

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: December 12, 2014

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF December 8, 2014

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 9. President Frum proclaimed the month of December to be Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The Board approved a number of resolutions and ordinances, including approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Northbrook Park District to conduct 4th of July festivities; a renewal agreement for 4th of July fireworks; approving the purchase of mobile printers for electronic crash reporting; an intergovernmental agreement with Wheeling Township for snow and ice control services on Forestview Drive for the 2014/15 winter season; granting special permits for an accessory drive through restaurant and site plan approval for Panera at 772 Skokie Boulevard; approving the purchase of a step van and the disposal of a surplus vehicle; approving agreements and purchases for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; and approving the 2014 property tax levy.

Under Planning & Zoning, the Board held a public hearing and approved an Ordinance to renew a special permit for the operation of an elementary school program at 1133 Pfingsten Road. The Board also heard preliminary reviews of a proposed mixed use development at 1000 Skokie Boulevard; a request to rezone 1827 Janke and special permit approval to operate an automotive repair shop with outdoor storage of cars; and a request by Splash 527 LLC for a zoning code text amendment and subsequent special permits to allow continued operation of a U-Haul truck rental facility located at 527-531 Dundee Road. After discussion, these items were referred to the Plan Commission.

The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting will be January 13, 2015.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Planning and Training Sergeant Greg Glickauf who has received the prestigious Public Safety Executive Leadership Award from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. The award was presented at the Center's School of Police Staff and Command Graduation Ceremony on December 12. By successfully completing the Center's entire sequence of management programs (Supervision of Police Personnel, School of Police Staff and Command, and Executive Management Program), Greg has demonstrated a commitment to delivering the best, most professional service to the Village of Northbrook. The Northwestern University Center for Public Safety was established in 1936 to expand the scope of university-level education in traffic safety. Since that time, the Center has broadened its offerings to include police operations and management. Law enforcement agencies have also come to depend on the Center for university-level research programs, technical assistance and conferences on crucial and timely issues. Northwestern University Center for Public Safety has taught nearly a quarter of a million professionals in law enforcement in related fields from all fifty states and thirty-eight foreign countries.

Also deserving recognition is Sergeant Mark Graf and Sergeant Jeff Petersen who graduated on December 12 from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command Class. Mark and Jeff have been attending this ten week course which covered matters relating to the supervision and management of police operations. While attending classes full time at Northwestern, they continued to maintain contact with their shifts and duties at the Police Department.

Congratulations to all on your fine accomplishments and commitments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

On Saturday, December 6, residents in the 2600 block of Quail Lane returned home from work to find their home had been burglarized. Unknown persons forced open the locked, front door, ransacked the home and removed a safe containing currency, jewelry and identification papers. Evidence Technicians processed the scene and a canvas of the neighborhood was conducted with negative results.

In the early evening hours of Tuesday, December 9, several vehicles were broken into on the 4000 block of Lake Cook Road. The windows of the vehicles were smashed to gain entry. Items taken from the vehicles included briefcases containing laptops, cell phones, and miscellaneous identification papers. All vehicles were processed for evidence by Evidence Technicians. Investigations will be following up on the cases.

Northbrook Officers and Northbrook's Major Crash Assistance team representative responded to two MCAT callouts on the evening of December 11. The first occurred near Dundee and Sanders in Northbrook. A 52-year-old female pedestrian was struck by a vehicle and was transported to Lutheran General Hospital (Level 1 Trauma Center) in critical condition. The same evening, the MCAT team was called to Touhy and Central in Skokie for another accident involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle.

