

# Northbrook Voice

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# Visionary That Helped Make Our Village What It Is Today

For 50 years the Historical Society has been telling Village stories. Without the Historical Society, the story of a visionary man would be unknown. It is a story a man who acted on his ideas and volunteered to make his community a better place to live. His name is Edward D. Landwehr. Here are the foundational things he did to make our Village what it is today.



Ed and Annie Landwehr

Ed was among the 70 men who joined together to form the volunteer fire department in 1901 and served as its first secretary. Months later, he was also one of 35 men to sign the petition to Incorporate the Village.

He helped form the Shermerville Improvement Club in 1907, and served

the organization through its starts and stops, including when it became the Northbrook Civic Association, now known as the Civic Foundation.

He was one of 125 residents that signed the petition to change the name of the Village. When Civic had a contest to choose a new name for the Village, he entered the contest, and his suggestion gathered the most votes. Northbrook would be the new town name replacing Shermerville named for Frederick Shermer. It is interesting to note that Ed's wife Annie Holste was born in the home of her step grandfather Frederick Shermer. The Village Church is now located where that house stood. The Village Church began in the small 1892 Hope Union Church and in 1924 he helped in the creation of the Northbrook Presbyterian Church and served on the building committee for the new wing. This church is now the Hope Union Heritage Center where the Society's office and archives are located.

He served on the first Northbrook Park District Board in 1927 and became its first board secretary. The Northbrook Park District's Heritage Oaks golf course occupies the land where his grandfather Herman settled, and where his father was born.

He served on the District 28 School Board for 23 years beginning in 1908. The

Shermerville School opened two years later. The monument on the grounds of the former school, which is now Crestwood Place, has a plaque affixed to the rear that used to hang in the 1929 gymnasium completed two years before he retired from the board.

Ed and Annie lived on a large piece of property on Center Street. Although changed, their house still stands today. All of you know their property well because of the two municipal buildings there now and two events that introduced the "Village of Friendly Living" to the world. The Library sits in his back cornfield. He also helped organize the first library in the Civic building for which his daughter-in-law served as a trustee.

Northbrook became the Speed Skating Capital of the World in 1972, in part because of the large ice-skating rink that filled the entire area in the 1950s where the Northbrook Speed Skating Club began. The 'Save Ferris' water tower from the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* sits on land he once owned.

Ed's is one of the stories that make Northbrook history come to life. Hopefully, it shows you there is history hidden in plain sight all around us, and each of us has the ability make a difference.

## 2024 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 [www.northbrook.il.us/Meeting-Archive-Portal](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Meeting-Archive-Portal). Village Board meetings are also 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

**Disability 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. 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

# Northbrook is Open for Business!

As we start 2024, we look back on 2023 with excitement in many things, but particularly our private business developments. The new year is about possibilities for our future and the economic outlook of our Village has never been so strong. Just before the new year we saw a flurry of business openings, groundbreakings, and approval of a massive redevelopment project. Check out some of the highlights of projects that hit milestones in late 2023.



## NOW OPEN

**Starbucks:** If you need a quick pick-me-up in the Northbrook area, you're in luck now that a brand-new Starbucks has opened at the corner of Waukegan and Shermer. This development was approved in January 2023 which also contains space for two additional tenants.

**Napolita:** I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening ceremony for Napolita - Pizzeria & Wine Bar at 1349 Shermer on November 18. It is an incredible space with amazing food and I completely recommend you stop by for lunch or dinner.



## TESLA GROUNDBREAKING:

Northbrook will soon have an electrifying new addition to its collection of its automotive businesses, as developer Focus brings a Tesla Sales, Service, and Delivery (SSD) facility to Northbrook. In March 2023 the Village Board approved the construction of the facility at 1200 Skokie on the vacant land south of Lifetime Fitness. The developer will construct a high-quality, 48,000 square foot, Tesla facility as well as make significant improvements to the surrounding property. On October 10, 2023, I, other Board members and Village staff attended the Tesla Groundbreaking and we hope to be at the grand opening as soon as this summer.



