



Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 27, 2014

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, June 30:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130

- Tuesday, July 1:
 - Environment & Energy Commission, 7:00p.m., room 130

- Wednesday, July 2:
 - Madison Street Coalition, 2:00 p.m., room 101
 - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7:00 p.m., room 101
 - Public Art Advisory Commission, 7:00 p.m., room 102
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., room 201

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday, July 17:
 - Reinventing Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., room 130

Marion Street speed table repair begins – Replacement of the speed table on Marion Street at Westgate Street has begun. The east half of speed table has been removed and the contractor is preparing to install new base course material and curb. North-south traffic will be reduced to one lane on Marion as workers complete one side at a time. When completed, brick will replace the bluestone and the pedestrian crossing will be marked with granite. The project is expected to be completed in early August.

Local Village procurement emphasis – The Village website has been updated to include a useful tool for local vendors to receive notification of Village purchasing opportunities. CFO Craig Lesner and Communications staff have launched a new email list serve to help local businesses learn when the Village is seeking a new service or product. The website now includes a page where business operators can sign up to receive email notices about various procurement efforts. The intent is to market it to local businesses, but allow any business to sign up should they wish. [Click here to see the web page.](#)

Recycle old electronics Saturday – The June [electronics recycling](#) event is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday at the Public Works Center. Acceptable items include computers, peripherals, laptops, monitors, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, printers, fax machines, MP3 players, portable digital assistants, video game consoles, videocassette recorders, digital videodisk players, zip drives, scanners and microwaves. The Public Works Department hosts these popular events the last Saturday of each month from May through October.

Capital improvements – Water main construction continues. New water mains have been installed on Van Buren Street and work is underway on Highland Avenue, with plans to finish next week. The contractor also is working with Nicor and the Village to lower two gas services and one cable crossing the street. State-funded resurfacing is underway on Grove Avenue, Lombard Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Berkshire Street, including curb work. Sewer cleaning and inspection continues in various locations throughout the Village. Surface patching, micropaving and crack filling projects are in the preconstruction phases. Patching will begin in approximately two weeks, followed by micropaving and crack filling. Information on all capital improvement projects is posted at www.oak-park.us/cip.

Public Works activities – Restorations of curb, sidewalk, asphalt and concrete where openings were required to make water line repairs continued throughout the week at various locations in the Village. A catch basin at 1122 S. Oak Park Ave. and a sinkhole at 328 S. Lombard Ave. were repaired, along with service leaks at 1112 Madison St. and 464 N. Austin Blvd. Crews also performed a water tap at 321 S Elmwood St., cleaned inlets on North Avenue and Division Street between Austin Boulevard and Harlem Avenue, and cleaned catch basin laterals in various locations to help prevent localized street flooding. Forestry crews and contractors had to contend with some storm damage Tuesday, including several large limbs near Wisconsin Avenue and Lexington Street, and Madison Street and Elmwood Avenue. In addition to routine requests for tree trimming and stump removal, crews also removed electrical wires strung between light poles and trees along Oak Park Avenue between Pleasant and Lake streets that were no longer used by merchants to power ornamental lights. Planting of new parkway trees is expected to be complete by July 1, while removals of trees infested with emerald ash borer and stump grinding continues. A street light cable was repaired on Berkshire Street between Humphrey and Taylor avenues, and a circuit breaker replaced to repair a ComEd connection for the 500 block of North Taylor Avenue. Two new bike racks were installed at 1044 Lake Street.

VOP-TV spot to air at Lake Theater – The second-hand smoke public service announcement produced by VOP-TV is scheduled to air as part of pre-feature programming at the Lake Theater. The spot will run for 10 weeks beginning July 4. The Health Department was able to purchase the promotion opportunity with grant funding. The PSA also is airing on VOP-TV as well as on our [YouTube channel](#).

Employee news – Fleet Services Superintendent Ron Fantetti retired today after more than 38 years of service with the Village. Ken Crowley will be the interim fleet superintendent. Jose Macias has joined Parking services as a meter technician and Erik Eggertsen, Elias El Metennani and Bruce Shelton have been hired as summer seasonal workers in the Public Works Department.

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