

# Northbrook Voice

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## **Keeper of the Stories: The Bridge Between the Past and Today**

To meet our mission, the Northbrook History Museum tells the stories of our community in multiple ways, places, and on this page. As we begin the second half of our first century in business we have been diligently working to let people know the stories of our Village and show how the past is relevant to our community today.

Check out our web page at [www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org) to see the new features that tell the story through pictures to understand the importance of history hidden in plain sight. Our website has undergone a huge rebuild and we are speeding up the process of scanning photographs in our collection. The website now has an interactive map with "Then and Now" photos of places throughout town like this bridge postcard from 1911.



*Shermer Road Bridge from postcard in 1911.*

This map contains only a few of the several thousand photographs in the collection. You can help in this effort by sending your high-resolution photos with explanations to us at 1812 Chapel Court, Northbrook, IL 60062. We also have a YouTube channel with links to some of our past presentations including the dedication of the Aux Plaine Cemetery at Sanders and Dundee roads and the Emmy nominated video Northbrook, Illinois: An American Tapestry created for the Village's Centennial in 2001.



*Civic building completed in 1928 before multiple additions and renovations.*

Just as the bridge and the Civic building shown in pictures have undergone decades of changes to meet the needs of the times, so do their stories of Shermerville then Northbrook now. Thanks to the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce, the Society's lovingly restored Reiland & Bree truck has found a new place to call home. As you drive by the Civic building on the First Street side you'll see the garage doors painted red in honor of

the building's history as the site of the first Village owned fire department and the village's first fire truck built using Reiland & Bree parts.

Our circa 1926 Reiland & Bree dump truck's new home is just blocks from where it was built at the R&B Truck Manufacturing Company located at the SE corner of Waukegan Road and Walters Avenue.



This full circle story gives the Chamber an opportunity to share the history of the Civic Building they recently purchased and brings us joy that our truck is inside a building with significant Northbrook history. The truck, like many other artifacts illustrates our Village's hidden history and their ties to today. Stop by the History Museum between 2 and 4 pm on Sunday, November 17 for our celebration of the 123rd birthday of Northbrook and see the many recent changes at the Museum.

### **"Announcing the Northbrook Veterans Center: A New Charitable Resource for Our Local Heroes!"**



The Veterans of Northbrook are pleased and excited to announce the creation of the Northbrook Veterans Center. The American Legion Post 791 has long been the veterans' standard within Northbrook as has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10236. 10236. Both of those are select organizations and are not tax-exempt charitable entities.

We therefore created the Northbrook Veterans Center to broaden the scope of charitable giving thereby creating the financial resource to best serve our veterans in need. The Northbrook Veterans Center is now a registered 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. We also have the capability of reaching out to veterans who are not members of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars and we offer to assist them in any way we can, whether it be emerging from homelessness, counseling them about their Veteran benefits and referring them to the proper source to maximize their success, providing them with orthopedic devices, and considering anything else within our power to help those veterans within our town.

You may know one or more of our founders. Our current Board of Directors and Officers are: Ron Bernardi, Brian Bruce, John Goldcamp, Rob Holt, Matt Jaeger, Jim Karol, and Tom Mahoney. So spread the word Northbrook Town folk!

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to donate, then please let us know.

#### **Contact information:**

**Website:** [Northbrookveteranscenter.org](http://Northbrookveteranscenter.org)

**Telephone:** (847) 564-9558

**Address:** 1354 Shermer Road, Unit B, Northbrook, IL 60062

We look forward to taking care of those who cared for us through service to their Country!



## A Message from President Ciesla Village of Northbrook

# 2024 HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. In Northbrook, we are fortunate to live in a community that celebrates the season in many unique and meaningful ways. Regardless of your culture, religion, or traditions, I wish you a season filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Let's take care of one another, especially those who may need extra support in the coming months and beyond. Together, we can make Northbrook an even better place to live and thrive. Below are some helpful reminders and tips to help you navigate this busy, but joyful season.



