

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: April 24, 2015

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF April 20, 2015

PLAN COMMISSION

On April 21, the Plan Commission held its regular meeting and considered the following applications:

DOCKET NO. 15-06: TIMBER'S EDGE. The Commission adopted a resolution *recommending approval* of the Timber's Edge final plat and final plan for a 21-unit single-family residential planned development for the property at 3845, 3925, & 3955 Dundee Road.

DOCKET NO. 15-09: ABRA AUTO BODY & GLASS - 1827 JANKE DRIVE. The Commission held a public hearing regarding an application for 1827 Janke Drive requesting rezoning of the property, and to approve a special permit for an auto repair shop with outdoor storage of vehicles. No one from the public spoke during the public hearing. The Commission discussed the request and then directed staff to prepare a resolution recommending approval with a series of conditions often applied to special permits for auto repairs shops with outdoor storage of vehicles. The Commission is scheduled to consider the resolution at its May 5 meeting.

The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for May 5 at which time it will hold a public hearing on the proposed Anets Woods 27-unit single-family home planned development and a public hearing on a proposed Zoning Code text amendment regarding zoning relief from the floor area ratio requirement for single-family homes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO ELECTRICAL FIRE

At approximately 11:00am on Friday, April 24, Northbrook Fire units responded to the 200 block of Skokie Boulevard for the activated fire alarm. While enroute, crews received information of a small fire in one of the rooms of an assisted care facility. Upon arrival crews reported the fire was out and that there were no injuries. Crews ventilated the facility and checked for extension of the fire. Fire and smoke damage was minimal. The cause of the fire is under investigation and damage estimates are pending.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

On Wednesday morning, April 22, Community Relations Supervisor Petka participated in a presentation by Northbrook Bank and Trust on scams that affect seniors by providing resources that seniors can use if they become victims of identity theft. Also on Friday morning, April 24, Supervisor Petka visited with the firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates to talk to their safety staff about internal security measures. Supervisor Petka's presentations were met with enthusiasm and a variety of questions from the audiences.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS TRAINING ON NEW CAR TECHNOLOGY

On the evenings of April 21, 22, and 23, Northbrook Fire Department members conducted training on new car technology at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA). Members were trained on the hazards associated with new cars and on techniques to extricate patients from vehicles involved in accidents. This training was provided to approximately 50 members of the department through a train-the-trainer program.



EARTH AND ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25

The Village of Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 8am to noon at the Village Green Park in Downtown Northbrook, at the corner of Shermer and Meadow Roads, **rain or shine**. All are invited to attend this fun event.

- 8am – 12:00pm Electronics/Household Item Recycling in the West METRA parking lot
- 8:30am – 12:00pm Clean up Area Registration begins at the Village Green Park
- 9am – 12:00pm Vendor Expo at the Village Green Park

Over 50 vendors will feature earth-friendly ideas and concepts for homes and businesses. Exhibits will include structure weatherization measures, demonstrations, give-a-ways, free tree seedlings, presentations of a Great Horned Owl and a Red Tailed Hawk by professional handlers, pony rides, and much more.



There are still spots available for the blood drive that will be hosted by LifeSource. To make an appointment for the blood drive, visit www.lifesource.org and search for group code 329D or call 877/543-3768.

Residents are also invited to attend the ceremonial tree planting which will take place in Village Green Park at 11am, just south of the playground area.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION SET TO HOST 11th ANNUAL "TASTE OF ASIA" EVENT ON SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission has announced plans for its annual **Taste of Asia** Festival, to be held at the North Suburban YMCA on Sunday, May 3, from 12:30 to 3:00pm. Now in its 11th year, Taste of Asia celebrates Asian American culture through a wide variety of live performances, art exhibitions, and delicious foods. The event is open to the public with free admission.

