

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** STAFF

**COPY:** VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** April 3, 2015

**RE:** STAFF BRIEFING

### WEEK OF March 30, 2015

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

On Thursday evening, the Community Relations Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting to discuss several events that will be taking place this spring. On Sunday, April 19, the Commission will host its biannual **Interfaith Sunday** event, formerly named Interfaith Walk. The event will take place rain or shine. Opening remarks will be at 12:30pm at St. Giles Episcopal Church (3025 Walters Avenue), followed by open houses at many of the Northbrook houses of worship from 1pm – 4pm. All are invited to participate and join members of the Commission for pizza and trivia games at the Village Hall beginning at 4pm. Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Interfaith](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Interfaith) for details.

The Commission's annual **Asian Heritage Month Celebration – "Taste of Asia"** will be held on Sunday, May 3, from 12:30pm to 3:00pm at the North Suburban YMCA (2705 Techny Road). This annual event will feature art exhibitions, demonstrations, music and dance performances, and a wide selection of delicious ethnic dishes available for purchase. The event will showcase the diversity of Asian culture, with participants representing China, India, Philippines, Russia, and Japan. Musical and dance performances, as well as other presentations including martial arts, will take place throughout the afternoon. The event is open to the public and there is no fee for admission. If you'd like to volunteer as an usher or greeter, or would like to contribute to the program in another way, please contact Commission Liaison Michael Strong at 847/664-4058.

To kick off the summer, the Commission will once again host a combined **"Welcome to Northbrook"** and **"Flamingo Friday"** kick-off event on Friday, May 15 from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Village Hall. Various Village organizations will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about the services that Northbrook has to offer. Residents will also be encouraged to participate in our "meet your neighbors" Flamingo Friday program. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's pink flamingo for the summer long celebration. Refreshments will be provided.

The next regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission is scheduled for May 7, 2015.

#### TRAFFIC SIGNAL RADAR VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM

Meade Electric has been hired to install a new radar vehicle detection system, which recognizes traffic and adjusts the signal timing accordingly. The system will be installed at intersection of Sherman and Shermer Roads. This intersection has a history of malfunctions, causing major traffic problems at GBN. The new state of the art system is expected to eliminate these problems.

### SKOKIE BOULEVARD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

Bolder Contractors has completed installation of approximately 1,650 feet of the 12” sanitary sewer and 12 manholes north of Dundee Road and is currently preparing the site for concrete patching. Asphalt restoration may take place as early as mid-April. The contractor has begun working south of Sunset Ridge. This portion of the work includes installation of 2,900 feet of 15” sewer main and 14 manholes. The first manhole, which will connect the new line to the Commonwealth Edison lift station, has been partially installed. Motorists are reminded to use extra caution in construction zones.

### CAR ACCIDENT SETS PACE FOR BUSY AFTERNOON WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

At approximately 3:45pm on April 2, the Northbrook Fire Department responded to the 3900 block of Dundee Road for a rollover accident. One patient was treated on the scene and a second was transported to a local hospital in stable condition. While crews were working the car accident, a fire alarm activation and two additional ambulance calls were dispatched for Northbrook units. Mutual aid units from Glenview, Northfield, and Northbrook callback personnel were able to mitigate the additional calls, all of which occurred within a 30-minute period.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTS WITH HUNGER RESOURCE NETWORK

On Saturday, March 28, members of the Northbrook Fire Department and many other volunteers gathered at the Willow Festival Shopping Center to help distribute approximately 100,000 pounds of chicken to about 70 area food pantries and agencies for distribution to suburban families in need. Local volunteers, along with the Hunger Resource Network, organized the event.



### VILLAGE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER – DSW & OLD NAVY

On Thursday, April 2, President Frum joined the Chamber of Commerce staff at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new DSW in Village Square Shopping Center, located on the southeast corner of Lake Cook Road and Skokie Boulevard.

DSW is just one of the new stores coming to the center. A building permit was recently issued to renovate an existing vacant space for a new Old Navy store, which will be located near the recently opened T.J. Maxx store at the north end of the center.



**WEEK OF April 6, 2015**

<b>MON.</b>	<b>4/6</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>6am-7pm</b>	<b>Election Day Precincts 2 &amp; 29 in Board Room</b>
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission Meeting – Terrace Room ( <i>change in meeting room</i> )
<b>WED.</b>	<b>4/8</b>	7:30 a.m.	EDC – Terrace Room
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control – Terrace Room
		6:00 p.m.	Rescheduled Arts Commission – Library Art Exhibit
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>4/10</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>