

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** STAFF

**COPY:** VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DEPARTMENT HEADS

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** February 8, 2013

**RE:** STAFF BRIEFING

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, February 5, the Communications and Legislation Committee met to discuss updates to the Village's Electricity Aggregation program, specifically an update to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Northbrook and the seven other communities that make up the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (NSEAC). The Committee also discussed the next rate lock period for the second year of the power supply agreement with MC Squared Energy Services. The IGA updates include: no formal expiration date of the IGA; flexibility for the consortium communities to partner on other initiatives, such as natural gas aggregation should the State pass legislation allowing it; and, flexibility in determining the most appropriate term for price locks. It also allows for continued partnership between the NSEAC and its consultants. The Committee voted to recommend approval by the Board of Trustees at the February 12, 2013 Regular meeting. Staff also presented information regarding some of the factors that affect electricity pricing and some expectations for the next price lock period.

#### NORTHBROOK PLAN COMMISSION

On Tuesday, February 5, the Plan Commission held the second public hearing for Docket No. 13-02 Bright Horizons Daycare, which is located on the southwest corner of Techny and Founders. This is an application requesting special permit approval for a daycare, special permit approval to land bank parking spaces, and a variation to reduce the required number of loading spaces from 1 to 0. The daycare would be located in one of four single-story buildings proposed for a two-phase development on the property.

The Plan Commission raised several concerns during the first public hearing including on-site traffic circulation and parking. The Applicant submitted a revised site design that the Plan Commission found appropriate. The Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution recommending approval of the requested relief. The approval is for a term of 15 years consistent with Bright Horizon's lease and subject to review by the Village of the Bright Horizon's operation after the day care facility's opening to ensure there is no problematic traffic circulation or parking issues. The Commission will consider this resolution at its Tuesday, February 19, meeting.

#### CREATION OF THE ICS DISTRICT – PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNER OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, February 6, the Development & Planning Services Department conducted an open house regarding the proposed Industrial & Commercial Services District (ICS District). Letters were mailed out to all property owners and business owners located within the areas designated as appropriate for the ICS District on the Comprehensive Plan map. Approximately fifteen people attended the open house, where staff presented a summary of the new proposed district as well as the process for creating such a district. The people in attendance found the open house to be informative and appreciated the explanation of the

process. Staff also informed those in attendance that once the new district is adopted as part of the Zoning Code, property owners could then request to have their properties rezoned to the new district.

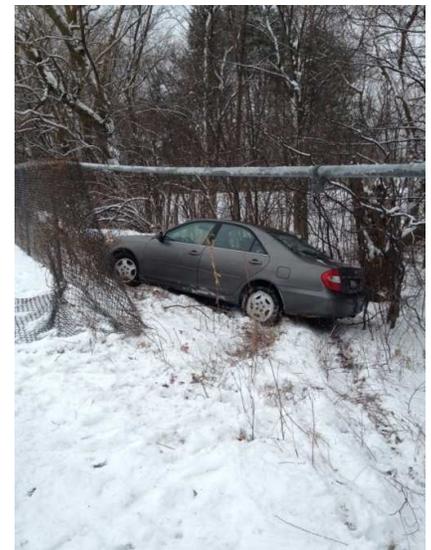
#### FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY

Early Sunday morning the Fire Department responded to the Tri-State Tollway south bound at Lake Cook for a three-vehicle accident. A tow truck, passenger car and taxi were involved in this incident. It appears a flatbed tow truck either slowed or stopped at the split between Tri-state and the Eden's Spur and was struck by a passenger car. It appears that the driver of the tow truck exited his vehicle and went to the passenger side of his truck. A taxicab containing three people struck him. Northbrook units arriving on scene found the driver of passenger vehicle deceased. The driver of tow truck was thrown approximately 40 feet onto the roadway and sustained life-threatening injuries from impact. The three patients in the taxi had complaints of non-life threatening injuries. Patients were transported to Lutheran General Hospital and Highland Park Hospital. The Deerfield and Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Departments assisted Northbrook. State police are investigating. *(Photo courtesy of Tim Olk)*



#### MULTIPLE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Monday morning, February 4, a motorist lost control of her vehicle and slid under a fence on Dundee Road. Additionally, Fire crews responded to a single car motor vehicle accident on the northbound Tri-State Tollway during the early morning snow on Tuesday, February 5. The driver of an automobile lost control of her car and slid into ditch striking a barrier/sound wall. The driver sustained minor, non-life threatening injuries and was transported to local hospital by Ambulance 10 for further evaluation.



#### POLICE ACTIVITY

Detectives are investigating a burglary to a warehouse occurring on Sunday evening, February 3, in the 3000 block of Arnold Lane. Two attempted burglaries are also being investigated; one at a residence in the 1400 block of Daniel Court and the other to a warehouse on Commercial Avenue. The company's commercial van was reported to have the lock mechanism damaged at the warehouse location on Commercial Avenue. These attempted burglaries are suspected of occurring between January 29 and this week.

Police arrested a male subject on Tuesday afternoon for criminal trespass to a vehicle parked at the Park District Sports Complex on Pflugsten Road.

#### AUX PLAINE PIONEER CEMETERY MARKER

Over the last several months, David Schoon and Paul Risinger have worked with the Judy Hughes at Northbrook Historical Society and the developer of the Chase Bank site regarding the installation of a monument identifying the Aux Plaine Pioneer Cemetery located on the northwest corner of Dundee and Saunders Roads. The monument was finally installed this week and reads:

*In the late 1830s, American and European pioneers came to this area to settle on the fertile land nestled between the Des Plaines and Skokie rivers. Here, on this small plot of land, those pioneers laid to rest the men, women and children who were among the founders of our community. Placed by the Village of Northbrook 2012.*

The Historical Society developed the design of the monument and its inscription, the Village paid for the monument, however the site developer has agreed to contribute a portion of the costs towards the monument as well.



### WINTER WEATHER OPERATIONS

The Village experienced a winter weather event that began on the afternoon of Thursday, February 7 that continued into Friday, February 8. An ice control crew came in by 5:00 a.m. on Thursday to salt the roads in response to the morning's freezing rain. The rain turned to snow in the early afternoon and crews began salting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday and transitioned into a full plow at 11:00 p.m. As of early Friday morning, the Village had received approximately 3.25 inches of snow and all streets had been plowed once with crews continuing to salt and clear any snow bonded to pavement throughout the day on Friday.

### STREET LIGHT REPAIR

Earlier this week, crews worked to repair a streetlight on the 2400 block of The Strand. Repairs required excavation of the parkway to locate an eight foot section of wire that had shorted out. Excavation was complicated by the presence of multiple underground utilities, including AT&T and ComEd cables. The photo on the next page depicts the excavated site along with the Village's street light wire and some of the collocated utilities.



**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/11</b>	7:00 p.m.	Rescheduled Arts Commission Meeting - Terrace Room
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>2/12</b>		<b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Ad Hoc Labor Committee - Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Board Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>2/13</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
		9:00 a.m.	Firefighters Pension Fund Board - Shermer Study
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>2/14</b>		<b>Valentine's Day</b>
		5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission - <b>Cancelled Rescheduled to 2-20</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>2/15</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/18</b>		<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>
			<b>Clean up Day - Village Hall Closed to Public</b>