

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: December 27, 2013

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF December 23, 2013

CHRISTMAS EVE HOUSE FIRE

On Tuesday, December 24, the Northbrook Fire Department and the Northbrook Police responded to the 1800 block of Somerset Lane for a house fire. The call was elevated to a MABAS Box alarm due to the large fire volume, multiple family structure, and weather. There were no injuries, but four people were displaced due to the damage. The residents in the home and the residents in the adjacent townhomes were evacuated and transported to the Police Department for safety. The occupants and their out-of-town guest were placed at the Sheraton early on Christmas morning. The adjacent townhome residents were able to return to their homes that evening. Firefighters were able to help get some personal items, including Santa's gifts, from the home. There was heavy fire loss to the garage and one bed room, including a partial roof collapse, but crews were able to contain fire to the single unit. Call-back personnel stayed on the scene throughout the night to ensure all hot spots were extinguished and the building was secured by a board-up company.

NORTHBROOK FIRE PROVIDES MUTUAL AID TO PROSPECT HEIGHTS

On Sunday, December 22, at 11:15am, the Northbrook Fire Department provided mutual aid to Prospect Heights to help extinguish a fire in a home under construction in the 200 block of Grove. Northbrook Paid-On-Call firefighters provided coverage at the Shermer Road Fire Station.

POLICE ACTIVITY

On Saturday, December 21, at 4:10 pm, Northbrook Officers assisted Glenview in apprehending a man who had reportedly stolen a purse from a patron at Jewel Foods in Glenview. The offender attempted to run and a foot chase ensued. Northbrook Officers apprehended the subject in back yards along Brian Drive. The offender was turned over to Glenview Police with felony theft and resisting a Peace Officer charges.

On Thursday, December 26, at 1:30 pm, Northbrook Police were notified that a special needs young man had become separated from his caregiver while shopping at Macy's at Northbrook Court. The caregiver spent two hours searching for the young man before calling Police for help. Every available Officer on duty responded to the Court to assist with the search. The Village launched a Northbrook Notify message via phone, text and email to residents and businesses in proximity to Northbrook Court. At approximately 4:15 p.m. the young man was located in a secured third floor stairwell near Macy's. The young man was reunited with his father.

On Tuesday, December 24, Northbrook Police located a woman walking on Dundee Road. It was later determined that the woman suffers from Alzheimer's and had been reported missing by the Cicero Police Department. Due to the frigid temperature, the Officer transported the woman to the Northbrook Police Station, so she could wait for her husband.

WATER MAIN REPAIRS

Over the past week, Public Works crews repaired water main breaks on the 2700 block of Woodland Drive, the 2300 block of Peachtree Lane, the 1900 block of Jessica Lane, the 800 block of Meadow Road, and the 800 block of Laurel Road. All of the breaks occurred on 6 inch cast iron water mains, with the exception of the break on Jessica Lane, which was on a 12 inch cast iron water main. Each repair was completed within 2 hours of the water being shut off and, as always, affected residents were notified prior to the shutoff.

As is common during this time of year, the temperature fluctuations and the ground’s freeze/thaw cycle are contributing to an increase in main breaks. Residents who observe a water main break are asked to call the Public Works Department during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at 847-272-4711 and the Police Department outside of those hours at 847-564-2060.

WINTER WEATHER

Public Works crews were called in on Sunday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 25 to perform ice control operations. Crews were called in twice each day (morning and evening) to salt and scrape roadways due to snow accumulations of approximately 1.5 and 0.75 inches, respectively. While the amount of salt required for each snow and ice control event varies, the Public Works Department has used approximately 1,000 tons of road salt over 10 events so far this year.

Looking forward, the forecast is calling for the possibility of light snow on Sunday afternoon to cap off a warm weekend. Accumulations are expected to be under 0.5 inches and while a full plow operation is not anticipated, crews have prepared for ice control by filling trucks with fuel and salt.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Residents are reminded not to throw away old or broken holiday lights. Holiday lights can be dropped off for recycling Monday thru Friday at the Village Hall, or the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Garage behind the Village Hall.

CFL and Fluorescent Bulbs, as well as Household Batteries, can also be dropped off for recycling Monday thru Friday at the Fleet Maintenance Garage.

Household Electronics are accepted for recycling on the first Tuesday of every month at the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Garage.

The Village Hall is open Monday thru Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The Fleet Maintenance Garage is open Monday thru Friday, from 7am to 3pm.

WEEK OF December 30, 2013

MON.	12/30		No Meetings
TUES.	12/31	Noon	VILLAGE HALL CLOSES at NOON- New Year’s Eve
WED.	1/1/14		NEW YEAR’S DAY – Village Hall Closed
THURS.	1/2	7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission – Cancelled
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission – Library
FRI.	1/3		No Meetings