

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: December 18, 2015

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF December 14, 2015

PLANNING & ZONING – ANETS WOODS

On Tuesday, December 15, the Village Board's Planning & Zoning Committee continued to review the revised plans by Edward R. James Partners for the proposed Anets Woods planned development: a 34-unit detached single-family residential development located at the northeast corner of Voltz and Waukegan Roads. Staff presented a brief summary regarding the application, additional information provided by the Applicant regarding the challenges of providing access off of Waukegan Road and information regarding the Applicant's proposed relocation to the south of the access gate to Lee Road. The Committee heard comments from three nearby residents as well as responses to Committee member's questions by the Applicant.

The Committee then discussed the Applicant's revised application. The Committee's discussion focused on the Lee Road access, as well as potential traffic calming elements for Voltz Road. The Committee decided not to forward any specific recommendations regarding traffic calming along Voltz Road. The Committee, by a vote of 2-0 (with one member absent), recommended approval of the proposed 34-unit detached single-family planned development as modified and presented at the December 15 meeting, including the private stub road connection at Lee Road with a gate; allowing access for development residents and emergency vehicles only.

The presentation of the Committee's recommendation to the Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled for the January 12, 2016 Board meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING

The Environmental Quality Commission held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 17. The Commissioners discussed the Monarch Butterfly project and their plans to promote milkweed plantings in the Village. The Commission also decided to research the certifications necessary to be part of an updated green building initiative ordinance. The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Commission is scheduled for January 14, 2016.

NICOR UPDATE

Nicor continues work in the area bounded by Dundee, Pflugsten, Walters and Western and will begin activating newly installed mains in the near future. Staff anticipates that all work will temporarily cease next week and resume on January 4, 2016, weather permitting. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officers Robert Bujak, Jake Pawlicki and James Simmons graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage on Friday, December 18. All three will begin their twelve weeks of field training in Northbrook on Monday, December 21.

Community Relations personnel report that the combined efforts of the Police Department, Fire Department and Village Hall collections brought in over 800 toys for the 2015 Toys for Tots Program. The Department extends special thanks to the Fire Department for partnering with the PetSmart locations in Northbrook and Glenview for additional participation. Thank you to Village staff and residents for their donations.

On Tuesday, December 15, Community Relations Supervisor Petka addressed a group of special needs high school students at the North Suburban Special Education District. The main topic of discussion focused on personal safety.

A REMINDER FROM NORTHBROOK POLICE CHIEF CHARLES WERNICK

Over the past several weeks, a crew of auto burglars has been very active in the Midwest again. Nicknamed the "Felony Lane Gang," they break car windows to steal purses and wallets, specifically targeting cars in parking lots of schools, day care centers, golf courses, parks and exercise facilities. Often, they use the stolen checks and IDs to withdraw funds from the bank accounts of the victims. The Northbrook Police suspect this group of breaking into cars in Northbrook, as well as numerous other suburbs. We strongly urge residents to remove your valuables from your car, especially purses and laptops, or lock them in the trunk, even if you will only be away from the car for a few minutes. If any suspicious activity is observed, please call 911 immediately.

ACCIDENTAL PEPPER SPRAY RELEASE IN STORE SENDS OCCUPANTS TO HOSPITAL

On Monday, December 14, at 1:30pm, Northbrook Fire units responded to the 400 block of Lake Cook Road for the report of multiple patients with difficulty breathing. Upon arrival, crews evacuated the store and determined the cause of the exposure was an accidental release of pepper spray. Paramedics evaluated seven individuals and transported two to a local hospital in stable condition. Crews ventilated the store and within an hour, employees were allowed back inside.

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPHER TIM OLK RECIEVES CIVIC AWARD

On Monday evening, December 14, Northbrook resident and longtime Fire Department photographer Tim Olk was presented with the Northbrook Civic Foundation Award. Olk was recognized for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the entire community of Northbrook. Olk and seven other volunteers were recognized at the Civic Foundations annual meeting and awards dinner. Tim Olk, pictured center in photo, with Civic Foundation member John Quinn and Northbrook Fire Chief Jose Torres.



STREET LIGHT REPAIRS AT WALTERS AVENUE AND WAUKEGAN ROAD

The Village's contractor, Dynamics Corp, will be directionally boring new cables to power the street light at the southwest corner of Waukegan Road and Walters Avenue next week. While the work is occurring, there will be intermittent daytime closures of the northbound and southbound curb lanes of Waukegan Road. The work will be completed by the end of the month.

NORTHBROOK PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER GRADUATES FIRE ACADEMY

On Friday, December 11, the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) held their Fire Academy graduation for the class of 2015. The demanding nine-week course prepares the candidates for a career in the fire service. Completing the academy for Northbrook was Michael Velissaris. The Department is pleased to welcome Michael to the Paid on Call roster and the Northbrook Fire Department family.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Village Offices will close at noon on December 24 and December 31, as well as all day on December 25 and January 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Garbage pick-up will be delayed by one day for Friday customers during the holiday weeks. Remember to shop and dine in Northbrook! Visit www.northbrook.il.us/shopdine or www.shopdinenorthbrook.com for more information on Northbrook's shopping centers.

WEEK OF December 21, 2015

MON.	12/21		<i>Winter Solace</i>
		9:00 a.m.	Fire Pension Board Meeting – Shermer Study
		11:00 a.m.	Police Pension Board Meeting – Heckman Conference Room
TUES.	12/22	7:30 a.m.	ICDC - Cancelled
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Cancelled
WED.	12/23		No Meetings
THURS.	12/24		Christmas Eve - Village Hall Closes at Noon
FRI.	12/25		Christmas Day – Village Hall Closed