

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

THE  
NEW YEAR  
ISSUE

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# Village Name Changed to Improve the Image and the Rest is History

As we near the date for the transition from Shermerville to Northbrook, one can't help but wonder why the name was changed. Other than anecdotal remarks about the name change the only evidence uncovered to date is a contemporary newspaper article reporting on the change, and two later articles quoting people who were instrumental in making the change.

The following is an excerpt from the January 1923 Libertyville Independent Journal.

"Although Shermerville never was regarded as a lawless community, the residents somehow felt they were unable to live down the fact that in the pre-Volstead days it had five saloons at the time the population being less than 500."

"But Shermerville is pepping up. Its people feel that "Ville" is no longer appropriate. The population has jumped to more than 900. And while other communities deplore decreasing interest in church activities, Shermerville has made remarkable strides in religious works."

The following quote in the Chicago Tribune March 11, 1945, is attributed to Arthur Therrien who served as village president when the village's name was changed.

"The village name was changed to

Northbrook in 1922 because a woman who liked to shop in the loop couldn't stand being teased about having packages sent to a place named Shermerville. She enlisted the aid of a civic group and a petition to change the name was circulated. A contest was held to choose a name and after 6 months the change was made legal," Therrien said.

An article in the The Announcements dated August 17, 1950 has this to say about the name change:

"To remove the lingering flavor of its proud but lusty past, the village in the early 20s determined to change its name. The picnic grounds were closed several years but the Shermerville name still conjured visions of noisy weekends and gay crowds. The more staid Chicago and North Shore residents shunned the town as an undesirable place to live.

The town civic association in 1922, initiated a contest to find a new name which would be both dignified and pleasant. Three of the names submitted were put to a popular vote with the winner named Northbrook being submitted by George Schick who received a \$100 prize. The new name stands for the town's location on the North Branch, or brook, of the Chicago River."

Following that article, Edward Landwehr wrote to The Announcements and disclosed additional information. He said:

"The Citizens Club of Shermerville, antedating the Civic Association of Northbrook started the movement to change the name of Shermerville by inviting public comment for or against. Then new names were asked to be submitted. Mr. George Schick submitted the name Oakton. Northbrook was submitted by the undersigned writer of this item. Altogether five names were designated on the postal card in the form of a ballot and the cards mailed to our residents to vote for one they preferred for a new name. Northbrook received the decisive majority."

127 Village residents signed a petition to change the name of our town from Shermerville to Northbrook. Following submission of the petition, the village board placed required notices of the intent to change the name. A special meeting was held on January 8, 1923. The minutes of the meeting show that only two citizens rose to speak against the change. By a 6 to 1 vote the name change became official, and went into effect on February 1, 1923.

## 2023 Village Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public. Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are cablecast live on NCTV-Cable Channel 17 (replayed Wednesday and Sunday at 9am and 7pm) and streamed live and archived at [northbrook.il.us/meetings](http://northbrook.il.us/meetings). Village Board meetings are streamed live on Facebook at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois).

**Architectural Control Commission:** 2nd Thursday, 5:30pm, monthly

**Arts Commission:** 1st Thursday, 7pm, monthly

**Board of Fire & Police Commissioners:** 1st Thursday of May, 7:30am

**Community Commission:** 4th Thursday, 7pm, monthly

**Economic Strategy Commission:** 4th Wednesday, 5:30pm, monthly

**Electrical Commission:** Meets on call  
**Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission:** 2nd Wednesday, 7pm (February, May, August, and November)

**Plan Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

**Rural Fire Protection District:** 2nd Thursday, 5pm (April, July, October, and December)

**Senior Services Commission:** 3rd Thursday, 5:30pm, monthly

**Stormwater Management Commission:** Meets on call

**Sustainability Commission:** 3rd Thursday, 5:30pm, monthly

**Special Needs Inclusion Commission:** 1st Thursday, 6:30pm, monthly

**Transportation Advisory Committee:** Meets on call

**Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6pm

**Village Board of Trustees Regular Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

**Village Board Work Committees:** Meet on call

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** 4th Monday, 7pm, monthly

In addition to the above, various Boards meet from time-to-time on an unscheduled basis. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, notices for all public meetings, including Special and Rescheduled Meetings, will be posted on the Village website and the bulletin board in the lobby of Village Hall. Board of Trustees meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the Village website at [northbrook.il.us/agendas](http://northbrook.il.us/agendas).