### Smashing Your Pumpkins!

Get ready for the holidays by saying farewell to the jack-o'-lanterns. Did you know, 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins are thrown away every year after Halloween? Help send your pumpkins to the compost so they can break down naturally. Stop by the Village's Pumpkin Smash event on Saturday, November 9, from 12-3pm at Northbrook Court's parking lot (northeast parking lot near Neiman Marcus). Community members can toss pumpkins for composting, play games, meet some creepy crawlers, and learn about the benefits of organic waste recycling. Painted pumpkins can be composted, but remember to take off any decorations before throwing your pumpkin in! This can include candles, yarn, stickers, googly eye, plastic ears, non-biodegradable materials, etc. Composting can help provide nutrient dense soil amendment and avoid harmful greenhouse gases.

Additionally, pumpkins can also discard through LRS in your Organics bin or by using a sticker.



### Illuminate the Season

Every year, Illuminate Northbrook brings a special kind of magic to our community. For me, it's not just about the stunning lights or the festivities—though they are always spectacular—it's the sense of togetherness that makes this event so special. You can feel the energy, the excitement in the air, and the connection among everyone who comes downtown to celebrate. On November 22 at 5:30pm, come out once again to 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.



### Love Local

Show some local love this holiday season and consider shopping small and local. Here in Northbrook, we have an incredible variety of shops, restaurants, and service providers

that not only meet our needs, but also define the unique character of our community. Shopping local is more than just a convenient option; it's an investment in the future of Northbrook. Every time you choose to shop, dine, or do business with one of our local establishments, you're helping to strengthen our local economy and create jobs for residents. Studies show that for every dollar spent at a local business, significantly more of that money stays in the community compared to shopping at national chains or online. When shopping this season, 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.

As we embrace the spirit of the season, let's remember that our choices make a difference. By shopping local, participating in community events, and supporting one another, we are contributing to the vibrant, close-knit community that makes Northbrook so special. Together, we can ensure that our businesses thrive, our environment is cared for, and our neighbors feel supported. Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful holiday season.

President,  
Village of Northbrook

## MENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHT

# Nourishing the Mind: Food Security Influences Mental Wellbeing

## Hunger Resource Network based in Northbrook focuses on alleviating hunger

Hunger Resource Network (HRN) based in Northbrook focuses on alleviating hunger in Chicagoland. Providing 240,000 pounds of healthy protein-rich chicken, to those in need every year. HRN understands the impact of food insecurity on mental wellbeing. A recent article, "Nourishing the Mind: How Food Security Influences Mental Health Wellbeing," was published in *nutrients* in February 2024 cited below. Visit: [www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/16/4/501](http://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/16/4/501).

### The Psychological Toll of Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is considered a psychosocial stressor that negatively impacts mental health, leading to increased levels of psychological disorders such as anxiety, depression, shame, and stress. Stress can result from not having access to enough food because of the uncertainty and anxiety surrounding one's basic need for

nourishment. This stress results from anxieties about where one will get their next meal, which causes emotional strain and anxiety about the availability and quality of food and one's own and one's family's wellbeing.

Insufficient protein can affect mood, cognition, and energy levels due to its impact on neurotransmitter production and nutrient deficiencies like low iron, leading to mood swings, cognitive decline, fatigue, and irritability.

### Food Insecurity is in Our Local Community

"You do not have to go to a third world country to see hunger. It is in our communities and in our neighborhoods today and it will continue to be here tomorrow, unless we choose to make a difference," said Dan Jariabka, President, HRN, who founded the non-profit organization in 1996 with his wife, Linda.

Jariabka points out facts about hunger in America:

- One in five children in the U.S. faces hunger
- More than forty-nine million Americans live in food insecure households
- Nine percent of all seniors are food insecure
- Millions of working Americans, including seniors, must choose between buying food and paying rent or medications

HRN is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to feeding the hungry by helping meet the needs of food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. For additional information, to contribute or volunteer, contact HRN at 847-272-1700 or visit: [www.hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://www.hungerresourcenetwork.org).

