



# MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

**TO:** Staff

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

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** February 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** STAFF BRIEFING

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## Week of February 1, 2016

### NORTHBROOK WELCOMES NEW VILLAGE ENGINEER

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Farmer as the new Village Engineer. Matt is a Licensed Professional Engineer who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Matt comes to Northbrook with over 16 years of experience as a Civil Engineer.



Matt's roots in the Public Works Department of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, working summers in the Street and Sewer Department, helped lay the foundation for his future career. Matt also served as an Engineer Intern for the City of Urbana, Illinois, for two years. In 1999, Matt began working for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) as a Construction Resident Engineer with the Bureau of Project Implementation, where he was responsible for overseeing job sites, and was subsequently promoted to Design Engineer. Most recently Farmer has served as a Project Engineer in the Bureau of Design and Environment for IDOT in Dixon, Illinois.

With an extensive background in infrastructure life-cycle management, Matt will be a valuable asset for the Village of Northbrook. As Village Engineer, Matt will be responsible for overseeing the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. The Engineering Division is responsible for the design and construction of the Village's infrastructure projects, storm water management, and engineering reviews for residential and commercial developments.

Matt Farmer will begin his duties as Northbrook Village Engineer on February 24, 2016. Please join us in welcoming Matt to the Village of Northbrook.

### NORTHBROOK POLICE AND FIRE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF BABY

At 7:00pm, on Wednesday, February 3, Northbrook Fire Units responded to a call for a woman in labor. Upon arrival, Northbrook Police and Fire units assisted with the delivery of the baby at the Northbrook home. Both mother and child were transported in stable condition to a local hospital, with the father not too far behind.

### NORTHBROOK FIRE UNITS RESPOND TO TRUCK FIRE ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY

At 2:00pm, on Tuesday, February 2, Northbrook Fire units responded to a truck fire in a southbound lane on the Tri-State Tollway, near the Willow Road exit. Upon arrival, crews found a semi-truck heavily involved in fire. Crews arrived in time to contain the fire to the tractor. No injuries were reported. Traffic delays lasted approximately two hours until the truck was removed from the scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

(Photos provided by Tim Olk)



### NORTHBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT WINS CHILI COOK-OFF

Northbrook firefighters participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off last weekend, sponsored by the Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook (YSGN), and walked away with first place again. Firefighter Paramedic Steve Luecht (pictured right with his trophy) was awarded first place via a “blind taste test” by the five judges, which included Northbrook Fire Chief Jose Torres. Luecht’s winning recipe, named “Smokey’s Campfire Chili,” also won the People’s Choice Award. The contest pits the five fire stations in Glenview

against the three Northbrook stations for a couple trophies and “bragging rights”.

Northbrook chili chefs have won the contest 3 out of the 4 years. Also competing this year were returning champions FF/PM Matt Vanderweel and F/E Tom Schaul.



This event is a big fundraiser for YSGN, and includes a very popular trivia contest, raffle prizes and an appearance by the Chicago Highlanders Bagpipe Band. This year the event had more than 250 chili tasters and raised over \$12,000 to help support various youth programs for the villages.

### VILLAGE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

Contractor crews recently completed tree trimming work along Briarwood Lane, Center Avenue and Catherine Street. This week, trimming began in the area bounded by Western, Woodlawn, Shermer and Techny. Next week, crews plan to continue work along First Street, Shermer Road and the north side of Walters.

## PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

The Northbrook Plan Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2 and reviewed the following applications:

- **DOCKET NO. 15-19: 1179-1275 SHERMER ROAD - JACOBS TOWNHOMES:** The Commission held its fifth public hearing on an amended application for zoning and subdivision relief for approval of a 72-unit townhome planned development. The Applicant presented a revised plan that replaced landbanked parking with installed parking, modified driveway widths and curb radii for fire truck turning movements, redesigned the perimeter fence, and revised its landscaping plan. After hearing public comment, the Commission discussed the plans. After its discussion, the Commission directed staff to preparing a resolution recommending approval of the application as presented with a modification to the rear yard landscape design and a limitation being placed on any future changes to the rooftop decks of certain units along Shermer Road. The Commission is scheduled to consider the resolution at its Tuesday, February 16 meeting.
- **DOCKET NO. 15-33: 1101-1131 TECHNY ROAD – MEADOW PARK MEDICAL OFFICES:** The Commission held a public hearing on a request to approve a special permit to allow future medical offices on the Subject Property. After hearing no comments from the public, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval of the request with conditions.

The next Plan Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16.

## NORTHBROOK ASSISTS WHEELING WITH STRUCTURE FIRE

On January 29, at 4:30pm, Northbrook Ambulance 10 responded to the 300 block of Brougham Drive in Wheeling for a structure fire. Upon arrival, the crew assisted with fire suppression operations for approximately 30 minutes until they were reassigned to an EMS call at a different location within Wheeling's jurisdiction. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and Northbrook stations were covered by call back personnel for the duration of the incident.

## WESCOTT PARK PROJECT REVIEW AT OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 16

The Village of Northbrook will hold an open house regarding the Wescott Park Project for neighbors and interested others on Tuesday, February 16 from 4pm to 7pm at Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane). This open house will focus on answering any questions about the stormwater project. For more information about the project please visit <http://www.northbrook.il.us/WescottParkProject>.

## NICOR GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT

Nicor crews continue connecting services to the newly installed gas mains in the general area bounded by Dundee, Pfingsten, Walters and Western. Cleaning and restoration work will follow. 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.

## COMED UTILITY POLE REPLACEMENTS

ComEd's contractor, Meade, recently began a project involving the replacement of select power poles and over 5,500 feet of overhead wire on both Cherry Lane and Walters Avenue. Equipment and materials will be temporarily stored on Western Avenue during this project, and motorists should be alert for flaggers directly traffic in the area during this time.

## LIVE SHOP DINE NORTHBROOK

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Think NORTHBROOK for your special shopping and dining plans! Visit [www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.org](http://www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.org) and click on "Hot Deals" for local promotions.

**WEEK OF February 8, 2016**

<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/8</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>2/9</b>	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting - Board Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>2/10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Firefighter's Pension Board – Shermer Study
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>2/11</b>	5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission – Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	Rescheduled Community Relations Commission - Library
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>2/12</b>		<b>Lincoln's B-Day</b> <b>No Meetings</b>
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>2/14</b>		<b>Valentine's Day</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>President's Day – Clean-up Day – <i>Village Hall closed to Public</i></b>