

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

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

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: July 30, 2010

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF JULY 26, 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday to continue discussion regarding design specifications for the new water tower at 205 Huehl Road. Committee members concurred with staff's recommendation to paint the tower *Teardrop Blue*. This is the color of the current tower. The Committee suggested that no graphics or logo be included on the tower; however, if text was preferred by the majority of the Board, the Committee would agree to something simple and tasteful.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees met for their regular meeting on Tuesday. Under the President's Report, Liz Ganitopoulos was appointed to the Senior Services Commission, and August 3 was proclaimed as "National Night Out" for the event that is put on by the Northbrook Police Department every year. On consent, the Board approved a contract with Kenna Construction for tuck point work at the Public Works facility, as well as a contract with Chicagoland Pavers for the Revere Drive reconstruction project. Trustees also approved a design review permit for a parking lot modification and restriping at 1368 Shermer.

Under the Planning and Zoning report, the Board considered a special permit and parking variation for 400 Skokie Boulevard. The property owner would like to put a TD Ameritrade financial institution on the lot as a second principal structure. The Board considered this use appropriate, and sent the item to the Plan Commission. Trustees approved a contract for tree trimming with Nels Johnson, which is a combined contract with the Northbrook Park District. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010.

NORTHBROOK DODGES A BULLET DURING RAINSTORM

Northbrook only received 3.25-inches of rain for the storm that occurred last Friday night (July 23) and continued until late Saturday morning (July 24). The very dry ground conditions in Northbrook prior to the storm allowed for an unusual high amount of absorption for the initial rainfall. Public Works only received two flood related calls early Saturday morning, one alarm for the Cherry Lane storm sewer lift station and the other for a flooded basement due to sanitary sewer back-up in the Sander's Prairie Subdivision. Both calls were responded to by the on-call person.

This storm caused historical rain amounts and flooding for the western suburbs and the central portion of the City of Chicago. Rainfall amounts included 7.9-inches in Oak Park, 7.25-inches in Carol Stream, 7.00-inches in Elmhurst, 6.4-inches at O'Hare Airport, 6.25-inches at Midway Airport and 5-inches for central Lake County (Grayslake). The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) opened the locks in both Wilmette Harbor and Navy Pier early Saturday morning (2:45 AM) to release untreated sewage overflows into Lake Michigan. Locally, Prospect Heights received 4.65-inches and Arlington Heights received 3.45-

inches. All of the rain fell over a period of 12 to 18 hours. For northeast Illinois, the 100-year frequency storm is 6.60-inches over 12-hours, 7.00-inches for 18-hours and 7.50-inches over a 24-hour period.



MABAS DIVISION 3 DIVE TEAM CALL-OUT

Photos by Tim Olk

At 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 24, following a record rainfall, the Westchester Fire Department requested MABAS - multi-divisional dive rescue teams for extensive flooding in their community. Northbrook on-duty divers Bob Gangloff and Cliff Woodbury joined divers from Northfield, Glenview, Park Ridge, Wilmette, Winnetka, Evanston, North Maine, and Prospect Heights, forming a task force of 22 divers, five vehicles and boats responding to Westchester.

The Division 3 Task Force was assigned an area comprising approximately 32 city blocks to search, rescue, and aid as necessary. During the day, our Task Force rescued and/or relocated 41 persons (some with pets) from the flooded area, moving them to waiting ambulances or to a sheltered area. In addition, the Task Force also responded to the scene of a large underwater natural gas leak at Roosevelt and Oak Ridge Roads in neighboring Hillside.

Westchester Command released the Task Force at 6:00 p.m. and all divers returned to their assigned stations. Northbrook on-call personnel replaced Gangloff and Woodbury while they were committed to the incident.

SMOKE IN SCHOOL PROMPTS HEAVY RESPONSE

Saturday evening, July 24, Northbrook fire companies responded to a trouble alarm at Meadowbrook School. Once on the scene, firefighters encountered smoke throughout the building. Companies searched the building, eventually narrowing their efforts to an area over the administrative office where they found a failed motor in a ventilation unit. There was a localized power outage in the immediate area during this incident.

HOUSE FIRE OR CAR FIRE?

Monday evening, July 26, firefighters were called to a report of a possible house fire in the 100 block of Wellington Road. While responding, police advised that the fire was actually a car on fire in the street in front of the address. Arriving companies found a car with the engine compartment involved in fire. The fire was quickly extinguished using one hose line. Cause of the fire was undetermined and loss due to the fire was listed as being \$5,000.

BICYCLE COLLISION AT VELODROME

Saturday, July 24, during a bicycle race in the Northbrook Park District Velodrome, four cyclists collided. Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene where they evaluated each of the patient's injuries. One

patient was transported to Glenbrook Hospital complaining of hip pain and the others signed releases, refusing further treatment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THE BREAST CANCER WALK

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure™ Breast Cancer Walk is taking off from Northbrook Court on Friday, August 6. After three days and sixty miles, participants will take a final victory walk into Soldier Field for the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, August 8. As a show of support for the fight against Breast Cancer, Fire Department personnel will be wearing specially designed PINK T-shirts for the first two weeks of August.

WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2010

MON.	8/2	1:30 p.m.	ICDC Subcommittee – Terrace Room
TUES.	8/3	9:00 a.m.	Department Head Staff Meeting – Terrace Room
		6:00 p.m.	National Night Out Against Crime – Meadow Hill Aquatic Center
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission Board Room
WED.	8/4	6pm-10pm	Northbrook Days Festival - Village Green – begins tonight
THUR.	8/5	6pm-10pm	Northbrook Days Festival – Village Green
		7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission Meeting – Terrace Room
		7:00 pm.	Community Relations Commission – Northbrook Public Library
FRI.	8/6	10:00 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Testing – Shermer Study</i>
		6pm-11pm	Northbrook Days Festival – Village Green
SAT.	8/7	9:30-11:30 am	<i>Fun for People w/Special Needs - Northbrook Days – Village Green</i>
		Noon-11pm	Northbrook Days Festival – Village Green
SUN.	8/8	1pm-9pm	Northbrook Days Festival – Village Green