

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: May 11, 2012

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF MAY 7, 2012

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on May 8. During the Manager's Report, Public Works Director Hamill provided an update on the Techny Road construction that will include closing Techny to all eastbound traffic during the project beginning May 21 and is expected to run through December 2013. During the President's Report, Lieutenant/Paramedic Steve Johnson was recognized by the Board for his thirty years of service to the Village in the Fire Department. Trustees approved a Resolution for the purchase of aluminum sulfate for the water treatment facility and authorized the purchase of four Police Dodge Charger squad cars. The Board considered a request for a three lot subdivision at 1258 Walters, which was sent to the Plan Commission. The next scheduled Board meeting is May 22.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

The opt-out period for residents and small businesses is underway, and the process is on track to allow for the new rate to be effective for most individuals in the community in time for mid-June/early-July meter reads. Information on the program is available at www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com.

Next week, two groups that did not receive the initial letter from the Village in late April will be mailed a letter informing them of the program. These groups are those customers currently receiving ComEd's residential space heat rate and those who may have already signed up with an alternate energy service provider on their own before the Village's program was in place. Residential space heat customers (those whose homes are heated with electricity) were originally excluded from receiving information on the Village's aggregation program because their heavily subsidized rate was lower than the Village's aggregated rate. However, the ICC this week clarified that the residential space heat rate subsidy would be withdrawn and ComEd would be adjusting those rates up over the next two years to be the same as their standard rate, beginning with their first adjustment on June 1, 2012. Because this subsidy has ended, mc² has offered to allow these customers the opportunity to take advantage of our lower rate. The letter will be sent out late next week and will provide information on how to do so for these customers. There are approximately 1,100 space heat rate customers in Northbrook, the second highest in the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (behind Skokie). In addition, customers who have already switched to another provider on their own will receive a letter letting them know how to switch to mc² if they are interested in doing so. The letter advises that there may be a fee to break their contract with their current provider and that they should review that prior to taking any further steps to switch to mc².

Questions may be directed to Assistant Manager Kiraly at 847/664-4012 or Management Analyst Maltas at 847/664-4017, or to mc² directly at 888/808-7731.

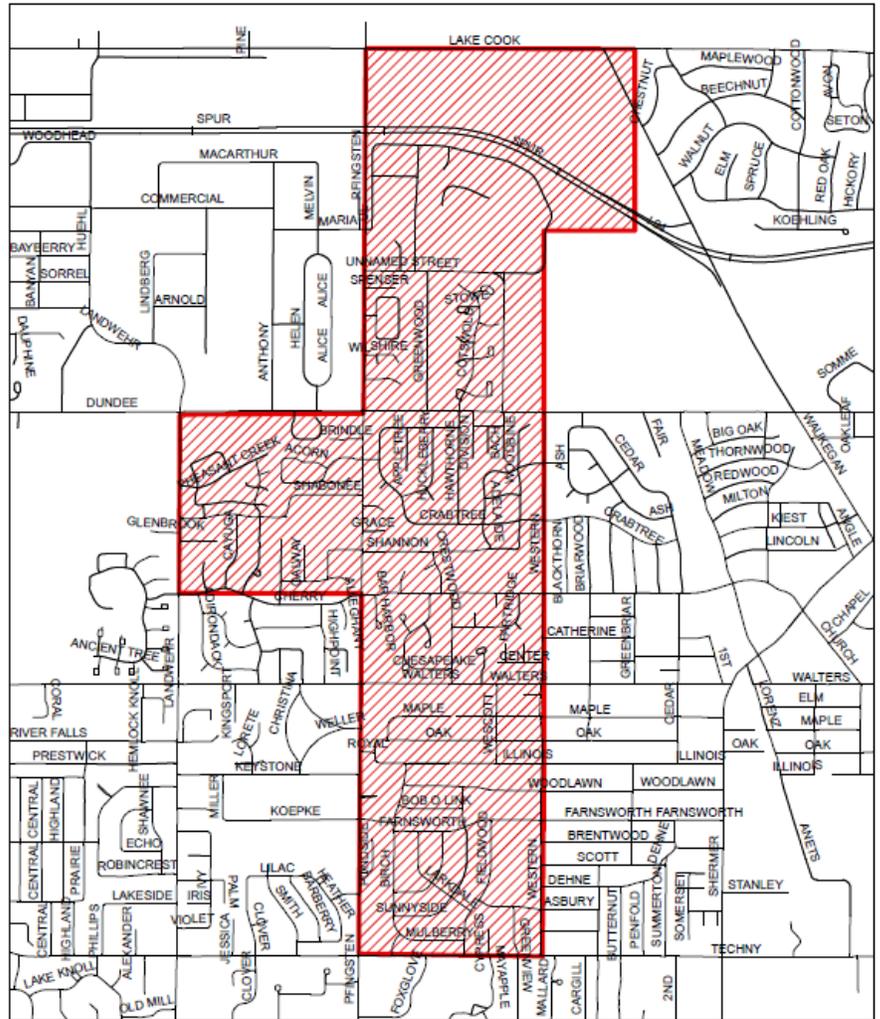
SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT

The Village is jointly bidding the 2012/13 sewer lining project with communities from the Municipal Partnering Consortium. Bid packages were released to the public on April 12 and bids were received this week. The contract award will be placed on the June 12 agenda for the Village Board's consideration.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Village of Northbrook systematically surveys public sidewalks to identify defective and deteriorated sections that create a potential hazard and liability for the Village. Tree roots that heave sections of sidewalk, winter freeze/thaw cycles and deicing materials are the primary cause of sidewalk deflection and deterioration. Village staff survey sidewalks based on logical geographic areas to determine which portions are to be replaced. In addition to the replacement of failed sidewalk squares, the Village also installs Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required ramps at intersections and replaces select curbs adjacent to the sidewalks. In total, approximately 6% of Village sidewalks are replaced each year.

