

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: May 4, 2012

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2012

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

The Village held the 55th Annual Student Government Day on Wednesday, May 2. This Northbrook tradition provides students with a taste of the day-to-day operations of local government and offers a behind the scenes view of how the Village, Library and Park District conduct business. This year, over thirty 8th grade students participated from each middle school that serves Northbrook. The students spent the morning shadowing their “counterpart”, either a professional staff member or elected official from the Village of Northbrook, the Park District or Library. In the evening, the students participated in a mock Village Board meeting. This year’s problem asked the students to consider how the land behind the Village Hall should be developed. Following student staff presentations and significant discussion, the student Board of Trustees voted 7-0 to build a fishing pond for local stormwater retention and a parking lot for the Library.



PLAN COMMISSION

On Tuesday, April 3, the Plan Commission held the second public hearing on a request from Red’s Garden Center to amend the Zoning Code and approve a special permit to allow Red’s to install and operate a landscape waste transfer station as part of its nursery/garden center. In addition to the Applicant and its experts, there were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance at the meeting. After the Applicant made a presentation responding to Commission members’ comments and concerns expressed at the first public hearing, the Commission heard additional testimony from members of the public. As with the first public hearing, landscape contractors that would use the transfer station spoke in favor of the facility, and adjacent residential neighbors spoke in opposition to the facility. After hearing from the Applicant and the public, the Commission directed staff to draft a resolution recommending approval of the application subject to a series of conditions regulating the operation. Of the seven commission members present, six of the members indicated at this time that they support the request, and the seventh member stated they were undecided. The Commission is scheduled to consider the resolution at its May 15 meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Community Relations Commission has partnered with the Senior Services Commission to conduct a survey of our senior residents that is intended to gather information related to services that seniors feel are necessary to continue living at home independently. The survey has been mailed to residents in the Village's May newsletter and is also available online at www.northbrook.il.us/seniorsurvey. The survey will be open until June 15, 2012.

The Commission's annual Asian Heritage Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 6 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the North Suburban YMCA. The event is open to the public with free admission and will feature art exhibitions and demonstrations, music and dance performances, and a wide selection of food dishes to purchase. The event will showcase the diversity of Asian culture with participants representing Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Russia. Musical offerings will include a Chinese drum ensemble, a Japanese KOTO ensemble, and Indian music ranging from classical to Bollywood. Artisans will offer henna hand painting, colorful jewelry and artifacts, and Chinese painting demonstrations. Storytelling, dance performances, and other activities will take place throughout the afternoon. A TV crew from KBC-TV will be taping at the event.

The Commission will host a combined "Welcome to Northbrook" and "Flamingo Friday" event on Friday, May 18 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Village Hall. The YMCA, Library, Park District, Police and Fire Departments will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about the services that the Village has to offer. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic, pink flamingo for the summer long celebration. Sunset Foods will also provide refreshments.

Please keep the following dates marked on your calendar: Asian Heritage Celebration - May 6, 2012; Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Friday Kickoff – May 18, 2012. The next regular meeting of the CRC is scheduled for June 7, 2012.

POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Chief Wernick and representatives from the Police Department attended celebrations this week in Springfield in honor of National Police Week. This annual event is attended by thousands of law enforcement personnel to honor fellow Officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties. Sergeant Dave Sprague and Officer Chris Lacina rode the department's motorcycles in the motorcade. The ceremonies included a morning church service and a state ceremony held on the Capitol grounds. National and county celebrations will be held later in May.



NORTHWEST CORNER OF DUNDEE ROAD & SKOKIE BOULEVARD (BEAL BANK SITE)

On May 1, 2012, Colliers International on behalf of Beal Bank, owner of the northwest corner of Dundee Road and Skokie Boulevard, released an offering memorandum for the sale of the site. The offering memorandum indicates that they will be following a “standard sealed bid process” with purchase bids due on Friday, June 8, 2012. In response to the release of the offering memorandum, staff has already begun to receive inquiries from several developers interested in the site. Persons interested in the site should contact either David Bercu, Jack Rosenberg or David Pacelli at Colliers International.

NATO SUMMIT UPDATE

Police Sergeant Tony Matheny conducted a briefing for the Fire and Public Works Departments on preparedness for the upcoming May Summit. Sergeant Matheny spoke on Police training, equipment needs and schedules for the May 19th weekend. Fire Chief Nolan shared his department’s preparations keeping all three departments in synch with planned schedules.

POLICE ACTIVITY

A patron at the YMCA returned to his vehicle on Friday evening, April 27, at approximately 6pm to find his GPS unit was stolen off his dashboard.

