

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: December 7, 2012

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2012

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

On Tuesday, December 4, the Plan Commission conducted its regular meeting where they recommended approval of Docket No. 12-21: 1404 Techny – Special Permit Approval for a Medical Office located in the O-3/Techny Overlay District. Before recommending approval, the Commission discussed whether or not there was a need for a term on the special permit given its location in the O-3 District, which allows medical uses as a permitted use when not located within the Techny Overlay District, and the fact that the Applicant was purchasing the office condo. Ultimately, the Commission recommended approval of the special permit without a term. An ordinance granting approval of the special permit will appear on the Board agenda on Tuesday, December 11 under the consent portion of the agenda.

The Commission also conducted another workshop session on the proposed Industrial and Commercial Services (ICS) District. During the workshop discussion, the Commission found it appropriate to allow accessory retail sales in the ICS District as a permitted use so long as the area of sales does not exceed 10% of the tenant space floor area or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less, and by special permit in the I-1 and I-2 districts. The Commission also found it appropriate to allow accessory outdoor storage in the ICS, I-1, and I-2 districts so long as the outdoor storage met a series of conditions in regards to size, location on lot, and screening. If applicants cannot meet the conditions, then they can request special permit approval for the outdoor storage. Staff will be presenting the proposed ICS District to the Board during a preliminary review in January 2013.

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

The Arts Commission met on Thursday, December 6. Chairman Miller indicated that plans for the July 13 & 14, 2013 Art in the Park Fine Arts Festival were well underway and a contract with EM Events to coordinate the event again was finalized. The Commission will host three artists' workshops in 2013, two of which will be in the spring: April 6/7- Watercolors and May 4/5 – Pastels. The third workshop will be in the fall. The Northbrook Originals exhibit, featuring artwork by Northbrook Artists, will be displayed at the Library in April. Applications will be mailed to the artists after the first of the year and available on line at www.northbrookarts.org.

The Commission approved \$1,500 for the 2013 Rock the Green teen band competition on the Village Green, which is tentatively scheduled for June 7. Commissioner Block reported on his site visit to Five Seasons Family Sports Club as a potential venue for summer concerts such as Gig on the Green and other arts events. Chairman Miller reviewed the commission's budget and presented goals for the commissioners to review in preparation for a Board presentation in February. The Commission also discussed the

possibility of implementing a community survey to help establish goals and provide input on future arts events for the community.

POLICE ACTIVITY

On Saturday afternoon, December 1, at approximately 12:30pm, a 92 year old motorist drove over a curb, through a fence and into a pool in the 1200 block of Rudolph Drive. Two Northbrook Police officers went into the cold water and assisted the motorist out of the car which was resting upright in the pool. The pool had approximately three feet of water in it, and the motorist was not injured. The Fire Department assisted with the removal of the car from the pool. The cause of the accident is under investigation.



Over the weekend of November 30, a condo in the 100 block of Pointe Drive was burglarized. Items removed from the home included camera and electronic equipment, cell phone and jewelry. Evidence Technicians processed the scene.

Chief Wernick and Counseling Services Director Vaccaro addressed a group of approximately 20 Social Workers at the New Foundation Center in Northfield. The New Foundation Center provides members recovery programs, permanent supportive housing, supported employment and health and wellness programs. The presentation focused on Social Worker safety in the field.

MCAT CALL OUT/ CAT TRUCK ACCIDENT

After completing a call out on Monday, November 26, to investigate a crash, upon returning to base at approximately 12:20pm the NORTAF MCAT truck was struck from behind while stopped at a stoplight at Willow Road and Old Willow Road. The driver of the MCAT vehicle was taken to the hospital with no serious injuries, but under observation. The driver of the striking vehicle (who was driving a Mercedes) was also taken to the hospital. Apparently, he failed to see traffic was stopped and he rear ended the MCAT truck which was stopped for a red light. MCAT was called out to investigate the crash.



NORTHBROOK ASSISTS WHEELING WITH TECHNICAL RESCUE RESPONSE

At approximately noon on November 29, the Wheeling Fire Department requested a Box alarm assignment for the report of a man trapped in a 6000 gallon solvent tank. Northbrook Ambulance 11 responded and was assigned as a stand by ambulance for the technical rescue team members in case they needed medical treatment and or transport.



