

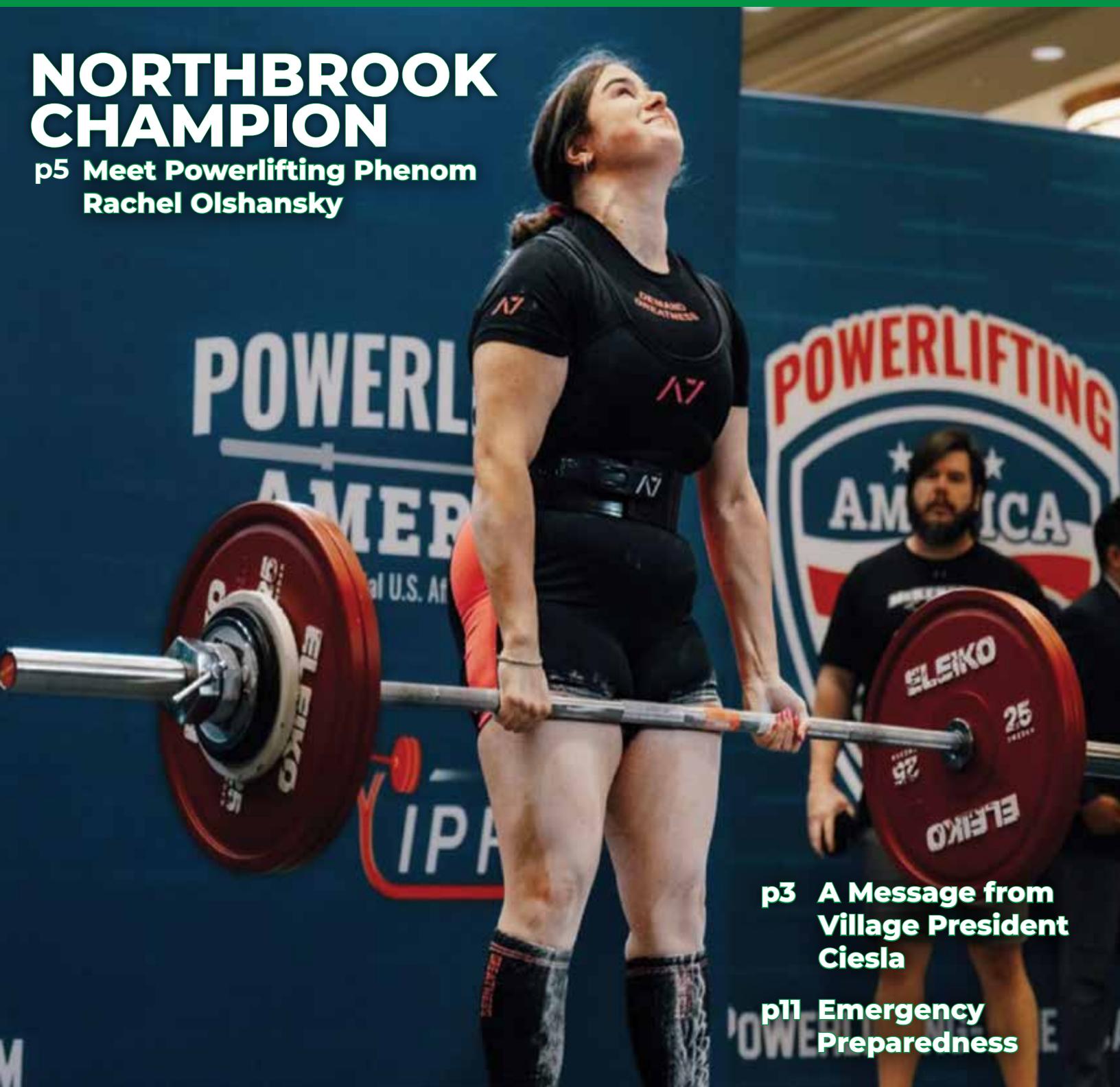
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Celebrating a Sixty-Year-Old Precious Asset and the People Who Make It Happen

Northbrook changed forever because of a dream that came true on Sept. 14, 1963, when a valve opened allowing Lake Michigan water to flow freely through our own filtration plant. Today, Northbrook is still the only offshore Village providing Lake Michigan water directly to its residents. To understand the significance of this event, let's go back in time for the story of how Shermerville — and later Northbrook — residents got their water. When the Village of Shermerville first incorporated the only sources for water came from rain, individual wells, and cisterns. In 1916, Shermerville residents paid taxes to build sewer and water distribution systems.

