



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending May 17, 2013**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- May 20:
 - Village Board Executive Session 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- May 21:
 - Citizens Police Oversight Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 102
- May 22:
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., 834 Lake St.
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 102
 - HPC/Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
- May 23:
 - No scheduled Meetings

Save the date reminders (see calendar for all future meetings):

- May 27: Most Village Office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28: Personnel Committee of the Village Board, 7 p.m., room 130
- June 1: breakfast reception with elected officials, 8:30 a.m., Oak Park Library (please RSVP by 5/28 to Sue Kornatowski)
- June 2: Board Outreach Event - Day in our Village, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Scoville Park
- June 8: Board Retreat, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Carleton
- June 10: Finance Committee of the Village Board (audit), 7 p.m., room 101
- July 4: Parade, 10 a.m. (Ridgeland/Jackson)

Farmers' Market opens Saturday – The Farmers' Market will open for its 38th season this Saturday, and continue every Saturday through October. The market will be held from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Pilgrim Congregational Church parking lot, 460 Lake St. In addition to the standard variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, honey, cheese, frozen meat, bread and baked goods, regional vendors will feature sustainable, organic and locally sourced goods again this season, including several heirloom products. A majority of the vendors now accept credit and debit cards as well as Link cards, which allow lower-income individuals to buy the freshest of fruit and vegetables for a healthy diet.

Cheney waterfall garden restoration ceremony and picnic – Park District officials will cut the ribbon on the newly restored waterfall garden at noon on Sunday at [Cheney](#)

[Mansion](#), 220 N. Euclid Ave. A donation from former Cheney Mansion neighbor Audrey Kouvel helped fund the restoration of the century old landscape element that had not worked for more than 30 years. The [Park District](#) will provide lemonade and iced tea for anyone who would like to bring a basket for an old-fashioned public picnic following the ceremony. Details are posted at www.cheneymansion.com.

YMCA receives Challenge grant – Nicor Gas representatives were on hand first thing Friday morning to present a \$25,000 check to the West Cook YMCA to help fund a project to improve the energy efficiency of its facility. The YMCA earned the grant through the [Community Challenge](#), a program created by Nicor Gas to promote its energy efficiency initiatives. The program relied on participating communities to encourage residents and businesses to sign up for energy savings tools and programs. With each registration for one of six programs, \$50 was added to the grant up to a maximum of \$25,000. Thanks to the support of residents and business owners across the Village, the YMCA earned the maximum. Meanwhile, the other community participating in the challenge – Evanston – reportedly came up a little short of the goal. Photos were [tweeted live](#) from the event and an album is posted on the [Village's facebook page](#).

Parking lot signage pilot project underway – New parking lot signs have gone up along South Boulevard from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue as part of a pilot program to make the information clearer and more user friendly. The new signage will remain in place through October. Feedback gathered from customers will help refine the final approach to parking signage Village wide. The project will be promoted to solicit comments from residents. Comments will be directed to parking@oak-park.us.



Old Sign

New Sign

North Boulevard project update – Work continues to replace water and sewer mains on North Boulevard between Kenilworth and Oak Park Avenue and on Kenilworth from South Boulevard to Lake Street. The North Boulevard portion of the project is expected to be completed by June 1, as work shifts to Kenilworth. In the meantime, the Engineering Division is designing a water and sewer replacement project for North Boulevard from Forest Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue, and South Boulevard from Marion Street to Home Avenue. This portion of the project will follow completion of the work underway to the east.

Public Works activities –Forestry Division crews are mulching, watering and installing watering bags around trees newly planted on parkways throughout the Village. Foresters also are pruning trees between Chicago Avenue and Division Street, working from Ridgeland Avenue toward East Avenue. The Street Services Division is focused on repairing pavement and filling potholes. The Water & Sewer Division repaired a fire hydrant at 100 S. Marion St., filled a sink hole at 842 Mapleton Ave. and replaced a storm sewer basin at 800 S. Cuyler Ave.

July 4th parade participation deadline approaching – If you know of any organizations that want to be in our annual July 4th parade, please let them know that the June 7 deadline is fast approaching. An online registration form is posted at www.oak-park.us

park.us/parade. The Community Relations Commission also needs volunteers on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Potential volunteers can call 708.358.5407 or e-mail community@oak-park.us.

A Day in Our Village update – Community Relations Director Cedric Melton reports that registrations for A Day in Our Village are ahead of last year, with a few more registrations likely even though the deadline has passed. Some 160 organizations have registered, compared to 148 participants last year. Logistics such as booth locations are still being finalized, as the new [Scoville Park](#) design has created a few challenges. Booth assignments will be e-mailed to all participants on May 28. While the printed program has not been finalized, the Communications Department worked with the event organizing committee to produce a poster that contains many of the details of the day, including the entertainment and food vendors – [click here to see the poster](#).

April year-to-date crime report – The Police Department reports that thru the first quarter of 2013, Part I crime has decreased 5 percent. The detailed report will be issued in the next week.

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