Technical rescue members from 15 surrounding area departments trained in high angle, and confined space rescue responded due to the complexity of the incident. The victim's body was removed from the tank at approximately 2:30pm. The second worker, who remained on the outside of the tank, was transported to Glenbrook Hospital with what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries. No other injuries were reported and the accident is currently under investigation with the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

MULTIPLE VEHICLES DAMAGED IN CAR TRANSPORT FIRE

About 4:30am, Friday, the fire department responded to a fire involving a car transport truck and multiple cars burning in front of the Toyota dealership on Skokie Blvd. The truck operator was unloading new vehicles when the truck started on fire and extended to four of the cars on the trailer. Multiple cars were damaged by fire and smoke and the fire caused the closure of Skokie Blvd for nearly an hour. The fire was extinguished in approximately 20 minutes with assistance from a Glencoe Engine. The fire is currently under investigation with damage estimates near \$250,000.



FIREFIGHTERS PARTICIPATE IN RADIOTHON

On Thursday, December 6, several members from the Northbrook Professional Firefighters Local 1894 and the Northbrook Fire Department participated in the 22nd Annual US99.5 Country Cares for St. Jude Radiothon. The event raises money to help fight and find a cure for pediatric cancer. This year's two-day event raised over \$1,016,000. To date, US99.5 has raised over \$20,650,000 for St. Jude since it first began hosting the Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon in 1991. A few members of the fire department have been participating in this event for 12+ years.

COYOTE CONCERNS IN NORTHBROOK

Once again, residents are reminded that winter weather may make our resident coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. These sightings have raised concerns about the coyote and public safety. Coyotes are part of the natural wildlife that surrounds our community. Generally, the coyotes are non-aggressive and spend the vast majority of time in the forest preserves. They eat a variety of foods including plants and small animals and cause few problems in the community.

Although the coyotes are wild animals and do hunt to survive, they will generally shy away from humans. Aggressive behavior toward humans is rare but not unknown. Always watch coyotes from a distance and do not try to follow or chase them. Coyotes will search out small animals for food, so pet owners should be vigilant about watching their small pets when outside. Pets should always be on a leash and close to the owner when walked, especially in or around wooded areas. Keep cats indoors. Make sure that garbage cans have their lids sealed tightly. Do not feed your pet outside or leave pet food outside. Never feed the

coyotes! Questions about coyotes or other animals may be directed to the Northbrook Animal Control Officer, Gina Manski, at 847/564-2060, ext. 2195

MOON HILL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Earlier this week, Public Works crews worked to resolve a water quality issue on Moon Hill Drive. When the water mains running along Moon Hill Drive and White Mountain Drive were initially built, additional pipe was installed near the Moon Hill/White Mountain intersection to accommodate anticipated expansion of the water distribution system. This expansion never took place and the additional pipe became a dead end in the system. Dead ends in the infrastructure can cause water to stagnate, thereby increasing the possibility of water quality issues. Constant water flow can help mitigate this issue and for this reason, the Public Works Department strives to reduce the number of dead ends by “looping” water mains.



Public Works staff had recently become aware of a water quality issue at the home on the northeast corner of the Moon Hill/White Mountain intersection. It was determined that the water service line for the home was connected to one of the dead end water mains. To resolve the issue, crews capped the dead end mains, effectively removing them from the system, and connected the home’s service line to the looped main on Moon Hill Drive. The map shows the location of the now abandoned sections of water mains (shaded pink). The photo depicts the dead end segments after they were cut from the looped water main.



NATOA MEETING UPDATE

Communications Manager Cheryl Fayne-dePersio attended the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (ILNATOA) on Thursday. At the meeting, Senior Assistant

Attorney General in the Public Utilities Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General office Susan Satter met with members to document feedback about AT&T's U-Verse service. Unlike Comcast, which has a franchise agreement with the Village, AT&T has a Video Services agreement with the state, which is overseen by the Illinois Attorney General's office. ILNATOA members shared their on-going displeasure with the way AT&T's U-Verse delivers local public access channels, such as Northbrook Community Television, on their system. The channels are required to be functionally equivalent to the cable service offered by Comcast. Presently, channels are unable to be recorded on DVRs, nor do they have the ability to carry local emergency override messages. Members also expressed their displeasure with true competition because in many communities, including Northbrook, AT&T never built out the entire community to offer all residents an alternative to Comcast and at this point, it looks as if they never will. Meanwhile, residents with AT&T concerns that are not addressed by the company, may call the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 800 243-0618 or visit www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on "protecting consumers."

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2012

SAT:	12/8		Hanukkah begins at Sundown
MON.	12/10	6:00 p.m.	Civic Foundation Awards - Board Room
TUES.	12/11	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Board Room
WED.	12/12		No Meetings
THURS.	12/13	5:00 p.m.	Rural Fire Protection District Meeting - Station 11
		5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission - Terrace Room
FRI.	12/14		No Meetings