

NORTHBROOK

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016



Veterans Day Ceremony

Remember our Veterans, as well as those currently serving, at this year's Veterans Day Memorial Service.

Attend the Memorial Service on Friday, November 11, 10:30am at Northbrook Jr. High Gymnasium, 1475 Maple Avenue

The American Legion Post #791 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars invite all to assemble in the Northbrook Jr. High gym for a service complete with Color Guard and a special performance by the Northbrook Jr. High Wind Ensemble. The band will perform a very moving tribute to four of the branches of the Armed Forces.

Come Out and Thank Our Veterans or Watch it Live!

School District 28 will be live-streaming the Veterans Day ceremony for community members. To view the performance live at 10:30am, visit www.district28.net

Veterans Day Breakfast Celebration

On Friday, November 11, the Northbrook Park District Senior Center will celebrate veterans with breakfast and musical entertainment from 9:30-11am at the Leisure Center. Call 847/291-2988 to save your place.

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Village Receives Budget Award

Northbrook's Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada.

This marks the twenty-second consecutive year the Village has received this award recognizing the Village's commitment to meet the highest principles and standards of governmental budgeting. Congratulations to Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Village Manager Jeff Rowitz and the Finance Department on a job well done.

Speaking of Tax Dollars... Village Treasurer's Report

The Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015, and ending April 30, 2016, is on file and available for inspection and/or copying during normal business hours in the Office of the Village Clerk at the Village Hall and at the Northbrook Public Library reference desk.

You can also find the report and much more related to Village finances by visiting www.northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork

Election Information

Monday, November 7, is the last day for grace period registration and early voting at Northbrook Village Hall.

Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com for polling locations and other information for the Tuesday, November 8, Presidential Election.

A Message from Police Chief Charles Wernick

How You Can Avoid Crimes of Opportunity

In Your Neighborhood

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

Just Hang Up

The best way to avoid telephone scams is also the easiest. Don't be fooled by an agency or company name on the caller ID. If someone is asking for personal information or for you to send money or to get a gift card and give them the card number, it's a scam. Just hang up. Call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800/386-5438.

Keep Your Belongings Close

It's easy for a thief to grab something from a purse when it's left unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter or hanging on the back of a chair in a busy restaurant. Prevention of a crime of opportunity may be as simple as paying attention to your surroundings and not leaving any valuables unattended, even just for a few seconds.

Lock Your Vehicle and Remove All Your Valuables

It's not unusual for someone to report a missing purse or electronic device. These items are often taken from an unlocked vehicle, sometimes parked in the caller's driveway or when left unattended for a quick errand. If you must leave valuables in your car, place them in the trunk before you reach your destination.

Avoid Using ATMs at Night

When using a drive-thru ATM, keep your vehicle secured with all doors locked and be aware of anyone approaching. Once the transaction has been completed, immediately leave the ATM premises. It's safer to count your money afterward.

Making Face to Face Transactions

During exchanges, such as *Craigslist* transactions or times when an exchange in a public setting is best, residents are allowed to use the Police Department lobby or the public parking lot located at the front of 1401 Landwehr Road.

Questions or Concerns?

For questions, concerns or general police related information, call the Northbrook Police Non-Emergency phone number at 847/564-2060. For emergencies or urgent matters, call 911.

Think Northbrook for the Holidays

Shop & Dine in Northbrook this Holiday Season

The Village and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce are once again partnering to promote Northbrook as a great destination for holiday shopping and dining.

This year, TV viewers will again see some familiar Northbrook shopping and dining locations in a 30-second commercial that highlights the Northbrook shopping experience without having to travel to Chicago. The commercial will run on Comcast Xfinity and AT&T U-Verse along the North Shore from Barrington

to Evanston. In addition to catching the commercial on your TV, you may also catch it watching TV programming on your mobile devices as well as on a variety of websites.

Shopping and Dining Guide

Check out the Shopping and Dining Guide at www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.com, request one from the Chamber at 847/498-5555 or pick one up at the Chamber of Commerce or the Village Hall during business hours.



REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

With the holidays coming into full swing, here's a few tips to avoid using plastic bags. Whether you are going out for holiday shopping or stocking up at the grocery store, remember to use reusable shopping bags whenever possible.



