

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: October 18, 2013

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING 10-15-13

The Plan Commission conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday October 15, during which they conducted the third public hearing on Docket No. 13-09, an application for a rezoning and three lot subdivision for the property located at 1435 Pflingsten Road (former American Legion site). The Applicant had revised the proposed subdivision design following the second public hearing to address the concerns raised by the Plan Commission and members of the public. The three lot subdivision now has the detention evenly distributed over the three lots, and the shared driveway was shortened to reduce the impact on neighbors to the east. The Plan Commission found the revised plan appropriate and directed staff to prepare a Resolution recommending approval of the plan as presented during the third public hearing.

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

On Wednesday evening, the Youth Commission met to discuss upcoming events. Operation Santa Claus, the Commission's annual book drive for under-privileged, inner-city students at the Goethe Elementary School in Chicago, is currently underway. Participants are encouraged to fulfill the wish list of an adopted student by purchasing new books totaling \$20-\$25. If you would like to participate, please contact Jason Batalden at the Police Department via email at Jason.batalden@northbrook.il.us or 847/664-4417.

The commission is also looking forward to joining residents of Lake Cook Terrace in December for a holiday gathering. The festivities are tentatively scheduled for December 19th and the commission decided to replace December's regular meeting with this event.

The next regular Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for November 20.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

On Thursday evening, the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held their regular monthly meeting. During the public comment portion of the meeting, Doug Gerleman of Go Green Northbrook discussed a project his group is currently working on to install a path along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago between Techny Road and Willow Road. The Commission received an update on the Northbrook Community Garden, which reportedly has had an excellent year. Upon request of the Public Works Department, the EQC began discussing developing a grant application to install native plantings at two Village owned detention basins. The group concluded the meeting by starting the process of developing goals for the coming year. The goal setting process will continue at the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting on November 21.