The Village — now named Northbrook — began purchasing water from the Village of Glencoe in 1928. Eventually, our rapidly growing Village put a strain on Glencoe's ability to supply water to both villages. To alleviate low pressure in the distribution system, Northbrook contracted to build a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank in 1953, and four years later the Village constructed a re-chlorination and booster pump station at Dundee and Shermer to help improve distribution. Even with these improvements, it was clear that something had to happen. The Glencoe water plant was nearing production capacity and both communities were grappling with a water crisis. The

Village Board directed staff to initiate a comprehensive study of the water system in 1958. By October 1960, both the consultant's report and the primary engineering report confirmed the feasibility of the Village building its own water filtration plant. It was determined that a Northbrook plant could deliver water to the Village at a lower cost than an expanded system in Glencoe.



SEPT. 1963 WHEN THE FILTRATION PLANT FIRST OPENED

By the end of December 1961, engineers were hired. The riparian agreement to build the lake pumping station and easements to run the pipeline through their property were obtained from North Shore Congregation Israel in March 1962. By October 1962, the contractor's winning bid was accepted, and \$2.33 million in revenue bonds were bid and sold. Actual water production began just ten and a half months after construction began. Village president Bertram Pollak wrote a letter to Northbrook residents when the facility went online on Sept. 14, 1963. He said in part, "The final chapter of

My name is Reusable Ricky, and I'm Northbrook's reusable bag! You'll start seeing more of me in the upcoming months. But you may be asking why?

The Village Board of Trustees has passed a 10-cent tax on single-use bags to promote the use of reusable bags like me. Starting in January 2024, each paper or plastic bag used during a purchase will incur a 10-cent charge, with half of the funds generated going to retailers and the other half submitted to the Village. The money submitted to the Village will be utilized for approved sustainability projects. (See more on page 11 in the Talk Around Town section).

Beginning January 2024, don't forget to bring your own reusable bags and save on the 10-cent tax while you shop. The Village will partner with community

the construction of the pipeline into the lake, the land acquisition and building of the pump house on the lake shore, the bringing of the water transmission line nearly three miles to our filtration plant on Dundee Road and the financing of the entire project was one of frustration, pleasure and satisfaction and untold hours of exhaustive work and extraordinary talents freely given."

As the Village grew, so did the water distribution system with additions at the lake and the filtration plant, higher capacity intake and distribution pipelines, a west side reservoir, and related improvements to increase pumping capability. A larger second water tower located near Huehl Road was added to the system in 2011. The audacity of the dream and bringing that dream to fruition also sealed Northbrook's ability to control development because any developments requesting to hook up to the Village water system were required to adhere to Village codes, which were stricter than county codes thus helping the Village control its own destiny. This achievement emerged as a keystone in the longstanding Northbrook tradition of citizen involvement and a desire to improve our Village. We must also acknowledge the dedicated Village staff who bring you the water, and all Village staff who work to make Northbrook a wonderful place for us to live.

organizations to distribute free reusable bags to the public that are stylish, like myself, in the upcoming months. To inform and educate the public about the new tax, the Village and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce will collaborate with local businesses. They will provide signage and informational resources to answer shoppers' questions.

Follow us on our social media to learn more about Reusable Ricky & Northbrook's single-use Bag Tax.

MEET REUSABLE RICKY



BYOB
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A Message from President Ciesla
Village of Northbrook

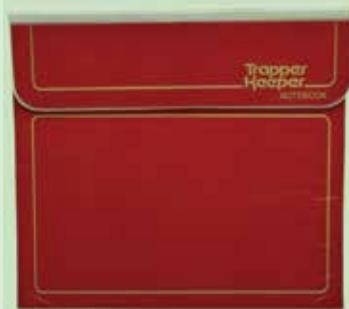
Back to School 2023-2024

I get more excited for the start of a school year than the start of a calendar year because of the terrific memories I have and those I continue to make.

When I was a kid, shopping for school supplies, new shoes, and yes, even my uniforms were fun times. When I was really young, I would get a new lunch box and thermos every year, Snoopy was my guy, but after two years of Snoopy, I graduated straight to the Bee Gees.



I am not ashamed to admit that I was and remain a fan of Disco. As I got older, I brown bagged it (sorry Snoopy) but I was pretty excited to get my first Trapper Keeper and oh the years of Chandler's assignment notebooks.



