

MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: September 30, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF September 26, 2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27. At the meeting, The Board proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the week of October 9 as Fire Prevention Week and designated October 31, 2016, as UNICEF Collection Day.

The Village Board approved a number of resolutions and ordinances for a variety of items including the establishment of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees; the purchase and installation of 15 walk-in shower units at Crestwood Place; the renewal of a contract for HVAC maintenance, inspection and repair services; the approval a contract for water main replacement and installation of valves on Skokie Boulevard; the procurement of plumbing services for emergency repairs and backflow device testing; and the purchase of 276 parkway trees for the 2016 fall planting program.

Under Planning & Zoning, the Board approved the extended hours of operation for a proposed outdoor seating area at Granite City at 992 Willow Road; renewed a special permit for Hot Ground Gym, at 1938 Raymond Drive; and approved an amended plan for Phase IV of The Lodge by Essex located at 2244 Founders Drive. The Board also approved a redevelopment agreement, final plat and all associated special permits, agreements and approvals for the development of the proposed 1000 Skokie project, as well as all necessary agreements and approvals for the Anets Wood development. The Board also heard a preliminary review for a special permit request by Championship Martial Arts to allow a physical fitness facility in an existing building at 1625 Shermer Road, which was referred to the Plan Commission for further review.

The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25.

POLICE ACTIVITY

On Wednesday, September 28, Community Relations Supervisor Petka and Detectives Drewes and Terry addressed kindergarten students, teachers and school administrators at Westmoor School. The kindergarten classrooms were set up as a mock police station for a curriculum on police operations. The police presentation included discussion of police duties, vehicle equipment, radios, police uniforms, safety equipment and Northbrook's canine unit.

SCHOOL LOCK DOWN DRILL

Members of the Investigations Unit and the school liaison officers participated in a lockdown drill at Greenbriar School on Friday, September 30. 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.

EDENS SPUR CRASH SENDS 7 TO HOSPITALS

On Saturday, September 24, the Fire Department responded to the scene of an automobile accident that sent all seven occupants to area hospitals. The car struck a tree after leaving the roadway on the eastern end of the Edens Spur shortly before midnight. All three Northbrook ambulances, as well as an additional Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department ambulance, transported the injured. All of the patients had non-life threatening injuries.



FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS CITIZEN CPR CLASS

On Saturday, September 24, the Fire Department hosted its third citizen cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class of the year. Fourteen residents attended the session, which included instruction on CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) use.



COMBAT READY FIREFIGHTING CLASS

During the week of Monday, September 19, Chief Ricky Rikey of the Clearwater, Florida Fire Department spoke to all three Northbrook Fire companies on coordination and “choreography” to improve deployment and response. These sessions emphasized the importance of a ready mindset and constant vigilance against complacency to enhance public safety service and promote individual safety.

NORTHBROOK CREWS RESPOND TO TRUCK FIRE ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY

On Tuesday, September 27, at 2am, Northbrook Fire units responded to a truck fire located at the 49-mile marker on the westbound lanes of the Tri-State Tollway. Upon arrival, crews encountered a semi-trailer containing an Oxidizer, which hampered extinguishing efforts. The driver of the truck was uninjured and it took crews approximately two hours to bring the fire under control. Northbrook received assistance from Prospect Heights and Wheeling Fire Departments.



WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE

Work continued on the Wescott Park Project this week with crews pouring new sidewalk to replace those impacted by construction. Final work on this portion of the project will be completed next week. Additionally, crews will lay the asphalt for the new paths in the park and begin final restoration work on the roadway immediately in front of the construction entrance area. Restoration work will not require roadway shutdowns but temporary lane closures may occur in the area as crews conduct work and let the concrete cure.



DUNDEE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This week, the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) contractor completed excavation on the right turn lanes on eastbound and westbound Dundee Road at Landwehr Road. Work also continued on the right turn lane on eastbound Dundee Road at Pfingsten Road. IDOT anticipates the entire project will be completed by early to mid-November. 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

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) crews continued paving the shoulders on Shermer Road between Dundee and Waukegan Roads. Once the shoulder work has been completed, the final surface layer will be installed and the aprons will be completed. The final layer is anticipated to be installed the week of Monday, October 4. Please contact IDOT at 773/853-0046 with questions or concerns about the project.

NORTHBROOK EAST STORMWATER PROJECT

Work continues on the Northbrook East stormwater project. This week, crews continued the grading of the bike path, excavation and grading of the project's basin, planting of trees at the site and the restoration of landscaping in the subdivision. Next week, bike path paving will begin. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at: www.northbrookeaststormproject.com.

