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## **A HISTORY OF COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY**

The Northbrook calendar year contains events brought to you by various organizations. These groups come together to facilitate community activities that begin new traditions and provide cherished childhood and family memories. We are a month past Northbrook Days, a beloved community festival for 100 years. The first Northbrook Day on August 29, 1925 began as a partnership with the State of Illinois' Good Roads committee tasked with turning dirt streets into "hard" paved roads.



Ed Landwehr, a member of both groups, worked with the Village to organize the very first Northbrook Day as a celebration of the progress Northbrook had made since its name change. The event was such a success that it started the 100-year history of the

festival. A long-held oral-history belief that the festival was always in Village Green until recently is incorrect as it was held at two other locations for five years in the 1930s and 40s. At one time Civic partnered with the American Legion and the Northbrook Volunteer Fire Department as co-sponsors to raise funding for the construction of a home for the Legion, and new fire equipment. All the profits from Northbrook Days are returned to the community in scholarships, to organizations and governmental institutions.

The second oldest outdoor community festival is the Historical Society's Shermerfest held each fall since 1979. We could not do it without our partners the Northbrook Park District, the Village of Northbrook, Sunset Foods, and Wagner Farms. Mark your calendars for the 2025 Shermerfest on September 21, from noon to 4 PM at Village Green Park. Not only is this year the 47th annual Shermerfest, but it is also the 25th year anniversary of our "Classic Northbrook" Car and Truck show.

As the Keeper of the Stories, the Society has also been busy planning ways to commemorate three important

anniversaries in 2026. The celebration of Americas 250th birthday, the Village of Northbrook's 125th birthday, and the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Northbrook History Museum to the public for the first time. These three anniversaries happened together on July 4, 1976, during celebrations for the 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial of America.

Borrowing from the past, the narration used at the Village's Centennial opening program on November 18, 2000, and previously unseen photos combine in a new video that takes the viewer through Village history from its inception. Please mark your calendar and join us for the video screening at 7 PM on November 4, at the Northbrook Public Library.

Learn more at [northbrookhistory.org](https://northbrookhistory.org).

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

This September, the Village of Northbrook joins communities across the country in recognizing Emergency Preparedness Month—an annual initiative led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to promote readiness for emergencies and disasters.

### **Make a Plan**

Developing a family emergency plan is essential. Discuss with your family how you will contact one another and where you will meet if separated. Identify a friend or relative in another area who can act as a central point of contact.

### **Build a Kit**

An emergency supply kit can make a critical difference.

Recommended essentials include:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days)
- Non-perishable food (three-day supply)
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and medications
- Important documents and cash
- Personal hygiene items
- Pet supplies

Review and update your kit regularly to meet your household's needs. Learn more at [ready.gov](https://ready.gov).

### **Be Informed**

Northbrook can experience severe weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and winter storms. Staying informed is key to staying safe. Sign up for Northbrook Notify, the Village's emergency alert system, to receive urgent updates directly to your phone or email.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 1pm, the Village will conduct a system-wide test for all Notify subscribers. Scan this QR code to register.



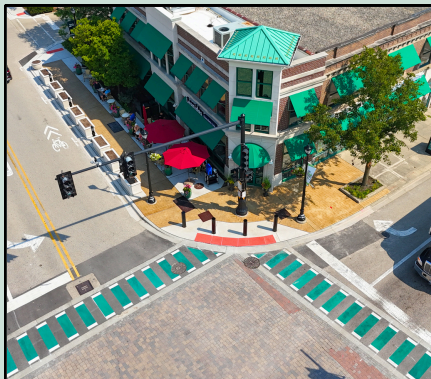




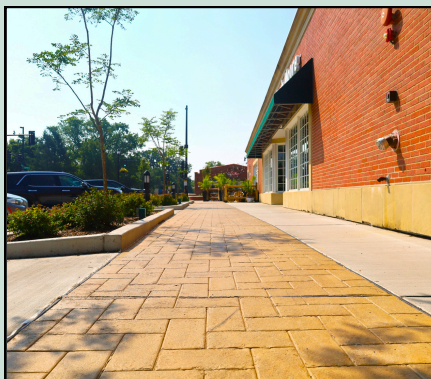
## A Message from President Ciesla Village of Northbrook

# Downtown Northbrook Gets a Fresh Look and Feel

I'm proud to share that the Village of Northbrook has completed the first phase of Downtown streetscape improvements. Since launching this project in March, our goal has been clear: to strengthen our Downtown business district while creating a more inviting, safe, and vibrant space for residents and visitors alike.