Call the Village Manager's Office at 847-664-4010 to confirm dates and for any questions.



## A Message from President Ciesla

Village of Northbrook

# Happy New Year, Northbrook!

Eleanor Roosevelt once said "with the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." This is a sentiment I will be keeping in mind throughout 2023. As we start a new year, I'm looking forward to all the positive changes we will see in Northbrook!

### New Year, New Look

In 2022, we started the Northbrook Community Identity Strategy & Development project. This project will result in a refreshed identity for the Village of Northbrook that will reflect the strong community that is our foundation, and attract new residents and businesses.

In developing this identity, over 1,000 Northbrook residents, business owners, and community members were surveyed for their thoughts and feedback on Northbrook. The engagement results and research findings were used to create a new graphic identity and tagline for the Village - coming soon!

### State of the Village

Want to be the first to see Northbrook's refreshed identity? We will be revealing a sneak peek at this year's State of the Village on January 25!

Keep an eye on the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce's website for more details on this event. For those who cannot attend, the presentation will be made available on the Village's website at [northbrook.il.us](http://northbrook.il.us).

### New Year's Resolutions

As we enter 2023, I want to emphasize the importance of mental health for all. Although this time of year is seen as an exciting time for change, it also has its challenges.



*Turn to page 4 for guidance on managing expectations and reality when it comes to New Years resolutions.*

### Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Are you signed up for the Village's emergency alert system? This opt-in system, also known as Northbrook Notify, is how the Village can reach you in the event of a public safety emergency. It is very important to make sure you are signed up with your current phone number, email, and address as notifications may be targeted to specific areas in Northbrook based on the situation.

Register at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify), and don't forget to confirm. This year I'm challenging you to sign up ten of your friends, family members, and neighbors and ask them to do the same!

*See the Talk Around Town section on page 11 for more details.*

### Upcoming Events

I hope to see you this February at the Village's Cultural Fair, presented by the Northbrook Community Commission (more details on page 8) and at our revamped Earth and Arbor Day event in April!

**Welcome to 2023, Northbrook!**  
**Let's make this year one to remember.**

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

# New Year Resolution: Mental health for all by The Josselyn Center

It's that time of year again; time to make a New Year's resolution. The most common resolutions include losing weight, getting fit, or saving money/making more money.

According to the Journal of Clinical Psychology, only 46% of us successfully achieve our New Year's Resolution. Josselyn would like to suggest a resolution that is achievable and will affect your outlook on everything else in your life: **Take care of your mental health.**

It sounds so simple and obvious, yet we struggle mightily. Research tells us that nearly one in five teens and adults struggle with their mental health, yet less than half receive treatment. Among young adults, the prevalence of a mental health condition is nearly 30%, and the Surgeon General recently warned of a mental health crisis among teens as the pandemic has intensified mental health issues. We all have experienced collective trauma as a result of the pandemic, to varying degrees.

Josselyn is committed to breaking down barriers to accessing mental health care. Just pick up the phone and call 847-441-5600 x 1.

Other ways to improve your mental health include:

**1. Find gratitude:** it may be difficult to find a reason to give thanks when you are overwhelmed by anxious or depressed feelings, but gratitude is strongly correlated to mental well-being. Start small. You can be grateful for your pet who loves you no matter what, your friend who checks in regularly, or for a clear, sunny day, among other things.

**2. Keep a routine:** it sounds silly, but a routine really helps give us a sense of purpose. A routine should include going to bed and waking at the same time each day, making time for work and for rest, eating healthy and at regular intervals. Start small and add to this list as you can.

**3. Minimize news feeds,** especially those that swing strongly to one edge or another politically. Stay informed but limit

the amount of time to once a day. While the age-old media adage says, "bad news leads," it does nothing to lead us to better mental well-being.

**4. Volunteer:** help yourself by helping others. The Volunteer Center has a robust listing of volunteer needs; or check in on that aging neighbor or the friend who has recently experienced a loss. Doing something for someone else improves our outlook.

**5. Stay socially connected:** many of us have chosen to forgo in-person gatherings over the last couple of years, but there are other ways to connect socially. Call a friend or family member whom you may have missed this holiday season, or go for a walk with a co-worker outside.

