



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff
COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads
FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager
DATE: November 30, 2018
SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF November 26, 2018

WINTER WEATHER OPERATIONS

This week, the Public Works Department responded to two snowfall events. The first took place Sunday, November 25 to Monday, November 26 with 6-inches of snowfall. The Village's ice control crew of seven began salting operations at 7:30 p.m. and a full plow began at midnight. Crews continued plowing operations through 5:00 p.m. on November 26, with the ice control crew returning at 7:00 p.m. and continuing clearing work until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27. The high winds and weight of the snow from this event caused numerous power outages throughout the Village. Most restorations were completed by November 28, with the few remaining completed on November 29.

The second snowfall began on Wednesday, November 28 and continued into Thursday, November 29 and brought roughly 0.75 inches of snow. The Village's ice control crew began salting operations at 10:30 p.m. and concluded work at 4:30 a.m.

For more information on snow and ice control, please visit the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/snow.

If we can't reach you, we can't notify you! If you have not already done so, please sign-up for Northbrook Notify, Northbrook's mass notification system, for alerts about delayed garbage pick-up, special notices about missing persons, police activity and other Northbrook specific news. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify for details.

SPECIAL BRANCH AND LIMB PICK-UP - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Next week, Public Works will conduct a special tree limb and branch pick-up for residents. From Wednesday, December 5 through Friday, December 7, Public Works will pick-up branches or limbs that fell due to this week's storm and do not fit in the standard landscape waste bags. No limbs or branches from private contractor work will be accepted. Residents will be required to place branches with their ends facing the street.

Residents wishing to have their branches collected may enter a "Storm Damage/Limbs Pickup" work order through the Village's GONorthbrook Service (www.northbrook.il.us/GoNorthbrook) or contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711. The Public Works Department will only collect branches on December 5, 6, and 7 at locations requested by a work order.

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION MEETING

On Thursday, November 29, the Electrical Commission held its regular meeting. At the meeting, the Commission reviewed proposed local amendments to the 2017 National Electrical Code. The Commission added a provision to require new residences to include an empty electrical conduit run to the garage large enough to accommodate a future electric vehicle charging station. Staff noted there is a significant increase in permits issued for home charging stations.

ICDC MEETING

On Tuesday, November 27, the Industrial & Commercial Development Commission (ICDC) held its regular meeting. At the meeting, the Commission discussed ways to notify the business community that effective January 1, 2019, the Cook County Sick Leave Ordinance will be applicable to Northbrook-based businesses. The Commission also discussed how to help businesses thrive in the downtown area. The next regular meeting is December 18.

FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY - LOCAL PROJECTS SET TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Upcoming Forest Preserve projects include the removal of invasive shrubs and trees at two Northbrook sites to create healthier preserves:

- Chipilly Woods Forest Preserve (south of Dundee Road, and west of Sunset Ridge, by Voltz Road, the North Branch of the Chicago River, and the Union Pacific railway)
- Somme Prairie Nature Preserve (north of Dundee Road, and east of Bach Street, by Underwriter's Lab, the Post Office, and the Canadian Pacific railway)

Work at these locations is scheduled to begin in December. The work at Somme Prairie Nature Preserve "will be very noticeable" according to John McCabe, Director of Resource Management, Forest Preserves of Cook County. He noted that projects such as these tend to look drastic at first (especially in the winter), but over time the cleared areas will re-populate with native wildflowers and grasses. More information about the Somme Prairie Nature Preserve and other Forest Preserve projects may be found at www.fpdcc.com/spnp and more information on the Chipilly Woods project can be found at <https://goo.gl/4GCQ6g>

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE SEEKS PUBLIC IDEAS

Chicago Executive Airport's latest Master Plan Open House is scheduled for December 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event, open to all, takes place at the Ramada Plaza hotel on the east side of the airport, at 1090 South Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. The initial conceptual alternatives developed by the Stakeholder Involvement Group will be on display and the public will be able to comment on them and/or develop their own alternative(s). This Master Plan update seeks public input on the initial development alternatives being considered to create the framework for future airport upgrades, while cost-effectively satisfying aviation industry demand. The plan will also address the airport's economic viability as well as any potential environmental and socio-economic effects. Written comments to the plans will also be accepted during the Open House, through the project website – www.chiexec.com/cea-master-plan/contact-us/ – or via the U.S. Mail. Address those comments to Jamie Abbott, Executive Director, Chicago Executive Airport, 1020 South Plant Road, Wheeling IL 60090. All comments received by December 19, 2018 will be summarized within the Public Open House Record.

1000 SKOKIE BOULEVARD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This week, the developer's contractor removed the temporary pavement, placed permanent asphalt pavement, and installed concrete curb and sidewalk along southbound Skokie Boulevard and Sunset Ridge Road.

Next week, crews will continue grading the parkways, placing pavement markings, and removing all construction traffic signage. During this work, access to all businesses in the area will be maintained.

BACKYARD STORMWATER INLET CLEARING

With higher temperatures and rain forecasted for the coming weekend, the Public Works Department reminds all residents with backyard stormwater inlets to clear their inlets of any snow and ice to help the melting snow and the forecasted rain to drain. Snow and ice-covered inlets may block water from draining and result in yard flooding. Additionally, the frozen ground may cause water to pond and drains to work slowly. Residents with standing water for 72 hours after rain this weekend may contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.

WEEK OF December 3, 2018

SAT.	12/1	9am-Noon Electronics Recycling – PW Garage behind Village Hall
SUN.	12/2	<i>Hanukkah begins at sundown, through December10</i>
MON.	12/3	Illinois’ 200th Birthday No Meetings
TUES.	12/4	7am-3pm Electronics Recycling – PW Garage behind Village Hall 7:30 p.m. Plan Commission- Canceled
WED.	12/5	No Meetings
THURS.	12/6	7:00 p.m. Arts Commission – Terrace Room 7:00 p.m. Community Relations Commission – Library
FRI.	12/7	<i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>