



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff
COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads
FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager
DATE: September 20, 2019
SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF September 16, 2019

PLAN COMMISSION

On Tuesday, September 17, the Northbrook Plan Commission held its regular meeting. The Commission unanimously approved a resolution recommending approval of a special permit and text amendment for a funeral director operation at 3100 Dundee Road.

The majority of the evening was devoted to the second public hearing by the Plan Commission on proposed amendments to the Zoning Code to potentially accommodate recreational cannabis (marijuana) dispensaries and a new category of “craft growers” (smaller-sized cultivation facilities). Village staff presented code amendment language and provided an update on the stances taken by nearby communities on whether or not to allow recreational cannabis sales. The Commission heard public testimony both for and against allowing cannabis sales in the Village for over two hours. The Plan Commission closed the public hearing and directed staff to draft the code amendment to allow dispensaries in certain districts and with special standards for consideration at the October 1 Plan Commission meeting. The public hearing was not reopened, but comments on the topic can still be forwarded to the Village at tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us. All comments received will be included in the public record and shared with the Board of Trustees for future consideration.

YOUTH COMMISSION

On Wednesday, September 18, the Youth Commission held its regular meeting. During the meeting, the Commission discussed details of its upcoming forum titled *Demystifying the College Planning Process: What I Wish I Knew*. The forum will be held on December 16 at 7pm at the library. The Commission’s next meeting is October 16.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

On Thursday, September 19, the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held its regular monthly meeting. Members of the Commission completed their review of pesticide and pollinator educational materials. The members recommended providing the Village Board the materials as part of the beginning of a best practices series of educational materials that can be distributed as a pamphlet, shared in the Village newsletter, and posted on the Village’s website. The Commission also reviewed Glenview’s draft Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan and discussed projects and grants related to Monarch conservation. Lastly, the Commission discussed the Greenest Region Compact initiative (GRC2) and discussed goals and projects to propose for the FY 2020/21 budget. This discussion will continue at the Commission’s October 17 meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

On Monday, September 16, Police Chaplain Imam Hazim Fazlic of the Islamic Cultural Center (ICC) invited officers to the ICC for a tour of the building. He also gave a presentation at the Police Department roll call regarding holy days of significance and services that occur at the ICC. Pictured right is Imam Hazim Fazlic, Police Chaplain Liaison Sergeant Matt Szymanski, Officers Adam Worthington, Sean Barry, Patty Kappos, and Commander Jamie Hanselman.



COFFEE WITH A COP

On Wednesday, September 18, the Northbrook Police held Coffee with Cop at the Northbrook Grill at Sunset Foods. Detective Teresa Drewes and Chief Roger Adkins, pictured right, enjoyed a visit with one of about a dozen clients from Glenkirk who stopped by for lunch and to spend some time with Northbrook's Finest.



NORTHBROOK CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE NORTHBROOK LIBRARY

On Thursday, September 19, the Northbrook Library, in partnership with the Village of Northbrook, hosted a *Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours* at the Library. About 100 Chamber members attended the networking event to learn about community resources offered by the Library and the Village. During the event, Development and Planning Services Director Tom Poupard informed the attendees about economic development in Northbrook, current development projects, and services offered to businesses by the Village.



WOODLAWN ROAD AND PENFOLD PLACE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

This week, the Village’s contractor began work on the remaining punch list items for the water main portion of this project. Staff anticipates resurfacing work will begin Saturday, September 21, weather permitting. This work will include resurfacing Woodlawn, between Western Avenue and Shermer Road, and the entirety of Penfold Place. For more information on this project and copies of notices, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/woodlawn.

HEATHERCREST EAST CONCRETE STREET PANEL REPLACEMENT

This week, the Village’s contractor continued restoration work, which will continue into next week. The Concrete Street program included removing and replacing failed panels of pavement in the Heathercrest East subdivision. For more information on this project, visit www.northbrook.il.us/2019concrete

2019 STORMWATER PROJECTS

This week, the Village’s contractor began constructing new storm sewer at the intersection of Blackthorn and Cherry Lanes and continued constructing new storm sewer on Brentwood Road. Next week, crews will continue installing new storm sewer on Blackthorn. During this work, the contractor will keep one lane of traffic open in each direction on Cherry and will use flaggers as necessary. Staff anticipates this work will be completed by the end of next week and the normal traffic pattern will be restored on Cherry at that time. As a reminder, this year’s programs include the Dehne Subdivision, Blackthorn Lane, and Longvalley Drive projects. For more information on these projects, visit www.northbrook.il.us/2019stormwater

SHERMER ROAD MULTIUSER PATH

The Villages of Northbrook and Glenview have secured an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant for the construction of a new concrete multiuser (bicycle and pedestrian) path on Shermer Road between Willow Road and West Lake Avenue. Next week, the contractor for the project will begin work on the path, including root pruning and silt fence installation. During the week of September 30, staff anticipates crews will begin excavation at West Lake Avenue and work north. During this time, there will be daytime lane closures in the work zone area. Motorists should expect delays, allow extra time for trips through the area, and use caution in the work zone.

COMED TREE TRIMMING

As part of its regular maintenance program, ComEd regularly trims trees and branches that interfere with power lines. In October, ComEd crews will be trimming in the area generally bounded by Skokie Boulevard to the east, the Edens Spur to the north, Midway Road and Sunset Ridge Road to the west and Happ Road to the south. For more information about ComEd’s tree trimming program, please visit comed.com/trees or call 1-800-Edison-1.

WEEK OF September 23, 2019

MON.	9/23		Autumn Equinox – First Day of Fall	
			7:30 p.m. ZBA – Board Room <i>(note - starts half-hour later)</i>	
TUES.	9/24	7:30 a.m. ICDC – Terrace Room		
		6:00 p.m. Special Committee of the Whole – Terrace Room		
		7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room		

WED. 9/25 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Farmers Market – Downtown Northbrook, Cherry & Meadow

THURS. 9/26



3rd Annual *Plein Air* Painting Festival September 26-29

FRI. 9/27

No Meetings

All day

Plein Air Artists painting in and around the Village

SAT. 9/28

1 -7 p.m.

Plein Air art for exhibit & purchase, music, classic cars, painting at Village Green

SUN. 9/29

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Plein Air art for exhibit & purchase, music, painting at Village Green