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Northbrook Voices

For years this space has contained stories about Northbrook's history. The stories are from long ago and recent times. Each one helps give a glimpse of the fabric of our history. Now, it's your turn to tell the stories for future generations. It is from these stories we can learn about our community and tell stories to you from generations ago. Without much outside reporting of happenings in our town we look to our residents, now and in the past, to help tell the story of our Village through their personal experiences.

The Historical Society, in partnership with the Northbrook Public Library, began Northbrook Voices in 2011. This program invites Northbrook residents to tell their own Northbrook story during a 30-minute audio interview. To help ensure this wonderful endeavor continues, we need your help. We are seeking people to help conduct the interviews and people who want their story told.

There are currently over 160 stories recorded. To hear the voices or learn more about the program, go to www.northbrookvoices.org.

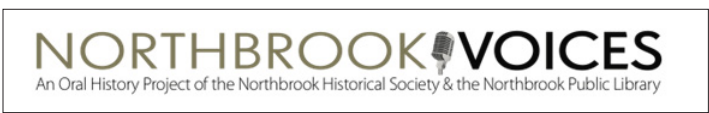
There are many stories already told about coming to Northbrook from another country in our Northbrook Voices library. One you might enjoy hearing is the inspirational story of Holocaust survivor Sam Harris. Listen to his story online at www.northbrookvoices.org/interviews/sam-harris

There are so many stories to be uncovered, especially the stories of current immigrants. What brought them here in the first place and has our Village provided them with a place where they felt valued and a part of the fabric of the community?

The interviews provide first-person glimpses at the town now and our town

for future generations. All the stories are relevant and tell the stories of our lives and about the town we call home. ***Won't you please become a Northbrook Voice?***

To learn more, reach out to the Northbrook Historical Society and leave a message at 847-498-3404 or email northbrookhistory@gmail.com.



THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IS THE CHIEF ELECTION AUTHORITY FOR MORE THAN 120 TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY, INCLUDING NORTHBROOK. THE NEXT UPCOMING ELECTION IS THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

Voter Registration
If you have recently moved, changed your name, or are a new voter, you'll need to register to vote. For the November 8 election, voters can register at an Early Voting site through November 7 during the Grace Period or on Election Day (November 8) at their assigned precinct. During the Grace Period and on Election Day, voters must vote at the time of registration.

Early Voting
Early Voting is still available at any of Cook County's early voting centers, including Northbrook Village Hall. Early Voting runs through November 7. Early Voting sites will have a secure drop box available for mail-in ballots from 9am-4pm.

Voting by Mail
Any registered Cook County voter may request a mail ballot from the Cook County Clerk's Office. The deadline to apply is five days before an election, (November 3). Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

Election Day
Election Day is November 8. On Election Day, voters must vote at their precinct's voting location. Note that some Election Day voting precincts have changed. Northbrook Village Hall is not a polling place this Election Day.

Questions
Call the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906 or visit cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections for more details on voting.



A Message from President Ciesla
Village of Northbrook

Family, Festivities, and Friday Night Lights

This is one of my favorite times of year, despite the cold weather and snow. Family members come together from all walks of life, gratitude and excitement are in the air, and festive twinkling lights adorn our community.

For the past two years, holidays have felt a little different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is my goal to make this year as special as any, even though some things may have changed.

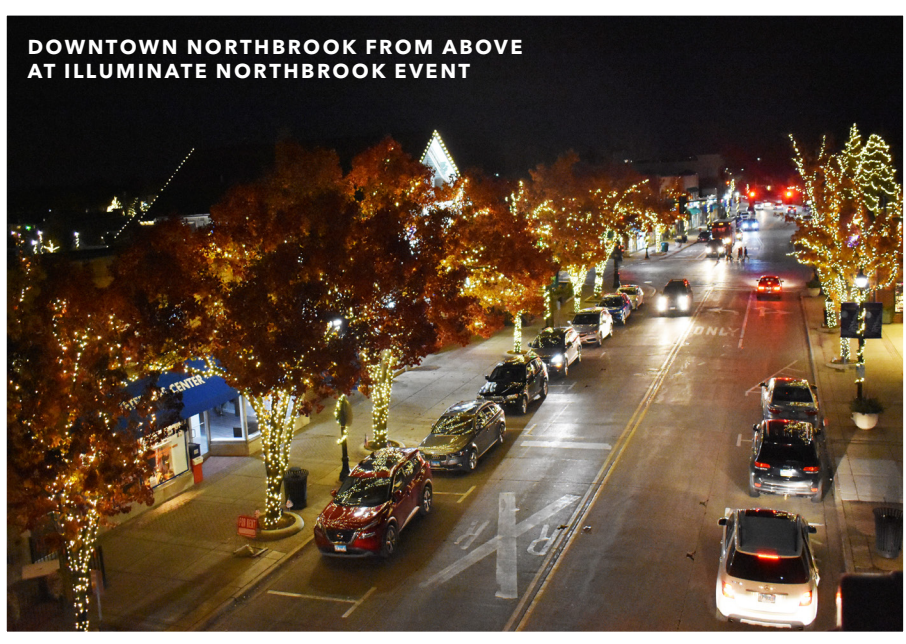
The Gift of Experiences
One of the important things we've learned over the past two years is that our time together is more precious than anything. Enjoy shared experiences with your loved ones and neighbors at some of our upcoming Northbrook events!