The fun for me didn't end after high school. College brought a whole new era of new school year excitement, move over Trapper Keeper, I'm onto sheets, towels, and my electric hot pot. Mac and Cheese in your dorm room is a thing – my generation did not have Easy Mac for the microwave. Then came law school, not as fun but necessary. Year in and year out, my year started with going back to school and my parents rode with me the whole way.

When I had kids, the fun began yet again. I was excited for my girls and wanted to make the start of a new year special like my parents did for me. While school supply shopping was made incredibly easy with the Back to School boxes, there was still shoe shopping, new backpacks and more.

Beyond the practical, it has been a treat to see my daughters learn and grow. It's incredible to see the people your kids become, right? When they are little, you picture how they might be, but as they age, they are more incredible than you could have ever imagined. Your predictions were like coloring with Crayola's box of 8, but reality is like the box of 64 with the built-in sharpener.

As I write this, I just got home from moving my oldest into college for the fourth and final time. In two days, I'll be off to move my youngest in for her second year at college. We are in

the apartment phase now, and they just keep spreading their wings.

For those of you who have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighbors starting school, returning to school, may the joy and excitement (and routine) of a new year fill your hearts with smiles and happiness.



FIRST GRADE CLASS
ST. CORNELIUS SCHOOL IN CHICAGO

PRESIDENT,
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

Together We Can Break the Silence

A message from the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic During Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence is in every community, regardless of geography, socioeconomics, ethnicity or religion. Every minute about 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) across the nation.

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about what domestic violence looks like, the availability of services, and the very real cost to families and communities. During DVAM, victim advocates, allies, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and communities come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence. It isn't just this month that we should raise awareness; it is every minute of every day because that is how often abuse occurs.

Every member of every community is impacted because domestic violence touches every aspect of our communities. Domestic violence is any behavior — whether physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual — used for the purpose of gaining power and control over a person like a spouse, partner, or family member. Domestic violence survivors may feel they cannot leave their abuser because they depend on them financially. Some may stay in the relationship because they believe the abuse is their fault, or they deserve it. Others don't know how to get help and end the cycle.

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC) provides survivors with a path out of the cycle of abuse, with the support of trauma-informed attorneys, a social worker, and staff

who help to mitigate the effects of domestic violence on survivors and their families.

NSLAC attorneys provide survivors with the necessary legal counsel, free legal representation, and compassionate support. If you or a loved one is in a relationship that involves abuse, help is available. Together we can prevent and end domestic violence. For more information, call 847-737-4042 or visit NSlegalaid.org.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

Disability Awareness Training Presented by JJ's List

On September 11, 2023 from 9:30 – 10:45am, the Village's Special Needs Inclusion Commission is hosting Disability Awareness Trainings (DATs) through JJ's List Disability Players for area businesses.

Established in 2009, the Players have since trained over 14,000 individuals at businesses, theaters, libraries, schools, trade associations, nonprofit organizations and corporations to communicate effectively with prospective hires, customers, current employees and peers who have disabilities.

DATs engage audience members to dispel myths about people with disabilities and provide practical tips for businesses and organizations.

Our goal is to help break down barriers between people with and without disabilities! Our Players are

experts in disability because they have disabilities themselves.



One of our Disability Awareness Players shared, "I really like being a Disability Awareness Player. I have learned a lot from it. It is a great way to spread disability awareness. For me personally, it's about learning how to interact with all kinds of people with disabilities."

Not convinced to come just yet? This past year, over 95% of audience

members shared that they would recommend this training to others! One audience member shared, "I appreciated the humor combined with this important topic. Fun way to learn."



We promise that you will leave feeling more comfortable and confident interacting with people who have disabilities! Interested in attending? Register today at northbrookchamber.org/events.

Meet Rachel Olshansky

RECENT GRAD & POWERLIFTER READY TO COMPETE WITH THE WORLD IN CLUJ NAPOCA, ROMANIA



Recent Glenbrook North High School graduate, Rachel Olshansky has always been committed to health and wellness and she tried many sports. She swam, played tennis, danced, and many other pursuits, but she didn't like any of them. She did it just because and didn't find anything that was for her. However at the same time she felt an internal ambition that pulled her in another unknown direction.

It was a YouTube search that guided her direction. She was working with a trainer at Lifetime in Northbrook and during a break, she opened YouTube and saw some powerlifting videos. She then looked up high school powerlifting in Illinois and noticed that she already lifted higher numbers for her weight class than current state records. She went to her parents and told them she was in and she hasn't turned back since.

