



Village Manager's Report
Week ending October 16, 2015

Meetings scheduled for the next week:

- Monday, October 19:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 201
- Tuesday, October 20:
 - No Scheduled Meetings
- Wednesday, October 21:
 - Reinventing Government Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, October 22:
 - Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 130

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, October 26 – Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, October 29 – Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Oak Park Township, 105 S. Oak Park
- Thursday, November 5 - Village Board Budget Study Session, 7 p.m., room 101
- Wednesday, November 18 – Village Tri-Board Meeting, 7 p.m., OPRFHS

Races to close streets temporarily – The Park District's annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races will bring street closures along the route from about 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, including along Lake and Division streets. Traffic on other streets within the race route also may experience delays. Residents have been encouraged to review the course map at www.flwraces.com and allow for extra travel time during race hours. The event, now in its 39th year, will feature a 5K run/walk, 10K run and youth mile for ages 7 to 14. Anyone interested in helping with this community event is invited to volunteer at www.flw-races.com/volunteering.

Fall leaf collection begins next week – The annual fall leaf collection program gets underway next week and continues through Dec. 3. Seven pickups are planned in each of four sections of the Village. Residents are being reminded not to rake their leaves into the street until the day before the scheduled pickup dates in each section, since they can create traffic issues. Placing leaves on the parkway until the night before the next scheduled pickup is allowed. More information, including a map of the pick-up schedule, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Lake & Forest project update – The tower crane is set to begin coming down on Monday and will take about a week as it is dismantled in sections. Lake Street will be reduced to one traffic lane each way, with no parking on the south side near the site and no dedicated turn lane onto Forest Avenue. The valet parking stand will move east to near Calvary Church. The turn lane will remain blocked for up to six weeks as the streetscape installation begins once the crane is removed. The streetscape project includes installing new curbs, sidewalks, light fixtures and other related items. In the meantime, a test curb has been poured near the site to help determine if the new concrete curbs can be tinted to capture the Marion Street palette at a cost lower than granite. The test curb, which is located near the project site on Forest just north of the green alley, should be ready for viewing by Tuesday. The developer is scheduled to begin installing curbs around the site on Oct. 26.

Zoning review public meeting set – A public meeting to share details on [the effort underway to revise the Village's zoning rules and regulations](#) has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Tues., Nov. 10, in the auditorium of Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. A presentation by [Camiros Ltd.](#), the Chicago-based planning and zoning firm leading the zoning project, will highlight key elements and issues of the process to date, and gather public input. A copy of the technical review report prepared for the Village will be available for download at [oakparkingzoning](#) prior to the meeting.

Capital improvements update – Microsurfacing is expected to be completed by the end of the week, barring any weather delays. Resurfacing is now complete on Woodbine Avenue, Columbian Avenue and Adams Street. All other streets being repaved were expected to be completed by the end of the week in time for the beginning of the leaf-pickup program on Monday. In the meantime, survey crews are on Madison Street and in the alleys as plans for 2016 are readied.

Nicor construction update – Nicor continued replacing gas mains in four areas of the Village. Work occurred this week on Ontario Street from Forest Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue. Residents were notified by mail prior to the work beginning. Engineering Division staff is corresponding regularly with Nicor to help maintain coordination between various projects underway in the community.

Public Works Activities – Streets Division personnel are gearing up for their roles in the annual fall leaf collection program that begins next week. Crews also inspected the routes of Sunday's annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races to identify and correct any potential hazards that could affect runners' safety. Streets crews repaired bluestone on Marion Street downtown, as well as weeded and picked up litter in the business districts, near the viaducts and in public parking lots. Routine tasks also continued, including filling potholes and repairing pavement where water line leaks were fixed. A water main break at 1028 Augusta St., a sinkhole at Flournoy and Lombard avenues, a sewer frame at 720 Lake St. and a [b-box](#) at 216 Flournoy Ave. were repaired. Forestry crews focused on routine tasks including responding to resident requests, removing hazardous trees, picking up brush and removing stumps.

Employee News – The Village's new Chief Building Official, Steve Cutaia, will assume his duties Monday. He is a Master Code Professional and Certified Building Official and also has a master's degree in business and public administration. Steve comes

to Oak Park from Prospect Heights where he was public works director after being assistant director of the Building & Zoning Department. His other experience includes serving as building administrator for Park Ridge and a plans examiner for Glenview and Round Lake Beach. In addition to overseeing building permit activity for Oak Park, Cutaia will play a key role in the implementation of *CityView*, the Village's new software solution for permitting, licensing and inspection services. An open house for contractors, architects, Village employees and others who interact with the Permit Processing Division to meet Steve is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m., Mon., Oct. 26, in Room 101. Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule and Water & Sewer Superintendent Darrell King attended their first year of the [Illinois Public Service Institute \(IPSI\)](#) in Effingham. IPSI is a three-year training program that addresses the challenges faced by public service professionals representing communities of all sizes. The IPSI course is divided into three, one-week sessions that focus on leadership development, service excellence and personal supervisory skills.

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