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# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Public Works staff continue to follow-up with residents who have experienced various flooding problems on private property this spring. Field crews are also focusing operational efforts in areas where recurring sanitary sewer backup have occurred. Smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system has been completed in the terrace court basin area and has been started in the skokie heights subdivision area.

Work continues on the 2014 storm water drainage study. Existing storm sewer data has been input into the modeling program and staff and the village's consultant engineering resource associates are performing follow-up field verification. Field survey work in the Terrace Court and Skokie Ridge basin areas will be completed over the next two weeks.

## **SHERIDAN ROAD CLOSURE, DETOUR IN PLACE**

As reported last week, Sheridan Road was closed at Hazel Avenue on Tuesday of this week at IDOT's request for an emergency sewer and pavement repair. All Sheridan Road traffic between South Avenue and Park Avenue has been detoured to Green Bay Road. During cleaning and televising work on IDOT's Sheridan Road storm sewer last week, as part of investigation work related to roadway flooding, Village crews discovered a large void under the pavement in the intersection at Hazel Avenue. The Village has contracted to have mark meade excavators, a sewer & water contractor, to be on site Monday, August 11 to initiate the repair. Work will include sealing off the sanitary sewer manhole and pipe, repairing the broken storm sewer, backfilling the void with compacted trench backfill and restoring the sheridan road pavement. This work is anticipated to be completed in 7-10 days.

## **DOWNTOWN STREET RESURFACING, CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

The 2014 maintenance street resurfacing improvement got underway this week with work on minor curb replacement and lowering of manhole

frames. The 2014 contract includes three streets in the downtown business district – Vernon Ave, Park Ave. and Village Ct. During the week of August 11 the downtown streets will be grinded and the first of two lifts of asphalt installed. Streets will be closed and traffic will be detoured during the grinding operation and be reopened to traffic and parking later each day that work is proceeding. Downtown businesses and residents were notified on Friday of the general schedule for the resurfacing work.

Work is also moving along on the Elm Place storm sewer improvement. Storm sewer pipe installation was completed this week on Skokie Ridge, Valley and Elm Place. The gas company has nearly completed the relocation of a high pressure gas main at Chestnut and Forest Way. Once completed the Village's contractor has a couple days of storm sewer installation at that intersection to complete the entire storm sewer. Restoration of pavement and right-of-way will follow.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 4 for two zoning variation items.

- The first for the request of Pawel Lewandowski for two lot width variations to allow for the subdivision of the property at 333 Adams was further continued to the September 8 ZBA meeting date.
- The second request from John Cimaroli, 210 Hazel, to reduce the west side yard and increase the allowed floor area ration (FAR) for a proposed room addition was approved.

The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, September 8.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION UPDATE**

The Historic Preservation Commission met on August 5 Members of the Historic Preservation Commission met with property owners John Eifler and Bonnie Phoenix who were requesting landmark certification of their home at 1027 Meadow Road. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1914, and known as the Ross House, the home is one of six designed by Wright in the Ravine Bluffs subdivision. Prior to the current owners' acquisition of the property, the house sat vacant for three years and suffered from lack of maintenance

which lead to considerable deterioration. Further, a front entry vestibule added in 1958 impacted the home's architectural integrity. Landmarks Illinois placed the home on its Chicagoland Watch List of threatened properties in 2009. Mr. Eifler and Ms. Phoenix began restoration work to the structure in 2010 and the following year received honorary landmark status from the Village Board. Currently, the owners have requested certified landmark status, the utmost level of protection, in order to: (1) protect the work and legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright; (2) promote the idea of landmark status in the Village; and (3) obtain tax incentives via the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.



Commission members also discussed the pending demolition of 745 Greenwood Avenue (below), known as the James K. Calhoun & Alice Browne house. The 1896 Queen Anne home has been identified as a significant structure to the Village dating back to the first historic resources survey commissioned in 1985. It is also featured in the Village's Architectural Guide Map and was recognized with a Preservation Award for a rear two story addition in 2005. The current property owners lovingly restored and cared for the home for over 20 years and spent the last few years trying to sell the home to a buyer interested in preservation, but were unsuccessful. The home was ultimately purchased by Heritage Luxury Builders who plans to build a new 8,000 square foot house on the property.





## VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For  
August | September 2014

| <b><u>MEETING</u></b>              | <b><u>DATE/TIME</u></b>              | <b><u>LOCATION</u></b>           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1. Golf Advisory Committee</b>  | Monday, August 18<br>7:00 p.m.       | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |
| <b>2. Finance Committee</b>        | Thursday, August 21<br>TBD           | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |
| <b>3. Village Board Meeting</b>    | Thursday, August 21<br>7:00 p.m.     | Village Hall<br>Council Chambers |
| <b>4. Plan Commission</b>          | Wednesday, August 27<br>7:30 p.m.    | Village Hall<br>Council Chambers |
| <b>5. Public Safety Commission</b> | Thursday, August 28<br>6:00 p.m.     | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |
| <b>6. Historic Preservation</b>    | Tuesday, September 2<br>7:30 p.m.    | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |
| <b>7. Zoning Board of Appeals</b>  | Monday, September 8<br>7:30 p.m.     | Village Hall<br>Council Chambers |
| <b>8. Golf Advisory Committee</b>  | Monday, September 15<br>7:00 p.m.    | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |
| <b>9. Human Relations Forum</b>    | Wednesday, September 17<br>6:30 p.m. | Village Hall<br>Conference Room  |