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

### A CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 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. The 2024 event attracted over 500 participants throughout the 2-hour event. The event is set up in a fair format that will include artistic displays, musical acts, dance demonstrations, samples of food, and educational/informational tables.

This year, organizers aim to grow the fair 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) or scan the QR code on this page. Interested participants should expect to hear back from Village staff within three business days after submission.

The 2025 fair is set for Sunday February 25 from 3pm-5pm at the North Suburban YMCA located at 2705 Techy Road.

"We are honored to once again host the Northbrook Community Commission's Cultural Fair and value our partnership with them" said Kim Nyren, Director of Community Investments and Events at the NSYMCA.

"This year promises to provide our community with a meaningful, educational, and fun experience for all ages."

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).



## NORTHBROOK STRONG NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

# MEET THE 2024 NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Two phenomenal athletes and two exceptional volunteers were inducted into the Northbrook Park District's Hall of Fame on October 17, 2024.

Baseball player Doug Rader and cyclist Dee Dee Scadron were inducted into the 2024 Sports Hall of Fame. Community and park district volunteer Oscar Dahl, and baseball coach and volunteer Samuel Einhorn were inducted into the 2024 Volunteer Hall of Fame.

"We are so glad to have the chance to honor these outstanding athletes and volunteers, whose achievements and dedication serve as an example to us all," said Park District Hall of Fame Committee Chairman and Board Commissioner Michael Schyman. "We were elated to host them at their induction ceremony in the clubhouse of our beautiful Heritage Oaks Golf Club."

The 2024 inductees have distinguished themselves over the years for their personal and professional accomplishments in a variety of ways.



Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Doug Rader

A native of Northbrook, Doug Rader is a graduate of Glenbrook North High School and Illinois Wesleyan University who played professionally as a Major League Baseball third baseman with the Houston Astros, San Diego Padres and Toronto Blue Jays from 1967 to 1977. He won five straight Gold Glove Awards from 1970 to 1974. Later in his career, he managed the Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox and California Angels from 1983 to 1991.



Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Dee Dee Scadron

Dee Dee Scadron, a resident of Northbrook since 1993, competed in road and track cycling events across the United States, England, Italy and Austria from 1973 to 2003. She is a three-time gold medalist in the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Masters World Championships, where she set three records, and earned first place in USAC National Championships and USAC Illinois State Championships. She served as a USA Cycling official from 2006 to 2018, and helped give back to the sport by helping riders develop their skills and being active with the Northbrook Bicycle Club and the Northbrook Cycle Committee.



Volunteer Hall of Fame Inductee Oscar Dahl

A resident of Northbrook since 1964, Oscar Dahl served on the Northbrook Park District board of commissioners for 20 years from 1987 through 2007, including two years as president. He coached youth hockey and baseball for many years, and started the park district's Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. He was also president of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, on whose board he served from 1994 to 2001. In 1999, he started the "2,000 trees by 2000" tree planting program in Illinois that has since yielded 500,000 new trees. In 2006, he received the IAPD Chairman's Citation for Steadfast Leadership in Parks and Recreation.



Volunteer Hall of Fame Inductee Samuel Einhorn

Samuel Einhorn, who has lived in Northbrook since 1979, served as head coach for Northbrook Junior League baseball from 1979 to 1994. For 12 of those years, he also served as commissioner for the organization and established some of the group's first fundraising programs. He actively helped raise funds by increasing business sponsorships and selling baseball jackets alongside his wife. His efforts helped ensure the continuation of all-star facilities at Village Green Park and travel to games at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

The Northbrook Park District's Hall of Fame has recognized about 70 volunteers and athletes over the last four decades. The effort started in 1978 by honoring volunteers who significantly improved the quality of park district programs or facilities. It was expanded in 1995 to include athletes who are from Northbrook or who have used park district facilities as their primary training location.

The most recent sports inductees were professional hockey player J.T. Compher, Olympic speed skaters Brian Hansen and Lana Gehring, and Olympic hockey player Jesse Compher. Longtime baseball coaches Gus Locallo and Stuart Spiegel were the latest volunteer inductees. Established in 1927, the mission of the Northbrook Park District is to enhance the community by providing outstanding services, parks and facilities through environmental, social and financial stewardship.

