



## Village Manager's Report Week ending July 20, 2018

### Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 30:
  - Village Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, room 201
- Tuesday, July 31:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Aug. 1:
  - Madison Street Coalition, 2 p.m., room 101
  - Citizen Involvement Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
  - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, room 201
- Thursday, Aug. 2:
  - Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, room 201
- Friday, Aug. 3:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Mosquito abatement district spraying** – The [Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District](#) sprayed in Oak Park late Thursday night (July 26). The program is part of the district's efforts to reduce the number of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus within its 77-square-mile jurisdiction. Village staff alerted residents to the district's plans to spray via various communications tools, including the website and social media. In addition, the 83 residents who registered via the [Rapid Notify alert system](#) were contacted by their preferred method of email, text or telephone. District personnel typically spray at least once each season in Oak Park. Last year, the district sprayed once, but not until mid-August. [West Nile virus](#) has been found in birds and mosquitoes throughout Illinois, including Oak Park. Two human cases have been confirmed in Illinois, one in Cook County and one in Will County.

**New School Resource Officers** – Officer Eric Locke has been assigned to Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School and Officer Anthony Harvey has been assigned to Oak Park and River Forest High School as Resource Officers for the 2018/2019 school year. They join Percy Julian Middle School Resource Officer William Dunn in helping ensure a safe, secure school environment by providing a reliable, friendly presence in the hallways each day. Officer Locke has been with the Oak Park Police Department since 2002 and Officer Harvey since 2013. When school is out for the summer, the Resource Officers are assigned to the parks and activities involving juveniles. Oak Park has had a Resource Officer at the high school for nearly two decades, an initiative that was expanded to the middle schools in 2007.

**Police basketball camp** – Nearly 80 boys and girls ages 8 to 14 took part in the annual Oak Park Police Youth Basketball Camp held this week at Brooks Middle School. Nine members of the Police Department, including several resident beat and school resource officers, helped run the camp, which featured one-on-one and group instruction, team play, full-court games, contests and awards. The long-running summer camp has proven to be an effective tool in building trust between Police and local youth.

**Boulevards project** – The intersection of North Boulevard and Kenilworth Avenue is scheduled to be re-opened next week as installation of water and sewer mains along North Boulevard between Forest and Kenilworth avenues continues. Connections to properties will be made for both sewer and water services once the entire new system has been installed. North Boulevard remains closed to through traffic between Forest and Kenilworth avenues, but is accommodating two-way local traffic. Traffic is being detoured around the construction site via Lake Street and arrangements have been made to accommodate affected parking permit holders' vehicles in the Holley Court Garage. Periodic notifications and project schedule changes are posted online at [www.oak-park.us/boulevards](http://www.oak-park.us/boulevards).

**Sidewalk replacement** – The annual sidewalk replacement program began this week in southwest Oak Park. The goal is to complete all work prior to the start of school. Crews are focusing first on sidewalk squares with larger trip hazards.

**Street resurfacing and repairs** – Pavement milling began this week on streets north of Lake Street scheduled to be repaved during the first round of projects. Concrete repairs and sidewalk corner upgrades are substantially complete and all streets included in this round should be paved in the next few weeks. The season's second and final round of resurfacing also is expected to begin within a few weeks. This round will include 11 blocks of roadway and four off-street parking lots. In the meantime, microsurfacing, crack filling and pavement patching is scheduled to begin next week, with more than four miles of local streets included in the routine maintenance work.

**Alley improvements** – Pavement removal continued in the alley located between Euclid and Linden avenues and south of Greenfield Street. Eighteen alleys have been completed so far this season and 51 residents within the boundaries of the alley projects have elected to have their private garage aprons replaced as their alleys are reconstructed. All alley projects remain on schedule to be completed by mid-September.

**Miscellaneous construction updates** – Water and sewer connections to the Albion development project at Forest Avenue and Lake Street were expected to wrap up this week, after reducing traffic to one lane during construction hours. The tower crane has been erected and vertical construction is beginning. Work on a new cul-de-sac has been substantially completed on Maple Avenue as part of the Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency room project. The hospital's contractor has some remaining punch-list work to be completed over the next few weeks. Landscaping on the Euclid Avenue side of District House at Lake Street was completed this week and crews will begin removing the old sidewalk on Lake Street next week to make way for the new one. The eastbound lane of South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion

Street along the frontage of the Lincoln development remains closed as construction continues.

**Public Works Activities** – Forestry Division crews were out on Saturday (July 21) after a large limb fell from a tree on private property and blocked the northbound lane of the 200 block of North Oak Park Avenue. Forestry Division crews also began tagging trees for fall planting. Streets Division crews cleaned and weeded various business districts, with particular focus on Madison Street. Crews also restored sections of three streets where water line repairs had been made and opened sections on three other streets for water and sewer repairs. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a water main break and a fire hydrant damaged in a vehicle accident at Lake Street and Scoville Avenue. Crews also repaired a leaking hydrant at 726 S. Cuyler Ave., replaced a four-inch valve at 515 N. Austin Blvd., upgraded water services 1208 N. East Ave. and 805 Clinton Ave. as part of the lead abatement program, and repaired sewer laterals at 445 Harrison St., 443 Greenfield St. and 824 S. Lombard Ave.

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