



**Village Manager's Report  
Week ending July 25, 2014**

**Meetings scheduled for the next week:**

- Monday, July 28:
  - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 130
  - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
  - HPC Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215
  
- Tuesday, July 29:
  - No scheduled meetings
  
- Wednesday, July 30:
  - Commission Chair Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
  
- Thursday, July 31:
  - Comprehensive Plan Meeting, 7 p.m., room 201

**Police neighborhood meeting update** – About 65 residents attended a neighborhood meeting hosted by the Police Department at Brooks Middle School Thursday evening to discuss the [recent armed robbery on south Clinton Avenue](#). Police report that the meeting was overwhelmingly positive, as the citizens were engaged and enthusiastically answered the call by Police Chief Tanksley to become more involved and to look out for neighbors. Several volunteered to be block captains and nearly all attendees provided email information. Topics covered included facts about the incident and subsequent arrests, general information about criminal behavior and a discussion of personal safety. An open dialogue followed, with a focus on ways to use social media and email lists to facilitate direct and timely communication between citizens and the Police Department. Police have scheduled a similar neighborhood meeting for 7 p.m., Mon., at the Anderson Center, 824 N. Hayes Ave.

**Vehicle sticker sales report** – Vehicle sticker sales were down slightly this year as the midnight, July 14 deadline came. Data as of Tues., July 15, indicated the Village had sold 22,226 stickers, 742 fewer than last year's 22,968 stickers. However, sales recovered and were last reported at 22,973 sold for the 2014 season. Online sales represented 61 percent of sales this year through the deadline, a slight increase from 2013. Mail-in renewals were down about 1.5 percent, while walk-in and Village Hall kiosk sales were up slightly. [Click here to see the data](#).

**Capital improvements update** – Water main work is complete. Street excavation has been completed on the 700 block of block of Highland Avenue and work on the curbs was scheduled for today (Fri., July 25) on both Highland and Van Buren Street from Cuyler Avenue to Harvey Avenue. Curb removal and replacement is all that remains of

the state-funded resurfacing projects on Grove and Lombard avenues. Cleaning and inspecting of sewers throughout the Village is more than half completed, but the contractor continues to find significant debris in most sewers requiring heavy cleaning. Mock-ups of the art panels scheduled to be installed as part of Marion Street and Ridgeland Avenue viaduct improvements will be reviewed next week, and if approved production will begin. Several issues are being addressed on Marion Street, including the strobing lighting fixture under the viaduct, a monument sign on the south face of the viaduct that was damaged in a vehicle accident and the speed table replacement. Granite pavers have been installed for the crosswalk on the east half of the speed table, and a latex concrete layer will be applied and bricks installed next week. Sidewalk replacement at various locations in the Village is scheduled to begin in late July or early August. Notices were sent out last week to all affected residents and requests from property owners who would like to pay for additional work through the Village's 50/50 program are being processed.

**Public Works activities** – Repairs of street openings where work on water lines occurred continued, as did curb and sidewalk restoration at various locations. Workers began painting curbs yellow near fire hydrants and intersections to designate no-parking zones. Crews also began removing and relocating various signs in preparation for the demolition of the Lake & Forest Garage and coming redevelopment project. A sink hole at 1047 Wenonah Avenue, a service leak at 14 Lake St. and a sewer lateral at 51 Chicago Ave. were repaired. Crews also continued clearing catch basin inlets from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue, from Garfield Street to Roosevelt Road. Forestry crews focused on service requests related primarily to roof-clearance pruning. Trees also were trimmed to improve southbound visibility of the traffic signals at Harrison Street and Ridgeland Avenue. Stump grinding and removal of declining ash trees and other damaged trees continued.

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