This phase involved important construction and infrastructure upgrades, including widening sidewalks along Shermer Road to create over 3,300 square feet of dedicated year-round outdoor dining space. We installed decorative stamped concrete to clearly define dining and pedestrian areas, enhancing both function and aesthetics.



Safety has been a top priority. We replaced five brick crosswalks with more visible alternatives and added 16 crash-rated security bollards and three new pedestrian push-button signals at key intersections, including Shermer and Meadow. Over 1,050 feet of curb was replaced, and 2,650 square feet of parking and roadway resurfaced, including the addition of two new ADA-compliant parking spaces to improve accessibility.

To brighten and secure our streets, 13 existing light poles were refurbished and upgraded with energy-efficient LED fixtures, complemented by 28 illuminated bollards along key pedestrian corridors.



Our landscaping improvements reflect our commitment to sustainability and stormwater management. We planted 20 new trees with advanced irrigation and structural soil systems, regraded walkways to better manage runoff, and installed 300 feet of new storm sewer.



These improvements are about more than construction — they represent our dedication to creating a Downtown that's safe, welcoming, and thriving. I thank our residents, businesses, and partners for their continued support as we work together to revitalize Northbrook's heart.



This is just the beginning, this project is part of ongoing efforts to enhance our Downtown and the Village, support local businesses, and keep Northbrook a place people want to visit and residents are proud to call home.

President,  
Village of Northbrook



### MENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHT

#### NEW BOOK FEATURES COLLECTION OF HUMOROUS STORIES FROM THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY



Northbrook residents Mike Walther and Randi Gillespie know firsthand that life in the disability community comes with challenges, but also with laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments. Both have loved ones with disabilities and work at Oak Wealth Advisors, a Northbrook-based financial advisory firm dedicated to helping families plan for the future of their loved ones with disabilities. In fact, every member of the Oak Wealth Advisors team has a personal connection to the disability community.

Their new book, *It's Okay to Laugh*, is a first-of-its-kind collection of humorous stories from families across the country, many of them right here in Northbrook. The idea was born after years of hearing clients share lighthearted moments during meetings, presentations, and lectures. "Why don't we take the time to document and share all the funny stories people are telling us?" recalled Mike, the firm's founder and president. Randi, Director of Special Needs Services, quickly added, "I've got a zillion stories about my own daughter that I can contribute."

The resulting book, created in collaboration with comedian Ryan Niemiller, from *America's Got Talent*, reminds readers that humor is a universal connector. Whether or not you have a loved one with a disability, the message is the same: it's okay to laugh.

"All proceeds from the book will support the disability-based charities that shared their stories," Randi said. "Our hope is that it makes people smile, helps break down barriers, and inspires a new perspective—one that sees our loved ones as valued, respected members of the community who also have an incredible sense of humor."

She added that humor is often an overlooked but powerful tool in building understanding and connection. That sentiment is echoed by comedian and collaborator Ryan Niemiller, who says, "Laughter really is the best medicine—especially in the disability community."

Published by Little Creek Press, *It's Okay to Laugh* is available from major booksellers.

### LOVE LOCAL - BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

#### FALL FOR SOMETHING NEW: WELCOMING BUSINESSES



As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, Northbrook is also experiencing a season of growth and new beginnings. We're excited to welcome a fresh crop of businesses that are adding vibrancy, services, and opportunities to our community. From health and wellness to professional expertise, these openings reflect the Village's continued vitality and continued momentum.

Here are some of the newest additions:



**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
GYMNASTICS –  
1845 RAYMOND DRIVE**



**CETUS SOLUTION LLC –  
3401 COMMERCIAL  
AVENUE**



**K BEAUTY HEAD SPA &  
COMPANY – 2845  
DUNDEE ROAD**

We thank these businesses for choosing Northbrook as their home. Visit [northbrook.il.us/DevTrack](https://northbrook.il.us/DevTrack) to stay updated on new business developments in the Village of Northbrook.



