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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

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Re: Western Avenue Road and Water Main Improvements
Techny Road to Maple Avenue

Dear Resident:

This letter is to notify you about the upcoming construction in your neighborhood. The project involves the installation of new water main on Western Avenue from Techny Road to Maple Avenue. The project also includes the complete replacement of Western Avenue pavement from Techny Road to Oak Avenue. The existing concrete pavement will be replaced with new asphalt pavement and new concrete curb and gutter will be installed. Other ancillary improvements include new ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at intersections, replacement of select storm sewer and inlets, several mid-block sidewalk repairs, and driveway apron replacement. All portions of the grassed parkways disturbed by construction activities will be restored with new sod in the fall.

Tentative Project Schedule

Earlier this month the Village opened bids for the subject project. A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. provided the lowest responsive bid and the Village Board of trustees recently awarded the contract. Construction work is expected to begin the week of April 2, 2018. We anticipate that the water main and storm sewer work will be completed first. Once those are completed then road reconstruction work will commence. The road will be reconstructed one half at a time with the final layer of asphalt anticipated to be placed in early October 2018. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2018.

Stay Informed with NotifyMe

The Village will be providing emailed project updates via NotifyMe. Instructions for how to sign up for NotifyMe email updates are enclosed. NotifyMe is the primary way Village staff will disseminate project information to the public. In addition to NotifyMe, project updates will be posted to the project web page which can be found on the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/western.

What to expect during construction:

Traffic:

Western Avenue will be reduced to one lane one way southbound only traffic for the entire project duration. Traffic control devices will be installed to guide traffic through the work zone. To reduce the amount of thru traffic on Western Avenue a signed detour route will be posted in advance of the construction work zone which will direct non-local traffic to use Techny Road, Shermer Road, and Walters Avenue.

During working hours drivers should expect delays on the remaining open lane of Western Avenue. Construction trucks and equipment will need to use the open travel lane which will block the roadway for

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several minutes at a time. If you live on Western Avenue in the construction zone, we recommend parking your vehicle on the nearest side street during the day to avoid these delays. Residents on Western Avenue will have access to their driveway outside of working hours except during times where curb and driveway removal/replacement operations are occurring.

Wescott School Traffic:

The project’s contract includes provisions to require the contractor leave the one travel lane on Western Avenue open during Wescott School drop off and pick up times while school is in session. School drop off and pick up traffic will be directed to queue on Farnsworth Lane and await direction from the flagger before heading south on Western Avenue to the school. Cars will not be allowed to wait on Western Avenue to turn into the Wescott School parking lot. Cars that cannot immediately get into the parking lot will be directed to continue south on Western Avenue, east on Techny Road, north on Fieldwood Drive, and back into the queue on Farnsworth Lane.

Water Main Construction:

A new water main will be installed on Western Avenue from Techny Road to Maple Avenue. The main will be interconnected to existing water mains on each side street within the project limits. New fire hydrants will be installed as part of the project with some hydrants placed in locations where a hydrant was previously not located. Additional hydrants are being installed to be in compliance with newer fire hydrant spacing requirements. All disturbed parkway lawn areas, driveway aprons, and sidewalks will be restored in kind as part of the water main replacement project.

Water Service Line Replacement:

In addition to installing a new water main on Western Avenue, any home currently connected to the existing Western Avenue water main will receive a new buffalo box (shut off valve) and a new 1 ½” copper water service line from the new buffalo box to the new water main in the Village right-of-way. The water service line from the buffalo box to the home is not being replaced.

If your address is listed below, the Village anticipates having to replace your buffalo box and your water service line between the new water main and buffalo box. It is important that the below listed residents should review the enclosed informational notice regarding your drinking water.

Western Avenue: 1445, 1667, 1820, 1906, 1912, 1918, 1924, 1930, 1936, 1937, 1940
2383 Scott Road; 2383 Asbury; 2383 Dehne

If your address is not listed above, the Village believes your water service line is connected to a water main on a side street and not the Western Avenue water main. At this time we do not anticipate having to replace your water service line or buffalo box if it is connected to a side street water main.

Water Outages:

You will experience water outages during the construction of the new water main. These outages may last several hours but will not happen before 7 a.m. Written notices will be delivered to your front door in advance of any anticipated outages. Please regularly check your front door for these notices.

Due to the condition and age of the existing water main, it is possible that construction activities may cause unanticipated water main breaks in the area. In the event of a water main break, the main will need to be turned off in order to complete an emergency repair.

Road Reconstruction:

The road will be reconstructed one half at a time starting with the eastern half. New concrete curb and gutter will be placed followed by new asphalt pavement. Once both halves of the pavement have been constructed, the final layer of asphalt will be paved in the N.B. and S.B. lanes. Residents with driveway aprons on

Western Avenue within the road reconstruction limits (Techny Road to Oak Avenue) will receive new driveway aprons. Asphalt and concrete approaches will be replaced in kind. The Village will work with homeowners to replace existing brick driveway aprons, however new brick materials may not match the existing. According to Northbrook Standards and Specifications for Public and Private Improvements, brick pavers in the Village right-of-way is the owner's responsibility to repair. Grassed parkways disturbed by construction activities will be replaced with new sod towards the end of the project.

Construction Hours:

The Village Municipal Code permits construction noise between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. Contractor work forces are allowed to assemble before 7 a.m., but they are not permitted to begin work before the Municipal Code restrictions. Contact Public Works at (847) 272-4711 during operating hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. or the Police Department at (847) 564-2060 after hours to report violations.

Parking:

On street parking within the construction zone will be restricted between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while construction operations are in progress. Western Avenue on-street parking will be prohibited throughout the project duration.

Construction Noise/Dust:

The construction activities will create noise and dust and we regret the inconvenience. The contract includes provisions to control dust during the project however, there is no way to eliminate all construction dust. The Village of Northbrook asks for your patience and cooperation during this project.

Irrigation Systems/Pet containment fences/other private utilities:

If you live nearby or in the outlined area shown on the map below and have any underground sprinkler systems, electric pet containment fences, or other private utilities constructed in the Village right-of-way/parkway, please mark them with flags and/or marking spray paint (available at hardware stores) to assist the contractor in minimizing damage to these utilities. It is advised that you closely monitor your sprinkler system after excavation work has been performed in front of your home as damaged lines can result in additional water usage. Unfortunately, damage to some irrigation lines/pet fences may be unavoidable even if they are marked. Please report damage as soon as possible to the Village's project manager so that it can be scheduled for repair.

Garbage Pickup and Mail Service

These services will continue during construction. However, pickup/delivery schedules and operations may vary slightly due to the construction. Time sensitive mailings should be dropped off at the nearest post office. Please move your trash containers to a suitable collection location by 6:30 a.m. on the date of collection (Tuesday).

Staff will be closely monitoring the contractor throughout the project to ensure that impacts to the neighbors are as minimal as possible. We do appreciate your patience and cooperation throughout the process. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Village's Project Manager, Jeff Koza, at 847-272-4711 or at jeff.koza@northbrook.il.us. You can visit the project's website at www.northbrook.il.us/western for additional information.

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Location Map

