

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: April 6, 2012

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2012

PLAN COMMISSION

On Tuesday, April 3, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on a request from Red's Garden Center to amend the Zoning Code and approve a special permit to allow Red's to install and operate a landscape waste transfer station as part of its nursery/garden center. There were approximately 20 members of the public that were in attendance at the meeting. After the Applicant made a presentation, the Commission heard testimony from members of the public. Landscape contractors that would use the transfer station spoke in favor of the facility, and adjacent residential neighbors spoke in opposition to the facility. Given the late hour, the Commission was unable to hear from everyone in attendance and continued the public hearing to May 1. The Commission did request the following additional information from the Applicant: (a) what information was provided the Applicant's experts on which they made their findings as well as the credentials of the experts, (b) details of how truck traffic will maneuver into and through the site, (c) operational procedures for the facility, (d) details regarding landscape waste transfer facilities associated with nursery/garden centers in other communities, (e) how the proposed facility is different and similar to the current operations on the site, (f) medical expert information regarding potential health impacts of the facility, and (g) how does the Village Public Works department manage its operation of collecting landscape waste at the Public Works facility on Huehl Road.

The Plan Commission had been scheduled to consider School District 27's request to amend the Zoning Code and to approve a special permit to allow the District to install an electronic message board display sign at Wood Oaks School on Sanders Road. At the School District's request the public hearing was continued without comment to the Commission's June 5 meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

On Monday, April 30 at 7:00pm in the Northbrook Public Library Auditorium, Professor Kyu Park from Northeastern Illinois University will introduce a panel discussion on the role of Korean Women - Past and Future in America. As part of the presentation, the Korean Women's Choir will perform a few songs. The panel features Korean women in philanthropic work, business, religion, culture and medical fields. The overall theme of the presentation will emphasize the achievements of Korean American Women in each of these fields over the past 50 years since the Korean American Community in Chicago was formed in 1962. In addition, the presenters will provide a perspective of what Korean American women should do over the next 50 years to consolidate the achievements already made and to further build upon them. The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments, courtesy of Sunset Foods, will be served.

Preparations are in the final stages for the Commission's Annual Asian Heritage Celebration. This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 6, from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the North Suburban YMCA. The event, which is open

to the public with free admission, will feature art exhibitions and demonstrations, music and dance performances, and a wide selection of delicious dishes to purchase. The celebration will showcase the diversity of Asian culture, with participants representing Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Russia. Music offerings will include a Chinese drum ensemble, a Japanese KOTO ensemble, and Indian music ranging from classical to Bollywood. Artisans will offer henna hand painting, colorful jewelry and artifacts, and Chinese painting demonstrations. Storytelling, dance performances, and other activities will take place throughout the afternoon.

The Commission will host a combined “Welcome to Northbrook” and “Flamingo Friday” event on Friday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Village Hall. The YMCA, Library, Park District and Police Department will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about the services that the Village has to offer. Residents will also be encouraged to participate in our Flamingo Friday “meet your neighbors” program. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood’s plastic, pink flamingo for the summer long celebration. Sunset Foods will also provide refreshments.



Please keep the following dates marked on your calendar: Asian Heritage Celebration Panel Discussion – April 30, 2012; Asian Heritage Celebration - May 6, 2012; Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Friday Kickoff – May 18, 2012. The next regular meeting of the CRC is scheduled for May 3, 2012.

NORTHBROOK EAST STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

This week staff from the Public Works Department met with representatives of the Cook County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD) to review possible wetland mitigation at the Sunset Woods Forest Preserve to help reduce stormwater run off from the site into the Northbrook East subdivision. Staff walked the site with the CCFPD representatives to identify trouble areas on the forest preserve site. The CCFPD was receptive to the project and working with the Village. The next steps for this project will be to research what existing field drain tiles may be on the site from the properties previous uses and work with the CCFPD to further refine the scope of the project.

POLICE REPORT

Detectives concluded a theft case this week. After an interview, a former nanny confessed to stealing \$600 from the wallets of the children she had been hired to watch. She was charged with one count of Felony Theft.

FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO ROLL OVER ACCIDENT ON TRI STATE

Tuesday, April 3, Northbrook Fire Units responded to a single vehicle roll over at the 52 mile marker on Tri-State Tollway. Upon arrival, the vehicle was resting on its roof with the rear window broken out. Paramedics immobilized the driver, who was the single occupant of the vehicle, and removed them from the vehicle thru the rear window. The patient was treated and transported to Lutheran General Hospital.

NORTHBROOK FIRE PROVIDES MUTUAL AID INTO WHEELING FOR FIRE

Tuesday evening, April 3, Northbrook Fire Department Engine 10 and Ambulance 10 responded to Wheeling with mutual aid assistance in extinguishing a fire in a two-story townhome. Upon arrival, fire companies reported a corner unit fully involved in flames. Northbrook units worked in the adjacent unit preventing fire extension. Wheeling command cleared Northbrook companies after they provided their assistance and Northbrook crews returned to quarters.

NORTHBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

On April 2, Northbrook Fire Department welcomed a new addition to their roster, FF/PM Bradley Puntney. Bradley was previously working as a Firefighter/Paramedic at the Tri-State Fire Protection District. To better

understand and learn his new department, Bradley will work with the administrative staff, shift commanders and his new firefighter colleagues for the next two weeks. He will then be attending the NIPSTA Firefighter academy for nine weeks beginning April 16. Bradley will be sworn in at an upcoming Village Board meeting. Please join us in welcoming Bradley to the Northbrook Fire Department. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

FORESTRY UPDATE

The Village is preparing for its annual spring planting of parkway trees. The Village Board will consider a Resolution authorizing the purchase of 334 parkway trees at their meeting on April 10. Included in the purchase of the parkway trees are five trees to replace those removed as part of a development, 46 for participants in the cost sharing program, and 50 for replacements due to other reasons such as utility excavations. The purchase also includes 233 trees to replace Ash trees that were dead, declining, or infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and planted on properties where an Ash tree was removed at no cost to the property owner.



During the 2011/12 fiscal year the Village has removed approximately 250 parkway Ash trees. The Village has been working with Northwest Hardwoods (who manufactures furniture, baseball bats, and other objects) to recycle as much wood from the removed trees as possible. This week Northwest Hardwoods picked up a semi-truck's worth of logs, saving the Village approximately \$1,000 in dumping fees.

IN THE NEWS AND ON TV

On Monday, President Frum met with a reporter from 7 Days, a regional Russian newspaper which is distributed in Michigan and Illinois. The article includes information about the duties of a Village President, why many Russians choose Northbrook to live and information about the opening on the Community Relations Commission. The article was published today, in Russian and online at www.7Days.us. During the interview President Frum also noted that the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us has a translation function making it a great resource for those that do not speak/read English.



On Friday morning, bright and early, Sandy presented a Proclamation live on Channel 26 to Northbrook Native Melissa Forman in honor of her special birthday celebration. Melissa is a co-host with Jeanne Sparrow on "You and Me This Morning" on WCIU The U. View the segment at

<http://www.wciu.com/youandme.php?section=home&assets=videos&assetID=10007932>

ROLL OUT THE BARRELS FOR EARTH & ARBOR DAY

The Village is stocking up on rain barrels in anticipation of the April 21 Earth and Arbor Day celebration at the Village Green. Village staff will be selling rain barrels for \$25 at the event.

In addition to over 50 vendors sharing environmentally friendly ideas and products, a community clean-up and fun family events, residents can participate in the special Earth and Arbor Day recycling program. A complete schedule of events and a list of special collection recyclable items is available at www.northbrook.il.us.



WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2012

SAT.	4/7		Passover begins at Sundown (ends at Sundown on 4/14)
SUN.	4/8		Easter Sunday
MON.	4/9		No Meetings
TUES.	4/10	10:00 a.m.	Countryside Montessori Field Trip- Board Room, CFD, KM
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Board Room
WED.	4/11		No Meetings
THURS.	4/12	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Board Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission - Terrace Room
FRI.	4/13		No Meetings