



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff

COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: July 29, 2016

SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF July 25, 2016

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Industrial and Commercial Development Commission met on Tuesday, July 26. At the meeting, the Commission held its second set of discussions with Northbrook businesses regarding challenges recruiting and retaining employees. Representatives from Bernhard Woodwork and Highland Baking attended the meeting and shared their approaches to recruiting employees and the challenges they face locally with hiring and retaining employees. The Commission will continue workforce development discussions with another group of businesses at its September meeting. In addition to these discussions, the Commission also received an update regarding Pace's efforts to determine the feasibility of installing a bus shelter on the south side of Commercial Avenue near its intersection with Academy Drive. Pace is currently determining if sufficient right-of-way exist to install the bus shelter. The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23.

STORM RESPONSE – SATURDAY, JULY 23

Last Saturday's storms brought more than 3.5 inches of rain, with 3 inches falling in about 90 minutes. The storms caused 700 customers to lose power, the majority of which were restored before 9:00am Sunday morning and the remainder before noon. Northbrook Police responded to flooding calls at the Lake-Cook Road and Willow Road underpasses, as well as at the Midway/Whitfield intersection and along Dundee Road. Police, Fire, and Public Works responded to a downed parkway tree on a house in the 2000 block of Illinois. Residents are reminded to report power outages to 1-800-EDISON-1.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

This week, staff gave a tour of the Police Department to 28 children from Police Chaplain Rabbi Moskowitz's summer camp program

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 2, from 6 to 9pm all are invited to join the Northbrook Police, the Northbrook Park District and the citizens of Northbrook in celebrating the 13th Annual National Night Out at Meadowhill Aquatic Center (1479 Maple). Stop by to meet Northbrook's Police Chief and other Village and Park District officials.

This free event features DJ entertainment, food, drinks, games, raffles, use of the pool and important crime prevention information from the Northbrook Police Department. Bring your family and friends for an evening at the pool. Musical entertainment will be provided by Charisma.

National Night Out is a community event designed to promote the partnership between Village officials and staff, the Northbrook Police, the Northbrook Park District and the community and to share information and ideas about crime prevention and public safety. For more information, call 847/664-4427. The program will be canceled in case of inclement weather.

NORTHBROOK'S FINEST AT NORTHBROOK DAYS – AUGUST 3 -7

If you are heading to Northbrook Days next week, be sure to stop by and say hello to the Northbrook Police and Fire Department personnel who will be stationed near the northwest entrance to Village Green Park. They will have some safety tips to share, along with some give-a-ways and information about the upcoming *Pokemon GO Walk with the Police* on Wednesday, August 10.

Northbrook Days is held from Wednesday, August 3 to Sunday, August 7. For a full schedule of events, visit www.northbrookdays.com

NORTHBROOK POLICE TO HOST POKÉMON GO WALK – AUGUST 10, FROM 6 TO 8PM

Residents of all ages are invited to come to the Village Hall Board Room on Wednesday, August 10, at 6pm to join the Northbrook Police for a Pokémon GO Walk around the Village Hall campus and Downtown Northbrook. During the walk, participants will learn about gaming safety and catch some Pokémon. Participants are asked to register in advance at www.northbrook.il.us/PokemonGO or email PokemonGOwalk@northbrook.il.us



NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE NORTHBROOK NOTIFY

On Monday, August 1, Northbrook Notify, the Village's mass notification system used to contact residents and businesses via telephone, text and/or e-mail, will have a new option for citizens to "Opt-In" via text.

The enhancement will allow residents/businesses to opt-in to the notification system via texting "60062" to 888777. The system will capture the cell phone number of each text and store that information so that it can be used in the future to update the community on a variety of items including upcoming events and emergencies. This new option is supplemental to Northbrook Notify and will not replace the Village's e-mail listserv system. Subscribers are still encouraged to visit www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify to add other phone numbers, email, and home/business addresses for targeted messaging.

WEST NILE VIRUS

Earlier this year, mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile Virus were found in various traps across the North Shore, including Northbrook.. With the recent discovery of West Nile virus activity in local mosquitoes, the risk of human infection is also increasing. All residents are reminded to take personal protection measures to minimize mosquito bites including using insect repellent, wearing loose fitting clothing and avoiding peak mosquito feeding times during the hours around dawn and dusk. Residents and businesses are urged to examine their property and eliminate any items that can hold water, particularly smaller items that may be easily overlooked (such as bird baths or garden containers). Remember, if it can hold water, it can breed mosquitoes.

Questions about mosquito spraying:

Residents east of Pfingsten Road – North Shore Mosquito Abatement 847/446-9434
Residents west of Pfingsten Road – Northwest Mosquito Abatement 847/537-2306
or visit www.northbrook.il.us/mosquito for more information

CHAMBER EXPO

The Northbrook Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Expo on Monday, July 25 at the Hilton Chicago Northbrook. Over 400 people attended the event, which featured 67 business exhibitors, including the Village of Northbrook. The Expo provides businesses and organizations an opportunity to showcase their services and make connections with potential new clients. Village President Sandy Frum spoke briefly at the event, encouraging attendees to learn more about the exhibitors and support them whenever possible, noting that successful local businesses are vitally important to a thriving community. Economic Development Coordinator David Schoon also staffed a Village booth at the Expo providing residents and business owners an opportunity to learn about business development activity in the community.