Her first step was to contact the Illinois High School Powerlifting Association (IHSPA) about competing and she was told she needed a team, as it is a team sport. The sport consists of competitors getting 3 attempts on each lift including 3 squats, 3 benches, and 3 deadlifts, and they go up in weight on each attempt, trying to get the highest number they can.

When she learned there was not a team at school, she set out to

create her own. The result was an intramural team with the goal of becoming a club one day. After some time, the head of the IHSPA reached out and invited the 3 person team to the 2022 Illinois Powerlifting Championship.

At the first regional, Rachel set the state record for a 320-pound deadlift, which is unprecedented for someone competing at their first official meet. She then went on to the state championship in May 2022 and set a new record beating her previous record by 40 pounds with a 360-pound deadlift. She had found her outlet that allowed her to excel and fulfill her commitment to fitness.



After her record setting start to powerlifting, the world around her reacted. When she first started her parents were concerned for her safety. However, once they saw how much she loved the sport, they both became supportive and have since learned everything there is to learn about the sport. Now, they are the loudest supporters in the crowd evidenced by videos that have Rachel's mom screaming and cheering louder than anyone. Her friends also became supporters growing the powerlifting intramural at the school from 3 members in 2022 to 30 members in 2023.

During her senior school year, the stage was set for another record shattering powerlifting season; however she was a noticeable absence at the 2023 State Championships. Rachel went and helped coach the team, but did

not compete. Her friends and teammates were confused why she was not competing. Competitors came up to her asking why, and she would tell them she had another meet coming up. She recalls it would get heated at times as they would skeptically reply, "sure you do". What they didn't know is that she was spending her time preparing for the 2023 Powerlifting Sub-Junior Nationals competition in Arizona on June 2, 2023. She didn't want to tell anyone she was going until she knew the result of the meet and if she would be moving on to the World Championships. Rachel placed 2nd, which put her in a group of just 9 young women and 9 young men that would represent the United States at the World Championship in Cluj Napoca, Romania. That night she told her community of friends, teammates, competitors, and fans what she had been up to and where she was about to go.

At the time of writing this Spotlight, Rachel has not competed in the World Championships yet. Heading into the meet her personal-best stats are 370 pounds in the deadlift, 170 pounds in the bench press, and 290 pounds in the squat.

No matter the result, the Village is proud to have Rachel Olshansky as this issue's Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight. She sums it up best in her own words;

"Even when I don't want to do it, I tell myself that I have a goal and will reach it no matter what and even when it's hard I remind myself that it will be worth it."

Good luck Rachel!

Preparing for an Emergency

Match up the safety tips with the items in the house!

1 Pack an Emergency Kit

Having an emergency supply kit is key to being prepared. Work with everyone in your family to pack one. Make sure to include a change of clothing for each family member, toiletries, medicine, some cash, and other essentials. Be sure to include a battery-powered weather radio so you can receive emergency information and updates. Keep at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle. Don't forget about your pets! Gather food, water, and medicine for at least three days.

2 Create an Emergency Plan

Create an emergency plan or a family plan coordinated with your loved ones. Know where to meet up if your home is damaged, and make sure you know the phone numbers of important parties and family members. When planning, make a list of your valuable belongings. Keep records (written, photo, or even video) of what you have in case your home is ever damaged or destroyed. Don't forget about important documents!

3 Learn about Fire Prevention

October 8-14 is National Fire Prevention Week, so be sure to prepare your home in case of a fire! Have a fire extinguisher on every level of your home and know how to use it. Install smoke alarms and CO detectors in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test your alarms and detectors monthly, and replace the entire alarm/detector every ten years. Make a fire escape plan for your home, and make sure all tenants have it memorized. To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit nfpfa.org.



September is Emergency Preparedness Month. Make sure you're ready with these tips and reminders.



4 Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Visit northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify to sign up for not only emergency alerts, but also weekly e-newsletters from the Village. Include your current home address and phone numbers for emergency notifications such as tornado warnings, police activity, missing persons, and road closures. Call 847-664-4040 If you don't have internet access or need assistance getting signed up. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you! On Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10am, there will be a Village-wide Northbrook Notify Test. When the test is activated, residents who signed up for emergency alerts will receive a notification via email, text, and/or phone call with a message indicating "This is a test of Northbrook Notify system. No further action is needed."

