



Village Manager's Report Week ending July 3, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Saturday, June 4:
 - 4th of July Parade, 9:30 a.m. – Starts at Longfellow Park (Ridgeland/Adams) – parade begins at 10 a.m. Parade ends at Ridgeland/Chicago Avenue

- Monday, July 6:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201

- Tuesday, July 7:
 - Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Environmental & Energy Commission, 7 p.m., room 130

- Wednesday, July 8:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Thursday, July 9:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
 - Special Plan Commission, 7 p.m., room 201
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., room 102

- Friday, June 10:
 - No scheduled meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sunday, July 19, 2015, Village Board Goal Setting Retreat – Public Works Center, 8 am - noon
- Saturday, August 1 – Village Board Outreach – Farmer's Market, 7am-1pm
- Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

Parade to step off at 10 a.m. – The 10th annual July 4th parade will step off at 10 a.m., Saturday from [Longfellow Park](#). Groups will begin lining up at 9:30 a.m. The Village Board will be in group A, second in line behind the Fire Department – [click here to see the parade lineup plan](#). While the parade will march north on Ridgeland Avenue as in past years, it will end at Chicago Avenue this year due to the construction underway from Chicago north to Division Street. Parade participants will find a smooth route, as state contractors planned to complete the repaving from South Boulevard to Chicago Avenue by Thursday, including navigational striping. The

parade will again feature the award-winning [Freedom Marching Band](#). The annual fireworks display is scheduled to begin at dusk as usual in the football stadium of [Oak Park and River Forest High School](#).

Parking restrictions eased – [Overnight on-street parking restrictions](#) will be lifted at 2:30 a.m., Fri., July 3, and resume at 2:30 a.m., Mon., July 6. However, restrictions will remain in effect in overnight permit areas. All other parking regulations also remain in effect, including all daytime posted restrictions and regulations related to traffic and public safety.

Village Hall closed Friday – [Village Hall](#) will be closed on Fri., July 3, in observance of Independence Day. As always, we are reminding residents that should an incident that doesn't quite rise to the level of a 9-1-1 emergency occur when Village Hall is closed to call the Police non-emergency number 708.386.3800 for assistance.

Coal City storm response update – Three more Public Works employees were dispatched to Coal City this week to help with recovery from last week's tornado. Ron Schwab, Glenn Kamykowski and Tim Walsh took the department's grappling and dump trucks to assist with debris removal. Their mobilization was part of the Village's membership in the [Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network](#) (IPWMAN), which calls for member public works agencies to assist each other when events surpass a single entity's disaster response resources.

Youth skills workshop returns – The Community Relations Department has begun recruiting for its annual youth skills workshops. The program helps residents ages 14 to 17 learn skills and techniques that can help them find and keep a job. This year's workshops are scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m., Aug. 3 – 7 at the Oak Park Public Library and Village Hall. The number of participants is limited and [registration closes on Aug. 1](#).

Art on the Home Avenue bridge – The Public Works Department helped students participating in an [Oak Park Education Foundation](#) summer camp share their experience with the community by displaying their art and writing on the Home Avenue pedestrian bridge. The display will remain through July 17. The Department also hosted one of the organization's summer camps that culminated in a new mural on the Harvey Avenue viaduct. Called [BASE Camp](#) – or Build A Summer Experience – the annual program offers a wide range of learning activities for District 97 students, including science, art, robotics and architecture.

Reservoir project update – Sealing the exterior roof of the Central Reservoir under Stevenson Park had to be postponed again due to the weather. The contractor plans to perform the sealing overnight on July 6 and July 7, hoping to take advantage of cooler temperatures since heat can compromise the material's effectiveness. Repairs to the interior roof are continuing.

Ridgeland Avenue sewer project update – Sewer work on Ridgeland Avenue will move to north of Augusta Avenue next week, with the goal of completing the project the first week of August. State contractors are scheduled to repave Ridgeland from Chicago Avenue to Division Street after the sewer project is completed. Repaving of Ridgeland from South Boulevard to Chicago Avenue was expected to be completed this week to ensure no interference with the annual July 4th parade.

Capital improvement projects – Sewer work on Harvey Avenue between Augusta and Thomas streets has been delayed by weather, and now is tentatively scheduled to begin July 6. Sewer work on Kenilworth Avenue from Chicago Avenue to Augusta Street is set to begin in mid-July. Local resurfacing projects are underway on three streets. Pavement removal and concrete work has begun on Wesley Avenue between Harvard Avenue and Garfield Street. Sidewalk replacement has begun on the blocks postponed from last year. Concrete for sidewalks being replaced this season was expected to be poured before the holiday weekend.

Alley project status – All alleys being replaced during the first phase of this year's program have been opened to traffic, with only punch-list tasks remaining. Rain continues to delay the second round of alley projects, but the projects still are expected to be completed on schedule.

Public Works activities – Parking lot and litter clean-up continued across the Village. Crews also power washed the walls under various underpasses including at Austin Boulevard in preparation for upcoming art projects. In addition to repairing pavement where water line issues were fixed, crews patched potholes and repaired bluestone and brick sidewalk crossings downtown. A sinkhole at 741 N. Lombard Ave., a collapsed catch basin at 510 N. Marion St. and a sewer lateral at 406 N. Ridgeland Ave. were repaired. A water service was upgraded at 412 Pleasant St. as part of the lead abatement program. Forestry crews responded to two separate incidents where a tree on private property fell into the public way. The trees blocked streets and sidewalks at 700 Fairs Oaks Ave. and at 138 N. Harvey Ave., where Village crews managed the sites until a private contractor could clear the public way. Saturday's electronics recycling event collected materials from 456 households.

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