

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: December 13, 2013

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF December 9, 2013

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION MEETING

The Northbrook Electrical Commission met on Wednesday, December 11, to review a request by the developers of the North Shore 770 project concerning the use of armored aluminum wiring in the proposed apartment building. The material, while allowed in the National Electrical Code, is prohibited by our local amendments. The use of the alternate wiring system would result in a significant savings in construction costs; however, the product is not widely used in the northern suburbs as there had been a history of problems with aluminum wiring, particularly in the 1970's. The Electrical Commission discussed the issue in great detail and also heard testimony from the developer and the electrical engineer for the project on how safeguards will be incorporated into the design and construction to minimize problems. The commission indicated they needed to study the issue further and agreed to meet again on January 8, 2014.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

The Northbrook Architectural Control Commission (ACC) held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 12. The Commission devoted the vast majority of the meeting to a continued discussion of whether or not the developer of the apartments within the Northshore 770 project should be allowed to use CPVC for the water distribution system within the building. The use of CPVC is authorized in the State Plumbing Code, but Northbrook local amendments prohibit its use because of a history of problems with the CPVC product in the past. The product can deteriorate if it makes contact with a variety of other materials, including many petroleum based products. The developer is proposing the use of "CPVC Gold", which is an enhanced version of the product. Since only four members of the seven member ACC were present, and there were mixed perspectives on whether or not an exception should be made for this project, the discussion of the topic was continued to the next meeting – scheduled for January 9, 2014.

The ACC also had a lengthy discussion of its future role and where or not they should have more discretion in approving single family homes. They also questioned how they should best interact with the Plan Commission and Board of Trustees on large developments that are reviewed by both commissions. The ACC will continue their discussion of the topic on January 9. The ACC also approved the elevations of two single family homes: 1877 Kiest Avenue (R-5 District) and 2412 Farnsworth Lane (R-4 District).

CROSSING GUARD ANNUAL APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

On Thursday, December 12, the Police Department held their annual appreciation luncheon for Northbrook's School Crossing Guards. Twenty-eight guards attended the luncheon. The guards provided department staff feedback on the two new recently purchased illuminated hand held stop signs and staff reviewed proper safety procedures for crossing children. Thank you to all of the Northbrook School Crossing Guards who keep our children safe and brave the cold weather!



POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Police Department held their second annual formal awards ceremony on Tuesday evening, December 10. Village President Sandy Frum and Trustee A.C. Buehler congratulated the recipients acknowledging their appreciation for their efforts. Members receiving awards included: Sergeant Jeff Petersen receiving the Chief's Award of Merit (pictured top), Retired Police Sergeant Terry Ryan receiving Life Saving Award (pictured second), and Sergeants Sprague, Strickland, Graf, Metrick, and Officers Meents, Ziebka, Anderson, Ochab, Scott, Garcia, Lacina, Cornier, Fainman, Ferguson, Fiedler, Celia, McKenzie, Komin, Drewes, Semasko, Roscoe, Johnson, Schultz, Heiser, Thoma and Tadley receiving Department Commendations and Commendatory Letters. The event was attended by award recipients' family, friends and co-workers. Congratulations to all recipients and thanks for your dedicated service.



PUBLIC SAFETY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Scott Dunham, Commander Tim Fitzpatrick and Sergeant Mike Metrick who have 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 13, in Evanston, Illinois. 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), these gentlemen have demonstrated a commitment to delivering the best, most professional service to their community.

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.

CAR ACCIDENT DAMAGES TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE FOR TRAIN CROSSING

At approximately 4:30am on December 10, a single vehicle left the roadway in the area of Dundee and Fair Lane, causing damage to a rail crossing control device. The driver of the vehicle was treated and transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Metra crews remained on scene for most of the day directing traffic until repairs could be made to the rail crossing device.

VEHICLE CATCHES FIRE AFTER ACCIDENT

At approximately 3:00am on December 8, a single vehicle accident resulted in the car starting on fire in the area of Dundee road and Fair Lane. The single occupant of the vehicle was out of the vehicle upon arrival of the Fire Department. The occupant was treated and transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries as additional crews extinguished the car fire. The cause of the fire and accident is currently being investigated.

COOK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN MEETING

On Wednesday, the Village hosted the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's public meeting on the Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) currently in development. The HMP Steering Committee, on which Northbrook Village President Sandy Frum serves as Vice-Chair, has been meeting over the past five months to develop a plan that will support the county's emergency preparedness measures. Cook County is collaborating with 115 local jurisdictions to complete the plan in order to be eligible to apply and possibly receive federal hazard mitigation funds.

At the meeting, residents had the opportunity to learn about the planning process and determine how vulnerable their properties are to natural hazards. The planning committee has developed a short survey to assist with the development of the plan. Residents are encouraged to take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/cookcountyhazmit. Residents also interested in following the plan can visit the website established for it <http://www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org/hazard-mitigation-plan/>.

IDOT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INFORMATION

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is working to complete a roadway widening and improvement project along Willow Road between Waukegan Road and the Edens Expressway. It is anticipated that this project, which began in May 2013, will last two years with completion scheduled for October 2014. For regular updates, on this project, please visit the Willow Road blog at: <http://northfieldwillowroad.blogspot.com/>.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Public Works crews, on Sunday afternoon, conducted ice control and subsequently a full plow operation around 7:00 pm. The Village received approximately 3 inches of snow and all of the streets were cleared by 1:00 am. Looking forward to this weekend, the forecast is calling for the possibility of 1-3 inches of snow to fall throughout the day on Saturday. To prepare, crews have loaded trucks with salt, mounted plows, and applied a liquid deicing material to curves, bridges, and Village arterial roadways. This material is composed of beet juice, salt brine, and calcium chloride, which helps to prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement.

WEEK OF December 16, 2013

MON. 12/16

No Meetings

TUES. 12/17 7:30 a.m.

Special ICDC Meeting – **Cancelled**

7:30 a.m.

Administration & Finance Committee – Terrace Room

7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission – Board Room

7:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole – **Cancelled**

7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting to the Board of Trustees - **Cancelled**

WED. 12/18 8:00 a.m.

Northbrook Firefighters Pension Board Mtg. – Station 11

7:00 p.m.

Youth Commission – **Cancelled**

THURS. 12/19 7:00 p.m.

Youth Commission Holiday Party – Lake Cook Terrace

7:00 p.m.

Environmental Quality Commission- **Cancelled**

Fri. 12/20

No Meetings