Every year, Taste of Asia attracts over 1,000 guests to sample the richness of Asian culture. For 2015, the live performances will range from the traditional Korean drumming group SoriBeat to the Bollywood fusion dance group Chicago ADAA to Chinese stunt yo-yo artist Ryan Shi. Throughout the afternoon, numerous vendors will offer food from a range of national and regional cuisines, and the Y's Community Gallery will present a display of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting, by the Sumi-e Midwest Society. The event will also feature arts and crafts projects for children and adults including origami, kite decorating, Chinese and Korean calligraphy, a Sumi-e demonstration, lessons in how to use chopsticks, martial arts demonstrations, and other activities.

Taste of Asia will be held at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, on Sunday, May 3 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. For more information, contact Michael Strong at the Village of Northbrook, 847/664-4010 or michael.strong@northbrook.il.us.

SKOKIE BOULEVARD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

Bolder Contractors has finished the installation of approximately 1,650 of the 12" sanitary sewer, 12 manholes and concrete patching, binder and surface course road restoration, and striping for the work north of Dundee. The contractor continues the work south of Sunset Ridge. Thus far, almost 1,600 of the 2,900 feet of 15" sewer main have been installed along with seven of the 14 manholes.

DUNDEE ROAD LANE CLOSURES

Sub-contractors for the Northshore 770 project, Lake County Grading, completed the concrete base patch work on Dundee Road, just west of Skokie (across from Zengler Cleaners) on Tuesday of this week. The pavement patching work reduced Dundee Road down to one lane in each direction from approximately 9:00 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. The contractor lifted the steel plates, poured the concrete base and then reset the plates. This work completed Phase 1 of a two Phase repair.

The Northshore 770 developers are anticipating the Phase 2 work to occur on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, weather permitting. The Phase 2 work, consisting of placing the asphalt surface course, will take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Notices will be posted on Northbrook Notify via email for those signed up for "Road Construction" notices and sent out on Facebook. Like the Village at www.Facebook.com/NorthbrookIllinois

OPEN HOUSE FOR SHERMER ROAD OVERFLOW SEWER & CHERRY LANE UNDERPASS PROJECT

The Open House for the Shermer Road Overflow Sewer & Cherry Lane Underpass Project was held on Monday, April 20, with approximately 30 interested residents and business owners attending. The Open House gave Village Engineer Paul Kendzior and staff from our consultant, Bollinger, Lach & Assoc., the opportunity to explain the combined projects and answer questions regarding the anticipated benefits and construction process.

Construction will start on Monday, April 27, for the Cherry Lane Underpass portion of the combined project. This will involve the installation of traffic control and protection devices along the west side of Meadow Road between the West Fork crossing and the intersection with Cherry Lane. On street parking along Meadow Road will be restricted during this time. The sewer installation, beginning at the West Fork, should begin by Wednesday. Construction for this portion of the project is expected to last two months. Notifications were delivered this week to the business owners along Meadow Road informing them of the construction start date and parking restrictions. More updates will follow as construction progresses.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

On Friday, April 24, 2015, Public Works planted a parkway tree in front of Hickory Point School at 450 Laburnum in celebration of Arbor Day. The tree is a Prairie Fire Crabapple, which was chosen for its height to maintain clearance with the utility wires above the parkway.



WEEK OF April 27, 2015

SAT.	4/25	8:30am-Noon	Earth & Arbor Day Celebration- Village Green
MON.	4/27	4:45 p.m.	BFPC Special Meeting – Police Department
		5:30 p.m.	Asian Heritage Celebration Subcommittee Meeting – NS YMCA
		7:30 p.m.	ZBA – Board Room
TUES.	4/28	7:30 a.m.	ICDC – Terrace Room
		5:15 p.m.	BFPC Special Meeting – Police Department
		6:30 p.m.	Villa Salceda HO Association – Shermer Study
		6:30 p.m.	Public Works Committee – Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	CRC Interfaith Sunday Subcommittee – DPS Conference Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room
WED.	4/29		No Meetings
THURS.	4/30		No Meetings
FRI.	5/1		No Meetings

