



**Village Manager's Report**  
**Week ending July 24, 2020**

**Meetings scheduled for next week:**

- Monday, July 27:
  - Village Board Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., remote via GoToMeeting
- Tuesday, July 28:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, July 29:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, July 30:
  - No meetings scheduled
- Friday, July 31:
  - No meetings scheduled

**Madison Street project sells out** – All of the townhomes in the Lexington Reserve at Oak Park development at 932-958 Madison St. have sold, even the two with work remaining. The project consists of 21 homes on six grouped foundations. All foundations have been poured and the last two remaining buildings are being framed. The developer anticipates the final home delivery will occur no later than February 2021. The property, which was the former District 97 headquarters and Robinson Ribs restaurant, is estimated to generate about \$77,400 annually in property taxes for the Village. The developer also donated \$210,000 to the affordable housing fund.

**Storm damage** – The Public Works Department reports that the storms that moved through the area on Sunday (July 19) brought down tree limbs and debris at about 10 locations. Forestry staff responded and quickly opened all affected streets. With the help of a contractor, all of the remaining debris had been cleared by Monday afternoon.

**Farmers' Market update** – With eight of the season's planned 23 markets now completed, staff reports that Farmers' Market operations are continuing to improve as both staff and customer experience increases with the structure required by the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers have been critical, with an average of 14 volunteers signing up each week, a reported increase over past seasons. The online ordering feature continues to be popular, with the maximum 96 pickup slots routinely selling out. On a product note, sweet corn now is among the fresh produce offerings.

**Lake Street progress** – Marion Street is expected to remain closed to all vehicle traffic through the end of next week as crews rebuild the Lake Street intersection with brick pavers and decorative concrete crosswalks. Allowances for local business pickups, access to parking and well-marked traffic detours are in place. Bluestone sidewalk is going in on the south side of Lake Street from Maple to Marion, and then workers will move east to Forest Avenue. The asphalt leveling layer and structural adjustments on Lake Street east of Euclid Avenue were scheduled to be completed this week, with the final surface and markings expected to be finished by the end of July. Landscaping will follow in the fall as weather permits. The project field office remains closed due to the pandemic, but questions may be sent via email to [info@betterlakestreet.com](mailto:info@betterlakestreet.com). More detailed information is updated regularly at [www.betterlakestreet.com](http://www.betterlakestreet.com).

**Fiber optic ring status** – Crews began connecting Holmes School to the Village infrastructure by Holley Court, and then shifted focus to the segment between Hatch and Whittier Schools. The conduit is being installed using directional boring on Village parkway and in alleys. Crews will splice together the installed conduits before beginning restoration of disturbed parkways. Residents along the proposed fiber path are being notified in advance when work will pass through their area and of any potential construction or parking impacts.

**Miscellaneous construction activity** -- Joint repairs at the north and south abutments of the East Avenue bridge over the expressway and patching of the southbound roadway was expected to wrap up this week and then move to the northbound side. The Chicago paving project on Austin Boulevard from Lake Street to Iowa Street was completed this week, with traffic markings expected to follow soon. The start of a Chicago water and sewer project just north of Lake Street was postponed until next week. The project is expected to close Austin Boulevard between Lake Street and Chicago Avenue for more than a week, detouring traffic to Central Avenue via Madison Street and Chicago Avenue. The Village water main project began this week on Austin by the West Suburban Medical Center, but will be suspended until the Chicago water and sewer project is completed to prevent any potential interference between the two projects.

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