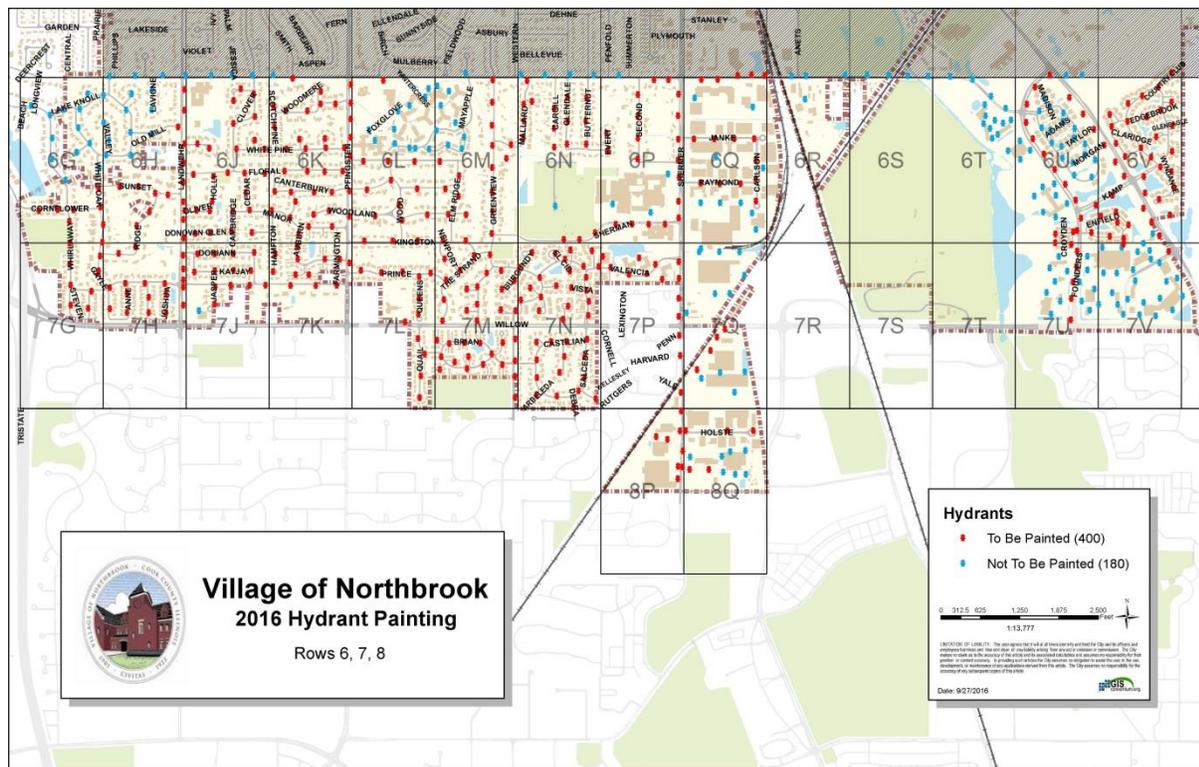


FAIR LANE STREAMBANK REHABILITATION PROJECT

As part of a streambank rehabilitation project, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago (MWRD) has contracted with Pan-Oceanic Engineering to remove large trees, install a block retaining wall and restore landscaping along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River near 844-850 Fair Lane. This week, crews delivered sandbags for the portable dam. Weather permitting, staff anticipates the dam will be installed today (Friday, September 30). Next week, crews will begin rehabilitation within the river. Questions or concerns during the construction process should be directed to Construction Project Manager Greg Riemer (773/601-8408, ext. 1001) or Site Superintendent Marty Mele (708/774-5941).

2016 FIRE HYDRANT PAINTING PROGRAM

The Village of Northbrook owns, maintains, and operates its own water distribution system, which includes approximately 2,700 fire hydrants. Hydrants require ongoing maintenance to ensure that they are operational. A component of this maintenance is the periodic re-painting of the protective exterior coating. The 2016 Hydrant Painting program will begin the week of Monday, October 4, and will be performed by the Village's contractor, Alpha Paintworks of Chicago. This year, 400 hydrants will be painted in the area south of Techny and west of Waukegan (please see the map below).



LEFT TURN RECONFIGURATION ON TECHNY ROAD AT YMCA

The Village hired Superior Road Striping to reconfigure the thermoplastic striping on Techny Road at Birch (immediately adjacent to the YMCA). Weather permitting, staff anticipates this work will be done on Thursday, October 6. The plans call for a 2-way center left turn lane for eastbound Techny drivers turning north onto Birch and westbound drivers turning south into the YMCA. The crosswalk east of Birch will be restriped in the ladder configuration. This design was recommended in a traffic study completed by the Village's traffic consultant.

BRUSH MOWING ALONG COMED POWERLINE

ComEd's contractor, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, will be mowing brush on ComEd's right-of-way located on the eastside of the Village during the week of Monday, October 4. The work will take place under the ComEd lines which run from just south of Dundee Road south to Voltz Road (please see the map below). All of the mowing will be performed directly under the lines on the west side of the old railroad tracks. As part of the maintenance, invasive trees will be removed.



VOLTZ ROAD OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

On Thursday evening, September 29, the Village of Northbrook held an Open House to gather input from residents on traffic concerns for the Voltz Road corridor. Approximately 45 residents attended and provided valuable feedback on current traffic conditions in the area bounded by Voltz Road on the south, Sunset Ridge Road on the east, Walters Avenue on the north and Waukegan Road on the west. Residents also provided comments and suggestions about future initiatives that could be put in place to improve traffic. All of the comments from the Open House will be provided to the Public Works Committee of the Village Board at an upcoming meeting.

SUICIDE PREVENTION SIGNAGE AT METRA TRAIN STATION

Earlier this week, Public Works staff installed suicide prevention signs at the Metra train station. The signs are designed to inform those at the train station about the suicide prevention hotline and are part of Operation Lifesaver, an organization promoting safety and education at highway-rail crossing.



WEEK OF October 3, 2016

SAT.	10/1	9am-Noon	First Saturday of the Month Electronics Recycling
MON.	10/3		No Meetings
TUES.	10/4	7am -3pm	First Tuesday of the Month Electronics Recycling
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission – Canceled
WED.	10/5		No Meetings
THURS.	10/6	7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission Meeting – Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission – Library
FRI.	10/7		No Meetings