

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** STAFF

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

**FROM:** Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

**DATE:** February 1, 2013

**RE:** STAFF BRIEFING

### WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2013

#### NORTHBROOK ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

The Northbrook Electrical Commission met on Thursday, January 31, to discuss two waivers of the local amendments to the 2012 National Electrical Code (NEC) for the new senior living facility at 1000 Sunset Ridge. The architect and engineers for the project are seeking permission to use two specialized wiring techniques that are authorized under the national code, but prohibited by the Northbrook amendments. One waiver request involves a request to use "Stabiloy" which includes an aluminum component in the wire, as opposed to copper wire. The other request involves the use "MC" cable rather than traditional cable placed in a conduit. The Electrical Commission can grant waivers of the local amendments if the measures proposed are deemed safe and effective.

The Commission indicated it was open to considering both alternatives, but additional information needed to be furnished by the Applicant. For instance, the Applicant needed to submit schematic drawings showing how and where the specialized wiring is proposed; the types of installation protocols that will be used to ensure they are installed properly as special care must be used with these materials. Also, the applicant must submit the types of maintenance issues associated with the materials; and load calculations prepared by an electrical engineer that demonstrate they will meet the long term needs of the project.

The Commission tentatively scheduled the next meeting for February 28 to render a decision on these requests.

#### PROMOTIONS AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Friday, February 1, Captain Christopher Wasco was promoted to Battalion Chief and Firefighter/Paramedic Joel Eaton was promoted to Lieutenant/Paramedic at a ceremony at Fire Station #11. Village Clerk Debbie Ford swore-in Battalion Chief Wasco and Lieutenant/Paramedic Eaton to their new positions with family, friends, Village staff, and co-workers in attendance. Please join us in offering congratulations and best wishes to Battalion Chief Wasco and Lieutenant/Paramedic Eaton and their families on their very well deserved promotions. *(Pictured above L to R, Lieutenant Eaton and Battalion Chief Wasco)*



### NEW POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN

The Police Department welcomes new Police Officer Brad Gutwillig who, was sworn in on Friday, February 1. Brad comes to Northbrook after spending about a year working as an Officer with the South Bend, Indiana Police Department. Brad is familiar with Northbrook as he grew up here and graduated from GBN and is happy to return to his roots and family who live in the area. Officer Gutwillig received his Bachelor's Degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Congratulations Brad and welcome to the team!

(Pictured right, from left to right: Deputy Chief Scott Dunham, Police Officer Brad Gutwillig, Police Chief Chuck Wernick, and Deputy Chief Lou Caruso.)



### LAKE COOK ROAD PRE-CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC MEETING

On Thursday, January 31, President Frum and staff along with Northbrook Chamber and Northbrook Court representatives attended a meeting for businesses and residents impacted by the Cook County's planned reconstruction of the intersection of Lake-Cook Road (from Deer Lake Road to Ellendale Road) and Waukegan Road (from the Eden's Spur to the north of Lake-Cook Road) corridors. During the meeting, Cook County presented details about the project and answered questions from impacted parties. The construction is scheduled to begin mid- to late-April and continue through the end of October 2013 and will include the pavement removal and replacement, the addition of lanes and dual left turn lanes at the intersection of Lake-Cook Road and Waukegan Road. Residents and businesses wishing to learn more about the construction and be alerted as the project moves forward, are urged to visit the website [www.lakecookroad.com](http://www.lakecookroad.com) which will have regular updates posted and a way for those interested to have emails sent to them regarding construction progress. The website has construction staging information, a help desk to send in comments or concerns, and provides residents and businesses the opportunity to sign up for an email list to be notified as construction progresses. A link is also available on the Village's website.

### SERVICES FOR SENIORS

On Tuesday, January 29, Senior Services Commission Chairman Mort Wax, Commissioners Mitch Abrams and Elizabeth Ganitopoulos and Community Relations Commission Representative Ron Mantegna, along with Assistant Village Manager Phil Kiraly, Communications Manager Cheryl Fayne-dePersio and Police Counseling Services Director Nancy Vaccaro, met with staff from the North Shore Senior Center in Northfield. The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the various services and programs offered by the center for Northbrook seniors. In addition to a variety of enrichment classes, which include crafts, computers, current events, literature, music and history, the center offers social service assistance and information. The North Shore Senior Center has trained professional staff available to assist individuals or families navigate community resources and services including care management,



chore housekeeping, counseling, escorted transportation service, friendly visiting programs, support groups and home delivered meals programs, just to name a few.

