

# Northbrook Voice

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## 2023 was a Year of Anniversaries for Northbrook

This has been a "Year of Anniversaries" in our Village, with 2023 marking 100 years since the renaming of Shermerville, 70 since the opening of Glenbrook High School, 60 since the official opening of the water pipeline connecting us to Lake Michigan, and 50 since the first meeting held to form the Historical Society. Exhibits in the Museum and at the Library have highlighted those milestone events.

But there are always anniversaries of other significant events that often pass by virtually unnoticed. For example, it was 65 years ago, in 1958, that the completion of the Meadow Road bridge allowed that road to be extended from Dundee Road to Walters Avenue. It changed downtown Northbrook forever as did what happened a year later — on Nov. 19, 1959 — when Village Manager Troy Miller cut the ribbon to open both the Meadow Shopping Center and the Cherry Lane underpass.

Northbrook would never be the same. The 1950s, 60s and 70s were periods featuring tremendous change for Northbrook as it transformed from a small town (1950 population: 3,348) to a bustling suburb (1980 population: 30,778). As we look back at all the events in Village history that enabled Shermerville to become Northbrook, we realize there is no one left to personally describe life in the tiny village of Shermerville. But there

are plenty of people around who can describe what it was like to live through the period of the greatest change in Northbrook history. Some of these stories have been recorded in both "The Fabric of Our History" and "Northbrook Voices."

We think it is important to tell the stories of what it was like to grow up in Northbrook. What you remember is not necessarily the same memory as that of someone whose generation preceded you or the ones that come after you.

This difference often plays out on local Facebook pages when people get in debates about what was in a certain building. What people often don't realize is that the name of a business may have different names in the same location. Or what that store sold, or that restaurant served could be very different for each generation.

Join us on Sunday, November 12 from 2 to 4 pm at the Museum to celebrate the 122 years since we were incorporated as a Village on November 1, 1901, and a century since Shermerville became Northbrook.

There have been many changes since the first shopping center opened on October 21, 1954. None of the original 12 stores remain. There is one store in the Meadow Shopping Center that has

On October 9, 2023, David Schweihs was sworn in as the new Northbrook Fire Chief. As Fire Chief, Schweihs will be responsible for managing the Department's daily operations and long-term planning.

The department responds to approximately 7,800 calls annually across three stations with a total of 85 personnel, which includes 70 sworn personnel, the Fire Prevention Bureau, and administrative staff. Schweihs has worked in fire and emergency services since 1997 and has been with the Village of Northbrook Fire Department since 2001. During that time, he has been promoted through the ranks, having served as a firefighter/paramedic, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief, deputy fire chief, and now fire chief.

remained since the 1959 ribbon cutting. Do you know what store that is?



Even the name of the road has changed since this picture was taken in the mid-1950s before Meadow Road was completed. What other changes do you see? What is still the same?



Learn more about Northbrook history at [www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org).

## WELCOME TO A NEW FIRE CHIEF



Chief Schweihs received a Bachelor in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois Chicago with a concentration in Public Management. Chief Schweihs is a veteran of the United States Navy.

**"It is truly an honor to serve the citizens of Northbrook and all of the outstanding members of our Fire Department..."**

- Said Chief Schweihs at the October 10 Board meeting.

Chief Schweihs will succeed Fire Chief Andy Carlson, who retired in October. Chief Carlson started as a firefighter/paramedic in 1999 and was promoted to Fire Chief in January 2018.



A Message from President Ciesla  
Village of Northbrook

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As President of our amazing Village, I want to extend my warmest holiday greetings to each and every one of you. In a place like Northbrook, this time of year is celebrated in many wonderful, diverse ways. No matter your culture, religion, or traditions, I hope this time offers you joy, rest, and a renewed connection with family and friends.

Let's remember to look out for one another, especially those who may be in need over the next few months and beyond. Together, we can make Northbrook an even better place to live and thrive. Here are some holiday season reminders and tips meant to help you better navigate through this busy but wonderful season.



## Smash Your Pumpkins!

Get ready for the holidays by saying farewell to the jack-o'-lanterns. Head over to Northbrook Court's northeast parking lot (near Neiman Marcus) on Saturday, November 4 from noon to 3pm. Residents can drive through and drop off pumpkins with a volunteer or park and participate in a

pumpkin "smash!" See how far you can toss your pumpkin to hit one of the targets inside the dumpster. Any candles or decorations (plastic, metal, etc.) must be removed from your pumpkin - painted pumpkins are allowed. Learn more about this smashing good time at [www.northbrook.il.us/Community-Events](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Community-Events).