## APPROVED - Northbrook Court Redevelopment:

This past year, we were extremely excited to approve what I feel will be a historic milestone for our community. On Monday, October 30, the Village Board of Trustees approved a Redevelopment and Economic Incentive Agreement, and several

actions that replaced the 2019 TIF District, generally known as the "Macy's redevelopment" with a new TIF District that encompasses the entire Northbrook Court Mall property and establishes a Business District and 1% sales tax that is anticipated to become effective July 2025. The Northbrook Court site provides a unique opportunity to transform a large, internally-facing mall surrounded by parking fields into a vibrant, walkable, mixed-use neighborhood. The Village is excited to be a partner and support Brookfield Properties in this important project for our community.



## STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Want to hear about other amazing Northbrook highlights? If so, come to this year's State of the Village on Friday, January 26 at 9am. For those who cannot attend, the presentation will be made available on the Village's website.

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

# Better Than a Resolution: Learn a New Skill to Lower Your Stress Response

2024 is officially here! The new year offers each of us the hope of new beginnings and is a great time to remind ourselves that, regardless of our age, we are always a “work in progress.” Thinking of changes and resolutions can be fun but is also a reminder of just how **difficult** change can be. Close your eyes and think about something in your life you would like to “change” for a moment. How do you feel? Invigorated? Excited? Perhaps a bit anxious? Is your body responding in any way? Is your heart racing... your shoulders tensing... your breathing changing?

Those bodily reactions are the work of our Stress Response System (SRS). Our nervous system detects and responds to perceived “threats.” However, the threats most of us face are usually not about immediate physical danger, but are more often about our social, financial, and familial responsibilities

and status. Unfortunately, our nervous system does not know the difference. Worst of all, too much activation of the SRS contributes to all types of stress-related illnesses. However, if you can learn to recognize this response, you can also develop strategies to reduce the effects.

**Focus on your Breath:** One way to counteract the SRS is slow breathing. Breathing slowly and deeply helps signal that the threat is gone. You can experiment with this—maybe choose a few times per day to practice taking 5 or 6 deep breaths. Try breathing slowly before going to sleep, or perhaps when you start to notice yourself feeling stressed. This strategy helps the nervous system stop sending those distress signals.

**Catch, Check, and Change:** Reminding yourself that you are not under attack is also helpful. You

can use a cognitive strategy, Catch, Check, and Change: Catch a painful thought (My boss hates me), check that thought against what you know to be true about yourself and your boss (My boss gives very little praise, I am a competent person), and then change the thought (It’s unpleasant to feel unappreciated). This strategy helps us perceive the environment as less threatening, which decreases our nervous system response.

There are many more strategies to reduce your resting stress rate and the effort is worth it! The two strategies noted above will not change whatever is happening, but both are powerful in changing how we are reacting to it. For more information about FSC and managing stress, visit our website at [www.FamilyServiceCenter.org](http://www.FamilyServiceCenter.org) or call 847-251-7350.

## A Commission Name Change...

By Randi Gillespie

“People of all abilities, Different abilities, Differently Abled, Special Needs, Challenged, Slow, and here is the big one... Retarded.” Not only are these terms patronizing, condescending, and dehumanizing, they suggest that the term “disability” is shameful and that individuals with a disability need to be taken care of and treated differently from others.

Well, I can tell you as a mother of a 19-year-old daughter with a disability, what I want most for her is to be treated with respect and kindness. She is not “special.” She simply has a disability...so let’s move on. One way to do that is to ensure that our Northbrook community uses language that is inclusive and empowering.

As one of six women who have a loved one with a disability or a disability of their own, and who serve on the Village of Northbrook Special Needs Inclusion Commission- we advocated for a name change. We are now the Disability

Inclusion Commission. This shifts the focus to identity, experiences, and empowerment while aligning with goals of self-determination and inclusion.

The Commission is looking forward to continuing to ensure the equitable status, participation, and awareness of individuals with disabilities.

### More about the Commission:

The Disability Inclusion Commission coordinates and carries out programs in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in Northbrook for people with disabilities. Within parameters authorized by the Board of Trustees, it is charged with:

- Research, understand, evaluate, and advocate local issues, challenges, and opportunities encountered by people with disabilities.
- Coordinate with the activities of other local groups organized to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

- Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, and activities of Village departments as they affect people with disabilities.

