



# MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

**TO:** Staff

**COPY:** Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** February 26, 2016

**SUBJECT:** STAFF BRIEFING

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## WEEK OF February 22, 2016

### INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

On Tuesday, February 23, the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission held its regular monthly meeting. Staff provided the Commission with an update regarding the status of major development projects occurring in the Village. The Commission also discussed its business visitation program as well as discussed potential programs and presentations for the coming year. Some potential ideas the Commission explored included reviewing the current status of the building permit/inspection process, assisting local businesses with attracting employees and improving public transportation access.

### NORTHBROOK CARES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Northbrook Cares Subcommittee of the Community Relations Commission held its first meeting on Tuesday, February 23. At this meeting, the group discussed methods for relaunching the Northbrook Cares project, including holding a social service luncheon in the spring. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 6pm.

### NORTHBROOK CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

At the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Dinner on Monday, February 22, Village President Sandy Frum (pictured left) and Chamber President Tensley Garris (pictured right) along with 220 business and civic leaders enjoyed hearing from keynote speaker MB Financial Bank President and CEO Mark Hoppe, a Northbrook resident. The evening celebrated the Chamber's accomplishments and recognized two prominent Northbrook businesses. For their outstanding philanthropy in the community, First Bank of Highland Park was honored as the *Corporate Citizen of the Year*. Seventy-five of the Bank's 100 employees are officed at the bank's Northbrook headquarters on Skokie Boulevard. Sky Harbor Business Park manufacturer, AmpliVox Sound Systems, received the *Northbrook Business of the Year* award for its growth and product innovations. Northbrook resident Sal Manso, Reebie Storage and Moving, was honored as the Chamber's *Volunteer of the Year*.



#### YOUTH COMMISSION QUIZ BOWL 2016

On Thursday, February 25, eighth graders from Field Middle School, Maple Junior High, Northbrook Junior High, St. Norbert's, Wood Oaks Junior High and Countryside Montessori School gathered in the Board Room for an evening of fun, refreshment and scholastic competition. The team from Northbrook Junior High bested the team from Wood Oaks in the final round to take home the prestigious plaque. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

#### COMMUNITY ALERT-BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Over the past several years, a crew of auto burglars has been very active in the Midwest. Nicknamed the "Felony Lane Gang," this group breaks car windows to steal purses and other valuable items, specifically targeting cars in parking lots of schools, daycare centers, golf courses, parks, and exercise facilities. Often, they use the stolen checks and/or ID's to withdraw funds from the victim's accounts using the bank drive-thru lane furthest away from the building and security cameras (also known as the "Felony Lane") to cash forged checks. The Northbrook Police urge motorists to remove valuables from their vehicles or lock them in the trunk, even if you will only be away from the car for a few minutes. If any suspicious activity is observed, please call 911 immediately. Anyone needing or having any additional information is asked to call 847/664-4181.

#### VILLAGE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

This week, the Village's tree trimming contractor completed work along Somerset, Summerton, Shermer and Techny. Additional tree trimming will occur at the Village's commuter parking lots and near Wood Oaks Park in the near future.

#### NICOR GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT

Nicor continues to connect services to the new gas main. This week, crews connected services on Western Avenue and Center Avenue. Nicor's landscaping repair crew continues 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 STORMWATER PROJECT UPDATE - TREE REMOVAL COMPLETED

This week, the trees within the northern half of Wescott Park were removed in order to prepare for the installation of the stormwater storage chamber. Restoration of Wescott Park will involve planting nearly 70 trees including a variety of shade trees, evergreen trees and flowering trees. In addition, 50 shrubs will be planted in the park to further enhance the landscaping.

This week, Nicor Gas began televising sewers in preparation for relocating gas mains as part of the Wescott Park Stormwater project. The gas main construction is scheduled to begin as early as today (Friday, February 26). New gas mains will be constructed on Farnsworth Lane and Sunnyside Circle.

For additional information on the Wescott Park Stormwater Management Project please visit the project website at: [www.wescottparkproject.com](http://www.wescottparkproject.com).

#### SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE

Crews recently began work in this area to eliminate any utility conflicts with the road resurfacing project. Beginning on February 15, AT&T commenced underground utility work on Shermer Road near Whitehall Drive. Following the completion of AT&T's utility work, Com Ed, Comcast, and Nicor will be working to eliminate all infrastructure conflicts associated with the project.

### SURFACE ICE RESCUE TRAINING

During this past week, Divemaster Bob Gangloff led Northbrook Firefighters through surface ice rescue training to safely conduct water rescue operations on unstable ice. This hands-on training involved live scenarios which required rescuers to adapt to failing ice surfaces and facilitate proficiency with safety procedures, ice rescue equipment, communication and panic-control techniques. The training was conducted at the Underwriters Laboratories property.



### WEEK OF February 29, 2016

<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/29</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting Starts – Board Room through March 14 Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners – Fire Department, Station 11
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
		5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting –Northbrook Library
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission - Board Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission – Northbrook Library
		7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission – Terrace Room
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>
<b>SUN:</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	<b>Early Voting – Board Room, Grace period Registration-Shermer Study</b>