5 Change your Clocks & Batteries

When you change your clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time on Monday, November 6, take the opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

6 Protect from Flooding

Keep your sump pump in working condition and check/replace batteries on a regular basis. Sump pumps are designed to remove water from around the foundation of a building and can help prevent basement flooding. Move important papers and other valuables to upper floors.

Have your downspouts deposit water from your gutters right at ground level instead of going to an underground pipe, which reduces the chances of inundating the system and causing flooding. Also keep storm drains near your home clear of debris.

Install a standpipe, backflow prevention device, or overhead sanitary sewer to help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up. The Village has an overhead sanitary sewer cost-sharing program. For information, visit northbrook.il.us/5050program. Proper maintenance of your property's grading can help prevent and manage flooding issues, such as stormwater runoff, for both your neighbors and yourself. Learn more about flood prevention and protection at ready.gov/floods.

Northbrook Fire Department Open House

Join the Northbrook fire Department (and Sparky the Fire Dog) for the annual Northbrook Fire Department Open House! Kids of all ages can climb in fire trucks, talk to firefighters, and pet therapy dogs, all while learning about fire safety. This year's Open House will have a variety of outdoor activities including live displays of fire apparatus and equipment and demonstrations by the Northbrook Fire Department Special Teams. Bring the whole family to enjoy this safety event. Parking is available across the street at 655 Huehl.

The Fire Department Open House is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention week. This year's theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention." Visit nfp.org for more.

**Saturday,
October 14
from 9am-noon**

**FIRE STATION 10,
650 Huehl
Road**



TRASH TALK

It is that time of year again to talk refuse! Here are some fast facts meant to be a quick overview of refuse and recycling services provided by Waste Management in the Village of Northbrook.

SERVICES PROVIDER

The Village contracts with Waste Management (WM) to provide refuse, recycling, landscape waste, and organics collection for all single-family and many multi-family properties.

REFUSE

Residents can select a 35, 65, or 95-gallon refuse container to best suit their household's needs. Residents who select a 95-gallon container can dispose of two bulk items, one yard of building material, four rolls of carpet, or four extra refuse bags per week for no additional cost. Residents who select a 35- or 65-gallon container can dispose of two bulk items per week at no additional cost; all other items (including extra refuse) require stickers.

RECYCLING

Residents can use a personal container or select a 65 or 95-gallon recycling container, regardless of the selected refuse cart size. Additional recycling carts are available for rent for \$2.02/month. To recycle plastic bags, collection bins are located near Village Hall's back entrance. The Village also offers Electronics Recycling on the first Tuesday of the month from 7am-3pm as well as the first Saturday of the month from 9am-noon at the Fleet Maintenance Garage (1227 Cedar Lane).

ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

You can join the subscription program for yard waste and food scraps by calling 800-964-8988. The cost is about \$12 a month depending on bin size. If you're a new subscriber, register through the Village and receive a 25% discount on the annual composting subscription. To sign up, call the Village's Sustainability Coordinator at 847-664-4134.

RATE INCREASE

Effective September 1, 2023, refuse and recycling rates will increase by 2% in accordance with WM's franchise agreement with the Village.

Learn more at www.northbrook.il.us/RefuseRecycling



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

In observance of Labor Day, all non-emergency Village offices will be closed. Waste Management collection will be delayed by one day for the week.

Electronics Recycling

1st Tuesday of the month, 7am-3pm

1st Saturday of the month, 9am-noon

Fleet Maintenance Garage (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.

Northbrook Brewfest

Saturday, September 9, 3-7pm

Village Green Park

Northbrook Brewfest returns with an afternoon of craft beer tastings, live entertainment, food, and fun for ages 21+. Advance tickets are \$49 per person and include 15 5oz beer tasting tickets, giveaways, live music by the band Infinity, and activities. To purchase tickets visit www.nbparks.org. This event is presented by the Northbrook Park District & Village of Northbrook.

September 11

Remembrance

Monday, September 11

7:45am

Northbrook Fire Stations

All are invited to join us as we honor the heroes and remember the victims of the September 11, 2001, attack on America. Police and Fire personnel will assemble at each of the Northbrook

Fire Stations for a solemn remembrance of the victims.

Grow Northbrook Garden Harvest Sessions

Tuesday, September 12 and October 10, 2:30pm-4pm

Between Village Hall and the Library

The Village offers a learning experience provided by the Organic Gardener to all community members interested in growing their own food. Register at bit.ly/grownorthbrook.