The trick is to have reusable bags stashed in places where you know you will need a bag.

- Do you drive to work? Leave a few bags in your car for errands on the way home, especially for a last minute trip to the grocery store.
- Always do some shopping on your lunch break? Keep a few bags stashed in your desk.
- If you're a bike commuter or work from home, keep bags stashed in your purse or backpack.

- Some bags can clip to your keychain. Just be sure to put them back after you use them.
- If you do need to use a plastic bag, be sure to recycle it. Most supermarkets have a recycling bin which accept plastic bags as well as newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, etc.



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



With the change of seasons and a variety of festivities approaching, I'd like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! It's the time of the year to be thinking about Thanksgiving and other seasonal celebrations. This newsletter features a variety of opportunities to celebrate, either by attending an event, such as the Veterans Day ceremony (featured on cover), the Northbrook Interfaith Service (see page 4) or celebrating Northbrook's 115 Birthday on November 15 (see page 5) or by giving to one, or more, of the local organizations preparing for the holidays, including the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots, Youth Services Holiday Gift Program, and the Northfield Township Food Pantry. (See pages 4 and 7 for more details.)

As we approach the colder weather and the threat of

winter storms, I'd like to share a few thoughts about safety. Not only winter safety, but also safety around the home and around the Village. When the snow falls, please take time to shovel the public sidewalks for the benefit of students, mail carriers and other pedestrians. It's courteous and appreciated by your neighbors, and contrary to rumors, there is no liability per state law. Please remember to clear the snow and ice from fire hydrants on or near your property. In case of fire, seconds count. Please see page 4 for some important fire safety tips.

Reminder for Motorists and Pedestrians

As the days get shorter, I want to remind early morning walkers, runners and cyclists to wear some type of reflective clothing and to be mindful of approaching vehicles. As always, motorists should be aware of changing traffic situations and road conditions and not drive distracted. It is all too often I see motorists not paying attention and holding up traffic because of activities on their mobile phones.

Protecting the Health, Safety and Welfare

One of the primary duties of the Village is to protect the health, safety and welfare of its population, and for Northbrook, this includes over 33,400 residents and over 3,000 businesses with more than 45,000 employees within our boundaries during the workday. Along with our Village staff, the Village has support from various local, regional, state and Federal agencies that together, help to keep our community safe. We also work with local businesses, as was the case last month when a delivery truck driving around the Library, hit the overhang, resulting in

what may have been structural damage. The Village staff called on Northbrook based Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to help ensure the Library was safe to open. Within hours, the Village was notified that the facility was approved to open the following day.

Working together as a community is important, from the Village working with agencies to neighbors helping neighbors.

Celebrate Northbrook's 115th Birthday

On November 16, 1901, our Village, which had a population of 311 residents, was incorporated as Shermerville, Illinois. In 1923, the name was changed to Northbrook, as the west fork of the north branch of the Chicago River flows through our town. All are invited to celebrate our 115 years as a Village. Please see page 5 for details.

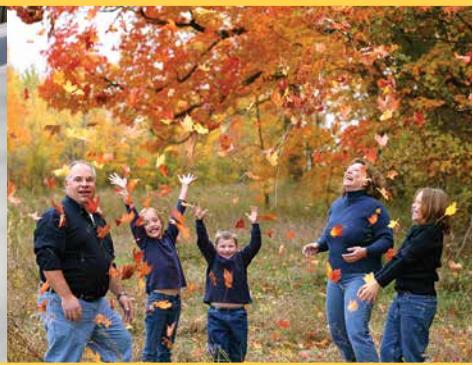
Shopping and Dining in Northbrook this Holiday Season

Spending your dollars locally helps support local businesses and the community, as 1 3/4 cents of every dollar spent benefits Northbrook. Whether you are looking for gifts large or small, visit our shopping and dining guide mentioned on page 2. The holidays are also the perfect time to make plans with your friends and family to dine at one of the many fine restaurants in Northbrook.

I wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Comments, Questions, Suggestions

I'd like to hear from you! Please contact me directly at 847/509-5301 or email me at frum@northbrook.il.us



Toys for Tots Collection

The Village is once again partnering with the Marine Toys

for Tots Foundation, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's program, to bring toys to children who might otherwise go without a present to open on Christmas morning.