## NORTHBROOK STRONG NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

# NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: TOM POUPARD HONORED AS NAMESAKE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

For more than 30 years, Tom Poupard helped turn the visions of Northbrook's developers, business owners, and residents into reality. As the Village's Director of Development & Planning Services, he oversaw community planning, building review, code enforcement, and environmental initiatives—always striving to balance innovation with the Village's core values.



**Tom in 2019 at his desk as Northbrook's DPS Director**

Tom's planning career began in 1990 when he joined the Village as a Planner. He was promoted to Director of Community Development in 1995 and ultimately to Director of Development & Planning Services (DPS) in 2008. Armed with degrees in Urban Planning from Iowa State and the University of Illinois, and certified as an AICP Planner through the American Planning Association, Tom brought professional expertise, a collaborative approach, and a deep sense of civic responsibility to his work.

Now retired, Tom's legacy has taken on a new and deeply personal dimension: Poupard Place, a 48-unit affordable apartment named in his honor located at 1593 Shermer Road. Developed by the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation (HODC), Poupard Place will provide supportive housing for individuals and families with a household member living with a chronic disability and earning less than 60% of the area median income. Located close to transit and the Village

center, the building is designed to help residents live independently with dignity, while supported by local social service partners.



At the groundbreaking ceremony, Tom reflected on what the project means to him. "When I first moved to Northbrook, I was able to buy a small, modest starter home — the kind of home that gave me stability, a sense of place, and the ability to grow a family here," he said. "Now, my own children are in their 30s, and I see firsthand just how difficult it has become for the next generation to afford a home in the very community they grew up in. Housing affordability isn't just an abstract issue... it's urgent."



During his tenure, Tom championed affordable housing policy in Northbrook, helping lay the groundwork for developments like Poupard Place. He expressed gratitude to those who shared the vision:

"I want to express my deep gratitude to the Village Board of Trustees and the Plan Commission for having the courage, foresight, and empathy to adopt affordable housing legislation that laid the foundation for this development to occur. It's not always easy to lead on complex issues like housing, but their commitment to doing what's right for the long-term health and inclusiveness of this community made this possible."

While proud to see his name on the project, Tom is quick to emphasize that the true legacy is in the lives it will touch. "The legacy of Poupard Place might be on a sign, but it will live in the lives changed by those living here — and the freedom and belonging that everyone deserves," he said.

Tom's decades of service, his leadership on transformative projects, and his enduring commitment to community values are woven into the fabric of Northbrook. The Village is proud to feature him as this issue's Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight.

**Scan below to watch a short video about Poupard Place**





# NORTHBROOK’S 10-YEAR COMMITMENT TO STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Stormwater management has been a top priority for the Village of Northbrook, with 25 projects completed since the adoption of the Master Stormwater Management Plan in 2011 and its two addendums in 2012 and 2015. All 31 planned projects have been reviewed—those not built were deemed unconstructable, too costly, or offered limited benefit. Backed by \$26 million in funding from stormwater fees, state support, and grants, these efforts have increased drainage capacity, protected property, and improved infrastructure to withstand heavy rains. On the next page, explore three projects that illustrate the benefits of the plan as a whole.