On November 18, we are welcoming back Illuminate Northbrook. Watch the holiday lights flip on in downtown Northbrook while sipping on hot cocoa! Returning again this year, Let It Shine Light Show will be at Northbrook Court through January 8 and Willow Hill Lights is taking place at Willow Hill Golf Course through January 1. And in February 2023, a new cultural festival is coming to Northbrook.

See pages 7, 9, and 10 for more event information.

Shop Local
Throughout the pandemic, it was all of you that helped our businesses, large and small, get through the toughest times. Keep Northbrook strong by shopping local!

When you shop in Northbrook, you are actively investing in our



community. For every dollar spent on general merchandise, two cents of the sales tax comes back to Northbrook.

Whether you're grocery shopping, dining out, buying gifts, or scheduling services, anything you need can be found in Northbrook. This is the inspiration for the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce's new shop local campaign. Turn to pages 6 and 7 for details!



A Refreshed Identity
As we look ahead to 2023, keep an eye out for the results of the Northbrook Community Identity Strategy & Development project. Thank you for providing your thoughts and perceptions on Northbrook! Your feedback is being used to create a fresh identity that reflects the community and brings new opportunities to Northbrook.

State of the Village
Mark your calendars for January 25! At the beginning of each new year, Northbrook's Village President delivers a State of the Village address, facilitated by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. For those who cannot attend, the presentation will be made available on the Village's website at northbrook.il.us.

Happy holidays, Northbrook!
May your festivities be filled with family and joy.

PRESIDENT,
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

Navigating Emotions this Holiday Season

by Family Service Center (FSC)

The holidays can be both a joyful and stressful time of year. So many images of those perfect holiday moments can set unrealistic expectations. Family together time can create moments of laughter as well as tension or disagreement. It also is a time when a loss can feel more overwhelming. FSC therapists offer the following to help with those potentially difficult moments.

Holiday gatherings can transport us in time. Many can feel like their everyday self when walking up the path to a gathering, only to cross that threshold and slide back into past roles, memories, and feelings. This is called regression and it’s an expected, predictable phenomenon brought on by environmental cues, memories, and our beliefs about what others are thinking. It can make gatherings both emotionally uplifting and challenging. To navigate these times, consider how you might use

some, or all, of the following strategies to make this season brighter.

• **Choose Your Goals.** As humans, we often start with holiday ideals—everyone will have a wonderful time, enjoy the food and the company, no arguments will arise, the kids will behave delightfully, etc. But that probably will not happen. There are too many factors outside of our control. Choosing goals that are more realistic, compassionate, and achievable can help you enjoy the event.

• **Stay You.** On the day of and during the event, when you notice the pull towards old roles or arguments - *pause*. Show up as your authentic, age-appropriate self, as an evolving work-in-progress with multiple roles and responsibilities. In those moments, stating our intentions to others can help defuse conflict—"I want to help," or "I appreciate your efforts."

• **Be Present in the Moment.** Focus on the here and now experience, without trying to change, avoid, or fix it. Focus on sensation, eye contact, listen carefully to words and tone used, see facial expressions, and remind yourself that you are "right here."

• **Be compassionate with yourself.** Treat yourself the way you would a dear friend. We often are much harder on ourselves. We don’t ask them to be perfect. We help them when they struggle, see their strengths and limitations, and love them regardless!