Toys for Tots needs donations! Please visit a collection center at the Police or Fire Department headquarters or Village Hall by Friday, December 16, with a new unwrapped toy. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



A Message from Fire Chief Jose Torres

Doing laundry is most likely part of your weekly routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home?

With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a dryer fire.

- Always follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- Do not overload your dryer.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.

Residents are Encouraged to Pitch-in!

When the snow falls, please take time to shovel the public sidewalks abutting your property for the benefit of students, mail carriers and other pedestrians. The Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act insulates residential homeowners from liability should someone slip and fall on your sidewalk.

Don't Forget the Fire Hydrants On or Near Your Property

In case of an emergency, seconds count!

Please take a few extra minutes to clear the snow and ice from the fire hydrants on or near your property. Coordinate the responsibility with your family members or others in the neighborhood. It's important for our firefighters to have clear access in case of an emergency.



And don't forget...

- Dryers should be properly grounded.
- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents, should be rinsed in cold water outdoors and allowed to completely dry before being washed and dried as usual.

Northbrook Interfaith Community Service

Thanksgiving is a time of joy and good cheer.

Celebrate and give thanks on Wednesday, November 23, at 7pm, at the Northbrook Clergy Association's Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. This year, the service will be held at the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago, 1810 Pfingsten Road.

Please bring some canned goods and other non-perishable food items for a collection to benefit the Northfield Food Pantry.



Say it Isn't Snow...

When Winter Weather Heads Our Way the Northbrook Public Works Department will be ready!

The Village's snow removal operation begins with seven or more trucks spreading de-icing materials on main and secondary streets. As snow begins to accumulate, standby personnel are called in to plow the 537 lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, municipal parking lots and designated sidewalks.



Help Our Public Works Crews:

Keep Your Vehicles Off the Streets.

You can help Public Works crews clear our roadways as quickly as possible by keeping vehicles off the street during snow removal operations. The Village's number one concern is the safety of those using our streets.

Important Snow Plowing Fact...

A complete plow-cycle can take at least 6-7 hours depending on weather and traffic.

Thank You for Your Patience!

Snow and ice control efforts give priority to higher traffic Village roadways, such as Walters Avenue, Cherry Lane, Pfingsten Road, Techy Road and Shermer Road.

Arterial roads such as Lake-Cook, Dundee, Willow, Sanders, Landwehr and Waukegan are plowed by either the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Cook County Highway Department.

Keep Plowed Snow out of Shoveled Driveways.

Residents can help keep their driveway clear by shoveling snow to the right side of their driveway (as viewed from the home looking at the street). Please note: The Public Works Department does not clear private driveway entrances.

For details about snow and ice control visit www.northbrook.il.us/Snow

Move Your Vehicle After 2" of Snow.

When 2 or more inches of snow fall, it is illegal (by Village Ordinance) to park on Northbrook streets until plowing has been completed. If you park in the street, you may be ticketed and towed.

If your vehicle has become disabled or if you would like to find out if the parking ban is in effect, please call the Police Department at 847/564-2060.

The Village will use its Northbrook Notify service to alert residents of snow emergencies. Sign up for notifications at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify

Who Plows Your Street?

Northbrook Public Works

Neighborhood Streets
(*except private roads/streets*)
Cherry Lane
Grant Road - Lee Road
Pfingsten Road
(*between Highland & Maria*)
Shermer Road (*Dundee to Willow*)
Skokie Blvd. (*within Village limits*)
Techy Road (*Pfingsten to Founders*)
Voltz Road
Walters Ave. (*between Pfingsten & Lee*)
Western Avenue
To report emergency conditions on the above roads, call 847/272-4711.

