



**Village Manager's Report
The Week Ending October 7, 2016**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, October 10:
 - Village Board Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., room 101
- Tuesday, October 11:
 - No scheduled meetings
- Wednesday, October 12:
 - Farmers Market Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
- Thursday, October 13:
 - Arts Council Board Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Zoning Code Public Meeting, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. room 201
- Friday, October 14:
 - No scheduled meetings

Fire Department open house Saturday – The Oak Park Fire Department will host an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., Sat., Oct. 8 at the main fire station as part of *Fire Safety Month*. Oak Parkers of all ages can get up close to the equipment and talk to the firefighter/paramedics that help keep the community safe during the event, which will include tours, safety presentations, refreshments and safety handouts. [More information on the Fire Department is posted on the Village website.](#)

Township to register voters at Farmers' Market – A representative from [Oak Park Township](#) will offer voter registration from 10 a.m. to noon on Sat., Oct. 8 at the [Oak Park Farmers' Market](#). Two forms of identification are required, including one that shows a current address. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, state identification card, mortgage or lease documents, and utility bills. The Township also offers voter registration at its administrative offices as does the Village Clerk at Village Hall during regular business hours. More information on the 2016 Election is [posted on the Village website.](#)

Award nomination deadline nears – Fri., Oct. 14 is the deadline to nominate organizations, individuals and businesses for awards recognizing efforts to improve the Village through historic preservation, sustainability and accessibility. The awards will be presented in December. More information is [posted on the Village website.](#)

Parking space signs begin to arrive – The first of several electronic signs displaying the number of available parking spaces in public parking garages was recently installed on North Boulevard outside the Avenue Parking Garage. Over the next three weeks, additional signs are scheduled to be installed in multiple locations in the vicinity of the Holley Court, Lake & Forest and Avenue parking garages.

Fire Department report – September saw an increase in calls for emergency medical services and a slight decrease in fire and general service calls. The department remains on pace for about 6,600 calls for service in 2016, which would be just below last year's record number. The 342 EMS calls in September represented about 65 percent of the monthly total, followed by 83 general service calls (16 percent), 40 alarm-initiated calls (8 percent), 34 good-intent calls (6 percent) and 28 fire/hazardous conditions calls (5 percent). Firefighter/paramedics made contact with 325 patients in September, transporting 307 to a medical facility. Of those transported 127 required advanced life support services. The department responded to three structure fires in September, but only one was in Oak Park – an oven fire that was contained to the appliance and resulted mostly in smoke damage. However, the department responded to a three-alarm fire in Cicero and a minor roof fire in River Forest as part of our mutual support agreements. Fire Prevention Bureau personnel have now approved the fire protection systems through the 20th floor of the new Vantage Oak Park Development at Lake Street, with approvals being necessary for occupancy. Personnel also met with a representative of Elevate Oak Park on Lake Street to discuss fire protection plans, as well as inspect the construction site.

Downtown construction updates – Temporary concrete was poured to restore a dip in the pavement at the North Boulevard bus stop between Marion Street and Harlem Avenue. Excavation continued on the south side of South Boulevard to make way for an expanded decorative sidewalk and outdoor dining area. Street lighting work is scheduled to begin this week on South Boulevard and continue through mid-November.

Chicago Avenue resurfacing – Work continued to focus on curbs and sidewalk crossings in preparation for repaving Chicago Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard. Concrete curb and sidewalk crossings were removed and replaced on the north corners of Chicago and Ridgeland and the northeast corner of Chicago and Oak Park. Pavement milling was scheduled to begin Friday, Oct. 7 starting at Austin and progress from east to west. Engineering staff continues to coordinate with crossing guards to ensure safe walking routes to schools are maintained.

Village Hall garage repairs – Concrete was poured on the east driveway entrance, which was scheduled to reopen Friday, Oct. 7 prior to the removal of the west driveway entrance. The bridge from the parking lot to the south entrance remains open with minimal impact to customers while the structural concrete continues to cure above the Police Department parking garage prior to waterproof membrane installation. The Lombard Avenue entrance remains open for public access and persons with disabilities.

Water/sewer main replacement – Water and sewer main replacement work continued on the south side of the intersection at Madison Street and Highland Avenue. Once completed, sewer lines will be replaced on the 500 block of Highland Avenue before progressing to the 600 block.

Resurfacing projects move forward - The final resurfacing project of the year continued this week with concrete removals on Harrison from East to Ridgeland and on Wisconsin south of Madison. Pavement milling occurred on North Boulevard from Euclid to East. Leveling binder and frame adjustments occurred on Wesley from Van Buren to Jackson, Cuyler from Randolph to Pleasant, Grove just south of Ontario, Erie from Kenilworth to Grove, Elmwood from Erie to Superior, Forest from Chicago to Augusta, Linden from Division to Berkshire, Grove from Berkshire to Le Moyne, and Elmwood from Le Moyne to North Avenue. The final resurfacing layer was paved on Clarence from Jackson to Adams.

Miscellaneous construction projects – Work continued this week on the pedestrian crossing signal at Chicago and Harvey avenues and the bicycle parking facilities on Harrison Street, North Boulevard at Forest Avenue and Oak Park Avenue at Garfield Street.

Open enrollment activities begin – The Human Resources Department is offering four educational sessions for Village employees and their spouses this week in preparation for the upcoming open enrollment period. The sessions will offer an overview of health, dental, vision, flex and life insurance offerings. This year's open enrollment period runs from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11.

Employee news – Village Attorney Paul Stephanides was elected Regional Vice President of the [International Municipal Lawyers Association \(IMLA\)](#) at its 81st annual conference held last week in San Diego. In his capacity as regional vice president, Paul will represent IMLA members in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The IMLA is a non-profit, professional organization with more than 2,500 members across the United States and Canada. The organization provides continuing legal education, advocacy for municipalities in various courts and other services to its members. Meanwhile, Assistant Village Engineer Byron Kutz was selected through a competitive application process by the [American Public Works Association](#) to attend the organization's Emerging Leaders Academy. A year-long national program, the Emerging Leaders Academy provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. It encourages professional growth through a strong network of peers and offers an in-depth introduction to APWA at the national, chapter and branch levels. Lastly, Village Manager Cara Pavlicek and Deputy Village Manager Lisa Shelley both received 25 year service awards last month from the [International City-County Management Association](#) in recognition their full time public service to local government.