Experiment with these different strategies and revise as you go. Should holiday stresses still feel overwhelming, you don’t need to go it alone - the caring therapists at FSC can be a resource for anyone needing some extra support. Learn more at www.FamilyServiceCenter.org.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

Chanukah Message from Rabbi Jason Fenster

Many of the traditions we share in our Northbrook community center on light during this time of year. When darkness abounds, we have the opportunity to be bearers of light.

In the Jewish tradition, our festival of lights is called Chanukah (no matter how you spell it!). It commemorates the victory of the small band of Maccabees over an army that sought to deny and persecute the tradition and culture of the Jewish people. And, as the story goes, once the Maccabees reclaimed their ransacked temple and prepared to sanctify their space with light, there was no oil left. And then they found one small container, enough for just one day, and, miracle of miracles, the oil lasted eight nights. Miraculous light for a people who had experienced great darkness.

To commemorate this moment, we light a chanukiah. Some call it a menorah, which loosely translates to "candelabrum." Think of it like tissues and Kleenex®. Menorah is the generic and chanukiah the name-brand for the holiday. Thousands of years ago, the great Jewish sages argued about how one ought to light the chanukiah. One suggested: A countdown! From eight candles on the first night down to one candle on the eighth. The candles would let us know how much longer the holiday would last and would mimic the waning light from the miraculous oil. Another offered: Add light! One candle on the first day, two on the second, and so forth. After lengthy debate and some compromise on procedure, the latter opinion became our custom and a new principle introduced into tradition: We always add light and add to the sacred.

As we approach this holiday, we are called to be like the chanukiah. We are called to add more light to the world. There is also a custom to place our light by the window so passersby will see the light and be reminded that miracles can happen. They will remember that even when it is darkest, light, wholeness, justice, and peace will always prevail.

Wishing you and the people you love a season of light, warmth, and goodness.

L’shalom (in peace)



The Historical Walls of Northbrook

Crestwood Place Senior Apartments



If you’ve driven on Waukegan Road you’ve most likely passed by Crestwood Place Senior Apartments, a three-story brick building hidden behind the tree line. Thousands of seniors have walked the grounds of Crestwood, each creating memories that will last forever.

The best part of living at Crestwood Place, according to resident John Kollar, is spending time with his friends. John moved in fifteen years ago and the intimate community at Crestwood has become a large part of his life. John’s apartment in the ‘C-Building’ is decorated with historical memorabilia, artwork, and photos of his family. During his time at Crestwood he has met some of his closest companions, and John enjoys getting involved with events at the facility.

“One of my favorite things about living at Crestwood are the monthly birthday parties that we have for all the residents,” John explains. “We have a lot of fun celebrating.”

Crestwood hosts weekly exercise classes, guest speakers, cocktail gatherings, and movie nights for the residents. During the monthly birthday celebrations, each person receives flowers and a piece of cake. Crestwood also has a large community room with newly purchased computers.

The walls of Crestwood Place Senior Apartments have been around for over a century, and residents believe that this unique facility on Waukegan Road is the glue that helps to hold Northbrook together. 114 years ago the establishment served as Crestwood School, and now the building houses seniors looking to maintain their independence and gain a cozy community.



Resident John Kollar showing Crestwood Place’s community room.

The Village of Northbrook owns and oversees Crestwood Place, which is one of the only independent facilities of its kind in Cook County. The Board of Trustees has the task of appointing members to the Senior Services Commission. The Commission manages the financial and operational housing matters related to Crestwood, and they hold meetings for residents six times a year. This independent living facility differs from a nursing home because there is no medical staff on-site, and residents are required to handle their own affairs.

The chair of the Senior Services Commission, Fred Rosenberg, describes Crestwood as “a cost-effective, well-maintained, independent senior living facility.” Fred has been a part of the commission for ten years and he enjoys working with the residents and fulfilling their needs.

In order to live at Crestwood, applicants must be at least 62-years-old and have been a resident or retired employee of the Village of Northbrook. There are a total of 118 one- and two-bedroom apartments at Crestwood, and the facility is divided into three sectors called the A, B, and C buildings. Each apartment is around 630 square feet and comes with a full kitchen. Each of the apartments in the C building are different, while units in the A and B buildings are similarly designed.

