



**Village Manager's Report
Week ending Oct. 22, 2021**

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, Oct. 25:
 - Village Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, Oct. 26:
 - Energy & Environment Commission, 5 p.m., via Zoom
 - Board of Health, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Wednesday, Oct. 27:
 - Community Design Commission, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
 - Housing Programs Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., via Zoom
- Thursday, Oct. 28:
 - Historic Preservation Commission Architectural Review Committee, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, Oct. 29:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Village Manager Reports* heading**

Sustainability website launches – The website for the *Better Homes, Better Planet* sustainability campaign went live this week at www.sustainoakpark.com. The campaign will roll out next week with a news story on the Village website, news release to local media and promotion through social media and [enews](#). The website, which will link property owners to information, financial support and other resources that can help them plan for a more sustainable future, will be the main story in the upcoming issue of the [OP/FYI newsletter](#), which should reach every residential address in the Village the first week of November.

Text 911 now available – The West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center, which provides emergency response services for Oak Park, Forest Park and River Forest, will now accept emergency text messages to 911 from anyone within its service area. Officials caution that texting should only be used when unable to make a 911 voice call. The text option may not be available if roaming and may take longer to reach the dispatch center. A call also is still more effective for current location technology. Texting while driving is against state law as well.

Coronavirus Recovery Grant Program update – The first checks from the Village’s Business and Non-Profit Coronavirus Recovery Grant Program were distributed this week. To date, 19 businesses have been approved for more than \$36,000 and two non-profits have been approved for \$6,000. The grants are reimbursements related to purchases of PPE and installation of safety equipment. Nearly 100 businesses and non-profits have submitted applications for grants funded by American Recue Plan Act funds and applications will continue to be accepted as long as funds remain available. More information about the program, along with a list of recipients to date, is [posted on the Village website](#).

Ridgeland Avenue bridge repair update – The second stage of the bridge repair project over the I-290 Eisenhower expressway continues. Traffic over the expressway remains restricted to one lane in each direction. The two lanes of open traffic currently are diverted to the west side of the roadway, and the east side is closed for repairs. Pedestrian access is limited to the west side of the bridge. The project is on track to be completed by the end of October.

Oak Park Avenue update – Weather delayed parkway topsoil placement, but landscaping was expected to begin this week and continue into next week. Sod will be installed in the coming weeks as material becomes available. Updates on the Oak Park Avenue project continue to be posted at www.opaveanew.com

Resurfacing update – Resurfacing of various streets will begin next week. Signs and parkway tree protection have been installed. The project is expected to be completed by late November. Eight blocks are schedule to be resurfaced in various parts of the community.

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