



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2011
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Overweight Truck Restrictions - At the November 1 meeting, the Council requested that staff provide additional information about the truck weight restrictions and enforcement efforts. There are state and local regulations for truck weights that the Village enforces with specially trained police officers. The purpose of these regulations is to minimize damage to streets caused by large vehicles and to reduce the number of trucks traveling through residential neighborhoods.

The Illinois Compiled Statutes govern weight restrictions for all types of vehicles and outlines where such vehicles can travel. Most truck traffic within Downers Grove falls under one of two categories. The first is the standard five-axle semi-truck and trailer, which is allowed a maximum weight of 80,000 pounds. The second would be the five-axle semi dump gravel hauler, which is allowed a maximum of 72,000 pounds. If these weights restrictions are exceeded, the driver has to apply for a permit and pay a permit fee or would be fined. These trucks can travel on any roadway within the Village unless the street has some type of posted weight restriction.

In addition to the state regulations, the Village has enacted more restrictive regulations on certain street segments. On these streets maximum truck weights are set at 5 tons (10,000 pounds) and 6 tons (12,000 pounds). These restrictions were placed on brick street segments and street segments that were experiencing greater than average truck traffic due to the proximity of businesses. Attached is a list of streets within the Village with posted weight restrictions.

The weight restrictions are enforced through random and targeted patrols of specially trained police officers. The laws governing trucks are rather complex and require additional training. In order for a police officer to be certified as a truck enforcement officer, he or she has to attend a 40-hour certification course. The police department currently has a few of our patrol officers certified in overweight truck enforcement.

The random patrols occur as time permits for those officers certified in this area. The officers will monitor truck traffic in their patrol zones and look for indicators that a vehicle is overweight. When they see such a vehicle, they will stop it and weigh it utilizing the department's portable truck scales. The targeted patrols take place when the department assigns these officers to an overweight truck detail or task force with their primary duty being to monitor main thoroughfares for various truck violations.

Currently, one of the two officers assigned to the Traffic Unit is a certified overweight truck officer and he monitors truck traffic during his daily routine. However, due to a reduction of personnel in that unit, this officer spends most of his time conducting traffic enforcement activities in neighborhoods, around schools and in high accident areas.

Overweight Truck Revenue, 2007 to 2011

Year	Permits	Fines	Total
2007	\$24,225	\$42,736	\$66,961
2008	\$20,325	\$43,037	\$63,362
2009	\$15,125	\$31,355	\$46,480
2010	\$16,050	\$16,307	\$32,357
2011 ytd	\$16,825	\$2,227	\$19,052

Revenue from overweight truck permits and fines began to decrease in 2008, when the current economic crisis began. The decline in permit revenue coincided with the decrease in home building and construction activities. Most permits are issued for heavy equipment utilized in construction. The decline in fine revenue was similarly impacted. Although no study has been completed, there has been a significant reduction in overall truck traffic throughout that past several years. This coupled with the fact that the department has reduced the number of officers assigned to the Traffic Unit has led to a reduction in tickets being issued and fines being assessed.

Photo Enforcement for School Zones - At the November 1 Village Council meeting, the Council requested additional information regarding the recent legislation pertaining to photo-enforcement in school zones. There is a bill (HB 3851) currently pending in the Illinois House of Representatives that pertains to automated photo enforcement in school and park zones. The legislation would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code and provides that a governmental agency in cities of over 1,000,000 inhabitants may establish automated speed enforcement systems in designated safety zones (schools/parks). It is anticipated that the bill will be voted on next week during the veto session. The bill was presented due to a large number of vehicle accidents involving school children in school zones in Chicago. At this point in time this bill only applies to Chicago and does not apply to other municipalities. Staff will monitor this legislation and if there are any changes to the bill allowing usage beyond the City of Chicago staff will report the proposed changes out to the Village Council.

Status of BP station at 75th & Lemont - At the November 1 Village Council meeting, the Council requested additional information about the status of the property located at the northwest corner of Lemont Road and 75th Street. The property has been vacant for a few years. In March 2009, the Village Council approved a Special Use for a gas station and car wash. Village Code requires that construction of the improvements commence within one year of the Special Use approval, unless the deadline is extended by the Village Council. The Council has approved two one-year extensions (March 2010 and March 2011). The Special Use will expire in March 2012. Since the Special Use approval, the property owner, BP, has applied for several building permits consistent with the Special Use approval but has not picked up the permits nor started construction. At this point it appears that BP may be amending their development plans for the property which may require additional zoning approvals by the Village Council. Staff continues to monitor the condition of the property and enforce the Village property maintenance code.