Due to high demand, Northbrook residents that are interested in living at Crestwood must add their name to a waiting list before they’re able to move in. Amy Malloy says she waited three years before she was approved, but in her eyes the process was ‘worth the wait.’ Now Amy lives closer to her family, and she’s developed a special bond with Crestwood residents. She says she loves the facility and feels heard by the Commission. **Interested applicants can contact Crestwood at 847-272-0170.**

6 Things to Know for the Holiday Shopping Season

1 Shop Local

Big online retailers are pressing for an early start to the holiday shopping season. Remember, Northbrook retailers work year-round to bring our community an enormous variety of options – whatever you need, you can find it here! Watch for local sales on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday: you'll get great deals, unique gifts, and a thriving business community that supports our community and services.



2 Find It in Northbrook

Looking for a special gift, an elegant night out, or a new family activity? We're here to help! Check out "Find It in Northbrook" on Facebook and Instagram, now rebranded with a fresh new logo and tagline! You'll see daily updates from local businesses plus contests to make shopping more fun. Presented by the Village of Northbrook and Northbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



3 Northbrook Deals Straight to your Phone

Get information about community events plus offers from 80+ local businesses with Northbrook's shopping and dining text program! Subscribers receive free text messages with links to special offers to help you "Find It in Northbrook." Text NBK to 55678 to sign up. Businesses in the Village can participate at no charge - contact info@northbrookchamber.org for details.



4 Illuminate Northbrook Returns November 18

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to present the 2nd Annual Illuminate Northbrook Hot Cocoa Stroll! At 5:30pm, gather in the heart of Northbrook to kick off the holiday shopping season with complimentary hot chocolate. At 6pm, count down with us as we turn on the holiday lights and illuminate downtown Northbrook. Afterwards, stay downtown, enjoy the ambience, and support local businesses by shopping and dining!

This event will also feature:

- Collection boxes for Northbrook Rotary's "Coat Off Your Back" Drive
 - Bring a coat to donate and receive a free collectible Illuminate Northbrook mug plus access to special offers from local businesses
- 3D glasses to turn the holiday lights into fun festive shapes
- Music!

To promote a sustainable event, consider bringing your own mug to drink hot chocolate from. As a bonus, all are encouraged to don their best ugly sweaters to spread the cheer!



5 Give the Gift of Experiences

Some of the best presents can't be wrapped in a box! Gift certificates for salons, camps, fitness clubs, and classes can have a life-changing impact. Additionally, organizations in Northbrook offer abundant events that make for an experience to remember. For great opportunities right here in Northbrook, check out the Northbrook Park District, Northbrook Public Library, and Northbrook Chamber of Commerce websites to get started!



6 Guides to Help You Discover More

The Northbrook Chamber produces an annual Shopping & Dining Guide with comprehensive restaurant listings and detailed descriptions of popular destinations. For a print copy, call 847-498-5555 or email info@northbrookchamber.org. You can also find shopping and dining information along with holiday updates online at finditinnorthbrook.com.



• SNOW & ICE CONTROL •

Each winter, the Village's Public Works Department works around the clock to clear 539 plow lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, municipal parking lots, and designated sidewalks.



NEW EQUIPMENT

This year, the Northbrook Public Works Department will be utilizing a wing-plow to increase service response during snow removal operations. With a front-mounted and side-mounted plow, this piece of equipment can clear almost two lanes of snow in one pass. It will be responsible for clearing snow on Skokie Blvd., Founders Dr., Kamp Dr., and Techny Rd. and assisting other routes as needed. For motorists' safety, all vehicles should remain 50 feet behind this Village plow and not attempt to pass, as plows will take up multiple lanes.



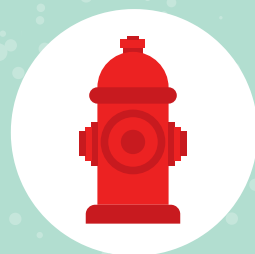
SNOW PARKING ORDINANCE

Remember to move your vehicle from the street when plows are out. Per Village ordinance, it is illegal to park on Northbrook streets when two or more inches of snow fall, until plowing is complete. It is imperative to remove snow completely to the gutter to allow safe passage of vehicles and to allow any snow melt to reach inlets in order to prevent flooding issues. Offending vehicles may be ticketed or towed. The Village will use its Northbrook Notify system to alert residents via text and email when the parking ban is in effect and when it has cleared. Sign up at northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Be a good neighbor and shovel the sidewalk in front of your home. While there is no municipal ordinance requiring that an individual shovel their sidewalk, we encourage residents to pitch in and help their neighbors, especially the elderly and those with disabilities. While shoveling or snow blowing, Public Works asks that you be mindful of your surroundings and proximity to the street when plowing is taking place. Similarly, keep an eye on children when plows are out.