The Village thanks the Park District for sharing the stories of their amazing class of new Volunteer Hall of Famers. We are also proud to each of them as this issue's Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight.

# Holiday Season Reminders

## Love Local

As the holidays approach, remember to support our Northbrook retailers! They offer a wide range of gifts, home decor, and unique treats right here in our community. Look out for amazing sales on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. Shopping locally means great deals and one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting businesses that give back to Northbrook!



## Beware of Scams

If you're shopping online this holiday season, stay vigilant against scams. Shop only on reputable websites and avoid suspicious links. Share personal information only with trusted retailers, and be cautious on unsecured Wi-Fi. Protect your credit card info—never share it in public or over unsecured networks. Stay safe while you shop!

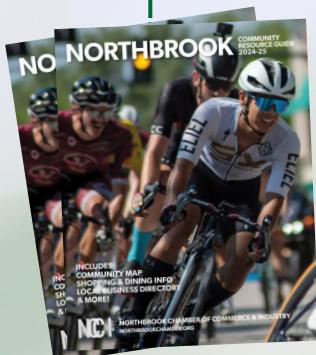


## Away for the Holidays

Planning to travel this holiday season? Take precautions to keep your home safe. Lock all windows and doors, use timers for your lights, and inform a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your property. Avoid sharing travel plans on social media until you return. Enjoy your trip and stay secure!



# Finders in Northbrook



## Find it in Northbrook

Looking for the perfect gift, a fun night out, or family activities this holiday season? We've got you covered! Follow "Find It in Northbrook" on Facebook and Instagram for updates on local businesses, special promotions, and contests. Together with the Village of Northbrook and the Chamber of Commerce, we're here to make your holiday shopping enjoyable!

## Experience Northbrook

Give the gift of experiences! Gift certificates for salons, camps, fitness clubs, and classes can create lasting memories. Explore exciting events and opportunities right here in Northbrook through the Park District, Public Library, and Chamber of Commerce websites!

## Giving Back

This season is a great time to give back. Look for local charities or food drives where you can donate items or volunteer your time. Engaging in community service not only helps those in need but also brings a sense of fulfillment and joy during the holidays.

## Discover Northbrook

The Northbrook Chamber offers an annual Shopping & Dining Guide featuring restaurant listings and popular destinations. For a print copy, call 847-498-5555 or email [info@northbrookchamber.org](mailto:info@northbrookchamber.org). You can also find shopping, dining info, and holiday updates at [finditinnorthbrook.com](http://finditinnorthbrook.com).

# ILLUMINATE NORTHBROOK

## *Hot Cocoa Stroll!*

Join us in downtown Northbrook to kick off the holiday shopping season on Friday, November 22, at 5:30pm! Enjoy free hot chocolate, countdown to the 6pm holiday lights switch-on, and explore local shops and restaurants. The event will feature:

- Sunset Foods' popcorn wagon
- "Coat Off Your Back" donation drive in partnership with the Rotary Club of Northbrook—bring a coat, get a free collectible mug!
- 10% off coupon at participating businesses in partnership with the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce
- 3D glasses for fun holiday light effects
- Music

Don't miss out on the fun and festivities!



**DOWNTOWN NORTHBROOK**

Corner of Shermer Rd & Meadow Rd



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

5:30pm | Lights at 6pm



# YARD WASTE & ORGANICS SERVICES

LRS yard waste collection operates weekly from April 1 - November 30, on **Wednesdays** regardless of your regular refuse and recycling service day. This service will change to **bi-weekly** from December 1 - March 31.

