



Village Manager's Report Week ending June 3, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, June 6:
 - Village Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, June 7:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, June 8:
 - Farmers' Market Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, June 9:
 - Civic Information Systems Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, June 10:
 - No meetings scheduled

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

A Day in Our Village returns – Following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, A Day in Our Village returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 in Scoville Park. This premier community event has long provided an opportunity to showcase the diversity and variety of ways to get involved in community life. More than 120 activity booths representing Oak Park civic, cultural, social service, educational, religious and business organizations will fill the park along with live performances and a food court featuring local restaurants. The A Day in Our Village volunteer committee worked with Village staff to coordinate a [special advertising section in the June 1 edition of the Wednesday Journal](#) previewing the event. More information about the event is also available on the Village website www.oak-park.us/diov2022.

Mobile response van – The Health Department is ramping up to take its mobile response van out in the community to provide a range of public health interventions, including COVID-19 vaccines and testing. The mobile response van will be at A Day in Our Village this Sunday. The van also made recent stops at Thursday Night Out, the Oak Park Farmers' Market and What's Bloomin' on Harrison. The Health Department and Communications Department are working to compile a list of upcoming stops for the van that will be posted on the Village website.

Vehicle license update – More than 4,300 Village vehicle licenses have been sold since going on sale May 1. These sales add up to \$275,364 in revenue to help fund public services. Of the license sales to date, 82 percent were completed via the online payment system. This is the fourth year vehicles licenses have been virtual and a physical window decal has not been required. Every Oak Park resident who owns or leases a motor vehicle is required to purchase a local vehicle license before July 15 to get the lowest rate, which increases by \$20 after the deadline. Parking enforcement officers use license plate recognition technology to ensure compliance.

Zoning Board of Appeals update - The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 1 and acted on several items. A special use petition to operate a reception/banquet facility at 6435 North Ave. received a 5-0 positive recommendation, with conditions. An application submitted by Ira and Nicole Ray for a variance to construct an off-street parking pad at 1001 N. Marion St. was denied in a 5-0 vote. A special use petition to operate a massage service establishment at 1041 Chicago Ave. submitted by Rebecca Ralston received a 5-0 positive recommendation. Lastly, a variance request at 260 Iowa Street was continued to the ZBA's July 6th meeting.

HUD funding announcement – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced it will distribute \$10.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2022 formula grants to communities across the United States for housing and community development activities ranging from affordable housing development to public housing modernization to economic opportunities for people with low and moderate incomes. The Village is slated to receive \$1,553,643 in Community Development Block Grant funding. As always, this federal grant funding will assist the Village in implementing its 2022 Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs. [Click here to view the 2022 Formula Announcement Letter.](#)

Farmers' Market transportation available - Curb-to-curb transportation to and from the Oak Park Farmers' Market is available every Saturday. Patrons can look for the Oak Park Township bus at the Market entrance during Market hours. The wheelchair-accessible bus will transport shoppers to locations within Oak Park and River Forest. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 708.383.4806 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information about the Farmers' Market, visit www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket.

LeMoyne Parkway Sewer Project – The contractor completed sewer installation along LeMoyne Parkway between Elmwood Avenue and Rossell Avenue. Over the next two weeks, the contractor will continue sewer installation towards Edmer Avenue to conclude the scope of sewer work. Currently, a second crew is onsite preparing for the resurfacing of LeMoyne. The new asphalt pavement will occur at a later date and is expected to begin at the intersection of East Avenue and LeMoyne.

2022 Sewer Improvements – Plans are in the works for a series of sewer improvements to begin in mid-July, with all work expected to wrap up in November. The project will take place entirely within the right-of-way at the following locations: Lenox Street from Elmwood Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue, Thomas Street from Grove Avenue to Linden Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue from Lake Street to Ontario Street. The project will include installation of new PVC

sewer mains, drainage structures, roadway restoration, new curb and gutter and sidewalk replacement.

Alley improvements – All concrete work for the annual alley improvement project will be completed later this week. The north-south alley between Clinton and Kenilworth and south of Garfield was fully reopened on Monday. Brick installation should be completed in early June and the entire project should be completed by June 15.

Harlem Avenue Resurfacing – Crews are in the midst of pouring leveling binder along Harlem Avenue between South Boulevard and I-290. Once they complete this stretch they will return to the area between North Avenue and Lake Street to pour the asphalt surface course. Structures that have not been adjusted in these areas will be barricaded for safety purposes.

Pete's construction update – The west lot for the new Pete's Fresh Market has been fenced off and secured. Euclid Avenue still remains accessible. Sink holes were discovered by the Village on Euclid Avenue adjacent to the proposed work done by ComEd crews. This may delay the completion of the ComEd work.

Miscellaneous construction updates – The fencing around the new American House senior living center building at 703 Madison Street has been removed and utility work for the project will begin next week. Excavation for the new building foundation and the underground mechanical/ electrical work at Pleasant and Marion streets are in progress and will continue for the next few weeks.

Employee news – Clarissa Najera joined the Health Department team this week as a COVID-19 epidemiologist. In the new role she will help ensure the Health Department continues to take a data-driven in its COVID-19 response. Clarissa recently worked in clinical administration for a consulting firm. As a graduate student she studied public health and business administration after studying psychology as an undergraduate. In other employee news, Health Director Dr. Theresa Chapple-McGruder is scheduled to speak at the [National Society for Epidemiologic Research](#) conference on June 16. She will discuss using data to help agencies lead with science. Dr. Chapple is the first applied epidemiologist to be asked to present at the conference.