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IDOT Holds 8th CAG Meeting Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 PM to Continue Discussion on Plans for Willow Road

Residents are invited to attend the eighth CAG meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by IDOT at New Trier West High School, 7 Happ Road, Room C234, in Northfield to continue the discussion on plans for improving Willow Road in Northfield. The group will focus on two topics raised at the January meeting 1) the Purpose and Need Document and 2) 2040 No-Build Traffic Forecasts. IDOT will also introduce initial evaluation results and preliminary findings for local and regional alternatives. A ninth CAG meeting is planned for Thursday, April 7, to be followed by a Public Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at the New Trier High School Cafeteria in Northfield. To review documents mentioned, visit IDOT's website, www.willowroadfuture.org.

Draft Budget for FY2011-12 to be Discussed March 8

All Northfield residents are invited to attend the Village Budget Workshop Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 361 Happ. A second meeting will be held the following day, March 9, if needed. View the draft budget on the Village website.

**Get Ready for
Village-Wide Spring
Clean Up Day
Saturday, May 14
All Items at the Curb at 7 AM**

President's Briefing

Reviewing Village's Snow Efforts, Success in Achieving \$14,000 Grant Award for EAB and Looking Forward in 2011

While there is probably still plenty of snow and cold weather left before winter is over, it is worth remembering that there are less than 30 days until the first day of Spring! However, the snow storm of 2011 was a memorable one and provided an opportunity for the Village's Public Works, Police and Emergency personnel to show they were up to the test of one of the worst storms on record to hit our area. While most of us were immobilized, they worked around the clock clearing streets sometimes those of the County and IDOT when blizzard conditions kept covering them. They helped motorists and set up an emergency warming shelter at the Village Hall to provide a place where stranded motorists could stay the night, if necessary. Once streets were cleared Village crews cleared sidewalks and removed large piles of snow from the Village Center and intersections to provide better visibility for motorists. Some Village employees slept at the Village Hall or found refuge in town so they could make sure the Village Hall was open and staffed the next morning to answer phone calls from residents needing help. During discussions on home rule when residents talked about wanting to continue providing a certain level of service, I believe this meets and exceeds that level of service residents wanted to keep.

Roadway Improvements in 2011

It is also a good time to consider some of the other changes we expect to see in the coming year. One is improvement to Winnetka Avenue. At this time, due to a lack of funds, Cook County Highway Dept. is planning a resurfacing of the road but will not be including other improvements that have been discussed including a traffic signal at the corner of Happ and Winnetka Avenue, improved drainage system and sidewalks. With resurfacing, of course, comes detours and delays; however, the Village will provide you with details of the roadwork as more information and dates become available. Also, remember to check the Village website for updates, www.northfieldil.org.

Village Receives \$14,000 Grant to Replace Trees Lost to EAB

Northfield's Community Development Department was successful in being selected to receive an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant for Urban Forest Restoration in the amount of \$14,000! Congratulations to Director Anne Kane and Planner Linnea Palmer O'Neill for their efforts in helping to achieve this award which will allow the Village to replace ash trees that have succumbed to the spread of Emerald Ash Borer disease on public property in Northfield. The award from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus comes from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. *(Cont'd on Pg. 2)*

Remember to Vote April 5 - Polls Open 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Village News

Village Joins with Park District to Celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, at 10:30 AM

The Village and Park District will join with fourth grade students from Sunset Ridge School to celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at a site to be determined. The Arbor Day proclamation will be read and a tree planted to celebrate the event. Following the tree planting, students will participate in various games and activities. Residents are welcome to attend the ceremony. Visit the Village website, www.northfieldil.org for more details or call 847-446-9200x2231.

Northfield Honored for 26 Consecutive Years as a "Tree City USA"

For the year 2010, Northfield has been designated as a "Tree City USA" for the 26th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Each year Northfield submits information on their tree programs in order to be considered for this award. TREE CITY USA began as a 1976 Bicentennial project co-sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters and USDA-Forest Service. The national award is presented to communities that demonstrate a commitment to environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

In addition to their joy and beauty, trees increase property values; they cool and beautify the Village, reduce erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife as well as provide paper, wood, fuel and countless wood products.

Trees Help the Village Stay "GREEN" and Help You Conserve Energy!

Village President Looks Forward *(Continued)*

Northfield and the surrounding communities of Winnetka, Wilmette, Glenview, Northbrook, Morton Grove as well as most of northeastern Illinois are under an EAB quarantine which prohibits the removal of the wood of diseased ash trees except by authorized agencies. While some communities responded to EAB by removing all their ash trees from public rights of way, the Village Board adopted an EAB Plan in 2009 advocating removing and replacing ash trees as they become infested. In response to the Board's direction for additional public awareness to the threat of potential loss of ash trees due to EAB, an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Committee was formed and met on February 9 and 22. The Committee is focusing on informing residents through various media of a) ash tree identification, b) EAB symptoms, c) decision to replant or save, d) EAB treatment options, e) hiring a tree care company and f) alternate tree species selection. Residents that would like to participate on the EAB Committee, be informed of future meeting dates or have concerns regarding their ash trees, can email Linnea O'Neill, loneill@northfieldil.org or call, 847-784-3555. The Village website, www.northfieldil.org provides updates and complete information on EAB. Click on the special "EAB" box on the main page to bring you to information on what an Ash tree looks like (its leaves and bark), symptoms of EAB and what to do if you suspect your ash trees have EAB.