- Work in cooperation with Village departments and organizations to bring about maximum participation of people with disabilities.

- Initiate, monitor, and promote legislation at the Village level which advances the equal status of people with disabilities.

- Encourage public awareness and provide information and advice to individuals, businesses, organizations, and public agencies in all matters pertaining to disability.

Learn more about this and other Village of Northbrook Commissions at [www.northbrook.il.us/Boards-Commissions](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Boards-Commissions).



# Meet Terry & Gerry Luc

FATHER-SON DUO CREATE VIBRANT DOWNTOWN MURAL



In downtown Northbrook, residents and visitors are now treated to a stunning mural; a collaborative masterpiece created by a talented father-son duo, Terry and Gerry Luc. This public art project not only showcases their shared love for the arts, but also pays tribute to Northbrook's natural beauty and vibrant community.

Commissioned by the Northbrook Board of Trustees, the mural captures the essence of the four seasons; incorporating elements of Chicago street art to create a captivating and unique piece.

"There is so much beauty and joy in Northbrook that we wanted captured in a different way than ever done before," said Village President Kathryn Ciesla. "Having this landmark in the heart of Northbrook creates a sense of pride for us, especially since it was done by our very own residents."

Terry Luc, a lifelong artist and Northbrook resident, not only attended Glenbrook North High School but also saw all six of his children follow in his footsteps. Among them was Gerry Luc, who grew up watching his father's artistic process from a younger age.

Unbeknownst to both Terry and Gerry, their shared passion would

lead them to collaborate on a significant project right in the heart of their beloved hometown.

"Having this as a father and son project is almost like a dream come true," said Terry Luc.



Terry aimed to design a mural that would deeply connect with the community. To achieve this, he sought the assistance of his talented son Gerry, who had previously created a captivating mural at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. Gerry's goal was to introduce the vibrant street art culture of Chicago to the suburban area of Northbrook.

"Stylistically, I thought it was important to reference some different artists from Chicago Street Art. It's a very vibrant scene there, very kind of cartoony based," Gerry Luc said. "And I really kind of wanted

to capture a little bit of that while staying in the subject matter."

In addition to showcasing the four seasons, the Lucs also incorporated Northbrook's water tower into their design, cleverly writing 'Save Ferris' on it. This playful reference pays homage to the iconic 1986 American teen comedy film, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, written, co-produced, and directed by John Hughes, who also grew up in Northbrook.

**"I love Northbrook, obviously I've been living here forever," said Terry Luc. "And to have a piece - a public art piece that will last for years. It means a lot to me. It definitely does."**



Thank you, Terry and Gerry, for showcasing Northbrook's beauty through your artistic talents. The Village of Northbrook is proud to have you as this issue's Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight.





# Bring Your Own Bag

**Northbrook's reusable bag, Reusable Ricky, is back and this time, the BYOBag mission is in full swing! The Village Board of Trustees passed a 10-cent tax on single-use bags to promote the use of reusable bags effective January 1, 2024. This means that 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.**

## WHERE DO I NEED TO BRING MY REUSABLE BAG?

**All retail stores within Northbrook whose square footage is 3,000 feet or greater must charge the tax. Examples of these types of stores include, but are not limited to: convenience stores, department stores, retail chain stores, hardware stores, and grocery stores. Below you'll see where Reusable Ricky will need his reusable bag, and when the stores will provide one free of charge!**

## 10-CENT TAX ON PAPER OR PLASTIC:

### Grocery Store



### Retail Store



### Hardware Store





# NO 10-CENT TAX ON PAPER OR PLASTIC:



## Pharmacy

***If a bag is provided by a pharmacist that contains a prescription drug, there is no tax.***



## Farmers Market

***If a bag is provided at a seasonal event, such as a farmers market, yard sale, etc, there is no tax.***



## Restaurants / Take Out

***If a bag is used to package carryout food from a food service establishment, there is no tax.***

### Other exemptions include:

- ***Customers that participate in a federal food assistance program (e.g. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP] and Women, Infants, and Children [WIC]) or an Illinois food assistance program.***
- ***If a retail stores is under 3,000 square feet.***

***For more information, Visit [northbrook.il.us/1124/Single-Use-Bag-Tax](http://northbrook.il.us/1124/Single-Use-Bag-Tax)***

NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY COMMISSION PRESENTS

# CULTURAL FAIR

Sunday, February 25, 3-5pm  
North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd



**Come to the second annual Cultural Fair to meet a variety of local organizations celebrating the many cultural backgrounds of Northbrook residents!**



**The event will feature artistic displays, musical acts, demonstrations, arts & crafts, food and more.**



**Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/Events](http://northbrook.il.us/Events)**



VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK  
**Community  
Commission**



The North Suburban YMCA



## TO SERVE & PROTECT

### PHOTO EXHIBIT OF NORTHBROOK'S POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Tuesday, January 23, 7pm | Northbrook Public Library

Brad Floden, a professional photographer, began his professional career by taking family portraiture when he had his first child. He then slowly started in the social event market and developed his style and reputation within the community. This led him to open his studio in Northbrook, Cobalt Photography, and expand his talents and ability to service the community.

Demonstrating his dedication, Brad devoted numerous hours to volunteering with the Northbrook Police Department and Northbrook Fire Department. Through the lens of his camera, he sought to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our civil servants. A compelling exhibition of these photographs will be on display at the Northbrook Public Library starting January 3, 2024, with a reception commencing at 7 pm on the second floor.



## LANDSCAPE PAINTING

WITH AWARD-WINNING ARTIST BRIAN SINDLER

Thursday, January 25, 6pm | Northbrook Public Library



Brian Sindler, a longtime Northbrook resident and an acclaimed artist, has garnered recognition for his early landscape paintings, many of which were crafted in and around his Northbrook home. Brian is a distinguished landscape painter and tonalist specializing in nocturnal aerial scenes. His artwork, characterized by contrasting tonalities and color harmonies, has been featured in individual and group exhibitions, including prestigious events such as the Salmagundi Club in New York and the Plein Air Festival in Door County, Wisconsin.

Brian's paintings evoke a poetic and sublime effect, earning him numerous awards for his outstanding contributions to these competitions. You can view Brian's extraordinary work at his solo show at the Northbrook Public Library on January 25, 2024. The exhibition will also include an expert presentation that provides deeper insights into the artist's creative process.

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

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Electronics Recycling 1st Tuesday of the month, 7am-3pm and the 1st Saturday of the month, 9am-noon

### Fleet Maintenance Garage

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.



## National Bird Day Friday, 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.

## How to Strategically Protect Your Assets While Applying for Medicaid Thursday, January 11, 12pm North Suburban YMCA Online Event

Elder Law Attorney, Matt Margolis, will discuss the ins and outs of Medicaid (for nursing homes and supportive living facilities) and why it's never too late to protect your assets. Long Term Care Medicaid: Learn about the State's rules re: Medicaid as it applies to how much income and assets you can have when applying. Register at [www.nsymca.org/events](http://www.nsymca.org/events).

## Finals Cafe (Grades 9-12) Saturday, January 13-16 Northbrook Public Library

In need of a space for serious group studying? The Library is

opening up their Pollak Room to all high school students studying for their final exams. Learn more at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 15

Honor civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. on this federal holiday. Consider participating in a "Day of Service" by volunteering or giving to those in need.

## Community-wide Mental Health & Wellness Fair Saturday, January 20 10am-1pm Shabonee School (1000 Pfingsten Road)

Join your Northbrook Community for a day of health and wellness education, great resources, giveaways, and interactive sessions from local North Shore businesses.

## State of the Village Address Friday, January 26, 9am Northbrook Public Library Auditorium

Join Village President Kathryn Ciesla along with the Chamber of Commerce for this annual address. The special event brings together Village leadership, the business community, and residents for an overview of challenges, accomplishments, and goals for the coming year.

## Light up the Night Family Dance Northbrook Park District Friday, February 2

## 6:30-9pm (Ages 4-13 with Adult) Northbrook Hilton

Light up the Night with an evening of music and memories including a DJ, appetizers, games, desserts, and a souvenir photo! Formerly known as the Daddy-Daughter Dance. Register at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

## The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope & Resilience Monday, February 5, 7-8pm Northbrook Public Library Online Event

Learn about the incredible dogs who survived the nuclear disaster in this heartwarming and emotionally uplifting presentation from animal behaviorist Stephen Quandt. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).

