



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: February 19, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF February 15, 2016

FEBRUARY 16 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

The Northbrook Plan Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The Commission considered two draft resolutions concerning Docket No. 15-19, a request by Jacobs Companies, LLC to authorize 72 townhomes on the ten (10) properties commonly known as 1179 to 1275 Shermer Road. The request requires a Zoning Code text amendment to create a new zoning district, as well as a rezoning, special permit and related approvals. The Commission closed the public hearing on this application on February 2, 2016 and asked the staff to prepare two separate resolutions regarding the application: one pertaining to the text amendment to create a new zoning district, and one related to the rezoning, special permit and other related relief to authorize 72 townhomes. The Plan Commission voted as follows on the two resolutions:

- Resolution No. 16-PC-03 (Text Amendment to Create New VGR District) – The Plan Commission discussed the draft VGR zoning district in detail with the staff and then voted 8-1 to recommend approval of the new zoning district with some minor modifications made to the draft district.
- Resolution No. 16-PC-04 (Rezoning, Special Permit and Related Relief for 72 Townhomes) – The Plan Commission voted 5-2 (with two other members abstaining) to recommend approval of the proposed townhome development subject to a series of conditions.

The application is tentatively scheduled to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on March 22.

The next meeting of the Northbrook Plan Commission will be held on March 1. The Plan Commission will be reviewing Docket No. 15-16, involving Techny Parcels EC-2A & EC-2B a planned expansion of The Lodge of Northbrook by Essex, and Docket No. 16-01, involving a special permit for a wall sign at 3455 Woodhead Drive.

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

On Wednesday, February 17, the Youth Commission held their monthly meeting at the Village Hall. The commission spent the majority of the night rehearsing for the 19th Annual Youth Commission Quiz Bowl. The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 25 at 5pm in the Board Room of Village Hall. Eighth graders from Field Middle School, Northbrook Junior High, St. Norbert's, Maple Junior High, Wood Oaks Junior High and Countryside Montessori will be competing for this year coveted plaque and bragging rights. Feel free to stop in for some high-spirited, brain-boosting, friendly, academic competition.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORS LONG TIME RED CENTER DISPATCHER

On Monday, February 15, Northbrook and Red Center staff gathered at Fire Station #12 to honor Barbara Durment who lost her battle with cancer. Durment was a dispatcher for Red Center for over 30 years and is the mother of Jackie Durment who works at the front desk of the Fire Department. Durment's initials were placed on the memorial mural on Northbrook Tower 12.



SALON BURGLARIES

On Monday, February 15, Chief Wernick held a press conference at the Police Department to distribute information and answer questions regarding the recent salon burglaries hitting the Chicagoland area and suburbs. Chief Wernick offered some suggestions that salon owners may wish to consider to enhance security at their establishments, including leaving the interior lights on at night, never leaving cash at the salon overnight, opening cash drawers showing they are unlocked with no cash on site, keeping valuables immediately out of sight and reminding employees to be aware of their surroundings when they leave at night. Recently, over 80 salon burglaries have occurred in more than 30 Chicagoland communities.



A packet was distributed to the press with photographs of the suspects and their vehicle.

WATER MAIN BREAK ON DUNDEE ROAD

On Wednesday, February 17, staff determined there was a water main break located on Dundee Road, east of Waukegan Road, in the westbound lane. The main that was broken is a 24-inch cast iron main. The curb lane of Westbound Dundee Road is closed during the repair. No residents are impacted by the water shut off, which is needed to complete the repair. Work is expected to be completed by Friday evening.



VILLAGE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

This week, the Village's tree trimming contractor continued trimming operations on Woodlawn Road and finished the first half of the Village's tree trimming program. Next week, crews will be continuing west towards Shermer.

COLD TEMPERATURES CHALLENGE FIREFIGHTERS AT GARBAGE TRANSFER STATION FIRE

At 4:00pm on Friday, February 12, the Northbrook Fire and Police Departments responded to the 2700 block of Shermer for a fire inside a building. Upon arrival, crews encountered a fire in the garbage transfer station. Sprinkler systems held the fire in check until hand lines could be used to extinguish it. Crews encountered a frozen fire hydrant requiring them to lay a supply line from the next operational hydrant. Shermer Road was closed for approximately 1 hour while crews worked the scene.



NICOR GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT

With the gas main installation project complete, crews continue to connect services to the new gas main on Colony Court, Grace Road, Marden Court, Western Avenue, Brookside Lane and Pflingsten Road. The landscaping repair crew has also begun to document the areas that require repairs. The documented areas will be repaired as soon as weather permits. Residents with questions on landscaping restoration should contact Nicor at 1-800-730-6114, ext. 4. Residents with questions about the project can contact Nicor at 630-816-5673.

WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE

The Village held an open house for the Wescott Project on Tuesday, February 16. Construction will begin with tree removal today (February 19). Tree removal will be performed in Wescott Park itself and along the south side of Farnsworth Lane between the park and Ellendale Drive. Replacement trees are scheduled for planting this fall.

WEEK OF February 22, 2016

MON.	2/22	1-4pm	MWRD Watershed Meeting – Northbrook Public Library
		7:30 p.m.	ZBA – Cancelled
TUES.	2/23	7:30 a.m.	ICDC – Terrace Room
		6:00 p.m.	“Northbrook Cares”- CRC subcommittee – Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting - Board Room
WED.	2/24	3:30 p.m.	Youth Commission Quiz Bowl Rehearsal – Board Room
THURS.	2/25	5-6:30pm	Youth Commission Quiz Bowl – Board Room
FRI.	2/26		No Meetings