



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending July 19, 2019**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, July 22:
 - Executive Session 6:30 p.m., room 130
 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
 - Transportation Commission, 7 p.m., room 101

- Tuesday, July 23:
 - Board of Health, 7 p.m., room 102
 - Liquor Control Review Board, 7:30 p.m., room 124

- Wednesday, July 24:
 - Community Design Commission, 7 p.m., room 101
 - Disability Access Commission, 7 p.m., Main Library, 834 Lake St.
 - Historic Preservation Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m., room 215

- Thursday, July 25:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Friday, July 26:
 - No meetings scheduled

Vehicle license sales update – As the *stickerless* vehicle license renewal period came to a close this week, 20,318 licenses had been sold, 86 more than during the same period last year. Online renewals remained the preferred method of purchases, comprising about 62 percent of all sales. Some 1,022 more renewals were completed in the new online system this season, a four percent increase from 2018. Owners can continue to purchase 2019-2020 vehicle licenses online and in person at Village Hall, but must pay an additional \$20. Failure to purchase a current vehicle license also may result in a \$78 citation.

Plan Commission docket – The Plan Commission is set to review a request for an amendment to the Zoning Code to allow a small, high-end specialty vehicle dealership to open in a long-vacant space at 7 Lake St. Fully enclosed vehicle dealership already are a permitted use within the Downtown, Madison Street, Roosevelt Road and North Avenue business districts, but not in Neighborhood Commercial Districts such as the proposed dealership site. The recommendation is to expand the vehicle dealership use to neighborhood districts, but only for “small” dealerships, which will be defined in the code text. Also on Aug. 2, the Plan Commission will review a Zoning Code text amendment and special use permit

application to allow an existing school to expand at 6300 Roosevelt Road. Plan Commission recommendations will come to the Village Board for consideration.

Downtown construction update – The overnight work on Lake Street and Forest Avenue has been completed. Forest Avenue north of Lake Street will be closed at least into next week to allow ComEd to complete underground work related to the Albion development project. AT&T will be back on Lake Street once Forest is reopened, most likely the week of July 29. The AT&T work will require closing the east bound lane of Lake Street for about four days. Traffic will be detoured west on Ontario Street and then south on Marion Street during the daytime work hours, but both lanes of Lake Street will be reopened at the end of each work day. Roadway patching and restoration of Lake Street will follow in the coming weeks.

Village Hall parking lot update – The waterproofing membrane was installed this week on the roof of the Police garage under the Village Hall parking lot. At least another three weeks will be required to finish the plaza and return the entire lot to service.

Madison Street update – The majority of concrete work east of Oak Park Avenue has been completed as have the medians and pedestrian refuges within them. Connecting the median irrigation systems to the water main also have begun, but should not affect service to any nearby properties. Concrete work began this week west of Oak Park Avenue and should be completed within about three weeks. Traffic west of Oak Park Avenue will be shifted to one lane in each direction. The night time sewer lining was expected to wrap up by the end of this week. Contractors are optimistic that the pavement leveling binder will be installed between East Avenue and Austin Boulevard prior to the start of school in late August. Construction updates continue to be distributed via email and posted on the dedicated project website www.madisonstreetconstruction.com.

I-290 spot repairs – The Illinois Department of Transportation is gearing up to make spot repairs on various state-maintained expressway routes, including I-290 between Austin Boulevard and Harlem Avenue. Work will be performed during the night to minimize traffic disruption and should be completed in September.

Street resurfacing has begun – Local street resurfacing projects began with the underground utilities for the traffic calming projects on Taylor and Lombard avenues between LeMoyne Parkway and North Avenue. Reconstruction of Wisconsin Avenue between Harrison and Adams streets and Marion Street between Ontario Street and Chicago Avenue will follow. The final phase will include resurfacing portions of Clarence Avenue, Randolph Street and Iowa Street, which should be completed in September. Work includes improving sidewalks and crossing ramps to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Miscellaneous construction updates – Clarence Avenue remained closed this week between Roosevelt Road and Harvard Street, as the sewer project moves toward a fall completion. Maple Avenue near Oak Park Hospital has been paved as part of the hospital expansion project. Sidewalk corners and installation of the bus shelter are the only remaining tasks associated with the South Boulevard streetscape

improvements project between Marion Street and Harlem Avenue, which should be completed by early next month.

Employee news – The Development Customer Services Department recently welcomed two new executive secretaries, Alana Devine Porfirio and Kathleen Jacob. Alana comes to the Village after several years working in condominium property management. She has a MBA from the University of Illinois Chicago and an extensive background in customer service. Kathleen, a longtime Oak Park resident, brings 13 years of experience as an office manager at a private office and tax firm. As members of the DCS team, Alana and Kathleen will provide administrative support to all divisions, including Parking, Planning, Neighborhood Services and Permits Processing.

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