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**To:** The Honorable Members of the Fox Point Village Board

**From:** Scott A. Botcher, Village Manager

**Date:** January 15, 2021

**Re:** **Administrative Report for the Week Ending, January 15, 2021**

### ADMINISTRATION

1. January 2021 tax settlement for the year 2020 was completed and wires sent to the taxing entities by staff this week.
2. Staff facilitated monthly Village Board meeting.
3. Staff participated in weekly North Shore Health Department EOC call.
4. Village Manager participated in virtual meeting with SC Johnson about plastic film Recycling pilot project opportunities.
5. Village Manager chaired North Shore Water Commission meeting.
6. Board of Appeals meeting date was set for February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for Case 2021-01 requesting a variance for a garage and 2021-02 requesting a special exception for a fence.
7. Board of Appeals Notices for Case 2021-01 and Case 2021-02 were posted and mailed to those within 500 feet of each appellants property.
8. February 16, 2021 Spring Primary MCEC election X-chart and ballot proofs were approved this week.
9. Village Clerk attended WEC's webinar: What A Year! A Review of 2020 and A Look Ahead.
10. Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Co-chairs of the WMCA Multi-Media Committee attended the WMCA Board of Directors meeting on Friday virtually.
11. Village Manager participated in statewide Urban Alliance virtual meeting.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Water utility and DPW staff responded to another water main break that occurred Saturday morning (January 9) in the 7600 block of Santa Monica. A significant blow-hole was discovered in the 8-inch main and it was repaired by early afternoon.
2. In addition to the water main break on Santa Monica, the water utility had two the week before and the one on Goodrich occurred just to the east of the easternmost bridge. The water main break caused soil and stone to be washed into one of the biofiltration swales. While most of the material was removed, we will need to re-establish the biofiltration swale this spring with the appropriate soils and seed mix.
3. After the water main breaks, staff organized, restocked and cleaned the equipment. Additionally, staff fixed a broken service box in the 300 block of E. Dean.

4. Ash removals are going quite well in the Village though staff and our contractor are waiting on We Energies/Asplundh to mobilize to the Village and remove a number of ash below the utility lines. Once that is completed, our contractor and staff will be able to remove the remaining trees. Our Forester and contractor also met with residents of the condo association in Glendale near the property we own to discuss the logistics of the tree removal on our property.
5. A large limb from a 33-inch basswood snapped off in the cemetery and fell across the fence. Staff removed the fence section for easier removal of the limb and Wallace Tree Service (performing the ash removals in the Village) was able to perform the work.
6. Leissner Soils has been hauling away our leaves for beneficial reuse. As in past years, the ability to have a private contractor haul the leaves off-site at no cost to the Village saves the Village nearly \$20,000 annually. The only cost we incur are labor and equipment costs to load the trucks which is a cost we would incur if we were hauling the leaves out as we did in the past.
7. In the shop, the mechanics were making repairs to the sewer truck/jetter, performing PMs, and preparing the specifications for this year's vehicle purchases.
8. Staff is getting a price from an electrician to replace the lights at the top of the stairs in the DPW yard, to repair the fan in the warm storage garage and to replace a light at Longacre.
9. Staff continued to work with WEM and FEMA on the Beach Drive project and have reached out to the consultants informing them of the decision made by the Village Board Tuesday night.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Officers met with a resident who was the victim of theft after an item was removed from a package without permission. The resident had ordered a high-value item and the package appears to have been opened prior to delivery. The resident suffered the same loss earlier in the week for the same item. The investigation remains open as possible suspects are identified.
2. Officers responded to a report of a retail theft at CVS Pharmacy that resulted in the arrest of a subject. The officer's investigation revealed that the same person had been involved in a theft in Glendale earlier in the day. The subject was turned over to Glendale Police after being booked for the retail theft in Fox Point. The case will be presented to the district attorney's office for review.
3. Officers on patrol located a vehicle involved in a Hit & Run from Bayside and conducted a traffic stop. The officer conducted an initial investigation and turned the matter over to Bayside Police for follow-up and criminal charging. In addition to the Hit & Run, the driver was in possession of marijuana and other drugs.
4. Sergeant Arendt conducted an evaluation on a driver for drug impaired driving after the driver was stopped by River Hills Police. Sergeant Arendt is classified as a Drug Recognition Expert by the state of Wisconsin.
5. Officers responded and assisted a resident with a temporary eviction of an adult child after the subject became disruptive in the home. Officers also provided assistance with a long-term solution.

6. Staff began collecting data and compiling the annual report. The report is usually published in March after all accounts are reconciled and relevant data is collected from the previous year.

## NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### **NSHD Highlights 1/12/21: Snowmobilers - Think Smart Before You Start**

#### *Snowmobile & Ice Safety Tips from The Wisconsin DNR*

With winter officially in full swing in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds snowmobilers that safety is key for the best ride. There were 19 snowmobile fatalities between January and March 2020, three of those involving someone under the age of 18. "Most snowmobile crashes are preventable. Alcohol, excess speed, driver inexperience and operator error are the leading causes of snowmobile fatalities," said DNR Conservation Warden Lt. Martin Stone. "Safety is an important part of the ride. Make sure to brush up on safety rules and regulations before you head out this winter."

Snowmobilers cannot judge ice's strength by factors like appearance, age, thickness or temperature, especially when the ice is snow-covered. Before heading out, snowmobilers are encouraged to contact local fishing clubs, snowmobile clubs or outfitters to inquire about ice conditions, as the DNR does not monitor these conditions.

Any person who is at least 12 years old and born on or after Jan. 1, 1985 is required to have a valid [Snowmobile Safety Certificate](#) to operate a snowmobile in most areas. Operators must carry the certificate while riding and display it to a law enforcement officer when requested. More snowmobile regulations are available here: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/gmes43nhcy>

Think smart before you start this season by following these tips:

- Don't drink and ride.
- Stay on marked trails and routes. Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.
- Always stay to the right side of the trail, especially in corners. The trails are public; never ride like there is no one else coming.
- Always come to a complete stop at all stop signs and road crossings and yield to motor vehicle traffic. When stopped, look both ways and cross only when it is safe.
- Always wear your helmet and safety gear.
- Use extra caution at night. When traveling at night, operate at reasonable speeds as to not overdrive what headlights can illuminate, such as trail markers or hazards. Remember that there is a 55 mph speed limit at night.
- Travel with a friend, carry a cell phone and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Dress appropriately and carry a first-aid kit and navigation tools.

- Take a snowmobile safety course. Visit the DNR Safety Education webpage for details and to locate a class or take an online course - <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/safetyEducation>

More information: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Snowmobile>



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](#).

For vaccine updates, visit:

<https://www.nshealthdept.org/CommunicableDiseases/COVID19/VaccineInformation.aspx> and <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm>.