SVT Committee Awaits Response from Union Pacific on Lease Price before Seeking Lease Agreement Approval and Grant Funding

As reported in the January-February issue of the Northfield News, recent initiatives by Union Pacific to permit use of their railroad right of way for a bicycle/walking trail through the Villages of Northbrook, Northfield, Glenview and Wilmette and which will connect with existing trails, is moving forward. The Skokie Valley Trail Committee is awaiting a response from Union Pacific on their proposed lease price in order to be able to fully assess the impact of the draft Lease Agreement. The agreement would then be brought to the respective Boards for discussion and voting. If approved, the communities would work with an engineering consultant to prepare and submit grant applications to CMAQ and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for funding to help offset land acquisition costs and Phase I and II engineering costs.

New Water and Sewer Rates Go into Effect May 1

In December, the Village Board approved a 7.5% increase on the base water rate and a 10% sanitary sewer increase which are needed to maintain and update the systems' infrastructure as well as to cover a wholesale price increase from the Village of Winnetka for water in fiscal year 2011-12. For each 100 cubic feet of water billed in each quarter annual period on or after May 1, 2011, the rate will be \$4.68 (up from \$4.40) and there will be a minimum water charge of \$51.48 (formerly \$48.40) for each quarter annual period where the volume is equal to or less than 1,100 cubic feet. The sanitary sewer rate will be \$1.66 (up 15 cents) per 100 cubic feet billed. The minimum water and sewer charge will increase from \$65.01 per quarter to \$69.74 where the volume is equal to or less than 1,100 cubic feet of water. the rate for users of sewer only service residing within the Village will remain at \$96.41 for each quarter annual period. *Note: The rate increases are on the base water rate and do not apply to the debt service amount.*

Rain Barrels Available from MWRD Help with Conservation of Water and Stormwater Management

Residents who value the benefits of recycling and being "green" will want to take note of the 55 gallon "Rain Barrel" being offered by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. A rain barrel can save an average homeowner about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months or 40% of a total household's water use. These rain barrels come with a screen grate to keep out debris and insects and a hose spigot that makes captured rainwater accessible. It allows you to attach a garden hose directly to the barrel so captured water can be used to irrigate lawns and landscaped areas. Cost per barrel: \$50. To order go to www.mwrld.org.

Village News and "Green" Tips

Waste and Recycling Collection Rates to Increase by 2.0% Effective May 1

The start of the third year of the Village's seven year contract with Waste Management begins May 1, 2011 for all residential and commercial services including refuse, recycling, landscape waste collection, roll-off container rental and other miscellaneous waste services. A new Waste Management brochure outlining the revised rates will be mailed in May. Rate increases are tied to the CPIU rate with a maximum annual increase of 5% and a minimum of 2% whichever is less. Because the CPIU was 1.4% at the end of January 2011, for 2011-12, rates will increase 2.0%. The basic monthly rate for curbside pick-up of waste and recycling will increase from \$14.44 to \$14.73 per month. Additional services for residents who request them include twice a week pick up, backdoor service, yardwaste collection, equipment rental and special pick-ups. Refuse and recycling will continue to be picked up on Thursdays with the second waste pick-up on Mondays. Landscape waste, which will increase to \$62.55 for the season (Apr. 4-Dec. 5), is picked up on Mondays only for those who contract for this service. To change service, order new service or report problems, contact Waste Management, 1-800-796-9696.

Yardwaste Collection Season Begins April 4 for Residents who Sign Up

For residents who contract with Waste Management Northwest for landscape waste service, the season in Northfield begins Monday, April 4 and runs **Mondays** through December 5 (Tuesdays on holidays). Yardwaste collection is an optional service that must be rescheduled with the start of each new contract year (May 1). This service is available to residents at \$62.55 for the 2011 season. Paper leaf bags or garbage-type containers clearly marked "**yardwaste**" can be used. There is no limit to the number of yardwaste bags or containers residents can put at the curb for collection. Landscape materials that will be collected include grass clippings, leaves, garden material and small branches (up to two inches in diameter and four feet in length). Branches set out for collection must be tied with string made of natural fibers. ***Do not put yardwaste in unmarked Recycling or Garbage totes or plastic bags - it will not be picked up.*** All landscape waste must be kept separate from regular garbage, rubbish and recyclable materials. **To initiate landscape service for 2011, call Waste Management (1-800-796-9696) between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Who to Contact to Clear Blocked Rivers and Streams to Prevent Flooding in Your Area

To report small stream blockages near your home and to submit a blockage clearing request, contact the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, 1-708-588-3171 or visit their website, www.mwrd.org.

