January 29, 2020

RE: TUDOR COURT STREET/STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Tudor Court Business & Property Owner,

As you may recall, Tudor Court was spotlighted in recommendations included in the Village’s Downtown Plan (approved in December 2016) as deserving of streetscape improvements and enhancements that would "enhance community character and reinforce the strong sense of place" that exists in our community. In light of that, the Village commenced a 24-month public engagement and design review process which included numerous stakeholders (including representatives from the downtown business community) to develop and recommend changes that would improve the look, feel and function of Tudor Court, improve pedestrian safety, maintain parking, and tie it more closely with the Village’s streetscape that exists throughout our downtown. Following this extensive process, the Glencoe Board of Trustees awarded an almost $1.6 million construction contract in August 2019 for the street and streetscape improvements on Tudor Court between Vernon Avenue and Green Bay Road. The contract was awarded to Alliance Contractors, Inc. of Woodstock, Illinois and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin on April 1 and is expected to be complete by mid-July 2020.

The scope of the Tudor Court project will include the following improvements:

- Grinding and resurfacing the Tudor Court pavement, construction of new concrete curb and gutter and reconstruction of the paver brick sidewalks;
- Realigning the roadway curb to create a designated drop-off area for cars and buses near Writers Theatre along with the construction of a new mid-block pedestrian crossing;
- Enhancements to the pedestrian level lighting with new decorative and energy efficient LED bollards, lighting under the planter curbs along the north side sidewalk and within the mid-block pavement crosswalk;
- Installing new clustered seating, benches and landscaping along Friends Park, at new planter curbs and along the storefronts, as well as the inclusion of additional bicycle parking near Friends Park and Writers Theatre;
- Widening the east end of Tudor Court to accommodate future special events and festivals; and
- Terminating Glencoe Drive to through-traffic through the construction of a dead-end turnaround just south of the Writers Theatre building driveway and construction of a new pedestrian walkway from the new turnaround down to Tudor Court. This will unify the greenspace that currently exists on either side of Glencoe Drive.
You are receiving this letter because the business you operate or the building you own is located on Tudor Court, and as such you will be impacted by the construction. The improvements will be phased to maintain vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Tudor Court throughout construction, and the Village’s construction management team will work closely with the contractor to accommodate access to your business or building. In an effort to provide more specific project information, initiate a line of communication and answer questions, a project informational meeting will be scheduled for late February. Details on that meeting will follow.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Civil Engineer James Tigue at (847) 461-1119 or me at (847) 461-1116. We also encourage you to read more about this project on the Village’s website by visiting


Sincerely,

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