It's so easy to get busy and forget our mental health, yet it's just as important as physical health and is essential to our overall well-being. Here's to a mentally healthy 2023 and to **Mental health for all!**

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

### Lunar New Year by Molly Schen

Many Asian countries celebrate Lunar New Year, such as China, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, etc. While the traditions and customs of each country are different, the underlying theme for the festival is the same. It is a time for families and friends to reunite and have good laughs, enjoy food together, and exchange wishes for the New Year. Lunar New Year has a history expanding nearly 3,500 years and it is the most important Asian festival widely celebrated in the world.

In 2023, the Lunar New Year will fall on Sunday, January 22, starting a year of the Rabbit. At the turn of the lunisolar calendar, celebrations traditionally run from New Year's Eve to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first month.

The Village of Northbrook has a sizable Asian population with

nearby school districts amounting to around 40 percent of Asian students. Lunar New Year has been passionately celebrated in Northbrook. Traditionally, people dress in red, hang red lanterns, and paste couplets on red paper at the entryway to protect against misfortune during the celebration of Lunar New Year. Many cultures also have the tradition of celebrating with gifts of money handed out in red envelopes. Those who receive a red envelope are wished a safe and lucky new year.

I immigrated from China around 20 years ago, and now Northbrook is home for me, my husband, and our two kids. I'm incredibly grateful for the culturally rich experiences found in our community. Whether it's Ramadan, Diwali, Yom Kippur, or Dia De Los Muertos, we exchange thoughts and greetings with our friends, neighbors, and

community members. It puts smiles on our faces to both send and receive messages during these special days. Where people are heard, valued, and supported is where people feel they belong. That's my ultimate American experience.





# A Local Legend: Ken Call

## Award-Winning Watercolorist



For some, Northbrook is a small village on the outskirts of Chicago, but for legendary artist Ken Call, the Northbrook community is where he draws his inspiration. Ken is an award-winning watercolor artist, and has created many pieces that hang in homes and galleries across the country. He is experienced in many mediums of painting, but especially enjoys developing fine art and portraiture pieces.

Ken began his professional career as a studio artist and then branched off to explore freelancing, which resulted in over 500 illustrations for books, magazines, art publishers, advertising agencies, and corporations.

**He explains the purpose of his career is to “capture someone else’s expression on paper, and highlight the life of a subject.”**

Ken started his artistry at a young age, and found that his talent came naturally. When he was a sophomore in high school he realized he wanted to be a full time professional artist. Originally

from Rochelle, Illinois, Ken went to art school at American Academy of Art, a private college in Chicago. Ken graduated with an Associate Degree in Illustration and Watercolor. Upon having their first child, Ken and his wife moved to Northbrook to raise their family. While in Northbrook, Ken met many members of the community that inspired him to create eye-catching portraits of his neighbors and family members. It’s important to Ken that he takes time to familiarize himself with the community, and tries to get involved in any way he can.



Ken’s art studio at his home in Northbrook.

For the first time in his career, Ken will present his artwork in a solo show at the Northbrook Public Library. The Village’s Arts Commission, along with the Library, reserve solo shows for outstanding artists who have earned community recognition. Ken says, “It feels pretty exciting [to have a one-man show] because most of my subjects are from this area.”

Bruce Bondy, chair of the Arts Commission, is excited to bring local recognition to a shining star.

**“Ken is a professional artist that has devoted his life to his work, and the quality of his pieces are high. This is the [Art Commission’s] first solo show and it’s a distinct honor to highlight Ken Call.”**