## Northbrook Lights Up the Night!

Come to Downtown Northbrook on Friday, November 17 at 5:30pm, as we flip on the holiday lights during this year's Illuminate Northbrook event. Watch the holiday lights come on, sip on hot cocoa, and more. Don't forget to bring a new or lightly used coat for the Northbrook Rotary's "Coat Off Your Back" Drive and receive a free collectible Illuminate Northbrook mug. Coats are also being collected at Village Hall starting November 1.

## Shop Local!

Our local Northbrook businesses are vital to the success of the Village and whether you are dining out, grocery shopping, buying gifts and gift cards, or getting in those end-of-the-year professional appointments,

remember the phrase — Find It in Northbrook!

Find it in Northbrook is an initiative with the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce that is tailor made to highlight local businesses and how residents can find great deals, experiences, and holiday gifts. We have a phenomenal collection of prestigious restaurants, exciting retail options, and local favorites for meeting friends. Take some time and visit [www.finditinnorthbrook.com](http://www.finditinnorthbrook.com) to explore local options for the holidays.



I leave you with this last tip – take care of yourselves. Self-care during the holidays is crucial for maintaining your mental and physical well-being. Take time for relaxation and doing things that are special to you. Caring for yourself enables you to be present and truly enjoy the special moments with loved ones.

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

# Empowering Adults with Disabilities

## Local artist and entrepreneur Sarah Weinstein lends her talents to Village government

Local artist and entrepreneur Sarah Weinstein was recently appointed to the Northbrook Arts Commission after learning about the Northbrook Arts Commission from Emily Raming, Executive Director of TotalLink2 Community.

TotalLink is a local non-profit focused on empowering adults with disabilities to contribute to their communities - and make their communities better for it. TotalLink is a vital part of Sarah's life.

"I love TotalLink - it's the best," shared Sarah. TotalLink helped Sarah partner with Abt Electronics to create a job and expand her social network through innovative programs and person-centered services.

TotalLink received a grant from the Village of Northbrook to foster

inclusive leadership opportunities. The funding from the Village provides TotalLink the ability to support people with diverse abilities and interests through mentorship and coaching in the community.

Sarah is excited to work with the Arts Commission to share her passion for the visual and performing arts in Northbrook. "Art makes life more exciting and beautiful," says Sarah. Sarah is a painter, mixed media, and textile artist. For the past several years, she has displayed her artwork in the Northbrook Artist Studio Tour, True Colors Art Fair, Restore Hyper Wellness Centers, and this Fall, her work is on display with other TotalLink artists at the Northbrook Public Library. Sarah works out of the I Just Am studio with other local artists. I Just Am envisions a world where

everyone belongs and flourishes regardless of the challenges they face.



# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

## A Call for Participation in the 2024 Northbrook Cultural Fair!



The Village of Northbrook's Community Commission is excited to once again present the Northbrook Cultural Fair in partnership with the North Suburban YMCA.

Last year, hundreds of attendees gathered to celebrate and learn about 27 participating cultural groups set up in a fair format offering artistic displays, musical acts, dance demonstrations, samples of food, and educational/informational booths.

The goal of the fair is to celebrate and explore the rich, diverse cultural fabric that makes up Northbrook. This year, organizers aim to grow on last year's success and are starting with a call for participants. If you are interested please complete the interest form by going to [www.northbrook.il.us/Cultural-Fair-Interest](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Cultural-Fair-Interest). Space is limited. Interested participants should expect to hear back from Village staff within three business days after submission. The 2024 fair is set for Sunday February 25 from 3pm - 5pm at the North Suburban YMCA located at 2705 Techy Road.

**"We are thrilled to continue the Northbrook Cultural Fair. Last year's event was a tremendous success with over 300 attendees and 27 participating cultural groups. This year, we hope that even more groups will be able to attend and showcase their unique**

**backgrounds. We had one or two vendors selling items last year – something we hadn't considered before – and are planning on communicating that opportunity to all participating groups for this year's event,"** said Jennifer Saperstein, Chairperson of the Northbrook Community Commission.

The Cultural Fair is open to the public and free of charge. For updates on the fair visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Community-Events](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Community-Events).



# Meet Ron Bernardi



At the September 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, Ron Bernardi, a beloved figure in Northbrook, was given a Key to Northbrook by the Village Board of Trustees.

