

# MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

**TO:** Staff

**COPY:** Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** October 14, 2016

**SUBJECT:** STAFF BRIEFING

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## WEEK October 10, 2016

### AMTRAK HIAWATHA PROPOSAL

The Illinois and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (IDOT and WisDOT), in partnership with Amtrak, are reviewing the possibility of increasing passenger rail service on the existing Amtrak Hiawatha Service line, which passes through Northbrook. This proposal includes increasing the number of daily round trips between Chicago and Milwaukee on this line from seven to ten and the construction of any necessary infrastructure improvements to accommodate this change. On Thursday, October 6, the Federal Railroad Administration released a draft environmental assessment (EA) outlining different proposals that could be used to achieve this increase.

In review, there are two proposals presented in the EA, which could potentially impact the Village. Both call for the construction of holding tracks adjacent to the existing tracks between West Lake Avenue in Glenview and to the north of Techny Road in Northbrook in existing right-of-way. These would allow Canadian Pacific trains to hold and wait for clearance before moving off the Canadian Pacific Line to the Union Pacific Line without blocking other train traffic. Both proposals would call for adding new track in both Glenview and Northbrook and the construction of a new bridge over Shermer Road immediately adjacent to the existing bridge.

A copy of the EA for this project can be found at this link:

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/multimodal/rail-chi-mil/documents.aspx>. A public comment period on this plan will held through Tuesday, November 15, with a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 2, from 5 to 8pm, at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue in Glenview. This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about the project as well as ask questions of the project team and provide feedback.

### LOCK YOUR VEHICLE AND REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES

This past week, the Police Department had five reports of burglaries to vehicles. In most cases, personal items were stolen while the car was left unlocked. Residents are reminded to make sure they lock their vehicles and remove valuables from the car, even if you are just leaving the vehicle for a quick errand. If you must leave valuables in your car, place them in the trunk before you reach your destination.

### WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE

Work continued on the Wescott Park Project this week. The new path within Wescott Park was completed, and new parkway trees were planted along Farnsworth Lane. Next week, the contractor will begin the final stage of the restoration with the placement of sod and completion of the sidewalks.



### NORTHBROOK EAST STORMWATER PROJECT

Work continues on the Northbrook East stormwater project. Workers completed the excavation and grading of the ditch along Sunset Ridge Road and grading along the bike path. Next week, seeding of the basin will occur and final restoration of resident yards, weather permitting. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at: [www.northbrookeaststormproject.com](http://www.northbrookeaststormproject.com).

### DUNDEE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This week, the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) contractor continued pouring concrete at Dundee and Pfingsten and Dundee and Landwehr. Motorists are reminded to be aware that traffic patterns will vary daily based upon the location and nature of the work being performed.

### SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

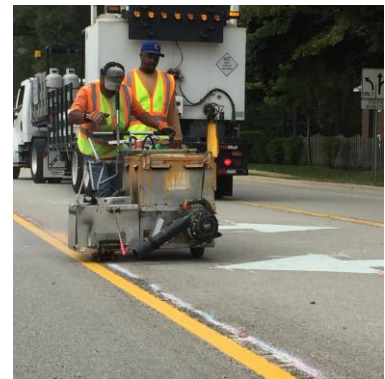
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews completed the final surface layer this week. Work will continue next week on striping and landscape restoration. Please contact IDOT at 773/853-0046 with questions or concerns about the project.

### FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Village's parkway tree planting program will begin in the upcoming weeks. The Village will be planting 270 new trees. Crews are in the process of placing stakes and locating underground utilities in the parkways where trees will be planted. The planting will begin the week of Monday, October 24, weather permitting.

### LEFT TURN RECONFIGURATION ON TECHNY ROAD AT YMCA

Superior Road Striping completed the thermoplastic restriping of the center turn lane at Techny and Birch/YMCA entrance on Friday, October 7. The new configuration provides a 2-way center left turn lane for eastbound Techny drivers turning north onto Birch, and westbound drivers turning south into the YMCA.



### SKOKIE BOULEVARD VALVE INSTALLATION AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The Village's contractor, Canyon Contracting, will install four valves and a small section of water main in the 200 block of Skokie Boulevard. The installation of additional valves will help minimize the number of businesses impacted during a water main break in this area. The looped main will allow the Village to continue to provide water should a break occur. Staff has been in contact with the affected businesses with respect to this project. Work on this project is scheduled to start the week of Monday, October 24.

**WEEK OF October 17, 2016**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>9am-Noon</b>	<b>Fire Prevention Week Open House – Station 12, 1840 Shermer Road</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>10/17</b>		<b>Sukkot - <i>through 10/23</i></b>
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>10/18</b>		
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission – Board Room
		7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole – Terrace Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>10/19</b>	7:30 p.m.	Youth Commission – Terrace Room
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>10/20</b>	7:00 p.m.	Environmental Quality Commission – Shermer Study
		7:00 p.m.	Northbrook Cares Subcommittee – Terrace Room
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>10/21</b>	All Day	<b>No Meetings</b>