Touch-A-Truck

Northbrook Park District Saturday, September 23, 10am-12pm

333 Pfingsten Road

Don't miss this free family event that allows children to see, touch and explore a variety of trucks and emergency vehicles. Adult supervision is required. No registration required; the event will occur rain or shine.



Trivia Night at the Pop Up Patch

Wednesdays Through September 27 6:30-7:30pm

Southwest corner of Meadow Rd. & Cherry Ln.

Test your skills as an individual or a team at the

southwest corner of Meadow Road and Cherry Lane while enjoying a beautiful summer night outside. The winning team will win a \$25 gift card from a downtown restaurant. Each night will feature a different special offer from a local restaurant you can visit before or after trivia. Visit northbrook.il.us/trivia.

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

All October

Down Syndrome Awareness Month is a time to celebrate people with Down syndrome and recognize their abilities and accomplishments. People with Down syndrome still face stereotypes and myths, but they've shown time and again that the condition is just one part of who they are and doesn't define them or limit their abilities.

Shermerfest

Sunday, October 1

Village Green Park

A classic car show & parade, a raffle, and free live music in the Village Green gazebo highlight the festival, which is a community tradition and the Northbrook Historical Society's main public event of the year. Learn more at northbrookhistory.org/shermerfest.

Rubber Ducky Race

Sunday, October 1, 3pm

Village Green Park

Watch your ducks as they race down the river to the finish line. Win prizes and support the thousands of people and organizations, locally and globally, who benefit from grants, scholarships, and other support from The Rotary Club of Northbrook. Learn more at go.rallyup.com/northbrookducks2023/Campaign/Details.

OAKtober

This OAKtober learn about all of the benefits these trees provide to our ecosystem! Oaks can be an excellent

source of food and shelter for native animals, plus their expansive roots help store carbon in soil and absorb excess stormwater.

Farmers Market Native Shrub Giveaway

October 4, 7am-1pm

Corner of Cherry and Meadow

Fall is for planting! The Village is proud to create sustainable habitats for pollinators and wildlife by incorporating eco-friendly landscaping and native plants. Join us at the Farmers Market on October 4 from 7 am to noon, where we'll be giving away native shrubs to residents. Let's make our community bloom with life and support our precious pollinators!

Northbrook Autumnfest

Saturday, October 7,

2pm-5pm

1479 Maple Avenue

Celebrate all things fall at this free family event! Activities include bounce houses, DJ entertainment, games, contests, face painting, s'mores, pumpkin decorating and pumpkin chucking! Register for free at nbparks.org.



Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 14 9am-12pm

Fire Station 10 (650 Huehl)

Parking will be at 655 Huehl

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

All October

Domestic violence includes behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, and prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want. If you or someone you know needs support, call 800-799-7233 or visit thehotline.org.

Auction & Taste of the North Shore

Monday, October 30, 5-7:30pm

**Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel
(933 Skokie Blvd.)**

The Annual Auction & Taste welcomes the community for an all-inclusive evening with a wide variety of menu samples, complimentary beer and wine, an array of silent auction items, and the chance to win prizes with a raffle drawing and the popular "Heads or Tails" game. Costumes welcome! Tickets are available at northbrookchamber.org.

Save Money with Community Solar

Looking to save on your ComEd bill without a rooftop solar system? We've got you covered with North Shore Community Solar. A community solar project is a single site solar installation that is shared by multiple subscribers. Each subscriber receives credits towards their ComEd bill for their share of the electricity generated by their community solar installation. The average Northbrook resident saves \$194/year through this program! Join the waitlist for enrollment and learn more at northbrook.il.us/communitysolar.

Ways to Connect!

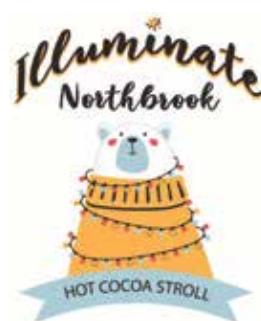
There are three ways to connect with the Village of Northbrook based on the type of information and service you are seeking.

These include a general inquiry for a staff member or department, a service request or non-emergency concern, or a public comment. Visit northbrook.il.us/ContactUs.