Prairie Avenue to be Closed to Traffic

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, Prairie Avenue will be closed from Belmont Road to Pershing Avenue to complete a sanitary sewer connection as part of the Belmont Underpass project. The closure will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Westbound Prairie Avenue traffic will be diverted north on Pershing Avenue to Chicago Avenue.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Belmont Underpass

Work Performed This Week:

- Removal of existing northbound pavement & excavate for aggregate subgrade south of tracks.

- Installation of sanitary sewer on the east side of Belmont Road north of Prairie Avenue.
- Installation of electrical/process piping equipment & paint walls, ceiling and process piping.
- Installation of structural steel for south pedestrian tunnel canopy & south stairwell canopies.
- Placed concrete for sidewalk between retaining wall E & F walls and south platform.
- Miscellaneous electrical work for the pump station and systems integrations.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

- Continued removal of existing northbound pavement & excavate for aggregate subgrade south of tracks.
- Continued installation of sanitary sewer on the east side of Belmont Road north of Prairie Avenue.
- Continued installation of electrical/process piping equipment & paint walls, ceiling and process piping.
- Continued placement of concrete for sidewalk between retaining wall E & F walls and south platform.

Information about the project is provided on the Village's and Metra's web sites.

- Percent Complete: 78%

Lot A (Warren Avenue) Retaining Wall Rehabilitation (P-012-11)

Award Amount: \$86,800.00

Contract Completion Date: November 24, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Approval of contractor's re-submitted shop drawings.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Saw cutting of retaining wall.

Percent Complete: 7%

2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (B) Phase 2

Awarded Amount: \$1,676,260.57

Anticipated Start of Construction: August, 2011

Contract Completion Date: 11/17/11

Work Performed This Week:

- Curb and gutter removal and replacement operations continued in the Coral Berry, Downers Dr, Arrowwood and Buckthorn area.
- Concrete and asphalt driveway replacements continued along Buckthorn, Coral Berry, Downers Drive, Arrowwood.
- Parkway restoration prep continued along Barneswood area, Parrish, Wood / Belle Aire and little on Coral Berry.
- Surface removal and base patching operations completed on Oak Hill Ct, Barneswood, Laurel Ct & Holly Ct.
- Surface course paving completed on remaining part of northbound Pomeroy Rd, all Pomeroy Ct and 35th St and majority of Hickory Ct.
- Some misc concrete sidewalk work completed on Parrish and Wood.
- Storm sewer improvements have begun on 39th St.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

- Misc concrete work remaining should be completed near Parrish and in the Coral Berry area.
- Curb and gutter, etc removal and replacement operations scheduled to continue on Goldenbell 11/5 and next week.
- Concrete work should also progress to Venard north of Barneswood and on 39th St week of 11/7.
- Storm sewer improvements should be completed on 39th St 11/4 or early week of 11/7. Some storm sewer improvements near Barneswood and Saratoga may be completed week of 11/7.

- Surface removal and base patching operations should begin on Coral Berry, Buckthorn, Arrowwood and Downers Dr week of 11/7. Paving operations would follow.
- Parkway restoration prep may continue in the Coral Berry area, with sod placement possibly beginning in the Venard (N) area and progressing south.
- Paving operations may continue Oak Hill Ct and Barneswood area 11/4 or week of 11/7.

Percent Complete 70%

Lacey Creek (Sub D), 39th St., West of Saratoga, SW-075

Review of the draft Drainage Improvement Study report was completed and the consultant is finalizing the design of the roadway improvements along 39th Street. The construction of these improvements is taking place as part of the 2011 Roadway Maintenance Program.

75th St Street Light Removal

Project bid opening is scheduled for October 24th and will be on a future council agenda with construction planned to start this winter.

2nd and Cumnor Stormwater Improvements

Award Amount: \$1,055,141.50

Contract Completion Date: November 4, 2011 (excluding restoration)

Work Completed This Week

Completed 3rd Street and Cumnor Road improvements

Paved pathway

Completed concrete improvements on 2nd St

Began plaza improvements

Work Anticipated Next Week

Complete 2nd St pavement improvements

Continue plaza improvements

Begin site and parkway restoration

- Percent Complete: 85%

Storm Sewer Replacement on Washington Street, Grant to Ogden

Award Amount: \$304,765.00

Estimated Construction Duration: 60 days

Work Completed This Week

Installed pavement base at Washington St and Sheridan Pl

Installed topsoil and sod on Washington St

Work Anticipated Next Week

Install pavement surface at Washington Street and Sheridan Place

Install sod

- Percent Complete: 96%

Prentiss Creek Sub E – Kensington Place

Concept Design Award Amount: \$14,808.00

Concept Design Report completed. A meeting with representatives from the home owners associations was completed on October 18th.