Bids for the sidewalk improvement program were released and opened at the end of April. The contract award will be placed on the May 22 agenda for the Village Board's consideration. If awarded, the Village's contractor will be working in the north central portion of the Village, shown in red the graphic below.



SENATE BILL 678 - ILLINOIS RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY RESOURCES ACT

The Village received notice this week that Senate Bill 678, intended to create a fast-track process to have a new gas and electric plant approved in Taylorsville, Illinois, is currently under consideration in the General Assembly after being passed by the Senate. This bill was first introduced in 2010 as Senate Bill 2485, Public Certification of Utilities, and was tabled due to a lack of support. The proposed "clean" coal-fired plant will produce electricity and substitute natural gas (SNG) that can be used by other natural gas power plants to generate electricity. This bill requires that all electricity suppliers in the State of Illinois purchase 5% of their energy from this plant to help pay for its construction and operation. The Village of Northbrook believes that it will see an increase of at least \$10,000 to \$15,000 in electric costs for its facilities annually if this bill

is passed. President Frum has reached out to legislators to inform them of the negative impacts this will impose not only on the Village itself, but also its businesses and residents.

COOK COUNTY GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Police Department has received information from the County regarding a free service for the removal or concealment of graffiti. The program is administered by the County's Graffiti Removal Unit. The victim of the graffiti must fill out a form and submit it to the County. Forms can be obtained at the Police Department.

BURGLARY

Over the period of the evening of May 7 through early morning of May 8, unknown persons entered a supply room, either by picking the lock or the door was unsecured, at the CITGO gas station on Dundee Road and then proceeded to break through a cinder block wall to access an ATM machine. An undetermined amount of currency was removed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION AT MAY 8, VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The Fire Department had two recognitions at the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, May 8. First, Lieutenant Steve Johnson was recognized for his 30 years of dedicated service to the Fire Department and to the Village of Northbrook. Lt. Johnson was presented with a Recognition Resolution by the Village Board and was congratulated on his retirement. Please join us in thanking Steve for his dedication and service to the Fire Department, and in wishing him the best in his well-earned retirement.

Also, on the same evening, the Fire Department's newest firefighter/paramedic was sworn in. Firefighter/Paramedic Bradley Puntney appeared before the Fire Chief, Village Board and Village Clerk to accept and recite his oath as a new Firefighter/Paramedic for the Village of Northbrook. Firefighter/Paramedic Puntney began the NIPSTA Spring Firefighter Academy on April 16, 2012 and is a welcome addition to the Northbrook Fire family.

ILNATOA TO CONTACT AG RE: AT&T PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) CHANNELS

In April 2009, the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (ILNATOA) sent two members to Washington D.C., to represent over 75 Illinois communities to share concerns regarding AT&T's method of distributing Public, Educational and Government (PEG) programming and the complicated procedure municipalities must use to utilize their Emergency Alert System (EAS) for emergency messaging over their video system. Over the two days, Communications Manager Cheryl Fayne-dePersio, along with Executive Director for Chicago Access Network Television Barbara Popovic and Executive Director for Manhattan Neighborhood Network Dan Coughlin, went to 13 meetings including: ex parte meetings with the FCC regarding a pending filing with the FCC; the FCC Media Bureau, FCC Commissioner Adelstein and FCC Associate Bureau Chief Rich Chessen; and one-on-one meetings with senate and congressional staff. The trio also met with White House representative Susan Crawford, the Special Assistant to the President for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy. To date, none of the issues have been addressed and AT&T continues to fail to comply with 220 ILCS 5/21-601, the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007 as it pertains to Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access programming.

In effort to follow-up on these matters, Cheryl, currently the Vice-President of ILNATOA, and the other ILNATOA Board members are in the process of contacting Attorney General Lisa Madigan to inquire about the state's findings. To date there has been no enforcement of AT&T's discriminatory treatment of PEG channels by placing them on the channel 99 submenu application. This submenu system is clearly not the intent nor the letter of the law.

WEEK OF MAY 14, 2012

SUN.	5/13		Mother's Day
MON.	5/14		No Meetings
TUES.	5/15		Police Memorial Day
		6:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee - Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission - Board Room
		7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole - Cancelled
WED.	5/16	7:00 p.m.	Youth Commission - Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	4 th of July Association - Fire Headquarters, Station 11 Classroom
THURS.	5/17	6:30 p.m.	Stormwater Management Commission - Cancelled
		7:00 p.m.	EQC - Terrace Room
FRI.	5/18		No Meetings