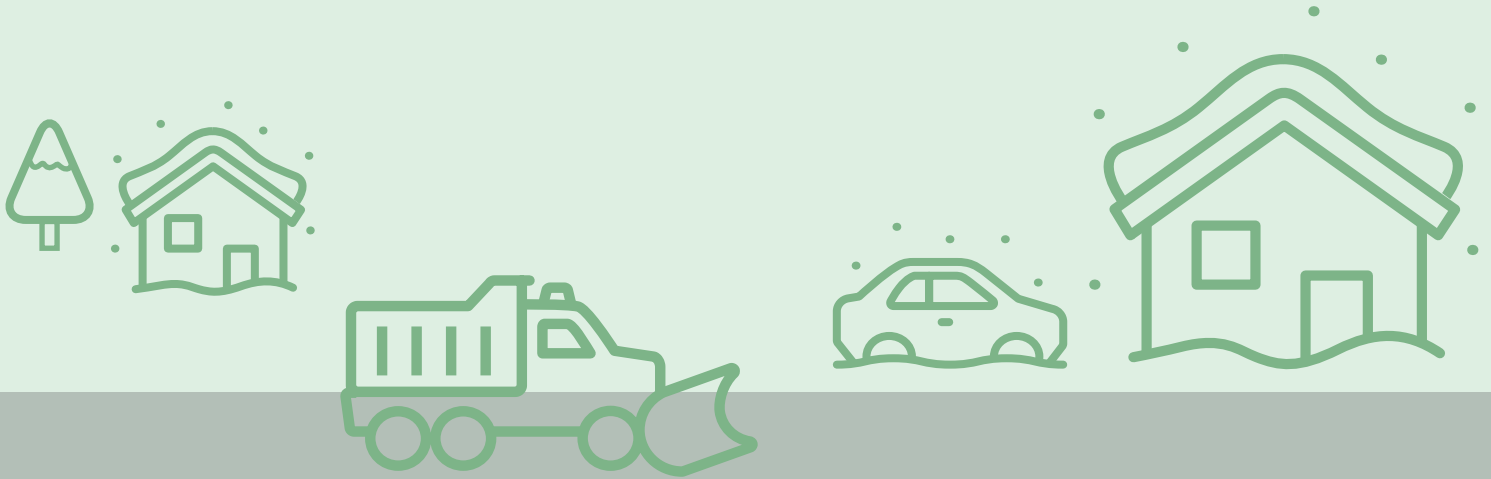
The Arts Commission has been around for decades, and Bruce has served as the chair for four years. He is thrilled that the Village puts so much effort into highlighting the arts. The Arts Commission hosts events throughout the year for the community to showcase various types of artwork. One notable event is the annual Plein Air Photo Contest, which was founded during the pandemic to encourage Northbrook residents to go outside and take unique photos of the Village while also maintaining safety. This contest brought out artist talent from all walks of life, and displayed some of the best parts of the Village.

You can view Ken’s artwork during his solo show at the Northbrook Public Library from January 3 to the end of February. Meet Ken, watch an expert presentation, and enjoy refreshments and entertainment at the reception on January 17 at the Library.

To find out more about the Arts Commission and art events, visit [northbrook.il.us/arts](http://northbrook.il.us/arts).

# Winter Weather Do

Each winter, the Village's Public Works Department works around the clock to clear 539 plow lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, 10 municipal parking lots, 5 commuter lots, and 45 miles of designated sidewalks. Here are some ways you can help operations run smoothly and safely!



## Do:

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

# os & Don'ts



## Don't:

### **Don't park your vehicle on the street when the plows are out.**

When two or more inches of snow fall, it is illegal to park on Northbrook streets until plowing is complete. Offending vehicles may be ticketed and towed. The Village will use its Northbrook Notify system to alert residents when the parking ban is in effect and when it has cleared. Sign up for notifications at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](https://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify).

### **Don't put trash and recycling bins in the street.**

When clearing your driveway, also clear out an area in the parkway for your bins. These containers are difficult to plow around and could be struck by plows or other vehicles.

### **Don't 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.

**Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/snow](https://northbrook.il.us/snow)**

NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY COMMISSION PRESENTS

# CULTURAL FAIR

## FEBRUARY 26

3-5PM

NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA  
2705 TECHNY RD

This event brings together a variety of local organizations to celebrate the many cultural backgrounds of Northbrook residents!

**Featuring:** artistic displays, musical acts, dance demonstrations, education/informational tables, henna artists, arts & crafts, a kung fu demonstration, and food. Visit the link below for a list of participating organizations and more details.




[NORTHBROOK.IL.US/EVENTS](https://NORTHBROOK.IL.US/EVENTS)







# 2023 SPRING PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



The Village works with the Suburban Tree Consortium to purchase landscape sized trees in various species that will be a great addition to your property. Some of the benefits you'll receive when planting a tree are:

- *Improved energy costs, trees provide shade and cool your home.*
- *Improved air quality, trees filter air pollution.*
- *Better sound quality, trees buffer noise.*
- *Increased property values by 12-20%.*
- *Increased psychological benefits, trees make us feel better!*

The Village will provide and install the tree on your parkway after you contact the Village Forester to discuss which tree you would like. The cost share is \$175, which is a fraction of the retail price for a full planted landscape tree.

Contact Terry Cichocki,  
Village Forester,  
at 847-664-4125 or email  
[Terry.Cichocki@Northbrook.il.us](mailto:Terry.Cichocki@Northbrook.il.us)  
to discuss tree selections and the  
order form.

