



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: October 28, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK October 24, 2016

EARLY VOTING CONTINUES AT NORTHBROOK VILLAGE HALL

Hours for early voting are Monday through Friday, Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, from 9am to 7pm; Saturdays, Oct. 29 & Nov. 5, from 9am to 5pm; Sundays, Oct. 30 & Nov. 6, from 9am to 3pm; and on Monday, November 7, from 9am to 5pm. Remember: On Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, the polls are open from 6am to 7pm. To vote and register at the same time visit www.cookcountyclerk.com or call 312/603-0906 for more information.

AMTRAK HIAWATHA PROPOSAL AND PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

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://wisconsinidot.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.

VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the Village Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 25, to review an appeal to a tree permit application. After discussion and review of the appeal, the Committee developed a recommendation to the Village Board. The Village Board will consider the recommendation at its next regular meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, November 15.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Industrial and Commercial Development Commission met on Tuesday, October 25. At the meeting, the Commission reviewed information gathered during the discussions it had with Northbrook businesses regarding challenges recruiting and retaining employees. The Commission concluded that the labor shortage issue is not unique to Northbrook businesses but is a regional issue. The Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of our discussions and findings that the Commission can share with the Board of Trustees. Staff also provided an update regarding development projects in the community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, October 26, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) held its quarterly meeting. Village staff provided an update regarding development projects in the community with each taxing district likewise reporting on current activities. The Committee also discussed the agenda for its joint meeting on January 25, at 7:30am, with the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission.

POLICE ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, October 22, Evanston Police requested a Major Crash Assistance Team call-out to investigate a crash involving an on duty Evanston police officer and a semi-tractor trailer. The crash occurred at the intersection of Emerson and Dodge Street. The officer was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

An additional two incidents occurred on Saturday, October 22, requiring an Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) call-out. Northbrook's ILEAS representatives responded to both incidents, which occurred in Wheeling.

SCHOOL LOCK DOWN DRILL

Members of the Investigations Unit and school liaison officers participated in a lockdown drill at Westmoor School on Tuesday, October 25. The officers assisted school principals, administrators, teachers and students in the exercises. The detectives discussed the reasons for lockdowns, and what can or might be expected in terms of police response. Such drills are held periodically with all schools.

CITIZENS SAVE LIVES

During the past week, the Fire Department responded to two incidents where the citizens provided lifesaving assistance. The first occurred on Monday, October 24, when Ambulance 12 responded to a call in the 3000 Block of Margo Lane involving a choking victim. Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center received the initial call from the patient's daughter, who administered the Heimlich maneuver under the instruction of the dispatcher. When crews arrived, the obstruction was cleared and the patient was doing well thanks to the life-saving actions taken by the daughter. Additionally, on Thursday, October 27, crews responded to Cookers Red Hots in Deerfield, for a choking victim call. Prior to their arrival, a Good Samaritan performed the Heimlich Maneuver, and the patient was doing well. Both calls show the importance of CPR/Heimlich maneuver training and continuing education.

ACEC-IL 2017 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-IL) awarded the Village of Northbrook's Wescott Park project an ACEC-IL Special Achievement Award in the 2017 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. The Engineering Excellence Awards Competition recognizes projects of engineering achievement by Illinois consulting engineering firms. Entries are judged on the basis of engineering excellence, the degree to which the client's needs are met, and the benefits to the public welfare and private practice of engineering. The award will be presented in February 2017 to both the Village and its engineering consultant, Baxter & Woodman.

WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE

Work continued on the Wescott Park Project this week. The contractor continued the final stage of the restoration of Wescott Park with the placement of sod, additional trees and landscaping across the park site. Next week, crews will continue sod placement in the park and apply a protective sealer to the new concrete roadway surfaces. While sealants are being applied, Farnsworth Lane and portions of the adjacent side streets will be completely closed to traffic for several hours. Within two hours of the sealant being applied, the road will be reopened.

NORTHBROOK EAST STORMWATER PROJECT

Work continues on the Northbrook East stormwater project. Basin excavation and grading is nearly complete, and crews finished grading adjacent to the bike path. Next week, crews will continue grading the ditch along Sunset Ridge Road and begin final restoration for resident yards. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at: www.northbrookeaststormproject.com.

DUNDEE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This week, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews continued utility work at the intersections of Dundee and Landwehr and Dundee and Pfingsten. The utility work is anticipated to be completed by the end of this week. Following the completion of the utility work, crews will begin relocating storm sewers in this area. Please continue to be aware that traffic patterns will vary daily based upon the location and nature of the work being performed.

SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

Works continues on the Shermer Road resurfacing project. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews are currently working on landscape restoration work. This week, trees were planted and seed and blanket were installed. Next week, cleanup of the construction area will continue. Please contact IDOT at 773/853-0046 with questions or concerns about the project.

LOCAL ARTISTS OPEN THEIR STUDIOS TO THE PUBLIC

The Northbrook Artists Open Studio Tour will be held on Saturday, November 5, from noon-4pm. This year's event features ten Northbrook Artists. Four of the Northbrook Artists will open their local studios while others will showcase their art at the Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue. This event, presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission, is open to the public, free of charge. Artist's Studio location maps will be available at Northbrook Village Hall and the Northbrook Public Library or download a map at www.NorthbrookArts.org . Maps will also be available at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue, on the day of the event.

Visitors will learn about various art techniques and studio practices while viewing artwork and demonstrations. Don't miss this rare opportunity to tour the artists' studios and see a variety of artwork by some of Northbrook's finest artists. Participants are also welcome to bike the tour. The Art Commission suggests starting your ride at the Northbrook Leisure Center.

WEEK OF October 31, 2016

SUN.	10/30	9am-3pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room
MON.	10/31	9am-7pm 4pm-8pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room Halloween Trick or Treat
TUES.	11/1	9am-7pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room
WED.	11/2	9am-7pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room
THURS.	11/3	9am-7pm 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	EARLY VOTING –Board Room Architectural Control Meeting – Terrace Room Arts Commission – Terrace Room Community Relations Commission - Library
FRI.	11/4	9am-7pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room
SAT.	11/5	9am-5pm Noon-4pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room Artists Open Studios Tour – Start at Leisure Center
SUN.	11/6	9am-3pm	EARLY VOTING –Board Room