AMERICAN LEGION EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

On Sunday, December 7, Northbrook Police Officer Stephan Pozniak, Public Works Supervisor Mark Lovas, and Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Luecht were presented with public service employee of the year awards by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #0791. These individuals were selected for their dedication to public service and the community. Officer Pozniak has served as Northbrook's representative on the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) as a forensic specialist since 2012. Supervisor Lovas has been employed with the Public Works Department for the past 38 years and plans to retire in the coming year. Firefighter/Paramedic Luecht has received a Citation Award for exemplary work done in the Northbrook community, and he is also recognized as a veteran, having served as a Health Care Specialist in the Army Reserves and as a Flight Medic in the Army National Guard.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHES CAR FIRE IN OFFICE COMPLEX

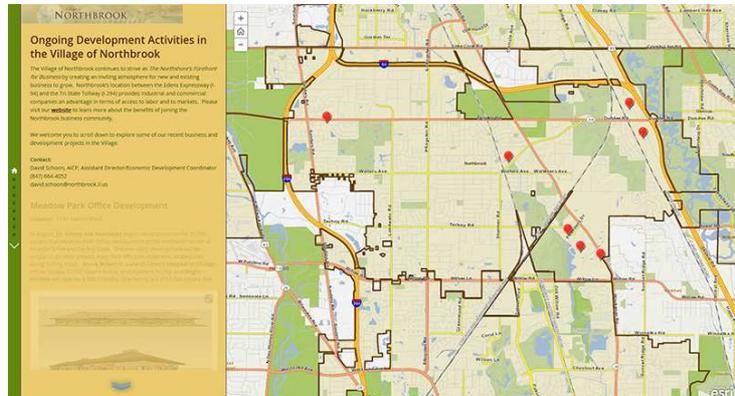
On Monday, December 8, at approximately 10:30am, Fire and Police responded to the 600 block of Dundee road for the car fire. Upon arrival crews found a vehicle with the engine compartment on fire. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire preventing any further damage to the vehicles on either side of the involved vehicle. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



VILLAGE LAUNCHES USER-FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MAP

An easy to use, interactive map for the public is now online that presents a map-based narrative of compelling multimedia stories which combine text, graphics and maps to highlight major residential and commercial development projects.

The Village's GIS (Geographic Information System) Services launched an online story map journal that highlights some of the ongoing residential and commercial development initiatives in Northbrook. A story map journal is an application that presents a map-based narrative of compelling multimedia stories; combining text, graphics, and maps.



The main focus of this project is to promote greater understanding of development activity in Northbrook. Some of the projects that are featured on the map include: NorthShore 770, Timber's Edge, The Lodge, North Shore Place, and Waterway Gas & Wash. GIS will continue to work closely with the Development & Planning Services Department to incorporate new developments into the application as they begin the development process. We encourage you to explore these developments and others by visiting www.northbrook.il.us/ongoing-projects.

APWA LOADER COMPETITION

On Thursday, Public Works Maintenance Worker Dan Cook was recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter for taking third place in the Chapter's annual loader competition. The loader competition tests the operator's knowledge of equipment safety and mechanical operation and operators are graded based on their ability to maneuver a front-end loader through an obstacle course. Approximately 50 operators took part in this year's loader competition. Dan has taken part for the past 10 years and has previously recorded first and second place finishes. Please join us on congratulating Dan on this great accomplishment!

BIKE PATH TREE REMOVALS

The emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation has caused numerous ash trees along the bike path between Dundee Road and Voltz Road to become hazards. Beginning next week, Public Works crews will be working to remove smaller dead and dying trees, along with trees that have already fallen. Crews will also be working to perform a survey of the remaining larger trees to establish accurate quantities for contractual assistance. The more extensive contracted work will take place later this winter. Due to the high quantity of dead and dying trees that must be removed, the natural screening will be unavoidably thinned; however, no healthy trees or brush will be removed as part of this project. A letter was mailed to the residents adjacent to the bike path informing them of this work.

WEEK OF December 15, 2014

MON.	12/15	No Meetings
TUES.	12/16	HANAKKAH - begins at sundown thru December 24
	2:00 p.m.	Police Pension Board Meeting – Police Department
	7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission – Cancelled

		7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Cancelled
WED.	12/17	7:00 p.m.	Youth Commission – Terrace Room
THURS.	12/18	7:00 p.m.	EQC– Terrace Room
FRI.	12/19		No Meetings