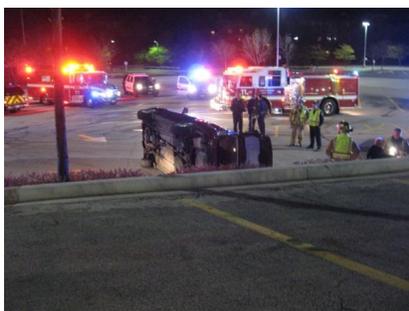
A resident in the 1900 block of Kiest Avenue had her mounted radar unit removed from the dashboard on Wednesday afternoon, May 2. The vehicle’s driver side window had been smashed to remove the unit.

Police responded to a traffic crash in the 2200 block of Waukegan Road for a vehicle that left the roadway then crashed into a fence and ended up in a retention pond. The driver exited the vehicle prior to police arriving and was transported to Glenbrook Hospital for treatment. The fence, landscaping and retention pond in the Meadow Ridge Subdivision was damaged. The driver was charged with DUI.



SEMI ROLLOVER AT SANDERS ROAD AND LAKE COOK ROAD

On the morning of Friday, April 27, Northbrook Fire and Police Departments responded to a rolled over semi accident on Sanders Road just south of Lake Cook Road. The trailer was loaded with approximately 44,000 LBS of aluminum ingots. The driver was transported to Glenbrook Hospital. Police and Fire units remained on scene into the early evening while the tow company removed the contents of the trailer and up righted the semi and trailer.



ELDERLY COUPLE ESCAPE INJURY AFTER ACCIDENT

On Saturday night April 28, an elderly couple was driving through the parking lot in front of Neiman Marcus at Northbrook Court. The driver misjudged the different levels of the parking lot and accidentally drove the car off the parking lot level down onto the lower parking lot. The drop was about 6-7 feet and the car flipped onto its side. The couple was examined by fire department paramedics but both refused transport to the hospital. The occupants of the car received only minor injuries. The car was righted and towed away.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION OF LIEUTENANT AND DIVISION CHIEF



On Tuesday morning, May 1, Northbrook Fire Department held promotional ceremonies at Fire Station 11 in front of the Wayne Luecht Memorial. The Department promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Kanelos to Lieutenant and Captain Timothy Smeltzer to Division Chief of Safety and Training. Congratulations to both Lieutenant Kanelos and Division Chief Smeltzer on their promotions!

NORTHBROOK RESPONDS TO LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FOR A THREE ALARM HOUSE FIRE

Early in the morning on Tuesday, May 1, Northbrook Engine 10 and Battalion 11 responded with mutual aid to Lincolnshire for a 3 alarm structure fire at a home in the 1000 block of Hiawatha Lane. The family was alerted by smoke detectors in the home and managed to escape with no injuries. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District.



On a personal note for the Fire Department, this fire occurred on Lieutenant Steve Johnson's last day (Pictured at right), who is retiring from the Village of Northbrook after 30 years of service to the Fire Department (Photos courtesy of Tim Olk).

WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIRS

Public Works crews repaired breaks on the 8" water main in the 1800 block of Birch, the 6" water main in the 3200 block of Prestwick, and the 6" water main on the 2200 block of Oak.



CONCRETE STREET PATCHING/JOINT SEALING IMPROVEMENTS

This year's patching and joint sealing program will include the completion of work in the Charlemagne subdivision as well as the patching work in the Sutton Point subdivision. The low bidder for this work was Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. A contract award has been placed on the agenda for May 22 Village Board meeting.

WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Design of this year's water main improvements projects, which include Woodbine Lane, Crestwood Drive, Shannon Road, and the service replacements for the businesses along Meadow Road (between Cherry Lane and Shermer Road) has been completed. The bid advertisement is tentatively scheduled for mid-May.

ANNUAL ASPHALT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

The Annual Asphalt Street Resurfacing Program is tentatively set to begin in mid-June. The project is expected to take the contractor, Arrow Road Construction, 10 weeks to complete, depending on weather. This project was bid with the Villages of Glenview, Glencoe, and Kenilworth to realize lower pricing through economies of scale due to larger quantities and lower mobilization costs.

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 with the bid opening scheduled for early May.

VALVE REPLACEMENT

The replacement of a 6" valve was completed in the 2800 block of Weller Lane. In the process of turning off valves to make this repair, crews found a natural gas leak at the northwest corner of Pfingsten and Koepke Roads in one of our valve pits. Nicor was contacted and isolated the leak without disrupting service to residents and returned the next morning to repair the leak.



Old valve that was replaced.

WEEK OF MAY 7, 2012

MON. 5/7

NO MEETINGS

TUES. 5/8 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Board Room

WED. 5/9 9:00 a.m.

Firefighters Pension Board

7:00 p.m.

Bicycle Task Force - Terrace Room

THURS. 5/10 7:30 a.m.

Northbrook Chamber Board Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Architectural Control Commission - Terrace Room

7:00 p.m.

Senior Services Commission - CANCELLED

FRI. 5/11

NO MEETINGS

SUN. 5/13

Mother's Day