FIRE HYDRANTS

Clear the fire hydrants near your property of snow and ice. Help our first responders and protect yourself and your neighbors by shoveling a path from the street and three feet around the hydrant. In the event of an emergency, this can save lives.



SNOW POCKET METHOD

Shovel a snow pocket at the end of your driveway. You can help keep your driveway clear by shoveling snow downstream of roadway traffic. Make a pocket on the opposite side of your driveway so snow that is plowed from the street will be pushed into the pocket.



KEEP THE STREET CLEAR

Do not put snow in the street when clearing your driveway and sidewalk. If you have a plowing service, please direct them to keep snow on your property instead of pushing it across the street. The Village's municipal code prohibits placing snow on the roadway, as this requires more time to clear and creates a dangerous hazard for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

NORTHBROOK.IL.US/SNOW

Fall & Winter Calendar of Events

TOYS FOR TOTS

Ongoing

The Village is once again partnering with the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for their annual toy collection program. This program brings toys to children who might otherwise go without a present this holiday season. Donate a new unwrapped toy at the Police Station (1401 Landwehr Road), Fire Station 11 (740 Dundee Road), Fire Station 12 (1840 Shermer Road), or Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane).

NORTHBROOK ARTISTS TOUR

November 5, noon-4pm

Meet the artists who live in your neighborhood! During the open studio visits you'll have the opportunity to talk with local artists while viewing their work. Light refreshments will be served. Maps to the studios are available at Northbrook Village Hall or the Northbrook Library and can be downloaded at northbrook.il.us/arts. Maps will also be available on the day of the event at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue.

NORTHBROOK PUMPKIN SMASH

November 6, noon-3pm @ Northbrook Court parking lot, 1515 Lake Cook Road

Are your Jack-O-Lanterns no longer looking gourd-geous? Don't send them to the landfill! This spooky season, stop by the Village's Pumpkin Smash event. Community members can toss pumpkins for composting, play games, meet some creepy crawlers, and learn about the benefits of organic waste recycling. Snacks will be provided.

DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT ART EXHIBIT

Through November 9 @ Village Hall Board Room

This pop-up exhibit is sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission in partnership with TotalLink2 Community. TotalLink's Disability Empowerment Art Exhibit features ten artists who are learning to embed emotion into their artwork through TotalLink's ArtLab for Everyone program. Each piece is inspired by what their disabilities mean to them and showcases the many emotions, gifts, and challenges that their disabilities provide. All are invited to visit the exhibit during weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

January 25

President Ciesla will discuss what's new in Northbrook and what's on the horizon. Hosted by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. More details and location will be posted at northbrookchamber.org.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

February 26, 3-5pm @ NSYMCA, 2705 Techny Road

This event will bring together a variety of cultural organizations in the Northbrook area to celebrate the many backgrounds of Northbrook residents. Stay tuned for more information at northbrook.il.us/events. Interested in participating in the Cultural Festival? Contact Community Commission staff Liaison Sam Reiss at sam.reiss@northbrook.il.us.



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Electronics Recycling November 1 & December 6, 7am-3pm November 5 & December 3, 9am-noon

Fleet Maintenance Garage behind Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Lane
Bring your old and unused electronics to be recycled. Residents are responsible for removing items from their vehicle for contactless disposal. Do not leave items at the Village's facility outside of the recycling events.

Commuter Parking Closed at 1657 Shermer Road

As a reminder to commuters, overflow parking at 1657 Shermer Road (formerly Grainger) is no longer available.

Día de los Muertos November 1-2

Happy Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) to all who celebrate! Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a reunion that includes food, drink, and celebration. This holiday serves as an occasion for remembering and celebrating those who have passed on from this world.



Freedom Park

Do you know a Northbrook resident currently serving in the military? Call 847-664-4037 with their name, rank, and station. This will be used to update the plaque honoring those serving at Freedom Park between Village Hall and the Library.