Davis St Storm Sewer

Current Contract Amount: \$438,292.50

Contract Completion Date: November 1, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Began restoring asphalt pavement on Davis and Sterling

Restored sidewalk throughout jobsite
Restored disturbed concrete driveway aprons

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Continue restoring asphalt pavement on Davis and Sterling

Restore disturbed asphalt driveway aprons

Parkway restoration

- Percent Complete: 90%

Lacey Creek (Sub G) Stormwater Improvements - 35th St between Saratoga and Venard

Design underway. Staff is currently reviewing draft report and 50% plan set. Due to expected permitting delays, construction of project has been pushed to 2012.

Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph South Branch

Design/Build contract amount \$387,750.00

A neighborhood meeting was held to discuss preliminary plans with the affected residents. Design modifications are currently being made, based on resident input, in anticipation of upcoming permit submittals. A pre-application site meeting with a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers has been scheduled for next week. A pre-application meeting with DuPage County Staff will be scheduled in the near future.

Green Streets/Sustainable Water Program and Downtown Business District Water Quality Enhancements

Design contract amount \$26,397.80

Bid documents for the pilot project are in the process of being finalized. A contractor will be acquired over the winter so that the project can be constructed as soon as the weather breaks, with vegetative restoration to follow immediately thereafter. Final report drafts have been delivered and have been reviewed for both the Downtown Business District and Green Streets portions of the project.

Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph North Branch

Design/Build contract amount \$298,719.00

Project design continues in preparation for permit submittals. Village Staff is currently weighing options for a design modification.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Street Light Replacement, Concord Square II

Awarded Amount: \$31,930.52

Contract Completion Date: November 18, 2011

Percentage Complete: 100%

All of the street lights have been replaced. All wiring is completed. Restoration was completed this week.

SJN Sub B, Storm Sewer on Pershing Ave

Current Contract Amount: \$364,112.00

Contract Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

2011 Fall Roadway Patching (ST-004D-11)

Council Award Date: September 20, 2011

Award Amount: \$175,000.00
Construction Duration: 15 days
Work Performed This Week:
Completed paving operations.
Work Anticipated Next Week:
No work performed.
Percent Complete: 100%

Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Prospect Avenue Lincoln to Chicago

Final punch list items being completed.

- Percent Complete: 99 %

Washington Street/Sherman Street Stormwater Improvements

Current Contract Amount: \$547,159.12
Contract Completion Date: December 19, 2010
Work Performed This Week:
Project closeout and punch list items
Work Anticipated Next Week:
Project closeout and punch list items
• Percent Complete: 99%

2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (A) Phase 1

Awarded Amount: \$1,832,424.50
Contract Completion Date: 8/5/11
Contract Completion Date For Sod: 9/15/11
Work Performed This Week:
Minor sod punch list work ongoing
Work Anticipated Next Week:
Minor punch list work.

Washington Park Stormwater Improvements

Contract Amount: \$3,055,860.23
Project is Complete. The Park District has accepted the park improvements.
Village working with contractor to internally close out project.
• Percent Complete (per contract): 100%

McCullum Park Stormwater Improvements

Current Contract Amount: \$1,250,204.53
Project is Complete. The Park District has accepted the park improvements.
Village working with contractor to internally close out project.
• Percent Complete (per contract): 100%

2011 Paver Crosswalk Upgrades (S-007-11)

Awarded Amount: \$129,727.50
Contract Completion Date: August 5, 2011
Work started on July 11th.
Work Performed This Week:
Inspection of all 13 crosswalks with the contractor.
Work Planned for Next Week:
Completing contract close-out.

2011 Replacement Sidewalk Program (S-006-11 & S-006-12)

Awarded Amount: \$186,725.00

Contract Completion Date: August 18, 2011

Completing contract close-out.

Maple/BNSF Railroad Grade Reduction

Awarded Amount: \$365,469.28

Contract Completion Date: August 12, 2011

Percentage Complete: 100%

The intersection was completed and opened to traffic Friday, August 19th. All work has been completed, pending minor punchlist work.

2011 New Sidewalk Installation Program

Contract Amount: \$ 248,407.35

Contract Completion Date: August 22, 2011

Completing punch list items and contract close-out.

SJN Sub B, Storm Sewer on Pershing Ave

Current Contract Amount: \$364,112.00

Contract Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

ATTACHMENTS

List of Streets with Weight Restrictions

temporary structure, to serve the needs of traffic during the period of repair or replacement of the damaged highway or highway structure.

(b) Whenever such driver is not the owner of such vehicle, object, or contrivance, but is so operating, driving, or moving the same with the express or implied permission of the owner, then the owner and driver are jointly and severally liable to the extent provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Recovery may be had in a civil action brought by the Village. (Ord. No. 2745, § 2.)