## Valentine's Day: Shop Local for Your Special Someone Tuesday, February 14

This Valentine's Day when looking for that perfect gift for your significant other, Find it in Northbrook. Visit [www.finditinnorthbrook.com](http://www.finditinnorthbrook.com) to learn more about local Northbrook businesses and restaurants!

## North Suburban YMCA Education Series (Y.E.S): Heal "Heel" Pain Naturally Thursday, February 15, 12pm Online Event

This workshop is for you if you have pain first thing in the morning upon taking your first few steps, if you want to resume your regular workout routine without foot pain, if you want to be able to walk or run without pain, if you're ready to get back to doing the activities you used to love to do. Register at [www.nsymca.org/events](http://www.nsymca.org/events).

## Lunar New Year Festival Show

**February 17 from 2-3pm  
Northbrook Public Library**  
The Northbrook Chinese American community presents a variety show to celebrate the Lunar New Year, featuring performers of all ages, including Soaring Eagle Kung Fu, singers, dancers, and more. Please register in advance

at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events) or call 847-272-6224.

## Presidents' Day Monday, February 19

In observance of Presidents' Day, Village Hall will be closed to the public. The Village's Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments will remain open.

## Plastic Bag Recycling Behind Village Hall 1225 Cedar Lane

Plastic bag recycling is available in the bins behind Village Hall. Accepted items are clean and dry bags made of lightweight plastic, like grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, and Ziploc bags. Cereal bags, bubble wrap, and plastic film will not be accepted.



## Try Hockey for Free! Northbrook Park District Saturday, February 24 2:40- 3:40pm (Ages 3-9)

Try hockey for free at this hour-long introduction to the sport brought to you by USA Hockey, National Hockey League, Northbrook Youth Hockey, and Northbrook Park District. Free but registration is required at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

## Northbrook Cultural Fair Sunday, February 25, 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!



## Popular Annual Financial Report

The Village Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR for short) for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023 is now publicly available. This report contains financial highlights and key information from the Village's more detailed annual financial audit and presents it in an easy-to-read format. This is an additional voluntary report prepared by Village staff to provide a high level of transparency to interested parties and individuals. The most recent PAFR may be viewed by clicking on the appropriate link on: [www.northbrook.il.us/finance](http://www.northbrook.il.us/finance).

## Pre-Treat with Anti-Icing Liquid Salt

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



## 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 2025-2029 CIP, which includes projects and cost projections for May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2029, can be reviewed at [northbrook.il.us/finance](http://northbrook.il.us/finance).

## Sign Up for Emergency Alerts to Stay Connected during Winter Weather

After a snowfall of two or more inches, it is illegal to park on Northbrook streets until they are completely cleared. Vehicles in violation are subject to ticketing and towing. If your vehicle has become disabled, call 847-564-2060 to inform the police. Sign up for Northbrook Notify to receive alerts when the snow ban has been put into effect or lifted. Register by visiting [www.northbrook.il.us/Notify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Notify).

## American Flag Recycling at Village Hall

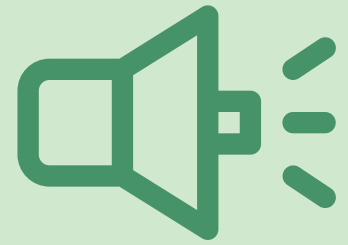
Village Hall is an American flag recycling location! A weather-proof drop box can be found outside the front door to Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane). The drop box is for worn, damaged, or old American flags that are no longer fit to fly. Flags are collected by the Eagle Scout Troop 64 and the Northbrook American Legion Post #791 to be retired respectfully.



## New Board Member Appointed to Village Board of Trustees

At the December 12, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the Village President's appointment of Michelle Kohler as a Trustee to the 7-member Board of Trustees. The appointment comes after the retirement of former Trustee Muriel Collison who served a number of years as a member of the Plan Commission and then as a Board Trustee. Trustee Kohler joins the Village Board as a former elected official, after serving two elected terms on Northbrook District 28's school board concluding her tenure in April 2023 as the Board's Vice President. Trustee Kohler has also served (since 2020) as a Cook County Women's Commissioner for the 14th District. Read the full press release at [www.northbrook.il.us/PressRelease121423](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PressRelease121423).