Holly Fair Saturday, November 5, 10am-3pm

Covenant Living, 2625 Techny Road
Visit Covenant Living of Northbrook to browse and purchase handmade crafts, art, jewelry, and other treasures. Proceeds are used to provide scholarship grants toward advanced education for graduating seniors. Funds are also given to Northbrook's Police and Fire Departments, the Northbrook Public Library, and the Northfield Township Food Pantry.



Child Safety Seat Inspections

Did you know that the Northbrook Police Department provides child safety seat inspections to Northbrook residents? These inspections are free to all Northbrook residents and are available on Fridays by appointment only. Please have your driver's license, vehicle, and child safety seat information available at the time of the appointment. To make an appointment, contact the Community Relations Division at 847-664-4427.

Daylight Saving Time Sunday, November 6

At 2am, remember to move your clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time. The Northbrook Fire Department reminds residents to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and CO detectors.

Veterans Day Ceremony Friday, November 11, 10:30am

Northbrook Junior High Gymnasium, 1475 Maple Avenue
Veterans and their families are invited to attend this ceremony organized by the Northbrook American Legion Post 791 and VFW Post 10236. NBJS musicians will perform.

"Coat Off Your Back" Drive

Participate in the Rotary Club of Northbrook's annual "Coat Off Your Back" drive. This year's campaign will provide coats for refugee families being settled in the area. Donation sites include: Sunset Foods; Village Hall; Waterway; North Suburban YMCA; Northbrook Library; and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. To find more information, visit northbrookrotary.org.

Happy Birthday, Northbrook Friday, November 18

Northbrook is turning 121! On November 18, 1901, Shermerville was officially incorporated as a village. With 35 votes in favor, 32 votes against, and two spoiled ballots, the referendum passed by just three votes. What started as a tiny town with a population of 300 has now grown to a thriving village with 35,222 residents (per the 2020 Census).

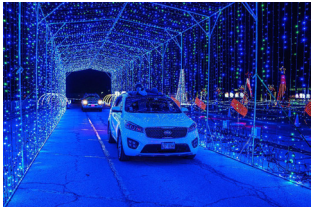


Northbrook Symphony 2022/2023 Season

The Northbrook Symphony Orchestra season is open! To see a list of upcoming performances, visit the Symphony's website at northbrooksymphony.org or call 847-272-0755. All concerts are performed at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School.

Let It Shine Lightshow November 18-January 8 5-10pm

Northbrook Court, 1515 Lake Cook Road
Back for a third year, guests are invited to stay in their cars and tune their radio to a designated station and immerse themselves into a wonderland of synchronized light displays to music from the comfort of their car. This dazzling show is a leisurely drive through archways and illuminated installations for all ages. Go to shinelightshow.com for more details.



Willow Hill Lights November 19-January 1 5-10pm

Willow Hill Golf Course, 1350 Willow Road
Back for a second year, guests are invited to travel the roads around Willow Hill Golf Course while viewing a magical trail of lights over a mile long! Keep an eye on Willow Hill's communications platforms for more details on this event.

Thanksgiving Fire Safety

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. The Northbrook Fire Department wants residents to practice fire safety in the kitchen to ensure a happy and safe holiday! Here are a few tips:
1. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top and keep an eye on the food.
2. Stay in the home when cooking a turkey and check on it frequently.
3. Keep children away from the stove and away from hot food, hot liquids, and candles.
4. Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
5. Avoid turkey fryers. Fire can spread very quickly when a turkey fryer is used improperly.

Yard Waste & Compost Collection Reminder

Waste Management's sticker program ends for the year on November 30. For residents who participate in the subscription program, collection is switching to every other week starting December 1 (through March 31).

Free Downtown Parking at Metra Commuter Lots

Did you know that the Village has commuter parking lots in the downtown that are free on weekends and also weekdays after 10am? Next time you visit downtown Northbrook for shopping, dining, or services, we encourage you to check out the ample parking available in these lots.

Census Bureau Invites Public Input on 2030 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau has formally invited the public to share their input and ideas for an improved 2030 Census. With this input, the Census Bureau aims to better reach and count historically undercounted people, overcome challenges, and encourage everyone to respond to the 2030 Census. Email comments to DCMD.2030.Research@census.gov or visit census.gov online. Comments are due by November 15, 2022.



Village of Northbrook Holiday Closures

Non-emergency Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving; Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas; and Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year. *The Village of Northbrook wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a wonderful New Year!*

Winter Reading at the Northbrook Public Library December 1-January 31

Sign up and then treat yourself to some good books to earn prizes, including a mug, and a chance to win the grand prize drawing. This winter reading program is for all ages. Sign up starting December 1 at northbrook.info/winter-reading.