NOTE: For similar state law, see Ill. Comp. Stat., ch. 625, § 5/15-318.

Section 14.164. Ten thousand pound weight limit on certain streets.

Except for vehicles whose point of origin or destination is located within the portions of the streets described herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any automobile, truck or other vehicle having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds on or across any of the following streets or portions thereof:

Barneswood Drive, between the west line of Highland Avenue and the westerly corporate limits.

Cumnor Road, between the south line of Ogden Avenue and the north line of Maple Avenue.

Cumnor Road, between the west driveway of the Downers Plaza shopping center and 39th Street.

Douglas Road, between the south right-of-way line of Ogden Avenue and the north right-of-way line of Grant Avenue.

Florence Avenue, between the south line of Sheldon Avenue and the north line of Maple Avenue.

Grant Street, between the east right-of-way line of Fairview Avenue and the west right-of-way line of Cumnor Road.

Grant Street, between the east line of Belmont Road and the west line of Stonewall Avenue.

Inverness Avenue, between Janes Avenue and Belmont Road.

Knottingham Lane.

Lee Avenue, between the south right-of-way line of Ogden Avenue and the north right-of-way line of Prairie Avenue.

Queens Court.

Saratoga Avenue, between the north line of 35th Street to the south line of Black Oak Drive.

Sheldon Avenue.

Washington Street, between the north line of Ogden Avenue and the south line of 39th Street.

Williams Street, between the north line of Plainfield Road and the south line of 75th Street, except those portions thereof situated outside the corporate limits of the Village.

Williams Street, between the east driveway of the shopping center located at 42 Ogden Avenue and 39th Street.

Wilson Avenue, between the south line of Ogden Avenue and the north line of Chicago Avenue.

Woodward Avenue, between the south line of Ogden Avenue and the north line of Prairie Avenue.

41st Street, from the west right-of-way line of Main Street to the westerly corporate limits. (Ord. No. 1221, § 1; Ord. No. 1224, § 1; Ord. No. 1250, § 1; Ord. No. 1407, § 1; Ord. No. 1727, § 3; Ord. No. 2282, § 3; Ord. No. 2287, § 6; Ord. No. 2351, §§ 1, 4; Ord. No. 2745, § 2; Ord. No. 2823, § 3.) (4208, Amended, 08/01/2000; 4000, Amended, 01/19/1998; 3754, Amended, 06/12/1995)

Section 14.164.1. Twelve thousand pound weight limit on certain streets.

Except for vehicles whose point of origin or destination is located within the portions of the streets described herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any automobile, truck or other vehicle having a gross weight of more than twelve thousand pounds on or across any of the following

streets or portions thereof:

Franklin Street, between Oakwood Avenue and Linscott Avenue, and between Saratoga Avenue and Forest Avenue.

Linscott Avenue, between Chicago Avenue and Franklin Street.

Middaugh Avenue, between Chicago Avenue and Warren Avenue.

Oakwood Avenue, between Chicago Avenue and Warren Avenue.

Prince Street, between Chicago Avenue and Franklin Street.

Saratoga Avenue, between Prairie Avenue and Warren Avenue.

(Ord. No. 2954, § 3.)

Section 14.164.2. Authority to impose load limits and vehicle restrictions on streets.

The Village Manager shall have the power to impose temporarily vehicle load limits on streets or portions thereof. The Village Manager shall have the power to limit temporarily the use of streets or portions thereof to certain types of vehicles and shall post or have posted in conspicuous places signs showing the limitations thus imposed. (Ord. No. 843, § 33; Ord. No. 3263, § 4.)

Section 14.165. Improper display of license plates.

(a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer or truck-tractor shall be attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The registration plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer required to be registered by state law and any apportionment plate issued to a bus shall be attached to the rear thereof. The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor required to be registered under state law shall be attached to the front thereof.

(b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height of not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible. Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to registration plates as required by the Secretary of State of Illinois.

(c) No person shall park, let stand, operate, nor shall an owner knowingly permit to be operated upon any street or designated parking area in the Village a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the termination of the registration period for which such plates or stickers are issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to state law. (Ord. No. 2745, § 54.)

(Ord. 5155, Amended, 10/12/2010)

Section 14.166. No valid registration.

No person shall park, let stand, operate, nor shall an owner knowingly permit to be operated, upon any street or designated parking area in the Village, a vehicle required to be registered in Illinois unless there shall be attached thereto and displayed thereon when and as required by law, a current and valid Illinois registration sticker or stickers and plate or plates, or an Illinois temporary registration permit, or a driveway decal or intransit permit, issued therefor by the Secretary of State. (Ord. No. 2745, § 54.)

(Ord. 5155, Amended, 10/12/2010)

Section 14.167. Drivers must have licenses or permits.