You may know Ron from Sunset Foods. It was started by Ron's uncles, the Cortesi brothers. By 1965, the family business had expanded to Northbrook. At age 23, Ron was given an assignment – his uncles sat him down and said,

**"ok, you're going to Northbrook, and the first thing you're doing is you're joining Rotary."**

This conversation is the origin story of a resident that is commonly referred to today as 'Mr. Northbrook'.

Ron's head was spinning at this news. He remembers being a deer in headlights because he deeply feared public speaking. He knew that his new journey would demand he face this fear. Ron set off on his adventure and it wasn't long before he was asked to be an auctioneer at a Rotary event. Ron knew little about auctions and even less about auctioneering.

He immediately made a beeline for the Northbrook Library and checked out a book on the subject. Ron was a hit at the event, and he went on to hone his skills as an auctioneer, raising substantial amounts of

## HOW MR. NORTHBROOK FOUND HIS VOICE AND UNLOCKED THE KEY TO A LIFE OF SERVICE

money for various charities over the years. Rotary transformed Ron's fear into a gift that he turned into a force for good.

Although Rotary was thrust upon Ron, being 'voluntold' by his uncles to join, Ron found his calling amongst his fellow Rotarians. He found a moral compass that would lead him on his path. The organization's foundational 4-Way Test made a significant impression on Ron to the point he had it printed on the back of his Sunset business cards to help spread the concept to others.

**Service Above Self**

**The 4-Way Test**  
of the things we think, say or do



1. Is it the TRUTH?  
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Say YES to the TEST for the BEST**

He lives by the notion that if you can answer yes to each of the four questions of the 4-Way Test, then you're on the right path, and it can be applied to any facet of life. The 4-Way Test allowed Ron a platform to direct his life and help others.



Ron recalls his many interactions at Sunset endeavoring to go above and beyond for customers in need. He recalls changing more than one

flat tire for customers. He has also made numerous house calls. This includes a time when a customer called upset because her bag broke in her kitchen, splattering a gallon of milk in all directions. In less than 10-minutes Ron was on his way with rolls of paper towels and cleaning supplies to help clean up. Ron has a knife set and tweezers used for tasks like deboning white fish and processing meat and poultry that wasn't done correctly at the store.

Ron is heavily involved in the community. Readers may have seen him at Shermerfest as the Cow Pie Moo-lette auctioneer, or at the Illuminate festivities working the Sunset Foods' popcorn wagon, or at Sunset Foods under his current title of Servant/Community Service Representative. In addition to Rotary, Ron has served on the boards of the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce, Civic Foundation, Northbrook Historical Society, and North Suburban YMCA.

Ron is happiest when the attention is on other people, and not on him. His service is often administered with small deeds of kindness that do not see the glare of the limelight. Ron sums it up best –

**"It is the law of compounding interest... I have never done any great things, but I have done many little things. Most were almost unnoticeable, but over time, I think they made a difference."**

We know you have and continue to make a difference, Ron. The Village of Northbrook is proud to have Ron Bernardi as this issue's Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight.

# Winter Weather Dos &

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. Here are some ways you can help operations run smoothly and safely!



## Do:

### **1. 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.

### **2. 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.

### **3. 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.

# Don'ts



## Don't:

### **4. 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 the Northbrook Notify system to alert residents when the parking ban is in effect and when it has cleared. Sign up for notifications at [www.northbrook.il.us/northbrook\\_notify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/northbrook_notify).

### **5. 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.

### **6. Don't put snow in the street when clearing your driveway & 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.

# The Village of Northbrook is pleased to present the Illuminate Northbrook Hot Cocoa Stroll!



**Illuminate  
Northbrook**

**Downtown Northbrook**  
Corner of Shermer Rd & Meadow Rd

**Friday, November 17**

5:30pm | Lights at 6pm

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:

- Music and lights
- Popcorn from Sunset Foods' popcorn wagon
- Collection boxes for Northbrook Rotary's "Coat Off Your Back" Drive – bring a coat to donate and receive a free collectible Illuminate Northbrook mug, while supplies last
- 3D glasses to turn the holiday lights into fun festive shapes

# BY B TIPS

**bag**



Reusable Ricky here, and I'm Northbrook's reusable bag! The Village Board of Trustees passed a 10-cent tax on single-use bags to promote the use of reusable bags like me. Starting in January 2024, each new 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. 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 organizations to distribute free reusable bags to the public that are stylish, like myself, in the upcoming months.