Rodenticide Poses Risk to Pets & Local Wildlife

During the winter months, mice, rats, and other pests will seek shelter in homes. Many people often put out poison for rodents, which means that dogs, cats, and local wildlife may be exposed to these deadly toxic chemicals. Learn about safe alternatives at northbrook.il.us/animalcontrol

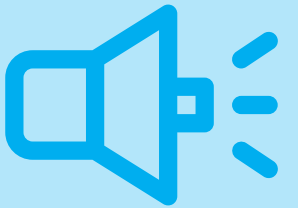
Northbrook Park District Registration

Registration for Winter and Spring programs taking place from January through May 2023 opens on November 30. Watch for your Winter and Spring program guide in the mail starting November 21 for information on ice skating, athletics, senior programs, youth programs, special events, summer camps, fitness, indoor golf, and more.

Pre-Treat with Anti-Icing Salt Brine

Road salt has adverse effects on the environment when it washes off roadways, seeps into the ground, and enters our waterways. The Village utilizes a beet juice/salt brine blend to pre-treat roads before a snowstorm, which reduces the amount of salt used on roadways. To help the environment, you can do the same at home! Instead of using salt to remove snow or ice from your driveway or sidewalk, consider making your own salt brine (water and rock salt) to pre-treat these surfaces. This can help you reduce your salt usage by up to 30%. Learn about how at northbrook.il.us/salt.

Talk Around Town:



Gun Safety Initiatives in Northbrook

At the July 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed a number of potential gun safety initiatives for the Northbrook community. Detailed below are three gun safety initiatives that are currently available to people in Northbrook.

1. Turn-In and Destruction of Unwanted Firearms

Anyone in Northbrook wishing to dispose of an unwanted firearm(s) can call the Police Department at any time. Northbrook Police will collect and destroy the firearm(s), free of charge. Northbrook Police securely store collected weapons until the annual destruction days conducted by the Northern Illinois Police Crime Lab.

The Police Department can be reached 24/7 at 847-564-2060 (non-emergency line) or 911 for emergencies.

2. Firearms Prohibited Stickers

Free stickers indicating "no firearms allowed" are available to Northbrook residents and businesses at Village Hall year-round. Any Northbrook business operating with a Village license for the sale of alcoholic liquor must post a sign at all entrances indicating firearms are prohibited on the property. New liquor license applicants will receive the required sign(s) with their liquor license.

3. Gun Locks

Free gun locks are available from the Northbrook Police Department. Gun locks are available at community events such as National Night Out and Northbrook Days. Northbrook Police will also offer free gun locks at the Police Station (1401 Landwehr Road) year-round.

Village Board Approves Resolution Seeking Gun Safety Legislation

At the August 23, 2022 Village Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution seeking State and Federal leadership adopting uniform gun safety legislation. Find the resolution at northbrook.il.us/gunsafety.

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Village Hall	847-272-5050
Village Hall Fax	847-272-1892
Police/Fire Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	847-564-2060
Fire Non-Emergency	847-272-2141
Public Works	847-272-4711






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News You Can Use

Northbrook's Subsidized Taxi Program

This program offers an affordable transportation option for senior residents of incorporated Northbrook 55 years or older and permanently disabled Village residents. Proof of residency in the Village of Northbrook is required to participate in the program.

Registered program participants are allowed up to 16 five dollar rides per month with American Taxi, 303 Taxi, RideX Taxi, and BriteLift (for ambulatory transportation). The program utilizes an electronic swipe card to offset the metered fare. Ride subsidies do not roll-over from month to month.

Applications are available at Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane) or on the Village's website at northbrook.il.us/taxi. Call 847-664-4037 if you need assistance.

Waste Management Holiday Collection Schedule

During the week of Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday pickups will be delayed by one day. In observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, collection will be delayed by one day for the week following (collection will occur on New Year's Eve, December 31).

Holiday Light Recycling

Starting in December, residents can recycle old or broken holiday lights at the Fleet Maintenance Garage (behind the Village Hall) weekdays from 7am to 3pm through Tuesday, January 31.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Recycle your fresh holiday tree by Tuesday, January 31, by placing it at the curb on your recycling day. Remove all lights, garland, and decorations. Make sure your tree is easily accessible at the curb.