## STORMWATER MASTER PLAN PROJECTS

- Project 1 – Wescott Park Storage (Complete) ✓
- Project 2 – Shermer Road Overflow Sewer (Complete) ✓
- Project 3 – Techny Drain Phase IV (Complete) ✓
- Project 4 – Cedar Lane (Complete) ✓
- Project 5 – Cherry Lane Underpass (Complete) ✓
- Project 6 – Church Street (Reviewed)
- Project 7 – 1941 Cherry Lane Curb (Complete) ✓
- Project 8 – Dehne’s Subdivision (Complete) ✓
- Project 9 – Dundee Rd/Skokie Blvd (Complete) ✓
- Project 10 – Keystone Rd/Chartres Dr (Complete) ✓
- Project 11 – Northbrook East (Complete) ✓
- Project 12 – Northbrook Manor (Reviewed)
- Project 13 – Ridge Rd/Lee Rd (Complete) ✓
- Project 14 – Shermer Rd Outlet (Complete) ✓
- Project 15 – Shermer Rd Underpass (Reviewed)
- Project 16 – Sunny Acres (Complete) ✓
- Project 17 – Sunset Lane (Complete) ✓
- Project 18 – Techny Basin Expansion (Complete) ✓
- Project 19 – Weller’s Subdivision (Reviewed)
- Project 20 – Western Ave/Oak Ave (Reviewed)
- Project 21 – Williamsburg Dr (Reviewed)
- Project 22 – Woodlawn Rd (Complete) ✓
- Project 23 – Blackthorn Ln (Complete) ✓
- Project 24 – Brittany Ln (Complete) ✓
- Project 25 – Dehne Rd/Glendale Ave (Complete) ✓
- Project 26 – Landwehr Rd/Sunset Trail (Complete) ✓
- Project 27 – Longvalley Trl/Ct (Complete) ✓
- Project 28 – Surrey Ln (Complete) ✓
- Project 29 – First St/Center Ave (Complete) ✓
- Project 30 – Wendy Dr (Complete) ✓
- Project 31 – Willow Creek (Complete) ✓

To explore all projects in detail, visit [northbrook.il.us/stormwater-plan](http://northbrook.il.us/stormwater-plan)

or scan:



## THE IMPACT: SOME OF THE MANY PROJECTS THAT HAVE MADE NORTHBROOK MORE RESILIENT TO STORM EVENTS



**Project 3 – Techny Drain Phase IV (Complete)**  
Completed in 2012, this project addressed drainage limitations by constructing a relief storm sewer along Pfingsten Road and installing new stormwater piping between Fieldwood Drive and Pfingsten Road. These improvements increased system capacity, allowing water to move more efficiently and reducing the risk of flooding during heavy rain events.



**Project 5 – Cherry Underpass (Complete)**  
Completed in July 2023 after three months of construction, this project addressed flooding issues along Cherry Lane between Meadow Road and Cedar Lane, a critical route for emergency service delivery and one of only two grade-separated intersections in the Village. Work included installing additional inlets and storm sewer to improve stormwater conveyance and reduce flooding at the underpass.



**Project 22 – Woodlawn Rd (Complete)**  
This project addressed substantial flooding in the residential area by improving stormwater conveyance through the installation of new inlet structures and the regrading of roadside ditches. These improvements allow water to move more efficiently through the system, reducing standing water and preventing backups during heavy rain.





# NORTHBROOK BREWFEST RETURNS THIS FALL!

**Saturday, September 6 • 3–7 PM • Village Green Park**

Raise your glass—Northbrook’s favorite beer-tasting celebration is back! Presented by the Northbrook Park District & the Village of Northbrook, Brewfest has become a new favorite Village tradition featuring refreshing craft beer, toe-tapping tunes, and great community vibes.



**Live Music:** Get ready for an unforgettable performance by The Grady Experience, delivering the perfect soundtrack for your fall afternoon.



**Food & Drinks:** Bring your own picnic or grab a bite from delicious food trucks on-site. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.



**Beer Tastings:** Your advance ticket includes 15 tasting tickets for 5oz pours from a variety of breweries. Explore new favorites or revisit classics—it’s all here!

## TICKET INFORMATION

### **\$49 – Advance Tasting Ticket**

- 15 (5oz) tasting tickets
- Live entertainment & activities
- Fall fun with friends!

### **\$30 – Non-Tasting Ticket**

- Event access only (no beer tastings or swag)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Don’t wait—ticket prices increase the day of the event. Must be 21+ to attend.

Get Tickets Now: Visit [nbparks.org/event/brewfest](https://nbparks.org/event/brewfest) or scan this QR code





# A GUIDE TO YOUR WATER METER UPGRADE!

The Village of Northbrook is in the middle of an important upgrade to our water system, replacing every water meter in town with new Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters. Below learn about the key benefits, project details, and what you can do now depending on what step of the journey your at this point.

