To: The Honorable Members of the Fox Point Village Board

From: Scott A. Botcher, Village Manager

Date: May 22, 2020

Re: Administrative Report for the Week Ending May 22, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

1. The 2020 UPAF Ride for the Arts that was originally scheduled for May has been officially canceled.
2. The 2020 Memorial Day Parade has been scaled down to a small flag ceremony.
3. Joint Plan Commission/Building Board meeting agenda packet and posting by staff for the June 1, meeting.
4. Board of Appeals meeting agenda packet and posting was completed by staff for the June 3, 2020 meeting.
5. Village clerk’s office participated in the WEC Conference call clerk work group regarding absentee process and potential updates.
6. Village clerk’s office participated in the WEC absentee envelope clerk work group on Wednesday.
7. Village clerk’s office attended the Special Teleconference (Election) Commission Meeting on Wednesday night at 4:00 p.m.
8. Village Board Public Hearing Notice regarding artist Richard Edelman’s sculpture was sent to publication, posted and mailed to properties near the two proposed sites.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. DPW staff responded to a number of calls and emails related to the heavy wet weather event that occurred on Sunday. Standing water and flooded intersections were common in low lying areas in the Village. Most DPW staff were here until nearly 10 pm Sunday night. Here is a summary of some of the issues:
   a. The Village received about 4 inches of rain on Sunday (calculated to be about a 50-year storm event) and another inch over the next day or so for a total of around 5 inches of rain. The storm system is generally designed to handle a 10-year storm.
   b. Residents have reported a handful of basement backups.
   c. We, along with most of our North Shore colleagues, experienced sanitary sewer overflows due to the amount of rain that fell and the quickness in which it fell. Both of our overflows/bypass pumping events occurred at the two lift stations on Beach Drive and totaled about 20,000 gallons over an approximate two-hour
period. Our colleagues did not fare as well as they experienced anywhere from about 240,000 gallons to just shy of 470,000 gallons of overflows.

d. Beach Drive was a mess because all of the outlet pipes were plugged from debris that had been washed into the pipes over the winter. The jetter was unable to break the debris loose so we had to pump the water out of the ditches to the east side of the road and, on Monday, cut all the pipes back to behind the wall so that water could flow more freely.

e. The basin at Greenvale and Spooner spilled over into the intersection and flooded it for a short period of time.

f. Indian Creek performed pretty well and, for the most part, stayed within its banks except for a small area that briefly encroached on Indian Creek Pkwy just north of Mohawk.

g. Calumet had problems because the filter fabric was required (by DNR) to be installed over every inlet during landscape restoration activities. Staff did go around and remove all of them (some on Sunday and the rest on Monday). The storage basin, however, performed quite well as it filled up as designed and slowly released stormwater to the downstream channel. By Monday morning, it had completely drained out.

h. Portage and Lake Drive flooded again and was close to or did flood into the house on the corner of Links, Portage and Lake.

i. Several calls have been received regarding the drainage issues and most of them are private property related. We are still following up with many of the residents.

2. Construction activities are continuing on Acacia, Barnett and View. There were some issues with the water main tie-in on Green Tree and Barnett on Wednesday night (a crack developed in the existing main on Green Tree) which were resolved by about 10 pm. The contractor has begun with water service lateral work on both Barnett and Acacia.

3. A sinkhole has formed again around the MMSD MIS manhole at Green Tree and Santa Monica. Staff has reached out to MMSD to explain our concerns.

4. DPW staff have also been busy with tree planting, garbage and yard waste collections, and cleaning up debris from the storm on Sunday.

5. Construction on Spooner and Santa Monica did not proceed as planned due to the rain event this weekend. Instead, the contractor will install a new valve on Santa Monica next Friday and then begin the work in earnest the week of June 1.

6. Staff began preparing the 5-year capital budget but have focused in the short term on a 10-year plan for our road reconstruction activities. Some other items that may be included are replacement of the retaining wall along Indian Creek at Manor, replacement or rehabilitation of the outfall into the lake in the 7900 block of Beach, the beach nourishment project along Beach Drive, an analysis of the drainage in the Portage/Lake Drive area, and replacement of the playground equipment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Officers investigated a complaint of a “passing by” vehicle leaving a bag in a yard waste container on the shoulder of the roadway. The bag contained a small amount of marijuana and other items which were seized by officers.
2. Officer conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of the driver for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of an Electric Weapon, and Possession of Marijuana. This case will be reviewed by the District Attorney.

3. Officers responded to a report of a threatening note left at a residence. The offender was identified and taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct.

4. Multiples calls for service were taken resulting from the heavy rains.

5. Staff met with a vendor to review new scheduling software.

6. Staff continued meetings with other municipal officials regarding the COVID health emergency.

NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

With the arrival of spring in Wisconsin comes increased allergens in the air, causing many of us to experience allergy and/or asthma flare-ups.

Asthma is a lung condition that involves chronic airway inflammation, which can be exacerbated by allergens such as pollen, dust mites and mold; viral infections; irritants like tobacco smoke and air pollution; and other factors. This can cause airway obstruction, leading to symptoms such as wheezing, chest tightness, cough and shortness of breath.

Allergies occur when an individual’s immune system reacts to a foreign substance that is typically considered harmless, such as specific foods, animals and pollen. Symptoms can range from mild to severe, and the combination of asthma and allergies puts individuals at an even greater risk of experiencing an adverse health event. Information on controlling your exposure to asthma triggers is provided by the CDC: Click Here.

In Wisconsin, half a million children and adults are living with asthma. In 41% of kids and 60% of adults with asthma in Wisconsin, their asthma is poorly controlled. Asthma disproportionately affects certain minority groups, age groups and geographic locations, negatively impacting the quality of life for these groups of people.

The Wisconsin Asthma Plan 2015-2020 was created with the goal of enhancing asthma services across the public health and health care sectors. The plan outlines mechanisms for the public health and health care sectors to coordinate efforts and ultimately improve the lives of people with asthma. Read the Wisconsin Asthma Plan here.

At this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that moderate to severe asthma may increase an individual’s risk for more severe illness from COVID-19. For more information on COVID-19 and asthma, visit the CDC website.
For the most recent updates on COVID-19 in the North Shore, visit our website. We also encourage you to frequently monitor the DHS website and CDC website.