

# **Village of Elmwood Park Infrastructure Projects**

## **A Recap of 2014 and a Look Ahead to Upcoming Construction in 2015**

### **Flood Mitigation Project (FMP) Update**

#### **Storm Sewer and Detention Reservoir Project (Area 2 Project):**

The Area 2 Project was completed last June. Work included the construction of storm sewer with diameters ranging from 8" to 72", as well as 12' x 3' box culverts, concrete junction chambers, catch basins and manholes and water main replacement. The project also included the excavation of a detention reservoir on the Oak Park Country Club property, new sanitary sewer, roadway reconstruction, and all necessary parkway hardscape and landscape restoration. Streets which now have a dedicated storm sewer as a result of this project include:

- 76<sup>th</sup> Ave (Armitage to Palmer)
- Dickens (76<sup>th</sup> Ave to 74<sup>th</sup> Ct)
- 74<sup>th</sup> Ct (Armitage to Dickens)
- Country Club Lane
- Portion of Cortland Parkway

#### **Westwood Area Project (Area 4 Project):**

The Area 4 Project began last May and is approximately 40% complete. Work done last year includes the installation of new water main, storm sewers, ADA compliant crosswalks, and street reconstruction on Barry Ave, Fletcher St, Wellington Ave and Birchdale Ave. Water mains were also installed on Diversey Ave and 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. Due to below average fall weather and industry wide concrete shortages, several of these streets still require additional work to be completed (asphalt surface, miscellaneous concrete, and landscaping). This work is scheduled to begin as soon as the weather allows this spring. Furthermore, extensive sewer and/or water main construction, street reconstruction, asphalt resurfacing, concrete work and landscape restoration still remains to be completed on the following streets:

- Metropole
- Diversey Ave (Sunset to 75<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- 75<sup>th</sup> Ave (Diversey to Schubert)
- Elmgrove Drive
- Sunset Drive
- Schubert Ave (75<sup>th</sup> Ave to 75<sup>th</sup> Ct)
- Cressett Drive
- Oakleaf Ave
- Westwood Ave

A schedule detailing the remaining work will be distributed to the affected residents within the next couple of weeks.

**Storm Sewer Connector (Area 5 Project):**

The Area 5 Project was completed last fall. This phase connected the 84-inch diameter storm sewer which was installed beneath holes 4, 5, and 6 of the Oak Park Country Club as part of Project Area 2 to the storm sewer on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue that was installed as part of the first phase of FMP completed in 2013. The project also included jacking storm sewer underneath Grand Avenue and the Metra railroad tracks as well as installing new storm sewer laterals, water main, ADA crosswalks, and landscape restoration. This project made it possible effectively drain the Westwood subdivision area to the detention basin located in the Oak Park Country Club.

**Thatcher Avenue (Area 6 Project):**

The Area 6 Project includes the construction of dual 36" HDPE forcemains, storm sewers, catch basins and manholes, water main, a new outlet to the Des Plaines River, a floodwall that is approximately 1,425 feet in length, pavement reconstruction with full-depth hot-mix asphalt, and a new curb and gutter and sidewalk. All underground work was completed last October at which time the FMP was fully capable of draining all new storm sewers that have been installed to date. Furthermore, upon completion of the floodwall, remapping of the existing flood plain will take place to the benefit of nearly 50 properties within the Village.

Due to the weather last fall, some minor work remains to be completed. This work includes paving the asphalt surface course, final pavement markings, and installing remaining concrete floodwall caps. All work is expected to be completed this spring.

## **Village Wide Street Improvement Project Update**

Last year, the Village contracted out nearly 10 miles of street rehabilitation to be completed south of Grand Avenue as part of the 2014 Street Improvement Projects. While a great amount of work was completed, an industry wide concrete shortage and below average fall temperatures forced the suspension of work prior to completion of all the streets. As a result, the following streets remain to be completed this year:

- Marwood Ave (77th Ave to 75th Ave)
- Palmer (78th Ave to Harlem)
- 77th Ave (Fullerton to North Ave)
- 76th Ct (Fullerton to Armitage)
- 73rd Ave (Grand to Fullerton)

In addition to these streets, nearly 8 miles of streets north of Grand Avenue will also be rehabilitated this year. These streets will encompass similar construction as the 2014 Street Improvement Projects including replacement of damaged curb, installation of ADA compliant crosswalks, repair or replacement of sewer structures, pavement patching, and asphalt resurfacing. This project will begin in spring 2015 and is anticipated to be completed by November. A letter detailing the proposed streets and construction schedule will be sent out to all affected residents in the near future.