



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff
COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads
FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager
DATE: August 24, 2018
SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF August 20, 2018

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

On Tuesday, August 21, the Northbrook Plan Commission held its regular meeting. During the meeting, the Plan Commission continued their discussion regarding amendments to the Village Green Overlay District standards in the Zoning Code pertaining to development in the downtown. The discussion focused on whether or not certain parts of the downtown area should be required to have ground level retail and restaurant uses. The staff presented zoning data for 20 different suburban communities on how they regulate ground level uses in their downtown areas. Of the 20 communities surveyed, 13 had some type of requirement for a ground level retail land use. The staff also presented downtown Northbrook's existing ground floor land uses, which include retail, restaurant, personal service, office, banking, and institutional uses.

After discussion, the Commission expressed their preference for a ground level retail requirement in at least part of the downtown, with some form of simplified waiver process to allow another land use to be approved by the Village. The Commission also said that the issues related to downtown merchant parking could not be fully explored until the future of the Grainger Property was determined. Finally, the Commission discussed ways in which the downtown, particularly the Village Green, could have more events and activities. A final version of the Plan Commission recommendations will be reviewed in October and a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees will be scheduled to review the topic.

HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Labor Day weekend holiday, electronics recycling will be held on Tuesday, September 4, from 7am to 3pm and Saturday, September 8, from 9am to noon, behind the Village Hall at the Public Works Maintenance Garage.

NORTHBROOK ARTS COMMISSION HOST NORTHBROOK ORIGINALS FEATURING GBN STUDENTS

The Northbrook Arts Commission presents Glenbrook North High School student artists specializing in drawing, painting, photography, and mixed media in a Northbrook Originals GBN Artist-In-Residence Exhibit at the Northbrook Public Library, through September 26, 2018. There are 30 works of art from fourteen Glenbrook North High School students on display throughout the Library.



On Thursday, August 30 at 7pm, all are invited to an evening reception with the artists at the Northbrook Public Library. This exhibit serves as an opportunity to bring together the efforts of the Northbrook Arts Commission, the Northbrook Public Library, and talented students in the award-winning Glenbrook North High School Art Department.

FOUR-WAY STOP AT CEDAR LANE AND WALTERS AVENUE

On Tuesday, September 4, the intersection of Cedar Lane and Walters Avenue will become a four-way stop with the addition of stop signs on Walters. The Village will place electronic message boards near the intersection on Monday, August 27 to notify motorists of the upcoming change. On September 4, the Village will install the new signs, paint new stop bars and crosswalks on the pavement, and place temporary “Stop Ahead” signs with flashing red lights on Walters Avenue. For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREETScape PROJECT

Beginning September 4, the Village’s contractor will begin installing brick crosswalks at the intersection of Church Street and Shermer Road. This work is expected to take approximately 4 to 5 weeks. Motorists are asked to use caution, as traffic will be shifted between lanes during this project.

The project also includes installation of pedestrian crossing improvements, including a curb bump out and pedestrian island, on Shermer Road between Angle Avenue and Church Street. Staff anticipates this portion of the project will be complete in October.

SHERMER ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This week, the Village’s contractor removed the brick sidewalks, pavement, and surface from Shermer Road Bridge. Next week, crews will remove the deck beams that support the surface of the bridge. For more information on this project, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/shermerbridge. For regular e-mailed updates on this project, please subscribe to the Shermer Road Bridge Replacement project Notify Me list at this link: www.northbrook.il.us/notifyme.

BUSINESSES ARE OPEN AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE DURING CONSTRUCTION

Residents are reminded that businesses are open and easily accessible while construction on the Shermer Road Bridge and Shermer Road, between Church Street and Angle Avenue, is occurring. On-street parking is available on Meadow Road and Shermer Road. Free parking is also available in the Commuter Parking Lots after 10:00 a.m. weekdays and on weekends. Motorists are encouraged to allow enough time to reach their destination, as there may be minor traffic delays during construction.

2018 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

This week, staff continued working with Nicor to resolve remaining utility conflicts. Staff anticipates that the Dehne Road and Glendale Avenue project construction will begin early next month. For more information on these projects, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/2018stormwater.

1000 SKOKIE BOULEVARD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This week, the contractor continued installing new storm sewer pipe. Next week, crews will continue the installation, begin removing old sidewalk, and preparatory work to lay a base for the new pavement. As a reminder, this work is part of the 1000 Skokie Boulevard development and includes pavement widening on Skokie and installation of a dedicated right-turn lane from Sunset Ridge Road to southbound Skokie.

IDOT TO PERFORM PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON WILLOW ROAD

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) pavement repairs on Willow Road (between Shermer Road and Patriot Boulevard), will begin the week of Monday, August 27, weather permitting. This project includes milling and resurfacing deteriorated asphalt and requires shifting lane closures between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the days crews are working. IDOT anticipates this project will take five days to complete. Motorists traveling on Willow Road should expect delays. Remain alert when passing through this construction area, as traffic patterns will shift to accommodate construction. For any questions, please contact IDOT at 847-705-4300.

WEEK OF August 27, 2018

MON.	8/27	7:00 p.m. ZBA – Canceled
		9:00 a.m. Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Special Meeting – Police Department
TUES.	8/28	7:30 a.m. ICDC - Canceled
		7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room
WED.	8/29	7:00 p.m. Rescheduled Youth Commission - Terrace Room
THURS.	8/30	7:00 p.m. Reception for GBN Artist-in-Residence Exhibit - Library
FRI.	8/31	No Meetings
MON.	9/3	Labor Day – Village Hall Closed