Northfield Township Recycling Program End of Season

Friday, November 3, 3pm

The 2023 Northfield Township Recycling Program will end for the year on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 3pm. The program is open during normal Road District business hours of 7am to 3pm, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays, at 237 Melvin Drive in Northbrook. Learn more at road.northfieldtownship.com/recycling-program.html



Save the Date:

Illuminate Northbrook

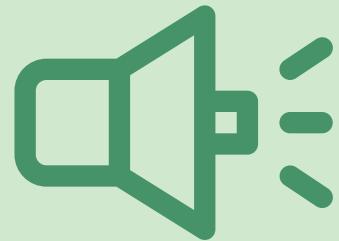
Friday, November 17

Gather in the heart of Northbrook to kick off the holiday shopping season with complimentary hot chocolate as we turn on the holiday lights and illuminate downtown Northbrook. Afterward, stay downtown, enjoy the ambience, and support local businesses by shopping and dining!

Lock your Car Doors and Roll up Windows

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity. Lock your car doors and secure each window to prevent becoming a target! Learn more at northbrook.il.us/9pmroutine.

Talk Around Town



PAPER OR PLASTIC?

Paper or plastic? It is a question that American shoppers have been considering since the late 1970s. Fast-forward more than forty years and we know far more about the impact that paper and plastic bags have on our environment. When environmental concerns are considered, the question of "paper or plastic" must transition to us addressing "paper and plastic" if we want to achieve the goals of the Village's Climate Action Plan.

Paper

- Paper bag production uses four times as much water as it takes to make a plastic bag. *Source: Clemson University 2014*
- Each year, over 10 million trees are cut down for paper grocery bags. *Source: Columbia 2020*
- The production of one ton of paper bags emits 1.39 metric tons of greenhouse gasses, which is equivalent to the amount emitted from 3 barrels of oil. It takes more energy to manufacture a paper bag than a plastic one. *Source: EPA 2022; Stanford 2017*

Plastic

- Plastic bags are not recyclable in Northbrook's curbside recycling program.
- 93% of fish examined in the Chicago area have plastic present inside them. *Source: Friends of the Chicago River*
- Nearly 22 million pounds of plastic debris enter the Great Lakes yearly and Lake Michigan receives more plastic debris than any other. *Source: American Chemical Society 2022*

Northbrook recently passed a single-use 10-cent bag tax in an effort to encourage shoppers to use reusable bags at retail stores and reduce pollution. Following a recommendation from Northbrook's Sustainability Commission, the Village Board of Trustees approved the bag tax ordinance on February 7, 2023, and the tax will be implemented on January 1, 2024.

The tax is a 10-cent charge for each paper or plastic bag (single-use bag) that the customer uses at the time of purchase when exiting a store. Half of the tax, \$0.05, will be retained by retailers, and the other half will be submitted to the Village. The single-use bag fees submitted to the Village of Northbrook will be used to fund sustainability projects as reviewed and approved by the Village Board. The Village will work with area businesses to educate the public on the new tax. Signage and informational resources will be provided to answer questions from shoppers. The Village will also work with community organizations to distribute free reusable bags to the public.

We hope that shoppers will embrace reusable bags, and if asked the question "paper or plastic" they will respond "I brought my own".

Northbrook Voice

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Postal Customer
Northbrook, IL 60062

Village of Northbrook
1225 Cedar Lane
Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm
northbrook.il.us

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Village Hall Fax..... 847-272-1892
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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

Bicycle Registration

Having your bike registered increases the chance of it being returned if it is lost or stolen. Bicycle registration is free for Northbrook residents. You can register your bike by visiting the Police Department Records Desk or Village Hall Cashier. You also can complete an online registration form at northbrook.il.us/BicycleRegistration.

Northbrook Notify

September is National Preparedness Month and is the perfect time to sign up for Northbrook Notify! Looking for updates from the Village on information you care about or need to know? Northbrook Notify provides emergency alerts via email, text, and/or voice call. NotifyMe provides non-emergency notifications about selected topics via email and text. Visit northbrook.il.us/ContactUs to sign up today.

Halloween in Northbrook

Trick-or-treating hours in Northbrook are 4-8pm on Halloween (Tuesday, October 31). If you would like to alert trick-or-treaters of your household's participation, download one of the Village's signs to display on your front door at northbrook.il.us/halloween. If you don't have access to a printer, signs will be available for free pickup at Village Hall in October.

Community Survey

Starting in late September, randomly selected households will receive an invitation to participate in the National Community Survey. Please watch your mailbox and follow the enclosed instructions. We want to hear from you!