



Village Manager's Report Week ending August 26, 2022

Meetings scheduled for next week:

- Monday, August 29:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Tuesday, August 30:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Wednesday, August 31:
 - No meetings scheduled
- Thursday, September 1:
 - Plan Commission, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, September 2:
 - No meetings scheduled

**COVID-19 Weekly Reports are posted at www.oak-park.us/covid19
just click on the *Status report bulletin* heading**

Police urge safe driving in school zones - With the new school year underway, the [Oak Park Police Department](#) is urging motorists to stay alert - especially when driving in school zones. To protect the many students who typically trek along Oak Park streets to their neighborhood schools, police are stepping up their presence with additional enforcement efforts at key crossings and along walking routes. Messages about safe driving are being shared across the Village's social media channels. The messages include a reminder that motorists need to be focused and avoid distractions like talking on cell phones as well as come to a complete stop at intersections and not block crosswalks.

Vote for the Farmers' Market - From now until Sept. 19, supporters can cast a vote for the Market as part of a \$10,000 grant giveaway organized by the American Farmland Trust and the Farmers Market Coalition. Officials say the grant funding would be used to help continue the smooth operation of the Market. [Click here to cast a vote for the Oak Park Farmers' Market](#). Information about the contest is posted at www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket and being shared on the Village's social media channels. In addition, VOP-TV recently produced a video featuring long-time shoppers sharing their favorite memories of the Market - [click here to view](#).

Prescription drug drop-off box temporarily removed - The prescription drug drop-off program in the Police Department Lobby has been temporarily halted due to a fire at the facility that

processes the discarded items. Residents are being asked to not bring medications to the lobby as the bin has been removed. Anyone looking for a location to dispose of old pharmaceuticals can visit the DEA's website for other disposal locations and for more information – [click here to view](#).

Vehicle license sales update – The Village has sold 16,483 vehicle licenses totaling \$1,101,770 in revenue. This represents a 13-percent drop in sales compared to last year, though residents can still purchase vehicle licenses through the end of the year. The Police Department's Parking Enforcement Officers continue to use license plate recognition technology to ensure compliance. [Click here](#) to view a chart that compares year-end vehicle licenses sales over the past three years with sales through Aug. 19 of this year.

Labor Day traffic enforcement campaign – The Police Department is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the state to stop unbuckled and impaired driving around the Labor Day holiday. The high-visibility *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign is now underway and continues through the early-morning hours of Sept. 6. During this period, law enforcement will be stepping up efforts focused on impaired, unbuckled and distracted drivers. More information about the campaign is posted on the Village website – [click here to view](#).

Oak Park showcased in new promotional video – Visit Oak Park recently produced a promotional video encouraging viewers to “*Meet us in Oak Park.*” The video highlights businesses and attractions in several Oak Park business districts. Businesses, sites and events featured include the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, Lake Theatre, Pedal Oak Park Tour, Purple Sun Arts, Buzz Café, Happy Apply Pie Shop, Bead in Hand, Via Clay, Einnim Candles, Val's Halla Records, Carnivore, Taco Mucho, Anfora Wine Merchants and Kettlestrings Grove. [Click here to view the video](#). In addition to Visit Oak Park using the video through its channels to promote local tourism, the Village also plans to post the video on its social media platforms to help amplify the video's parting message that “*a community that has it all is closer than you think.*”

Sewer improvements - This week the sewer contractor installed new sewer main on Lenox Street while the concrete contractor began work on the second half of the project to repair and replace sidewalk and driveway aprons on Kenilworth Avenue. Crews also began full-depth removals of the roadway along Kenilworth, with asphalt paving set for Aug. 29, weather permitting. Sewer replacement is slated to begin next week on Thomas Street between Grove and Linden avenues.

Street resurfacing project – Construction activity related to the Village's annual street resurfacing project began this week with saw-cutting of concrete, sidewalk and curbs and tree protection and root pruning on Taylor Avenue between Madison Street and Washington Boulevard. Concrete removal and storm structure adjustments will begin next week. Parking passes have been distributed to residents who are unable to access their regular permit parking locations while construction is ongoing.

Pleasant & Marion development – Two full-time flaggers will be onsite directing trucks bringing in precast concrete panels, columns or beams for the next phase of the

construction project at Pleasant and Marion streets. The ComEd work associated with the project has been delayed and the additional traffic control signs ordered for the site have not arrived yet.

Pete's Fresh Market update – Euclid Avenue is set to be fenced off next week as the contractor prepares to start demolition work in the west lot of the property along Madison Street that will house the new Pete's Fresh Market. No parking signs and other traffic control devices will be installed around the fence.

Employee news – Building Inspector Dennis Johnson recently earned his International Code Council (ICC) Residential Building Inspector Certification. The achievement comes after Dennis earned ICC Mechanical Inspector Certification earlier this year as part of ongoing professional development for his role within the Permit Processing Division of the Development Customer Services Department. In other employee news, Village Hall staff members took a break from their busy schedules Wednesday to celebrate the hard work being done within the organization during an employee appreciation cookout. The event featured an employee recognition ceremony highlighting employees who have gone above and beyond in fulfilling the organization's guiding principles and values. [Click here to view photos from the event.](#)