



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: September 9, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF September 5, 2016

PLAN COMMISSION

On September 6, the Plan Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval of the Anets Woods final plat and final plan for a 32-unit single family residential planned development submitted by Edward R. James Partners for the property at 1220 and 1230 Voltz Road.

At the next Commission meeting, on September 20, the Commission is scheduled to consider a resolution recommending approval of the final plat and final plan for a mixed-use project at 1000 Skokie Boulevard consisting of a Life Time Fitness facility, a Children’s Learning Adventure facility, and a 304-unit apartment building by the Finger Company.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH EXTRICATION NEEDED

At 4:00pm, on Friday, September 2, the Fire Department was called to the scene of a traffic accident at the intersection of Cherry Lane and Landwehr Road. Due to the damage to one of the vehicles, the hydraulic “Jaws of Life” was used to remove the driver from the car. Both drivers were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.



SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL

On Thursday morning, September 8, members of the Northbrook Police Investigations Unit, School Liaison Officers and members of the Fire Department participated in a lockdown drill at Glenbrook North High School. The Officers assisted School Principals, Administrators, Teachers and students in the exercises. The police discussed the reasons for lockdowns and what can be expected in terms of police response. Such drills are held periodically with all Northbrook schools. Following the lockdown drill, the school conducted a fire drill and severe weather drill.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY AMTRAK TRAIN

At approximately 4:00pm on Thursday, September 8, Northbrook Police and Fire units responded to the rail crossing at Shermer Road, near Meadow Road, for a pedestrian struck by a train. Upon arrival, crews confirmed that a Northbound Amtrak train had fatally struck a pedestrian. There were no reported injuries to the occupants of the train and the crossing was closed for approximately four hours while Metra Police investigated the incident.

WESCOTT PARK PROJECT 90% COMPLETE

Work continues on the Wescott Park stormwater project, which is about 90% complete. The Village's contractor has completed the installation of the Storm Trap system. The restoration of sections of pavement where storm sewer installation occurred continued this week and is anticipated to be complete by mid-September. The final roadway restorations are scheduled to be completed the week of September 12, weather permitting. The contractor also began the restoration of compromised driveway aprons and sidewalks this week. This may require residents to park on an adjacent side street or a neighbor's driveway while their driveway apron, or a portion of sidewalk across their driveway, is prepared, formed, poured, and cures.



As part of this work, there will be planned closures of Farnsworth Lane, between Sunnyside Circle and Ellendale Drive, from 9:40am to 5:00pm. Farnsworth Lane will be reopened each day at 5:00pm. During the daytime closure of Farnsworth Lane, local traffic will be detoured. During the pavement restoration work, there will be road closures for 10 days while the concrete is replaced and cures. Residents with driveways impacted by the work will be notified in advance.

DUNDEE ROAD RESURFACING

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) contractors continued the resurfacing of Dundee Road from Portwine Road to I-94 (the Edens) this week. Crews began laying the surface layer of asphalt from Pfingsten Road to Potawatomi Woods. This portion of the project is anticipated to be completed by next week, weather permitting. During the on-going construction, motorists should obey the posted speed limit and use caution while traveling through this area.

DUNDEE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is improving the intersections at Dundee and Landwehr Roads, as well as Dundee and Pfingsten Roads. This week, crews continued the installation of IDOT utilities at Pfingsten and Dundee. At the intersection of Dundee and Landwehr, the installation of new storm sewers continued this week. After the sewer work is completed, IDOT crews will begin the turn lane excavations at Landwehr and Dundee. This work will require traffic be shifted between lanes and, at times, a reduction of traffic to one lane in each direction. These changes in the traffic pattern will vary from day to day. With these lane closures, traffic delays will occur. Please allow enough time to reach your destination or find an alternate route.

SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

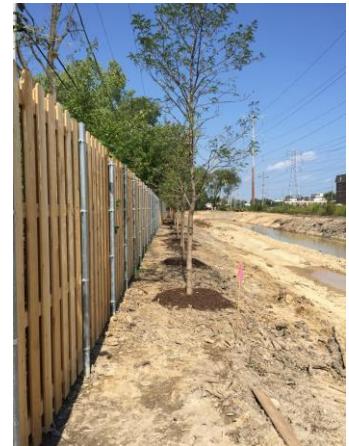
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is resurfacing the section of Shermer Road between Dundee and Waukegan Roads. Shoulder and apron work began this week and will continue into next week. Following the completion of the shoulder and apron work, the final surface layer will be installed. 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, storm sewer installation continued along Midway Road and within the basin area. The installation of approximately 40 trees for screening near the basin was also completed. Next week, work will include storm sewer installation, basin excavation and grading, additional tree installation along the basin, curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk replacement, and asphalt pavement patching. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at: www.northbrookeaststormproject.com.

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, the contractor installed temporary yard and tree fencing and performed brush removal. Tree removal also began this week. 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).



RAIL SAFETY

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police has asked that the Governor of the State of Illinois to declare September 11 to 17 as Illinois Rail Safety Week in order to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains. In 2015, there were 140 crossing collisions involving motor vehicles in Illinois, which resulted in 79 injuries and 24 fatalities. In addition, there were 41 pedestrian incidents which resulted in 18 injuries and 23 fatalities. During 2015, Illinois ranked 3rd in the nation in vehicle collision fatalities and 5th in the nation in pedestrian fatalities.



To promote rail safety awareness and education, the Northbrook Police Department will be participating in Illinois Rail Safety Week. Enforcement details are planned throughout the week at the Shermer Road RR crossing within the Village of Northbrook to educate both drivers and pedestrians about the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property. Police officers will be distributing literature to the public that contains information on how to be safe around trains and train tracks.

Please remember, not only is it against the law to stop your vehicle on railroad tracks, it is also against the law to stop your vehicle anywhere within the highway-rail grade crossing. Highway-rail grade crossings are typically marked by white stop lines located on the pavement in advance of the crossing, and if not marked by white stop lines, the highway-rail grade crossing extends from protective gate arm to protective gate arm.

According to Illinois Operation Lifesaver, more than 50 percent of all collisions occur at crossings with active warning devices (flashing lights, gates, and ringing bells). For more information about Illinois Rail Safety Week, please visit www.illinoisrailsafetyweek.org or contact the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

WEEK OF September 12, 2016

SAT.	9/10	10 a.m.- noon	Touch a Truck - UL
SUN.	9/11	7:45 a.m.	9/11 Remembrance Ceremony – Station 11
MON:	9/12		No Meetings
TUES.	9/13	6:30 p.m.	Ad Hoc Facilities Committee Meeting – Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting – Board Room
WED.	9/14	9:00 a.m.	Firefighters Pension Board – Shermer Study
		7:00 p.m.	Bicycle Task Force – Canceled
THURS.	9/15	6:30 p.m.	Stormwater Management – PW Center
		7:00 p.m.	EQC – Shermer Study
FRI.	9/16		No Meetings
SUN.	9/18	Noon – 4pm	Shermerfest – Village Green Park