

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

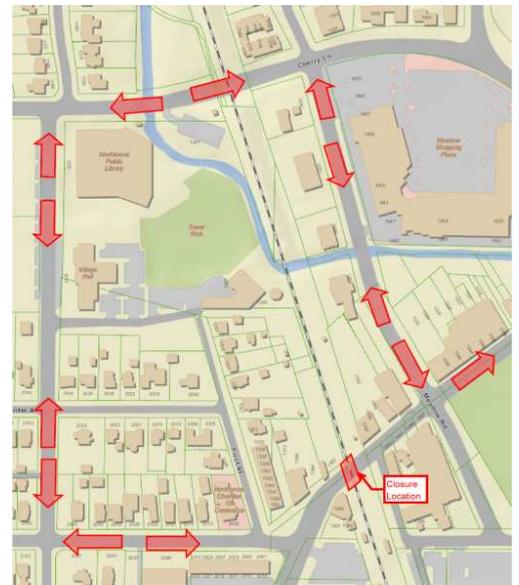
DATE: June 6, 2014

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF June 2, 2014

REMINDER: SHERMER ROAD CLOSURE – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Metra will be performing track repairs and resurfacing of the crossing at Shermer Road in the central business district. Metra anticipates that this work will begin on Wednesday, June 11 and require a closure of the crossing until Friday, June 20. Local traffic will be detoured from Shermer Road to Walters Avenue to Cedar Lane to Cherry Lane to Meadow Road (see route map below). Metra has posted electronic message boards near the crossing informing motorists of the closure ten days prior to the start of the work.



PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

On June 3, the Plan Commission conducted the first public hearing on an application for a proposed three story building at 1312 Shermer Road (Village Green Shopping Center). During the public hearing, one nearby resident commented on the appearance of the subject property and how deliveries are being handled for the existing businesses on the site.

The Plan Commission found the proposed request to be generally acceptable but Commission members requested that the applicant address the following items prior to returning for the continued public hearing:

- Consider providing windows or architectural details on the proposed east and west facades of the upper stories to break up the blank brick expanse;
- Clarify how the proposed retail spaces could be better accessed from the parking lot located to the rear of the building;
- Reconsider providing the primary residential access to the building from Shermer Road, as this may encourage the residential tenants of the building to utilize the on-street parking spaces along Shermer.
- Explore ways to improve the on-site vehicle circulation and access to parking spaces in the northeast portion of the site (currently one way);

- Consider setting back the third floor from the property line to reduce the bulk of the structure along Shermer Road; and
- Clarify how loading will occur for the new retail spaces and residential units.

The public hearing was continued to July 1, 2014.

At the June 17 Plan Commission meeting, the Commission is scheduled to hold the continued public hearing for the Timbers Edge planned unit development, the continued public hearing on Zoning Code amendments regarding medical marijuana cultivation centers and dispensaries, and the first public hearing regarding a sports training facility at 1885 Holste Road.

COMMISSION GEARS UP FOR ART IN THE PARK: JULY 12 AND 13

The Northbrook Arts Commission met Thursday night to review details on the Art in the Park event at the Village Green July 12 & 13. In addition to over 70 artists, attendees will enjoy non-stop live music, art activities for children, arts demonstrations and refreshments from local food vendors. It is not too late for artists to apply to participate in the show, but spots are very limited! For more information about the 2014 Art in the Park event, visit www.northbrookarts.org. The July Arts Commission meeting was rescheduled to meet at 7pm on July 10, 2014.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday evening. At the meeting, Commissioners reviewed the very successful Asian Heritage Month celebration—Taste of Asia. Over 1,000 people attended the May 18 event and the day’s activities were very well received. Commissioners also reviewed the Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Fridays Kick-Off event which took place on May 16. Although the weather moved the event to the Village Hall lobby, the event was well attended and every flamingo was passed out! Commissioners gave thanks to the Village’s GIS staff for providing an interesting demonstration of their mapping services. The Commissioners also thanked Fred Feibel from the Civic Foundation, the Police and Fire Departments, the YMCA, the Northbrook Symphony, and the Park District for participating in this year’s event. The Commission was also provided with an update on the Sister Cities program. The Sister Cities subcommittee will be meeting in the near future to develop the program framework, and to identify additional community members to serve on the subcommittee. Chairman Wehr provided an update on a community forum concept that he is working on with President Sandy Frum that will be hosted in the fall. The purpose of the forum will be to allow community members from various houses of worship, civic organizations, and others to come together to hold a discussion on what the Village of Northbrook means to them.

