program is available to single-family and five-flat households using Village refuse and recycling services. However, any large multifamily or condo association can also contract independently with the Village’s contractor LRS or another provider for composting service. If contracting with LRS, large buildings will receive the rate negotiated in their contract. Building owners and condo associations can contact publicworks@oak-park.us for assistance with the compost contracting process. Oak Park non-profit organizations are also eligible to contract with LRS at the Village’s composting rate. Complete details about the Village’s compost program can be found at www.oak-park.us/compost.

Plan Commission approves OPRF light standards – The Plan Commission voted 5-2 at its Aug. 4 meeting in favor of Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200’s request to install new light standards on the playing fields south of Lake Street. The six new light standards will be 80 to 90 feet tall and replace the four existing 98-foot light standards that were installed in 2002. Public comments were submitted both in support and opposition to the application. It is anticipated that use of the fields will be shared by OPRF and the Park District of Oak Park. Staff anticipates the topic will come before the Village Board on September 6.

Farmers’ Market hosting Corn Roast – The [Oak Park Farmers’ Market](#) is celebrating National Farmers’ Market Week with the return of its popular Corn Roast this Saturday, Aug. 13. Fresh-picked corn from Market growers will be sold by the ear hot off the roaster from about 9:30 a.m. until supplies are gone. Patrons are encouraged to bring cash to the event as credit cards are not accepted when purchasing corn, which will be sold for \$2 per ear. This year’s Corn Roast is a zero-waste event, meaning all corn cobs, wrappers and take-away bags can be composted. More information about the Corn Roast and National Farmers’ Market week is available on the Village website – [just click here](#). Also, from now until Sept. 19, supporters can cast a vote for the Oak Park Farmers’ Market as part of a \$10,000 grant giveaway organized by the American Farmland Trust and the Farmers Market Coalition. Market officials say the grant funding would be used to help with the smooth operation of the Market, which is now in its 47th year. [Click here to cast a vote for the Oak Park Farmers’ Market](#).

Contestants, judges sought for Pie Bake-Off – The Oak Park Farmers’ Market’s annual Pie Bake-Off is returning Saturday, Sept. 17. The contest is open to professional and amateur bakers ages 16 and older. Bakers younger than 16 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Only one pie per person/application is allowed. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. More details can be found on the [contest entry form](#), which may be submitted to the Farmers’ Market Information Booth or via e-mail to farmersmarket@oak-park.us on or before Sept. 3. The Market is also looking for two pie lovers to help judge the 2022 Pie Bake-Off. Judging duties will start at 9 a.m. and last until 11 a.m. the day of the event. Anyone interested in judging the contest is encouraged to send a paragraph or two explaining why they should be selected to farmersmarket@oak-park.us by Aug. 31. More information about the Pie Bake-Off is available at www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket.

Employee news – The Public Works Department recently announced the promotion of Ken Monterubio to the position of Water Meter Supervisor and Gio Bellini to the position of Senior Sign Technician. Ken has more than three years of experience with the Water & Sewer Division team and has consistently shown a willingness to help train co-workers and take on leadership roles. Gio has worked in the Streets Division for just over a year. During his brief tenure he has shown an interest in sign technician duties and has already completed the Public Works Department’s Leadership Development Program.

Sewer improvement project – All sewer replacements on Kenilworth Avenue are complete the contractor has begun removing sections of driveway aprons, curb and gutter and sidewalk sections with plans to pour new concrete next week. Driveway aprons are being replaced in two phases to ensure multifamily buildings along the construction site always

have access to a driveway. Sewer replacements also began on Lenox Street this week and will continue for several weeks.

Miscellaneous construction updates – The 2022 street resurfacing project at various locations in the Village is now expected to begin the week of Aug. 22 as the contractor finalizes its schedule and completes required funding documentation. ComEd indicated it would complete its utility work at the site of the new Pete’s Fresh Market on Madison Street by Aug. 19, at which time the project’s contractor will start the Euclid Avenue closure so sewer installation work can begin. At the site of the new development at Pleasant and Marion streets, underground electrical conduits have been installed and preparations are being made for concrete work.