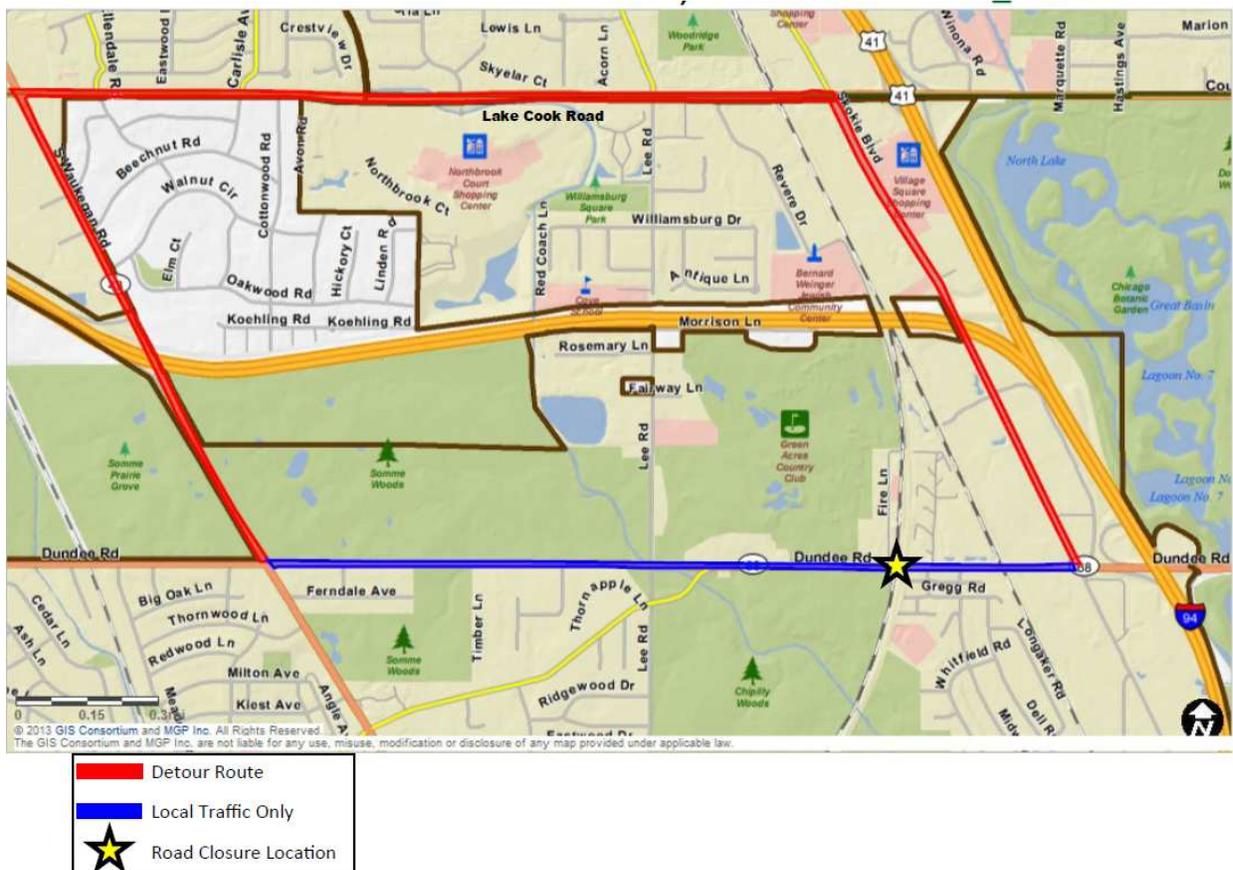
DUNDEE ROAD CLOSURE AT UPRR CROSSING

Dundee Road will be closed at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2 through Friday, November 8 to accommodate a full replacement of the track and crossing at that location. This will be a major impact to traffic traveling east/west on Dundee Road. The detour route, highlighted in the map below, will be Skokie Boulevard to Lake Cook Road to Waukegan Road. Message boards will be in place early next week, followed by more extensive signage that will be installed approximately seven days before the closure.

Village staff has been seeking a replacement of this crossing for a number of years. The poor condition of the existing crossing materials along with an elevation differential between the sets of rails provides for a rough crossing for motorists and will be corrected with this replacement work. The UPRR notified the Village just last week that this replacement would take place, as this project is being coordinated with the installation of the new rail bridge at the Shermer Road crossing on the far south side of the community. This will take advantage of the restricted rail traffic that will be on the line during that time.

This will impact traffic in the area, but we have been informed by the UPRR that they will proceed as quickly as possible. We have made arrangements to ensure that public safety responders are accommodated in this area as well, and do not expect that service will be interrupted in any way.

Updated GIS information will be available on the Village's website and Facebook page leading up to and during construction.



POLICE ACTIVITY

Over the weekend and through the week, the Police Department received three “burglary to motor vehicle” reports. Two of the break-ins involved the windows of the vehicles being smashed to gain entry and involved patrons at Wood Oaks School attending the Friendship Circle Walk. Items missing included an

empty purse and another purse with cash, credit cards, and identification papers. The third burglary to motor vehicle occurred at 455 Academy Drive where a construction trailer had been broken into with several thousand dollars of construction equipment removed.

Police responded to a cell phone theft on Sunday, October 13. The theft was believed to have occurred at the Marshall's store in Northbrook. Using cell phone technology, the phone was traced and located at a residence in Chicago. With the help of the Chicago Police Department, the resident was located, interviewed and admitted to stealing the phone. The offender was transported back to Northbrook, taken to bond court and issued a November court date.

A patron at the AMC Theater at Northbrook Court reported that unknown persons attempted to remove the catalytic converter from his vehicle parked in the upper level parking lot at Northbrook Court.

Northbrook's Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) responded to Glenview on Tuesday afternoon to assist in the investigation of a garbage truck colliding with a vehicle in which the three people in the vehicle were killed. The crash, occurring at Harlem and Harrison in Glenview, remains under investigation.

DECK FIRE EXTINGUISHED

Early morning on Thursday, October 17, a grill and wooden deck fire was extinguished by fire department personnel in the 2300 block of Walters Avenue. A significant volume of fire was noted by firefighters upon arrival located on the rear outdoor deck of the home. The gas grill was accidentally left on overnight causing the wooden surround to ignite. There were no injuries.