# Talk Around Town



## WHAT IS GOING ON AT 1657 SHERMER ROAD?

The Village purchased 1657 Shermer Road from W. W. Grainger, Inc., on May 9, 2018 for \$8 million pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-5. Following the purchase, the Village evaluated whether the property would be suitable for relocation of the Metra train station in order to reduce the number of traffic closures caused by Metra trains on Shermer and provided public parking on the property. Ultimately, it was determined, by Metra that a relocation would result in additional closures at Techny for trains and as such, relocation of the Metra train station was not pursued further.

The Village Board started the process of placing the 1657 Shermer property (also called the Grainger site) for sale in the fall of 2021. The Village Board sought bids from brokers with extensive experience marketing properties in the greater Chicagoland area, especially on the North Shore. At the September 28, 2021, Village Board meeting, the Village Board approved a listing agreement with real estate brokers Cushman and Wakefield for the property. Cushman and Wakefield marketed the property to seek out interested purchasers who would either re-use the existing building, with its existing zoning use, as it stands today, as well as those interested in redeveloping the site for another use – with the understanding that the latter option required a purchaser to go through a public process to change the land use.

In May of 2022 Lennar Multifamily Communities (now known as Quatterra Multifamily) entered into an agreement with the Village to purchase the 10.3 acre property for \$10.5 million for an approximate five-story, mixed-use development on about 8.8 acres consisting of approximately 335 luxury apartment homes (five of which will be set aside as affordable housing in accordance with the Village's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance), amenities and a parking structure with approximately 500 stalls. The development also includes an approximately 6,500 square foot retail parcel along Shermer Road to be developed for retail uses, such as a restaurant and off-street parking for approximately 60 cars.

To comply with the Village's affordable housing requirements, Quatterra, upon purchase of the property, will donate approximately 1.5 acres to Housing Opportunities Development Corporation (HODC), a non-profit affordable housing developer and operator, for 45 supportive housing units to be constructed as affordable housing for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities. This is in addition to the five affordable units within the main development.

Quatterra agreed to a series of conditions under the sales agreement including seeking necessary zoning approvals for their proposed redevelopment. The zoning approvals were granted by the Village in January 2023 and an amendment to the Purchase and Sales Agreement was approved which provided for a closing date set for no later than December 24, 2023. In November 2023, the Village received a request from Quatterra seeking a 120-day extension of closing/sale of property. Quatterra and HODC have stated their commitment to the project and that the extension is sought in response to current market conditions. At a Board of Trustee meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, the Board approved a 120-day extension to Quatterra for the closing date on the property.

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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
A.C. Buehler III .....	Village Clerk
Cara Pavlicek .....	Village Manager

#### Village Trustees

Robert P. Israel	Daniel H. Pepoon
Heather E. Ross	Joy U. Ebhomien
Johannah K. Hebl	Michelle Z. Kohler

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## News You Can Use

### Alarm System Registration Renewals

As a reminder, all residential and commercial alarm systems must be registered to provide the Police Department with accurate information. A renewal occurs each January with a \$20 renewal fee. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/alarms](http://northbrook.il.us/alarms).

### Apply for a Village Commission

Are you interested in getting involved with local government? Help shape the future of Northbrook by applying for a commission! By joining a commission, you will take part in making recommendations and creating change in Northbrook. Appointments are on a volunteer basis. Learn more and fill out an application at [www.northbrook.il.us/board-Commission-Membership](http://www.northbrook.il.us/board-Commission-Membership).

### Holiday Recycling

Through the end of January, residents can recycle old or broken holiday lights in the marked bins outside the Fleet Maintenance Garage (weekdays, 7am-3pm) and in the Village Hall lobby (weekdays, 8:30am-4:30pm). Holiday lights will also be accepted at this month's Electronics Recycling events. Also through January, residents can recycle their organic holiday tree by placing it at the curb on their recycling day. Remove all lights, garland, and decorations. Make sure your tree is easily accessible at the curb.

### Properly Dispose of Waste

Please be respectful of our neighborhoods and public areas by properly disposing of pet waste, single-use gloves, and disposable masks while out and about.