More information can be found after January 18  
at [northbrook.il.us/parkwaytreeprogram](http://northbrook.il.us/parkwaytreeprogram).

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## New Smoke Alarm Law Starts Sunday, January 1

Any new smoke alarms being installed within a single or multi-family home are required to be an alarm that features a 10-year sealed battery. Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from the date of their being manufactured, or fail to respond to operability tests or otherwise malfunction. Visit [northbrook.il.us/smokealarm](http://northbrook.il.us/smokealarm) for more information.



## Electronics Recycling January 3, 7am-3pm

**January 7, 9am-noon**  
**February 4, 9am-noon**  
**February 7, 7am-3pm**

Fleet 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 recycling events.

## National Bird Day

**Thursday, January 5**

Northbrook is lucky to receive visitors from beautiful and rare birds due to our mature tree canopy and forest preserves. A great way to celebrate birds is to volunteer with the Somme Woods Community for ecological restoration.

## Village of Northbrook Blood Drive

**Thursday, January 5, 8am-noon**

Village Hall, Sandra "Sandy" Frum Board Room, 1225 Cedar Lane

Help save a life! Donate blood at the Village's blood drive with Vitalant. To schedule an appointment call 877-258-4825 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

## Let It Shine Lightshow Through 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. For more details visit [shinelightshow.com](http://shinelightshow.com).

## Northbrook Garden Club

**Tuesday, January 10, 10am**  
Northbrook United Methodist Church

It is never too early to start planning for your vegetable garden! Andy Brugger, Master Gardener Lecturer from the Illinois Extension with the University of Illinois will be teaching all the basics of vegetable gardening including planning, site selection, vegetable selection and supplies as well as tips for preparing the soil, proper planting techniques, and caring for your established garden. To attend please register at [NBKgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:NBKgardenclub@gmail.com)

## Personal Branding: Update Your Brand in 2023

**Thursday, January 12, 7-8pm**

Zoom

Looking to advance your career or build a business? Join on Zoom to learn more about how to create a consistent personal brand. Register in advance to attend this virtual library program at [northbrook.info/events](http://northbrook.info/events).

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 16

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Village offices will be closed to the public.

## Lunar New Year

**Sunday, January 22**

Happy Lunar New Year to all who celebrate! Lunar New Year is observed by people all over the world, including many Asian cultures. Celebrations can last up to 16 days, ending with the Lantern Festival. In the Chinese zodiac, 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. "Those born in a year of the Rabbit are said to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded, and ingenious."



## State of the Village Address Wednesday, January 25

Join Village President Kathryn Ciesla along with the Chamber of Commerce for an annual presentation including the new community identity, updates on what's new in Northbrook, and what's on the horizon. For more details about registration visit the Chamber of Commerce's website, [northbrookchamber.org](http://northbrookchamber.org). For those who cannot attend, the presentation will be made available at [northbrook.il.us](http://northbrook.il.us).

## Documentary Film: King of the Wilderness

**Saturday, February 4, 2-4pm**

Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane

Join us in the library's Auditorium for this award-winning film that documents the final years of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life through the personal stories of the people who were around him. Register at [northbrook.info/events](http://northbrook.info/events).

## Valentine's Day: Shop Local for Your Special Someone

**Tuesday, February 14**

Include local Northbrook businesses and restaurants in your plans for Valentine's Day!

## Classical Concert: Christopher Laughlin Sunday, February 19, 3-4:30pm

Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane

Visit the library's Auditorium for a concert of guitar music from Christopher Laughlin, who will perform classical works, flamenco music, as well as music by U2 and The Weeknd. Register at [northbrook.info/events](http://northbrook.info/events).



## Presidents' Day

**Monday, February 20**

In celebration of Presidents' Day, Village offices will be closed to the public.

## Personal Branding: Update Your Brand in 2023

**Thursday, January 12, 7-8pm**

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### Free Legal Consultations

Want answers to legal questions, or concerned for your safety? North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic attorneys are available to help free of charge within the areas of domestic violence, housing or immigration. For more details call 847-737-4042.

### 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](http://northbrook.il.us/animalcontrol).

### Free Downtown Parking at Metra Commuter Lots

The Village has commuter parking lots downtown that are free on weekends and 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.