ILLINOIS SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE

Lt. David Crawford attended the 2013 Illinois Search and Rescue Conference in Bloomington, Illinois. The conference brings together professional organizations in the field of search and rescue, in order to enhance and train National and State Response Plans/Operations. The class subjects included mapping, tracking, K9 assistance, urban search patterns, abducted/missing children, and finally, special needs applications (autism, Alzheimer's, and dementia victims). Lt. Crawford and the Northbrook CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) have completed the Illinois Search and Rescue Training and are part of a larger Cook County contingency search and rescue program.



CHICAGO MARATHON MEDICAL TEAM ASSISTED BY NORTHBROOK CERT VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Northbrook CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) served as medical volunteers in the 2013 Chicago Marathon. The group attended to runner emergencies in the pre-finish area of the race and was part of the 12,000 volunteers serving runners throughout the city. This is the fourth year the group has been involved in the program and it is an excellent opportunity to utilize skills learned in the CERT program. Northbrook members that appear in the photo are (left to right) Maddy Gimbel, Pauline Gimbel, Eva Jako, Ed Samson, Doug Heurich, Rebekah Steigerwald, Lt. David Crawford, and McKenna Crawford.



WATER MODEL – PRESSURE TESTING

On Thursday of this week, the Village’s consultant, MWH, performed fire flow testing to measure the available flow and study how the system reacts when stressed at various locations. This information will be used to verify the computer model that is being developed to guide recommendations for potential future improvements. Fire hydrants were opened on Dundee Road, Landwehr Road, Charlemagne Drive, and Keystone Road and pressure loggers were attached to nearby hydrants to record system pressures. The photo depicts one of the fire hydrants as it was opened up to test the flow.



PHYLLIS HARMON PATH

Last week, the Village of Wheeling officially opened a new multi-use path along Dundee Road between the Des Plains River and the Tri-State Tollway. The completion of this path closes a gap in a 12.5 mile pedestrian thoroughfare that runs along the south side of Dundee Road from Illinois Route 53 in Arlington Heights to Green Bay Road in Glencoe. Trustee A.C. Buehler and Project Manager Martin Sobanski attended the dedication ceremony for the path that was named in honor of Phyllis Harmon, a nationally renowned bicyclist. The photo to the right depicts the new trail in use shortly after the completion of the ceremony.



NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE (NTBI)

The second occurrence for 2013 of this initiative, a nationwide effort to collect and dispose of unused prescription drugs, will be conducted on Saturday, October 26th, at the Police Department between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thousands of pounds of unused prescription drugs have been collected since the DEA began this endeavor. The 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health estimates that there are 7 million current non-medical users of prescription drugs in the United States. The survey further indicates there are more Americans abusing psychotherapeutics than the number of cocaine, heroin, and hallucinogen abusers combined. Expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances in homes are a potential source of supply that fuel this abuse and are an unacceptable risk to public health and safety. The Village continues its sponsorship of the “Save-A-Star” program whose purpose it is to collect and safely dispose of unwanted and unused medications, thus keeping them out of the hands of individuals who might otherwise become victims of prescription drug abuse. The collection box, located in the lobby of the Police Department, is routinely full at week’s end, and its contents properly disposed of. This major initiative is an effort to bring more agencies on board with the program. The “Save a Star” mailbox, monitored by Police personnel, remains at the Police Department for daily disposal of accepted items. More information about the Save a Star Program can be found at their web site

www.SAVEASTAR.org



WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2013

MON. 10/21

NO MEETINGS

TUES. 10/22 7:30 a.m.

ICDC - Terrace Room

7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room

WED. 10/23 6:30 p.m.

CRC Subcommittee NB Cares Meeting – Terrace Room

7:00 p.m.

Plan Commission Public Hearing #4 – GBN, Center for Performing Arts

THURS. 10/24 7:30 a.m.

Joint Review Board – Terrace Room

7:30 a.m.

Re-scheduled Foreign Fire Insurance Board – Fire Station 11

5:30 p.m.

Electrical Commission – DPS Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Downtown Zoning Committee – Terrace Room

FRI. 10/25

NO MEETINGS