



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff
COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads
FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager
DATE: February 23, 2018
SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF February 19, 2018

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

The Plan Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20. During the meeting, the Commission held a public hearing on an application filed by VIP Tech Electric Inc. to authorize special permit approval; variation to reduce the required front setback and southern interior yard, and approval of other zoning relief as necessary. The Plan Commission will vote on the draft resolution on March 6. In addition, the Plan Commission completed their review of four potential redevelopment sites in the downtown area between Church Street and Waukegan Road.

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

On Wednesday, February 21, the Youth Commission held its regular meeting. During the meeting, the group discussed their next forum, “Screens & Teens” tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 15 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Northbrook Public Library. The event will involve three short videos related to screen addiction and youth, as well as three breakout discussions regarding the videos and selected articles. Adults and youth of all ages are encouraged to participate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

The Police Department’s Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) representative responded to a MCAT call-out on Tuesday, February 20 to investigate a vehicle versus pedestrian crash in Skokie.

STORM RECAP

Between Monday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 20, the Village received approximately 2.51 inches of rain. The Public Works Department responded to 22 calls regarding street or yard flooding which largely resulted from the frozen ground conditions disrupting normal flow routes. For more information on flooding, stormwater, and the Village’s management programs, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/stormwater.

SHERMER ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT DELAYED

The Shermer Road Bridge will not be closed on Monday, February 26 as originally scheduled due to a change in the utility relocation plan. AT&T had planned to expose their cables currently located under the sidewalk on the bridge and temporarily pull them outside the construction area for the bridge replacement using slack in the cables. These cables would then be moved back to the original location but within the new bridge deck.

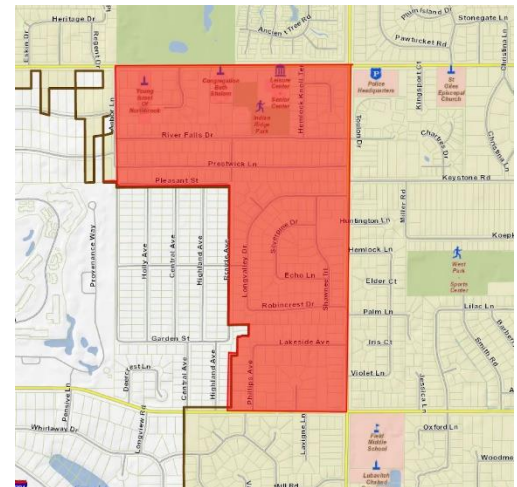
AT&T exposed their existing six ducts of phone lines (more than 4,200 pairs of wires) embedded within the sidewalk on the east side of the bridge in preparation for temporary relocation which would have required the bridge to be closed. As of Thursday morning, AT&T has concluded that there is not sufficient slack in two of their large copper cables to allow for relocation to a temporary support per their plan established during utility coordination. The contractor will not be able to perform the work per the contract until AT&T has relocated these conflicting facilities off of the bridge.

In order to relocate the facilities off the bridge, AT&T will need to directional bore new conduits under the river, install new cables, and transfer services from the old lines to the new. There is also fiber optic cable located in this location and the fiber companies will need to perform similar work as AT&T. At this point, the exact duration of this delay has not been determined and AT&T is currently evaluating their relocation options and the expected timeline. AT&T estimated this work would take 5-6 months given the size and nature of the cables and the presence of other communication utilities sharing these AT&T ducts.

Village staff will take all necessary steps to communicate this delay in the bridge closure to all impacted properties, update the Village website, change sign boards, and utilize NotifyMe to share the updated information.

PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

Each year, the Village of Northbrook trims parkway trees using contractual assistance. Trees are trimmed to prevent unnecessary damage during storms, protect pedestrians and motorists from low hanging branches, promote the health of the tree, and ensure the tree is aesthetically pleasing. Trees are trimmed during their dormant period in the winter months to minimize trauma to the tree. Trimming is currently occurring in the area bounded by Landwehr Road to the east, the Village's corporate limits to the west, Walters Avenue to the north and Techny Road to the south (pictured right). For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.



COMED TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

As part of its regular maintenance program, ComEd regularly trims trees and branches that interfere with power lines. This month, ComEd crews are trimming in the area bounded by Lake-Cook Road to the north, Skokie Boulevard to the east, Walters Avenue to the south, and Pflingsten Road to the west. For more information about ComEd's tree trimming program, please visit comed.com/trees or call 1-800-Edison-1.

GREEN BUSINESS AWARD – OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

The Village of Northbrook has established a Green Business Award to recognize businesses in Northbrook that are making a significant effort to minimize their impact on the environment and to encourage other businesses to do the same. Additional information and the application are available at www.northbrook.il.us/GreenAward. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 2, and the selected business will be presented their award at a Village Board meeting in April.

WEEK OF February 26, 2018

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| MON. | 2/26 | 7:00 p.m. | ZBA – Board Room |
| TUES. | 2/27 | 7:30 a.m. | ICDC – Terrace Room |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Ad Hoc Facilities Committee – Terrace Room |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room |
| WED. | 2/28 | | No Meetings |
| THURS. | 3/1 | 7:00 p.m. | Arts Commission – Shermer Study |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Community Relations Commission – Library |
| FRI. | 3/2 | | No Meetings |
| SAT. | 3/3 | 9 a.m. - Noon | Electronic Recycling – Behind the Village Hall |
| MON. | 3/5 | | Early Voting starts – March 5 through March 19 |