



Village Manager's Report
Week ending June 18, 2021

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, June 21:
 - Village Board Executive Session, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

- Tuesday, June 22:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Wednesday, June 23:
 - Architectural Review Committee of the Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., via Zoom

- Thursday, June 24:
 - No meetings scheduled

- Friday, June 25:
 - No meetings scheduled

Juneteenth celebration is tomorrow – Residents are invited to join in Oak Park's celebration of Juneteenth tomorrow, Sat., June 19. The celebration will include a car caravan that is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at Taylor Park, loop the Village and return to the park for a community picnic at 4 p.m. The caravan will proceed east along Division Street to Austin Boulevard, south to Madison Street, then north on Oak Park Avenue returning to Taylor Park via Division Street - [click here to see a route map](#). Portions of Division Street, Austin Boulevard, Madison Street and Oak Park Avenue will be temporarily closed to traffic during the caravan. More details are posted on the Village website - [click here to view](#).

Ridgeland bridge closure – The Ridgeland Avenue bridge over I-290 will be fully closed for repairs for about three days beginning late next week. The current schedule calls for closing the bridge to all traffic from 10 a.m., Fri., June 25, through end of the workday Mon., June 28. The repairs are routine, but will disrupt traffic flow along this important north-south roadway across the community. During the work, vehicle traffic will be detoured to Central Avenue via Madison Street and Roosevelt Road.

Farmers' Market update – With restrictions lifted on outdoor activities, plans are underway for the return of bake sales and special events to the Oak Park Farmers' Market. Both popular activities were suspended last year due to the pandemic. Applications are being accepted via email to farmersmarket@oak-park.us from not-for-profit organizations wishing to host a back sale. Details about are still being

worked out to determine how best to manage special events in ways that will be exciting, but also safe. In other Farmers' Market news, the Township has resumed its transportation service to and from the market, while still following social distancing protocols.

Oak Park Avenue improvements – The water and sewer main work in the Madison Street intersection should wrap up by the end of next week. Meanwhile, crews have begun replacing crossing ramps, sidewalks and curbs in preparation for paving. This work is proceeding south from North Avenue to Roosevelt Road. Concrete and landscape restoration continues on the utility project between Augusta Street and Chicago Avenue, and Randolph and Madison streets. Sewer lining activities between Harvard Street and Roosevelt Road should be completed next week. The entire project, which includes resurfacing from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue, remains on schedule to be completed in November. Construction details and schedules are posted at www.opaveanew.com.

Miscellaneous construction updates – State-managed work related to repaving North Avenue between Harlem and Cicero avenues, and making corner sidewalk crossing ramps ADA compliant on Harlem Avenue from Roosevelt Road to North Avenue continue to progress. The first of two pavement layers has been applied on North Avenue and removal of corner crossing materials has begun on the Oak Park side of Harlem Avenue south of Washington Boulevard. In downtown Oak Park, crews are continuing to address punch-list work related to last year's Lake Street reconstruction project between Harlem and Euclid avenues, including tasks associated with street lighting, traffic signals and landscaping.

Employee news – Christine DuSell has joined the Adjudication Department in the part-time role of Community Services Coordinator. A 25-year resident of Oak Park, Christine has 20-plus years of experience in human resources, including serving as HR director for the University of Chicago Law School.

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