## COLLECTION METHODS:

- Bags/Carts/Cans of 50 lbs. or less
- Bundles of 4' or less and wrapped in twine
- Bundles no more than 2' in diameter
- User-owned carts/cans no larger than 32-gallons

## ACCEPTED YARD WASTE:



## ACCEPTED ORGANICS\*:



\*See full list of accepted organics at [lrsrecycles.com](http://lrsrecycles.com)

## SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM:

Yard waste is collected weekly on Wednesdays using a 64-gallon or 96-gallon LRS-provided cart. For additional yard waste beyond the cart capacity, residents are eligible for three approved bags, bundles, or personal containers per week at no extra cost. Any items exceeding this weekly limit will require a sticker for collection. This convenient service is available at a flat fee of \$220 for the year.

## STICKER PROGRAM:

Yard waste must be in containers no larger than 32 gallons, biodegradable paper bags (minimum 2-ply thickness), and bundled appropriately (no more than 50 lbs. each, no longer than 4 ft., and not exceeding 2 ft. in diameter). Each item must have a sticker and be placed curbside on Wednesdays. Stickers cost \$3.25 each, and are red in color.

## Sticker Purchase Locations:

Village Hall - 1225 Cedar Lane  
Ace Hardware - 1941 Cherry Lane  
Jewel - 2775 Pfingsten Road  
Garden Center - 3460 Dundee Road  
Sunset Foods - 1127 Church Street



## CONTACT LRS

[Service@LRSrecycles.com](mailto:Service@LRSrecycles.com)

844.633.3577

[lrsrecycles.com](http://lrsrecycles.com)



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

## Daylight Saving Time

**Sunday, November 3**  
**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.

## Northbrook Pumpkin Smash

**Saturday, November 9**  
**12pm-3pm**

## Northbrook Court's Parking Lot

No longer need your Halloween pumpkin? Don't throw it in the trash bring them to the smash! Stop by the Village's Pumpkin Smash event on November 9, from 12-3pm at Northbrook Court's parking lot (near Neiman Marcus). Community members can toss pumpkins for composting and learn about the benefits of organic waste recycling. Painted pumpkins can be composted, but remember to remove any decorations from the pumpkin before bring it.

## Veterans Day

**Monday, 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; and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. To find more information, visit [northbrookrotary.org](http://northbrookrotary.org).



## Thanksgiving Cooking Safety Tips

The Fire Department wants residents to practice fire safety in the kitchen to ensure a happy and safe holiday season. Here are a few tips:

1. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top and keep an eye on the food.
2. Stay in the home when cooking a turkey and check on it frequently.
3. Keep children away from the stove and away from hot food, hot liquids, and candles.
4. Make sure your smoke alarms are working.
5. Be cautious with turkey fryers. Fire can spread very quickly when a turkey fryer is used improperly.

## Two for Tuesdays: Oil Painting

**November 12 & 19**

**7-8:30pm**

## NSYMCA 2705 Techy Rd.

Introducing "Two for Tuesdays" - NSYMCA's exciting new art workshop series! Attend on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month to explore a different art medium. No experience is needed, and all supplies are provided, making it easy for everyone to participate. Sign up by the month and discover your creative potential. Don't miss out on this fun and enriching opportunity!

[nsymca.org](http://nsymca.org).

## Chamber Music Concert featuring CSO violist Danny Lai and friends

**Sunday, November 17**  
**3-4:30pm**

## Northbrook Public Library

The chamber ensemble will perform works by Mozart, Schumann, and Paganini. Register at [northbrook.info](http://northbrook.info) or call 847-272-6224.



## Illuminate Northbrook

**Friday, November 22**

### 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!



**Happy 123rd Birthday**

**Northbrook**

**Monday, November 18**

Northbrook is turning 123! On November 18, 1901, Shermerville was officially incorporated as a village. With 35 votes in favor, 32 votes against, and two spoiled ballots, the referendum passed by just three votes.

## Cut the Cable

**Monday, December 2**

**6-7:30pm**

## Northbrook Public Library

Attend this event for a practical guide to ditching your cable service while still enjoying your favorite shows and channels. Register at [northbrook.info](http://northbrook.info) or call 847-272-6224.



## 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 5.

**Northbrook Park District  
Shine: A Chanukah  
Celebration  
Sunday, December 15  
3:30-5pm**

**Northbrook Sports Center,  
1730 Pfingsten Rd.**

Is your child ready to ice skate? The Northbrook Park District offers a free, one-day skating class for children (ages 3+) who are interested in learning to skate.

