



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: March 18, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF March 14, 2016

PRESIDENT FRUM MEETS WITH COUNSEL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Honorable Sang-Il Kim, Counsel General of the Republic of Korea (R), and Jin Lee, Director of Government Relations (L), Albany Park Community Center, met with Village President Sandy Frum for lunch on Tuesday to discuss Korean-American relations in Northbrook and on the North Shore. Northbrook has the second largest Korean American population in Illinois, outside of Chicago.



YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

The Youth Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16. The Commission debriefed the success of the 2016 Quiz Bowl and spent time preparing for the 2016 Youth Film Fest scheduled on Monday, June 13. Film Fest participants have until May 31 to submit their creative work. The Commission thanked the Library for putting together the posters seen around town with more information.

The next regular meeting of the Youth Commission is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 20.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION CELEBRATION OF CULTURES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Community Relations Commission's Celebration of Cultures Subcommittee held a planning meeting on Wednesday, March 16. The Committee reviewed details of the event and planned the layout. The first Celebration of Cultures Event will be held on Sunday, April 17 from noon to 2 pm at the North Suburban YMCA (2705 Techny). The event will include dancing, singing, cultural art, artifacts and traditional costumes, as well as an opportunity to taste customary foods and talk to representatives of diverse cultures. The event is free and open to the public.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

The Stormwater Management Commission met on Thursday, March 17. The Commission received updates regarding the status of the Shermer Road Overflow Sewer, Wescott Park project, Northbrook East Project and MWRD's stormwater study. Staff also introduced new Village Engineer, Matt Farmer, who will be taking over as the liaison to the Commission in the coming months. The Commission also discussed the planned Phase I engineering for the Skokie Valley Trail. The next Stormwater Management Commission meeting will be May 19, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

The Environmental Quality Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 17. The Commission discussed planning for the Monarch Project at the upcoming Earth & Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 16. The Commission directed staff to examine their recommendations for an updated Green Building Initiative Ordinance. Information was also provided about a potential new additional location for the Community Garden. The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 21.

NORTHBROOK POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS

On Thursday, March 17, Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka and Detective Drewes gave a presentation to a Girl Scout troop at the Village Presbyterian Church. The topic was about safety tips while travelling, as the scouts will be visiting New York City in May.

SCHOOL LOCK DOWN DRILL

On Tuesday, March 15, School Liaison Detective McGuinness and Commander Strickland participated in a School Safety lockdown drill at Greenbriar School. The Police Department representatives explained the lockdown exercises and discussed the reasons for lockdowns as well as what can or might be expected in terms of police response. After the drill was completed, a critique with staff and Police representatives was conducted. Such mock lockdown drills are held periodically with all schools in Northbrook.

NORTAF MAJOR CRASH ASSISTANCE TEAM (MCAT) CALL-OUT

MCAT was called out on Tuesday morning, March 15, by Glencoe Public Safety to investigate a bicycle versus vehicle crash occurring at 196 Scott Avenue in Glencoe. The cyclist was transported to a local hospital.

NICOR GAS MAIN UPDATE

Nicor Gas main replacement will continue in the new area bordered by Cherry, Greenbriar, Walters and Western. Nicor will be continuing the main replacement on Greenbriar Lane going south to Walters Avenue next week. Exploratory work is still being done in this area to resolve any conflicts when placing the new gas main. Nicor has also started restoration work placing top soil in areas disturbed by their work in the area bounded by Dundee Road, Walters Avenue, Western Avenue and Pfingsten Road and will continue restoration work in the upcoming weeks.

SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

As part of utility relocating at the project site along Shermer Road, AT&T is completing the tying of their wires at the pedestals this week and next week. Nicor began relocating their gas main east of Surrey Lane and will be working their way east toward Waukegan Road. ComEd continues working to determine the best location to relocate their power poles. Please contact IDOT representative Chang Kim at 773/853-0046 with questions or concerns about the project.

WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE

The Village's contractor, V3, will complete the installation of traffic control signs by Friday, March 18 to notify residents and other motorists of the planned closure of Farnsworth between Ellendale and Western between the hours of 9:40am and 5:00pm. Farnsworth Lane will be reopened each day at 5:00pm. This road closure will allow for the safe entry and exit of trucks from the work site including trucks delivering the Storm Trap materials, pictured below, that will be making up the underground detention basin.

Pictures of Storm Trap Materials



Truck traffic will be halted during the drop-off and pick-up times from Wescott Elementary School. During the daytime closure of Farnsworth Lane, traffic will detoured around the road closure. Please see the map below for the traffic detour routes and information on the sidewalk closure on the south side of Farnsworth Lane adjacent to the work site.

Nicor anticipates that the old gas main for this area will be abandoned by Friday, April 1. Next week, Nicor will continue to connect services to the new gas main. Nicor will begin landscape restoration in April. Contact Dirk Dunlap for any questions regarding restoration at 630/816-5673



SPEAKING OF THE WESCOTT PARK STORMWATER PROJECT

Village President Sandy Frum received letters from a Wescott School 1st grade class regarding the tree removal at Wescott Park. In response to the letters, President Frum visited the Wescott School 1st graders to share some facts about stormwater management, the Wescott Park Stormwater Project and plans for the tree and landscape replacement.



President Frum also talked about the Emerald Ash Borer, as some of the trees on the property were Ash trees and had EAB damage. During the presentation, President Frum passed around an Emerald Ash Borer specimen and the students saw examples of the damages caused by the beetle.



PRAIRIE BURN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY

The Northbrook Park District is planning a prescribed burn at Techny Prairie Park and Fields on Sunday, March 20, beginning at 10am. If weather conditions are suitable, the burn will be conducted in a portion of the natural areas north of Techny Road and adjacent to the retention basin, next to the North Branch of the Chicago River.



The purpose of the burn is to improve the native plant community by reducing nonnative shrubs and weeds that invade the natural area and degrade the ecosystem. Burning is a technique widely used for the restoration and management of wetlands, woodlands and prairies throughout the Midwest. The increased plant diversity that results from burning will enhance the area for use by wildlife (insects, mammals and birds). The burn will be conducted in a safe and expeditious manner by trained and experienced personnel from Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, and the Northbrook Fire Department will be notified. The Park District has applied for and received permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Cook County Department of Environmental Control.

The District has posted signs at the location and notified neighbors; the area will be closed on the day of the burn.

NORTHBROOK POLICE AND FIRE UNITS RESPOND TO ROLLOVER ACCIDENT

At 7:30am on Friday, March 18, Northbrook Police and Fire units responded to the intersection of Penfold and Farnsworth Lane for a rollover car accident. Upon arrival, crews found a two vehicle accident with one vehicle on its roof. No injuries were reported and the cause of the accident is currently under investigation.



WEEK OF March 21, 2016

MON.	3/21	7:00 p.m.	ZBA – Board Room
TUES.	3/22	7:30 a.m.	ICDC – cancelled
		6:30 p.m.	Administration and Finance Committee – Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room
WED.	3/23		No Meetings
THURS.	3/24		No Meetings
FRI.	3/25		No Meetings