During the meeting, the Commission also said goodbye to long-standing Commissioner Scott Gertz. Commissioner Gertz; *pictured on the right shaking hands with Chairman Ray Wehr*, attended his final meeting on Thursday, after ten years of involvement. Notably, he will be missed for his continued commitment to the Welcome to Northbrook event, which through his leadership, has grown to become one of the most impactful events for introducing new residents to the Village of Northbrook. The Commission thanked Commissioner Gertz for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Community Relations Commission over the years.



At the next meeting, Commissioners will discuss the leadership, planning, and budget for its future events. The July meeting has been canceled so the next meeting of the Commission will be on August 7, 2014. If anyone is interested in volunteering for future events that are coordinated by the Commission, please contact staff liaison Michael Strong at 847/664-4058.

FLIGHT FOR LIFE MEDEVAC HELICOPTER TRANSPORTS MOTORCYCLE VICIM

On Friday, June 6, about noon, Northbrook firefighters and police responded to a car vs. a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Waukegan Road and Shermer Road. The accident required the response of the MCAT Major Crash Team. Two people were injured in the accident. A 19-year-old Bellwood woman, a passenger in the car, was transported by ambulance to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. A 23-year-old man from Northbrook, riding the motorcycle, was in critical condition and transported to Lutheran General Hospital by the Flight-for-Life medevac helicopter. A landing zone was set up at nearby Northbrook Junior High School for the helicopter. Police and fire personnel coordinated with school staff to safely move all the students and staff into the school while the helicopter used the baseball field. Traffic was diverted around the intersection of Waukegan and Shermer as the scene was investigated.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Northbrook Police Canine Officer Jonathon Salmi and Canine Jack conducted a canine demonstration for the Northbrook Park District at their Safety Town Program. Jon talked to the children and their parents about the role of police dogs in the law enforcement environment, keeping people safe, and appropriate actions upon meeting strange dogs. Officer Salmi explained the work he and Jack do on a daily basis, and demonstrated obedience and article searches. The children, parents and public attending had many questions about canine roles in police work and were quite impressed by Jack's abilities.



DRYER FIRE AT DIVINE WORD RESIDENCE BUILDING

On Friday morning, June 6, firefighters responded to a dryer fire in the residence building at the Divine Word Mission on Waukegan Road. Staff quickly and safely evacuated all occupants, while the onsite building engineer and maintenance staff controlled the fire in the commercial dryer with a fire extinguisher. Firefighters extinguished the fire and ventilated the facility. All occupants were back in the building in about an hour. Damage was limited to the dryer and laundry room.



ASPHALT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

The Village’s annual asphalt street resurfacing program continued this week with the Village’s contractor, Peter Baker and Sons, completing installation of the final layer of pavement throughout the Wildebrook neighborhood and beginning the process of removing and replacing deteriorated curbs throughout the Summerhill neighborhood. Looking forward to next week, the contractor will be continuing to replace sections of curb throughout the remainder of the project area.

Information regarding the Asphalt Street Resurfacing Project, and all Village construction projects, including weekly updates and location maps, is available on the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/constructionprojects.

SANDERS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT (TECNHY TO LAKE-COOK)

Director of Public Works Kelly Hamill and Village Engineer Paul Kendzior attended a pre-construction meeting for the resurfacing of Sanders Road between Techny and Lake-Cook Roads. Construction will be administered by the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways (CCDoTH), which is the agency that owns and maintains Sanders Road. The photo is representative of the current condition of the roadway pavement.



The project will include removal of existing asphalt, patching in select areas, resurfacing, new pavement markings, and roadway signage. This segment of Sanders Road also includes a few areas of concrete roadway pavement, which will be patched in select locations and diamond grinded to provide a smoother riding surface. In addition, the temporary traffic signal at the intersection with Lindenwood Lane will be replaced with a permanent signal. Construction is anticipated take place between June 16 and October 10 and expected to result in only intermittent lane closures. The contractor will be providing advance notification signage a

week before construction starts. Information about this project has been posted on the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/constructionprojects.

WEEK OF June 9, 2014

SUN.	6/8		Torch Run for Special Olympics-
MON.	6/9	7:00pm	Youth Commission Film Festival – GBN Little Theater
TUES.	6/10	6-9pm	<i>Tuesday Park Fest Concerts start, - Village Green to July 22</i>
		6:30pm	COW Meeting– Terrace Room
		After COW	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room
WED.	6/11		DETOUR AT SHERMER RD/METRA RR BEGINS
THURS.	6/12	5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission – Terrace Room
FRI.	6/13		No Meetings