WESCOTT PARK PROJECT UPDATE –STORM TRAP INSTALLATION COMPLETED

Work continues on the Wescott Park Stormwater project. The Village’s contractor, Berger Excavating, has completed the installation of the storm trap system. The installation of new 42-inch storm sewers along Farnsworth Lane continued this week along with the restoration of sections of pavement where storm sewer installation has been completed. The installation of new storm sewer is expected to be complete next week, with roadway restoration expected to be complete by mid-August.



As part of this work, there will be planned closures of Farnsworth Lane between Sunnyside Circle and Ellendale Drive between the hours of 9:40am and 5:00pm. Farnsworth Lane will be reopened each day at 5:00pm. During the daytime closure of Farnsworth Lane, local traffic will be detoured. During the pavement restoration work, there will be road closures for 10 days while the concrete is replaced and cures. Residents whose driveways will be impacted by the work will be notified in advance.

DUNDEE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRESS REPORT

The Illinois Department of Transportation’s (IDOT’s) contractors continued the resurfacing of Dundee Road from Portwine Road to I-94 (the Edens) this week. Crews continued laying the final surface course between the Edens and Pfingsten Road with milling operations continuing between Pfingsten and Sanders Roads. IDOT anticipates that the entire project will be completed in September. Motorists should obey the posted speed limit and use caution while traveling through this area.

DUNDEE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is improving the intersections at Dundee and Landwehr Roads as well as Dundee and Pfingsten Roads. These improvements will include the construction of right turn lanes on Dundee Road at Landwehr Road and a right turn lane on eastbound Dundee at Pfingsten Road. Similarly, a right turn lane will be installed on southbound Pfingsten Road at Dundee. Crews will also upgrade the lighting and traffic signals and replace any removed sidewalk. Crews began road cutting and pavement removal at Pfingsten and Dundee on Thursday, July 28. This work is anticipated to take two weeks. During this portion of the work, there will be only one northbound lane of traffic on Pfingsten Road.

SHERMER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is resurfacing a section of Shermer Road, between Dundee and Waukegan Roads. In addition to resurfacing, IDOT is adding shoulders, re-grading adjacent ditches and relocating a number of utilities. As part of this work, IDOT will also complete storm sewer work to improve local drainage. This week, IDOT crews continued adding storm sewer, ditches, and shoulder to Shermer Road. Please contact IDOT at 773/853-0046 with questions or concerns about the project.

2016 CONCRETE STREET PATCHING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

All concrete pours were completed last week. Joint sealing with bituminous material around the old and new panels will continue for another week, with restoration following completion of the joint sealing. Parking on streets under construction will continue to be prohibited, due to the reduced pavement width and construction activities, for the duration of the project.

2016 SIDEWALK REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTINUES

The Village's contractor, Schroeder and Schroeder, began the removal and replacement process of failed sidewalk squares this week in the Arrowhead Subdivision. Removal and replacement will take approximately two weeks to complete. Residents with driveways that will be impacted by the project will be notified in advance of the concrete being removed and replaced.



NORTHBROOK EAST STORMWATER PROJECT

The Northbrook East Stormwater Management Project includes the construction of a 4.7-acre foot detention basin and storm sewers to improve flooding conditions in the Midway/Whitfield/Dell intersection area. Staff anticipates that onsite work will begin on Monday, August 1, with equipment mobilization and the construction of a temporary access drive from Sunset Ridge Road. Work for the week of August 1 will include root pruning as necessary, removal of remaining stumps, and silt fence and erosion control installation. Additional notification letters will be distributed to the affected residents. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at: www.northbrookeaststormproject.com.

WAUKEGAN ROAD PATCHING

Crews worked to restore Waukegan Road this week following the July 23 water main break. The pavement section consists of approximately 10 inches of asphalt on top of 10 inches of concrete and the pavement patch will be approximately 44 feet long by 23 feet wide.

Public Works crews removed the failed pavement and debris on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Crews poured the concrete base of the road on Wednesday morning and began paving the asphalt base on Thursday afternoon. On Friday, the surface of the road will be completed and pavement striping added. Staff anticipates that the road will be fully reopened before the Friday evening rush hour.



WEEK OF August 1, 2016

MON:	8/1		No Meetings
TUES.	8/2	7am - 3pm	1st Tuesday Electronics Recycling – Behind the Village Hall
		6-9pm	13th Annual National Night Out Against Crime- Aquatic Center
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission Meeting – Board Room
WED.	8/3	6-10pm	Northbrook Days Starts thru August 7 – Village Green
THURS.	8/4	6-10pm	Northbrook Days
		7:00 p.m.	CRC Subcommittee Northbrook Cares – Shermer Study
		7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission – Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission – Rescheduled to 8/11
FRI.	8/5	6-10pm	Northbrook Days
SAT.	8/6	9am - Noon	1st Saturday Electronics Recycling – Behind the Village Hall
		9:30-11am	Northbrook Days – People with Special Needs
		Noon-11pm	Northbrook Days
SUN.	8/7	1:00pm-9pm	Northbrook Days