The Senior Services Commission has been researching resources for Northbrook seniors. On February 12 the Commission, along with the Community Relations Commission, will be presenting to the Village Board the results of the "Senior Survey" which was included in the May 2012 newsletter, as part of their goal of evaluating services needed by seniors who want to continue living at home in Northbrook.

#### CAR ACCIDENT SENDS THREE PATIENTS TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

On Friday, January 25, around 8:00pm, fire crews responded to Greenwood and Willow Roads for a two-vehicle accident. Three patients were treated and transported to Glenbrook Hospital. All patients appeared to have non-life threatening injuries and the accident was under investigation by Northbrook Police.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO BROKEN WATER PIPES

At approximately 6:00pm on Friday, January 25, the Fire Department responded to the 200 block of Melvin Drive for the Fire Alarm activation. Upon arrival, crews found a broken domestic and sprinkler pipe in an unheated portion of the vacant warehouse. Crews shut down both the domestic and fire protection water supply until repairs can be made to the system. Residents and Property Managers are reminded to maintain adequate heat in their buildings to prevent frozen pipes.

#### NORTHBROOK ASSISTS WITH MUTUAL AID FOR TWO NEARBY FIRES

On January 31, Northbrook Fire Battalion 11 and Engine 10 responded with mutual aid to a single-family house fire in Deerfield. Additionally, on January 31, Engine 10 responded into Wheeling to assist with a restaurant fire. Paid on Call personnel were used to staff stations, as crews were busy on these calls.

#### WATER MAIN BREAKS

On Wednesday evening, crews responded to a water main break on the 200 block of Skokie Boulevard. Excavation of the area was complicated by the presence of a gas service line and unmarked, abandoned utility lines. The photo illustrates the excavated site, the repaired water main, and some of the additional utilities that crews had to work around.

Throughout the week, crews also repaired leaks at the Oak Knoll/Forestview and Hillside/Ridge intersections. The Village's leak locating contractor continues to work to pinpoint the leak near Field Middle School, however the fluctuating temperatures have made it difficult.



#### COMED IMPROVEMENTS

ComEd's contractor, Intren, will be performing underground cable replacements to improve electric reliability on Winchester Lane, Crabtree Lane, Shabonee Terrace, Jessica Lane, Ivy Lane, Donegal Lane, Arrowwood Drive, and Lindenwood Lane. Work is expected to include directional boring of new cable to replace the existing cable that is failing. This work represents roughly 20,000 feet of underground cable being replaced, which in addition to what is currently being done in the Hampton/Kayjay/Doriann area,

brings the total cable replacement work for Northbrook to 30,000 feet. Construction will tentatively begin in late-April and, depending on weather, will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

- On Monday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Chief Wernick attended a meeting at Solomon Schechter School addressing any concerns or questions the school might have with regard to school safety. School Administrators, teachers and parents were in attendance. Several parents voiced opinions which the Chief advised he would take under consideration. Chief Wernick discussed and distributed material covering law enforcement lock down procedures. These procedures are suggested to schools across the country and include means for staff to protect students and staff in case of an emergency situation. He suggested they maintain a schedule of practicing these procedures and offered their assistance. Parents and school staff were appreciative of the special monitoring Patrol has been doing during school starting and closing periods.
- Police are investigating an attempted burglary to a suite in the 3300 block of Dundee Road. Unknown persons attempted to gain entry to the office door by forcing an unknown tool into the lock mechanism. Entry to the suite was not gained.

THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO’S NORTH SUBURBS

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission (CRC) is proud of the diversity within our Village and is pleased to announce a special program on Wednesday, February 13, in honor of Black History Month. The program will include a diverse panel that will discuss their experiences living in the north suburbs, followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. All are welcome to this free event at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, on Wednesday, February 13 from 7-8:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Participants include: Nichole Farris, Assistant Principal, Waukegan School District #60; Paul January, Teacher, Miguel Juarez Middle School, Waukegan District #60; Opi Akuffo, Management Consultant with Ernst and Young; a Student from Glenbrook North High School; and Kandice Cooley, Guest Service Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, North Suburban YMCA. For more information contact Kendal Maltas at 847/664-4017 or visit our website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us).

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013

<b>MON.</b>	<b>2/4</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>2/5</b>	7:00 p.m.	Communication & Legislation Committee - Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Plan Commission Meeting - Board Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>2/6</b>	5pm-7:30pm	ICS District Open House - Board Room
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>2/7</b>	7:00 p.m.	Arts Commission - Terrace Room
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission - Northbrook Library
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>2/8</b>		<b>No Meetings</b>