### Northbrook Park District Registration

Register for Winter and Spring programs taking place from January through May today! The Winter and Spring program guide has information about 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! Learn about how at [northbrook.il.us/salt](http://northbrook.il.us/salt).

### Commuter Parking Closed at 1657 Shermer Road

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

### Popular Annual Finance Report

The Village of Northbrook completes an annual financial cycle designed to plan how funds will be spent during the year, manage and track revenues and expenditures while the plan is in place, and report on final outcomes at year-end. To read the full report, visit [northbrook.il.us/finance](http://northbrook.il.us/finance) or stop by Village Hall.



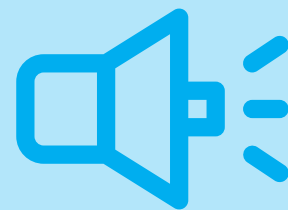
### Safety Tips from The Northbrook Police Department

Avoid becoming the target of a crime! The Northbrook Police Department encourages residents to be aware of their surroundings. This means keeping your valuables, like purses, wallets, and keys, with you at all times. Avoid distractions such as cell phones and headphones while out and about. Criminals will target distracted individuals and commit thefts in a matter of seconds. These small steps will help you avoid becoming a target to these thefts.

### Save Energy and Money on Your Gas Bill

Nicor Gas offers free water-saving and weatherization products like low-flow showerheads and door sweeps. You can also sign up for a no-cost home assessment to receive additional free energy-saving products, and installation from one of their expert advisors. Learn more at [nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save/free-products-and-services.html](http://nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save/free-products-and-services.html)

# Talk Around Town:



## Northbrook's Emergency Alert System

Make sure the Village can reach you in the event of an emergency. Northbrook's emergency alert system, also known as Northbrook Notify, is an "opt-in" system to connect resident/business addresses with email, cell phone, and landline so that the Village's 911 dispatch center can notify those who have registered about critical situations, which at times may impact only a limited geographical area.

### Emergency Alerts from the Village include:

- Severe Weather (such as a tornado warning)
- Weather impacting parking due to snowfall
- Public safety emergencies when there is an active threat with an urgent need to communicate (such as search for endangered person or an active search for vehicle)
- Annual system wide test each September for National Preparedness Month

### The Northbrook Emergency Alert system is not used for:

- Marketing/promoting events and activities
- Sharing information on trends in crime

### Effective November 28, 2022, anytime a Northbrook Emergency Alert is issued:

- All notification options will be selected for notification. These include email, phone call, and text message (excluding snow parking bans).
- The same emergency alert will be shared on Northbrook Police social media sites (Facebook and Twitter).
- Geofencing (address-targeted notifications) will be used for emergency notifications when the public safety situation warrants.

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Sign up at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify) using your current phone number, email, and address. To change or confirm what information you are signed up with, email [notify@northbrook.il.us](mailto:notify@northbrook.il.us).



# Northbrook Voice

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1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

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Northbrook, IL 60062

**Village of Northbrook**  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm  
[northbrook.il.us](http://northbrook.il.us)

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





#### Village Officials

Kathryn L. Ciesla .....	President
Debra J. Ford .....	Village Clerk
Cara Pavlicek .....	Village Manager

#### Village Trustees:

Robert P. Israel  
Muriel J. Collison  
Heather E. Ross  
Johannah K. Hebl  
Daniel H. Pepoon  
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## News You Can Use

### Property Tax Levy

On December 13, 2022, the Village Board of Trustees approved an ordinance reducing the property tax levy for the upcoming year, while increasing the total funding committed by the Village to public safety pensions. The Village's property tax levy funds general Village operations, debt service payments, and mandatory employer contributions to the police and firefighters' pension plan. Property tax accounts for approximately 16% of the General Fund revenues.

### Holiday Tree Recycling

Recycle your fresh holiday tree by Tuesday, January 31, by placing it at the curb on your recycling day. Remember to remove all lights, garland, and decorations.

### Northbrook's Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a long-range planning document designed to review the Village's anticipated capital needs, the various infrastructure improvements, and capital purchases that the Village will make during the plan's period. The FY 2024-2028 CIP, which includes projects and cost projections for May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2028, can be reviewed at [northbrook.il.us/finance](http://northbrook.il.us/finance).

### Holiday Light Recycling

Residents can recycle old or broken holiday lights on weekdays through January 31 at the marked bins in the lobby at Village Hall (8:30am-4:30pm) or outside the Fleet Maintenance Garage (7am to 3pm).