Time to Start Gathering Items for Village-Wide Clean Up Day - Saturday, May 14

Plan your spring cleaning projects and recycle items you can at thrift shops, garage sales or donate to organizations that take them. Residents can also get rid of old or unused items that cannot be recycled from closets, basements, attics and garages on the Village-wide clean up day, **Saturday, May 14**. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. No hazardous waste, construction debris, landscape, regular waste or "white goods" (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) will be picked up. Contact Waste Management, 1-800-796-9696, to arrange for a special pick up of white goods.

Where to Recycle Home Electronics

One of the big dilemmas consumers face when upgrading computers, printers, fax machines and other electronics is what to do with the old equipment. Some stores recognize the problem and are now allowing customers to trade up their old equipment when purchasing new items. Also, Abt Electronics in Glenview established a recycling center that is open to the public from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. It is located in a free-standing building west of the main Abt store off Milwaukee Avenue. The center recycles tvs, appliances and air-conditioners, computers, fax machines, printers, VCRs and DVD players and other small electronics. All electronics manufactured by Sony, Samsung, Sharp, Toshiba, LG, Panasonic, and Zenith Electronics can be recycled free-of-charge. Check Abt's website, www.abt.com, for prices ranging from \$5 to \$29 (except for built-in refrigerators) to recycle other appliances and electronics dropped off. Abt also recycles wood pallets, batteries, cardboard, plastic and Styrofoam (white only). There is an additional fee if you need Abt to pick up your recycled item.

Disposing of Household Hazardous Wastes

Hazardous wastes such as oil-based paints, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, mercury, household batteries, used motor oil, drain cleaners, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze, and fluorescent lamp bulbs will not be picked up on Northfield's Clean-up Day and should not be thrown out with regular waste. For acceptable sites where you can dispose of hazardous wastes, visit the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste>. Items **not** acceptable at hazardous waste sites include explosives, fireworks, lead acid batteries, medical wastes, propane tanks, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes.

REMEMBER

Use your green and yellow Waste Management toter to recycle cardboard, glass, tin cans, plastic containers and bottles/jugs, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs and phone books - No sorting needed!

Community Events

Cub Scouts Host All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast March 5

Northfield Cub Scout Troop 17 invites the community to their annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, March 5 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Road. Proceeds help support local Cub Scout activities throughout the year. Tickets: \$5.00 for adults; children under age 4 free.

TV Tune Out Week is March 6-12

Check out a book at the Library or sign up for a Park District program.

March 12 Rummage Sale to Help 8th Graders Buy Class Gift

The Sunset Ridge 8th Grade Class is holding a rummage sale on Saturday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large gym, 525 Sunset Ridge Rd. to raise money to purchase a class gift. Items can be dropped off from 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 11. Save on clothes, toys, jewelry and a variety of home items.

Lutheran Church of Ascension Hosts LifeSource Blood Drive Sunday, March 13, 8 AM-1 PM

The need for blood is critical and Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road (at Willow), will host a LifeSource Blood Drive open to all qualified donors in the community. Donors must be at least 17 yrs old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 lbs., have a regular heart rhythm, control blood pressure with or without medication, free of fever and not given blood in the past 8 weeks. Call 847-446-8335 for an appointment; walk-ins also welcome.

Library District Strategic Planning Group Using Survey to Plan for Future Growth and Changes

The Winnetka-Northfield Public Library survey which was completed by a total of 1,298 households (a 23% return rate) in the Villages of Winnetka, Northfield and Kenilworth, provided some useful information and a general indication of satisfaction with Library services. Responses indicated a greater influence by adults ages 55 to 64 and 65 and older who made up a total of 58% of the survey respondents. 61% of the respondents had no minor children living in the household and 74% of the respondents were female. In terms of location, 62% were residents of Winnetka, 33% live in Northfield and 5% in Kenilworth. While survey responders from the three communities indicate they are happy with services, the Library District Strategic Planning Committee will use other indicators to help plan for changes in the future including comments and requests received by Library staff and discussions with residents. For the complete survey report, visit the Library website.

Farmers Market Opens Saturday, May 28
7:30 AM to 12:30 PM across from New Trier West

Calendar of Events

Call the Village Hall for the location of the meeting you want to attend

Mar. 1 & Apr. 5 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings - 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 8 - Budget Workshop - 6:00 p.m.; also Mar. 9 (if needed) - 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 14 & Apr. 11 - Architectural Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 15 & Apr. 19 - Village Committee and Board Meetings - 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 4 - Plan and Zoning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 29 - Village celebrates Arbor Day - 10:30 a.m.

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Resident Input

The Village President and Board of Trustees provide this opportunity to address any questions or concerns that you may have. Please include your name, address and telephone number so a response can be provided.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Forward inquiries to Stacy Alberts Sigman, Village Manager, Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093