## WHAT CAN I USE AS A REUSABLE BAG?



**TOTE  
BAGS**



**MESH  
BAGS**



**INSULATED  
BAGS**



**PAPER  
BAGS**



**PLASTIC  
BAGS**

PREFERRED

IF YOU HAVE THESE AT HOME FROM  
PREVIOUS PURCHASES, RE-USE THEM!

## FAQs

### Q: WHY ARE SINGLE-USE BAGS A CONCERN IN NORTHBROOK?

A: Plastic bags are very difficult to recycle (they should not be put in recycling carts) and cause damage to recycling facility equipment. Plastic bags take up space in landfills, litter our community, block storm drains, and endanger wildlife. Paper bags can be recycled, but they need a very large amount of water and energy to produce.

### Q: WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE TAX ON SINGLE-USE BAGS?

A: The Village Board of Trustees adopted the tax to reduce the environmental impacts of single-use bags. Studies show that a mandatory tax on single-use bags significantly reduces the number used.

### Q: WHAT WILL THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

A: For each ten-cent tax, five cents are to be retained by the business and five cents will go to the Village. The single-use bag taxes submitted to the Village of Northbrook will fund sustainability projects as reviewed and approved by the Village Board. At the start of the program, the Village will supply free reusable bags for distribution at applicable businesses and community organizations.

### Q: HOW MUCH IS THE TAX?

A: The tax is ten cents (\$0.10) per single-use bag (plastic & paper) provided at checkout.

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## 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 vehicles for contactless disposal. Do not leave items at the Village's facility outside of the recycling events.

## YES (YMCA Education Series): Elder Law Q & A

**Wednesday, November 1**

**9:15am**

## North Suburban YMCA

**Online Event -Must be registered**

Have mom's health care issues been keeping you up at night? Have you been meaning to create or make changes to your estate plan, but don't know where to start or what to do? Now is your chance to get some answers! Estate Planning and Elder Law Attorney, Matt Margolis, will answer all of your questions.

Register at: [www.nsymca.org/events/elder-law-q-0](http://www.nsymca.org/events/elder-law-q-0).

## 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.

## 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](http://road.northfieldtownship.com/recycling-program.html)

## Pumpkin Smash

**Saturday, November 4**

**Noon-3pm**

## Northbrook Court parking lot (near Neiman Marcus)

Are your Jack-O-Lanterns no longer looking gourd-geous? Don't send them to the landfill! Community members can toss pumpkins for composting, play games, meet some creepy crawlers, and learn about the benefits of organic waste recycling.

## Daylight Saving Time

**Sunday, November 5**

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

**Saturday, November 11**

Veterans Day is a time to thank and honor all those who served in the military. The Village thanks all veterans for their service and sacrifice.

## 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, the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce, Orange Theory Northbrook, Weiss Ace Hardware in Glenview, Glenview Tennis Center, and at Illuminate Northbrook on November 17. To find more information, visit [northbrookrotary.org](http://northbrookrotary.org).



## Illuminate Northbrook

**Friday, November 17**

## Downtown Northbrook

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. Donate a gently used or new winter coat to Northbrook Rotary Club's Coat Off Your Back campaign to receive a commemorative mug, while supplies last. Afterwards, stay downtown, enjoy the ambience, and support local businesses by shopping and dining!



**Celebrate Northbrook's 122nd Birthday on Saturday, November 18!**

## Willow Hill Lights

**November 18-January 6**

## Starting at 5pm

## 1350 Willow Road

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.

## Game On! Winter Reading

**December 1 - January 31**

## Northbrook Public Library

Level up your reading and earn a mug when you complete the challenge. You can track your reading at the library or online on the Beanstack app. Visit [www.northbrook.info/winter-reading](http://www.northbrook.info/winter-reading) to learn more and sign up starting Dec. 1!

## Holiday Giveback

**Saturday, December 9**

**11-12pm**

## North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Rd.

The North Suburban Genealogical Society will start you on the path to learn more about your heritage. This is a recurring event that meets on the first Wednesday of every month.



## Northbrook Symphony

**2023/2024 Season**

The Northbrook Symphony Orchestra season is open! To see a list of upcoming performances, visit the Symphony's website at [northbrooksymphony.org](http://northbrooksymphony.org) or call 847-272-0755.

## How to Have a Sustainable Holiday Season

Minimize waste this holiday season by using gift wrapping that can be reused or recycled. You can also take advantage of Northbrook's curbside textile recycling (through Simple Recycling) and plastic bag collection at Village Hall. To learn more and stay up-to-date on collection times and location, visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Waste-Recycling](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Waste-Recycling).

