



Village Manager's Report
Week ending December 14, 2018

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Dec. 17:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, Dec. 18:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, Dec. 19:
 - Community Relations Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Housing Programs Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., room 215
- Thursday, Dec. 20:
 - Building Codes Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., room 215
- Friday, Dec. 21:
 - No meetings scheduled

North Avenue revitalization update – Representatives of the [Urban Land Institute Chicago \(ULI\)](#) conducted a two-day technical assistance panel this week as part of the North Avenue economic development and revitalization project now underway. The institute, one of the oldest district councils in the country, was engaged by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and The North Avenue District to evaluate redevelopment opportunities along North Avenue and to recommend strategies to enhance the corridor's development potential. After meeting key stakeholders from the City Of Chicago, Village of Oak Park and The North Avenue District organization, the Institute's panel of experts toured the corridor, held roundtable discussions and provided feedback. CMAP will use the ULI's feedback to help develop recommendations, which are expected in early 2019. Information on the overall North Avenue project is posted at www.cmap.is/northave.

Community awards presented – More than 60 individuals, organizations and businesses were recognized at the annual community awards ceremony this week at Village Hall. Eight Preservation Awards were presented by the Historic Preservation Commission and seven Green Awards were distributed by the Environment & Energy Commission. The two commissions also presented a joint award for a project that combined preservation with environmental sustainability. The Disability Access Commission presented three Disability Access Awards for efforts to ensure accessibility for patrons with disabilities and their families. In addition, the Community Design Commission's Cavalcade of Pride awards were presented for 21 properties whose owners had done an exceptional job of maintaining and improving the exteriors of their homes and businesses. More on the ceremony, including a

complete list of award winners and links to photos and the event video, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Miscellaneous project updates – South Boulevard between Harlem Avenue and Marion Street along the [Eleven33](#) development site could soon reopen to traffic as work on the brick roadway is now anticipated to wrap up by Sat., Dec. 22. Contractors estimate another 15 to 20 days are required to complete installation of the bluestone sidewalks and have set a Jan. 14 target for the work to be completed. Product delivery is the last remaining major obstacle to the substantial completion of the streetscape for the [District House development](#) on Lake Street at Euclid Avenue. The granite planters are expected to arrive on site next week, streetlight poles are scheduled to ship and the refuse receptacles and bench are on order. Other remaining tasks include installing bike racks and the plant watering system as well as paving portions of the adjacent streets. Meanwhile, restoration continued on the alley and Forest Avenue by the [Albion development](#) on Lake Street where excavations were required to connect utility services to the new building. Electrical work also continued on Maple Avenue for the [Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency room expansion](#). The areas along Berkshire Street between Grove and Linden avenues affected by a major sewer project were cleaned up for the season, with plans to return in the spring to install new pavement.

Public Works Activities –Streets Division crews focused on routine seasonal tasks, including filling potholes, patching pavement where water valve repairs had occurred and picking up litter throughout the community. Crews also replaced two bike racks at North and Fair Oaks avenues, repaired a small area of damaged bluestone on Westgate Street and installed new parking pay station signs. Street Lighting Division crews installed several light poles damaged in recent vehicle accidents. Water & Sewer Division crews repaired a fire hydrant at Pleasant Street and Clinton Avenue, replaced a fire hydrant at Austin and Washington boulevards, fixed a water main break at Lake Street and Lombard Avenue and repaired a sewer line at 421 S. Lombard Ave. In addition to removing watering bags from young trees for the season and responding to resident requests, Forestry personnel also attended the annual conference of the [Illinois Arborist Association](#) held this year in Tinley Park. Along with offering an opportunity to learn about the latest advancements in urban tree care, the trade show and educational event also allows staff to earn credits required for a range of professional certifications.

Employee news – Fleet Superintendent Ken Crowley was among the [Green Award winners](#) honored this week by the Environment & Energy Commission for their work toward creating a sustainable future. Ken was recognized for his leadership in adding vehicles powered by electricity, hybrid engines and alternative fuel to the Village fleet of more than 250 municipal vehicles. The award also recognized his advocacy for expanding the use of B20 biodiesel, an economical and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional fuels that is made from vegetable oils and animal fats that otherwise would be waste products. B20 is now used in all 70-plus diesel vehicles in the Public Works Department fleet, including fire engines and snow plows. Thanks to Ken's passion and desire to improve the community where he lives and works, our municipal fleet is helping reduce particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydro carbons created by vehicle emissions.

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