## Key Benefits

**Customer service** – Get quick access to usage data and other helpful tools.

**Leak detection** – Catch leaks sooner, saving water and money.

**Remote reading** – No more visits from a meter reader.

**Sustainability** – More accurate tracking helps reduce unintended water usage.

The Village is partnering with Veregy LLC to handle installation. Licensed Illinois plumbers will install the new meters at no cost to you. Work began in April 2025 and will continue through March 2026. So far, 45% of Northbrook's homes and businesses have been upgraded. Installations are scheduled by billing area, so if you haven't heard from us yet, your turn is coming!



## what step of the journey are you at?

### ***I have NOT scheduled an appointment yet!***

Watch your mailbox—when it's your turn, you'll receive a postcard from the Village with a QR code and phone number to set up your installation. If you don't schedule right away, you'll receive a series of color-coded reminders:



**Green postcard** – First notice to schedule.

**Yellow postcard** – Second notice to schedule.

**Orange postcard** – Final notice. Failure to schedule after this could result in water service suspension.

When your postcard arrives, schedule quickly to secure the most convenient time.

### ***I HAVE scheduled an appointment and need to prepare!***

Before your installation date you can do the following:

- **Find your current meter** – It may be in the basement, crawl space, utility room, or garage.
- **Clear the area** – Move large objects or storage bins that block access. Installers need about 24 inches by 36 inches of space to work.
- **Bonus step** – Test your water shut-off valve to make sure it works.

On the day of your appointment, an adult (18+) must be home. The installer will briefly turn off your water during the swap, which usually takes about 30 minutes.

### ***My installation is complete! Now what?***

Congratulations—you've joined the AMI future! Next, register for the WaterSmart portal (VXsmart) to:

- See your water usage in near real time.
- Get alerts if you might have a leak.
- Spot patterns and find ways to save.

Your installer will have provided instructions on how to sign up.

For more information, visit [northbrook.il.us/AMI](https://northbrook.il.us/AMI) or call Veregy at (866) 260-3176



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Labor Day

**Monday, September 1**

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

## Electronics Recycling

Drop off old electronics at the Fleet Garage (behind Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Ln.)

1st Tuesday: 7 AM-3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM-Noon

Residents must remove items from their vehicle for contactless disposal. No drop-offs outside event hours.



**Northbrook Brewfest**  
**Saturday, September 6,**  
**3-7pm**

## Village Green Park

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

## VOICE! Women in Business Workshop

**Tuesday, September 9,**  
**11:45am-1:15pm**

**633 Skokie Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
Dive into actionable tips for expanding your professional network and forming collaborations at this interactive workshop. Visit [northbrookchamber.org](http://northbrookchamber.org) for more information.

## September 11

### Remembrance

**Thursday, September 11**

## Northbrook Fire Stations

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



## Seniorpalooza Health & Fun Fair

**Wednesday,**  
**September 17, 1-3pm**

**North Suburban YMCA**  
The YMCA is hosting a Seniorpalooza where interactive health screenings will be offered along with other presentations and demonstrations. Learn more at [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org).



**Touch a Truck**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 20,**  
**10-12pm**

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

## Rosh Hashanah

**September 22 through 24**

Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of the Jewish New Year. Customs associated with the holiday include candle lighting in the evenings, eating challah, and tasting apples and honey to represent a sweet New Year.

## Shermerfest

**Sunday, September 21,**  
**12-4pm**

## Village Green Park

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

## Autumn Flea Market

**Saturday, September 27,**  
**9am-1pm**

**1810 Walters Avenue**  
Stop by the Autumn flea market to browse a variety of booths and goods. Shoppers can attend for free!

## Down Syndrome Awareness Month

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

## Yom Kippur

**October 1 through 2**

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. It is a day of fasting, prayer, and repentance, observed with self-reflection on the past year's actions.

## Northbrook Autumnfest

**Saturday, October 4,**  
**1-5pm**

## 1479 Maple Avenue

Celebrate all things fall at the free family event! Activities include bounce houses, DJ entertainment, arts & crafts, horse trolley, petting zoo, apple cider, free pumpkins, and food trucks. For more information visit [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).