## Refuse & Recycling Survey

The Village's current refuse & recycling contract with Waste Management expires in August of 2024. As the Village begins a thorough process to award the next refuse & recycling franchise agreement, we invite the public to provide their feedback through the QR code below. The collected feedback will aid the Village in the selection of the next waste hauler." Scan the code below to take the survey.



## Save the Date

### Northbrook Cultural Fair

**February 25, 2024, 3-5pm**

**North Suburban YMCA**

The Northbrook Community Commission is excited to present this year's Cultural Fair in partnership with the North Suburban YMCA on Sunday, February 25, from 3 - 5pm. The event will bring together a variety of cultural organizations in the area to celebrate the cultural backgrounds of Northbrook residents. Come out to enjoy dances, musical acts, art displays, food (samples), and arts & crafts!

## Marine Corps Toys for Tots

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 Department (1401 Landwehr Road), Fire Station 11 (740 Dundee Road), or Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane) by Thursday, December 7.

## Make Sure Your Home is Winterized!

Cold weather brings the potential for frozen water service lines, water meters and residential fire sprinkler systems. Check thoroughly to identify and seal all cold air drafts near water pipes, including basement windows, crawl space vents and the glass water meter viewing blocks. Also, if you vacation during winter months, set the thermostat no lower than 55°F before leaving to prevent frozen pipes and sprinkler systems.

## Just Hang Up

It's no secret that shopping ramps up during the holidays, but scams do too. The best way to avoid telephone scams is also the easiest. Don't be fooled by an agency or company name on the caller ID. If someone is asking for personal information or for you to send money or to get a gift card and give them the card number, it's a scam. Just hang up and call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438.

## Yard Waste & Compost Collection Reminder

Waste Management's sticker program ends for the year on November 30. For organics, pickups occur weekly from April 1 – November 30 and every other week from December 1 – March 31.

# Talk Around Town

## CARJACKING PREVENTION

Vehicular hijacking or carjacking is a serious crime that can happen to anyone, anywhere. It is a crime of opportunity and criminals often target unsuspecting victims when they are distracted, such as when they are getting in or out of their cars. Criminals employ a variety of tactics to find a victim they can catch off guard. Remember, you can take some simple steps to stay safe from vehicular hijacking:

**Be Aware of Your Surroundings.** Stay aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting your vehicle. Avoid using your phone or other distractions that might make you an easy target when entering or exiting your vehicle.

**Keep Your Car Locked.** Always lock your car doors and keep the windows up, even when driving. Use automatic door locks if your vehicle has this feature.

**Trust Your Instincts.** If a situation feels off, trust your instincts and stay in your car with the doors locked. Drive to a well-lit, populated area if you feel unsafe.

**Avoid Isolated Areas.** Park in well-lit, busy areas rather than dark, secluded spots. Consider using parking garages with attendants whenever possible.

**Safety at Traffic Lights.** Stop your car so that you can see the tires of the car in front of you – this will leave enough space between your car and the one in front, so you can quickly maneuver if needed. Keep your doors locked, and avoid engaging with strangers.

**Don't Stop for Unusual Requests.** Be cautious if someone flags you down or asks you to pull over for seemingly minor reasons.

**Be cautious of the "bump and grab":** This is a scam when a criminal will gently rear-end your vehicle, and when you get out to inspect the damage, they move quickly and steal your car. If you think this is happening to you, drive to the nearest police staff and if you have Bluetooth, call 911 to report what is happening.

**Fake Accident:** Carjackers sometimes stage fake car accidents stealing the vehicle of those who stop to assist. If you think something seems staged, and you have Bluetooth, call 911 to report the accident location.

The Village of Northbrook remains a safe community, and we all must work together to keep it safe. A few extra moments of precaution can save you from becoming a victim. For more information, visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Crime-Prevention-Tips](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Crime-Prevention-Tips).

# Northbrook Voice

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**p9 Tips from Reusable Ricky**  
**p11 Carjacking Prevention Tips**

Postal Customer  
Northbrook, IL 60062

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## News You Can Use

### Holiday Closures

Non-emergency Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & the Friday after in observance of Thanksgiving; Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day; and Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. For Waste Management services, if a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.

### 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.

### In Your Neighborhood

If you see any suspicious vehicles driving slowly or repetitively in your neighborhood, report the vehicle and plate number to the Northbrook Police Department. If you see someone at your neighbor's front door and then walking around the house, call 911 with a description. Residents are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling 911 immediately.