Professional staff will teach basic skating skills and help determine readiness for future classes. More at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).



**Child Safety Seat  
Inspections**

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

**LRS Holiday Schedule**

Services will be delayed by one service day if any of these six holidays fall on a Sunday through Friday. These holidays include Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

**Avoid Holiday Scams with  
One Simple Move—Just  
Hang Up or Press Delete!**

The holidays are all about shopping—but guess what? Scammers are shopping for victims, too! The good news is you can easily avoid their tricks. If you get a call, email, or text message asking for personal info, money, or gift card numbers, it's a scam—no matter what name or number shows up in your inbox. Don't engage, just hang up or press delete! If you're unsure, reach out to the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438. Stay smart, stay safe, and keep the holidays joyful!



**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 Friday, January 31.

**Holiday Tree Recycling**

Recycle your fresh holiday tree by Friday, 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.



**Talk  
Around  
Town**



**Village Advances Public Safety Facility  
Upgrades**

The Village has undertaken extensive evaluation of three key public safety facilities with public discussion beginning in 2016/2017, when an Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees directed staff to have facility assessments done for Fire Station 11, the Police Station and the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Garage.

In March 2019, the Village received a Facilities Condition Assessment and Report Card, along with a Facility Needs Assessment conducted by Healy Bender for Fire Station 11/Administration Office, the Fleet Maintenance Garage, and the Police Station. On November 9, 2021, the Board of Trustees directed staff to move forward with the projects and approving budget appropriations to support the next steps, which included a thorough review of each facility.

Following a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, the Village hired Leopardo as the Construction Manager and FGM Architects (FGMA), experts in public safety facilities, in 2022. The professional team worked closely with staff to provide a comprehensive update on Space Needs and Facility Conditions, as well as to develop the Solutions Design and the Facilities Master Plan in April 2023. That same month, public tours were offered, allowing residents to view the facilities firsthand and gain a better understanding of the space needs and conditions of the buildings. Additionally, informational videos about each facility were posted online for community review.



(Scan QR code to watch 2023 facility videos).

Later that year, it was determined that for each facility, the sites, physical condition of the buildings and square footage needs were insufficient. The needs to serve the Village could not be supported at the current properties and selecting new sites for each facility was considered the preferred option.

On August 13, 2024, the Village Board took the first step towards acquisition of two properties: 3504 Commercial Drive for \$2.3 MM for a future Fleet Maintenance Garage and 820 Dundee for \$997,963 for a future Fire Station 11. The Village Board also noted it continues actively working to identify property for a new Police Station. After a due diligence period, the Village acquired 3504 Commercial Drive, noting the existing building will be renovated for adaptive reuse by Public Works. Located in the Sky Harbor area, located near the existing Public Works Center, the property is ideally situated to maintain the Village's specialized fleet of police, fire, EMS and public works vehicles. Additionally, retrofitting and updating the building to the Village's specific use is cost effective. At 820 Dundee, the two acre property will be the new home for a replacement to the existing Fire Station 11 and will move forward with review of site for the Fire Headquarters. The Village Board notes the identification of these two additional properties remains a key priority.

# Northbrook Voice

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**p6-7 Holiday Season Reminders**  
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**Postal Customer**  
**Northbrook, IL 60062**

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

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

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

**Village President**  
Kathryn L. Ciesla

**Village Board of Trustees**  
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and comments

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## News You Can Use

**Village of Northbrook  
Holiday Closures**  
Non-emergency Village offices  
will be closed on Thursday,  
November 28, and Friday,  
November 29, in observance of  
Thanksgiving; Wednesday,  
December 25, in observance of  
Christmas; and Wednesday,  
January 1, in observance of the  
New Year. **The Village of  
Northbrook wishes all a Happy  
Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah,  
Merry Christmas, Happy  
Kwanzaa, and a wonderful New  
Year!**

**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.

### **Pre-Treat with Anti-Icing Salt Brine**

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



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