## Fire Department Open House

**Saturday, October 4,**  
**9am-12pm**

**Fire Station 10 (650 Huehl)**  
**Parking will be at 655 Huehl**  
Join the Northbrook Fire Department (and Sparky the Fire Dog) for the annual Northbrook Fire Department Open House! Kids of all ages can climb in fire trucks, talk to firefighters, and pet therapy dogs, all while learning about fire safety.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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



**Kooky Spooky Skate**  
**Friday, October 17, 7-9pm**

**1730 Pfingsten Road**  
Get spooky on the ice rink! Dress up in your best costume to get a \$5 admission price. Standard admission prices apply to those without a costume. Pre-registration is not available. Learn more at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).



### **Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday, October 19,**

**1-3pm**

#### **North Suburban YMCA**

Come trick-or-treat at this free family event! There will be BINGO, carnival food, kid's activities, live music, and many vendors. Learn more at [nsymca.org](https://nsymca.org).



### **Halloween Pet Parade**

**Thursday, October 23,**

**5-6pm**

#### **1700 Techny Road**

Grab your pet and leash for the Halloween Pet Parade this year at Techny Prairie Park and Fields. This is the time of the year to show off your wonderful pets! Take part in the pet parade followed by a costume contest. Register at [nbparks.org/halloween-pet-parade/](https://nbparks.org/halloween-pet-parade/). Must be 18 and over to register and must be present at the event.



### **Halloween 3K Fun Run**

**Friday, October 24,**

**6-7pm**

#### **1700 Techny Road**

Take part in the annual Halloween 3K Run/Walk through the Halloween Techny Prairie Park and Fields course. Come dressed in a costume. After the race there will be fun activities and a costume contest with a variety of categories including best costume and best group costume. To register visit [nbparks.org/halloween3k/](https://nbparks.org/halloween3k/).

### **Breast Cancer**

#### **Awareness Month**

**All October**

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is about more than pink ribbons. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer, encouraging early detection through mammograms and promoting research and support for those affected.

### **Halloween in Northbrook**

**Friday, October 31**

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

*Illuminate  
Northbrook*



### **ILLUMINATE Northbrook**

**Friday, November 21,**

**5:30pm**

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. Afterwards, stay downtown, enjoy the ambiance, and support local businesses by shopping and dining!

# **NORTHBROOK NEWS**

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## **NORTHBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC SAFETY EFFORTS**

The Northbrook Police department is proud to be one of over 200 law enforcement agencies across Illinois participating in the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" from June 20 through July 7 and August 15 through September 2.

Law enforcement agencies make an effort to get drunk, high and drugged drivers off our roads. "Driving under the influence - whether it's alcohol, cannabis or any impairing drug - is not just risky, it's illegal," said Community Relations Supervisor Richard Rash. "[We patrol] with zero tolerance for impaired driving, because our goal is to protect the people of Northbrook."

In addition to alcohol, officers lookout for drivers impaired by cannabis and other drugs. Messages like "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High Get a DUI" are part of a statewide education and enforcement effort aimed at saving lives.

Officers also enforce seat belt laws as part of the "Click It or Ticket" initiative. Buckling up is the most effective way to prevent serious injury or death in a crash. Everyone in the vehicle - front seat or back - should be properly buckled, every trip.

"We want our community to enjoy the holiday weekends safely and responsibly," said Rash. "Plan ahead, use a designated driver, and never get behind the wheel impaired. These decisions save lives."

This local effort is part of a larger statewide campaign made possible by the federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The initiative is reinforced by IDOT's "It's Not a Game" media campaign, which emphasizes the serious consequences of impaired driving and other unsafe driving behaviors.

Visit [northbrook.il.us/news](https://northbrook.il.us/news)  
to read all about it!

Or scan to visit ➡



# Northbrook Voice

Northbrook Information Association  
1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

**p6-7 Stormwater Plan Milestone**  
**p9 Advanced Water Meter Guide**

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Police Non-Emergency. 847-564-2060  
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Public Works..... 847-272-4711

#### Village Officials

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Cara Pavlicek ..... Village Manager

#### Village President






Kathryn L. Ciesla

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 4 | 9AM-12PM

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



The Fire Department Open House is hosted in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11, 2025). This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." This theme works to educate everyone on how to use these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries. Visit [nfpa.org](https://nfpa.org) for more.

Saturday, October 4,  
9am-12pm

Fire Station 10  
(650 Huehl)