Cook County Highway Department

Lake Cook Road
Landwehr Road (*south of Dundee*)
Sanders Road
Skokie Boulevard
(*south of 1101 Skokie Boulevard*)
Sunset Ridge Road (*south of Midway*)
Techy Road (*Sanders to Pfingsten*)
Walters Ave.
(*between Pfingsten & Sanders*)

To report emergency conditions on County roads, call 708/448-8006.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Dundee Road
Pfingsten Road
(*south of Highland and north of Maria*)
Waukegan Road
Willow Road

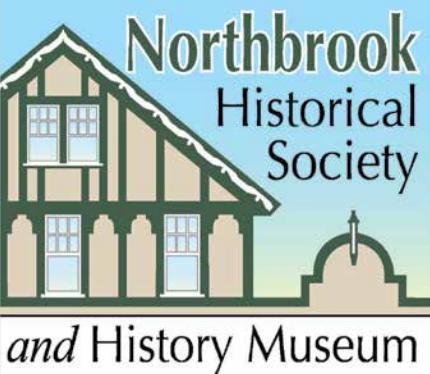
To report emergency conditions on State roads, call IDOT at 847/705-4612 or visit www.dot.state.il.us

The Illinois Tollway Information Hotline is 800/865-5394 (1-800-TOLL-FYI).

Celebrate Northbrook's 115th Birthday

The Board of Directors of the Northbrook Historical Society invites all to celebrate the incorporation of our Village at the 115th Birthday at an Open House on Sunday, November 13, from 2 to 4pm, at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Avenue.

All are invited to come and join the fun and good cheer with cake, refreshments and door prizes. The Historical Society is at 1776 Walters Avenue. The History Museum and Historical Society Inn Shop will be open during the celebration. www.northbrookhistory.org



Make Sure Your Home is Winterized!

Cold weather brings the potential for frozen water service lines, water meters and residential fire sprinkler systems.

Winterize your home by doing the following:

- 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 block.
- Install fire retardant insulation around susceptible pipes.
- Install Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed electric heater tape on pipes that are located on the inside of exterior walls, which may have only marginal insulation. North and west walls are typically most vulnerable.
- If you have an underground lawn sprinkling system, shut off the water supply and properly drain the system.

- Residential fire sprinkler systems are vulnerable too! As a reminder, if you vacation during winter months, set the thermostat no lower than 55°F before leaving to prevent frozen pipes and sprinkler systems.



Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule and Cart Storage Reminders

During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up for Thursday customers will be Friday and Friday customers will be Saturday.

The last chance for yard waste collection will be on your pick-up day during the week of Thanksgiving. Monday customer's last pick -up date is on Monday, November 28.

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January on your regular pick-up date. One tree per residence will be collected at the curb. Trees should be free of all lights, garland, tinsel and decorations.

A reminder regarding refuse and recycling cart storage:

Please ensure that your garbage receptacles are regularly stored behind the front face of your house or within the garage on non-pickup days. Carts should not be stored in the front of your property. Also, after collection, carts need to be returned to the storage location within twelve hours after the collection service has been performed.

If you have questions, call Advanced Disposal at 847/272-4145.

Local Artists Open their Studios to the Public

The Northbrook Artists' Open Studio Tour will be held on Saturday, November 5, from noon-4pm.

This year's event features ten Northbrook Artists. Four of the Northbrook Artists will open their local studios while others will showcase their art at the Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue. This event, presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission, is open to the public, free of charge.

Visit the Studios

Artist's Studio location maps will be available at Northbrook Village Hall and the Northbrook Public Library or download a map at www.NorthbrookArts.org. Maps will also be available at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue on the day of the event.

Visitors will learn about various art techniques and studio practices while viewing art work and demonstrations. Don't miss this rare opportunity to tour the artists' studios and see a variety of artwork by some of Northbrook's finest artists!

Participants are also welcome to bike the tour!

We suggest starting your ride at the Northbrook Leisure Center.



Participating Northbrook Artists: Janet Cordovi, Chandrika Marla, Kittie Yohe, Josie LimCruz, Kathy Kathrein, Larry Stern, Ted Czerkies, Maaryann Misevich, Barbara Scott and Dottie Pupura.

*Artists Featured clockwise:
Kittie Yohe, Janet Cordovi and Chandrika Marla*

Village Happenings

Help brighten the holidays for others. If you're interested in sponsoring a child or family for the Youth Services' Holiday Gift Program please call 847/724-2620 or visit www.ysgn.org

Donations of food or grocery store gift cards can be dropped off at the **Northfield Township Food Pantry**, 2550 Waukegan Rd., Suite 100, Glenview. For a list of the Pantry's most needed items and non-perishable food drop off locations within the community, visit www.twp.northfield.il.us

Visit the Village Hall and enjoy beautiful photography in the **Board Room Village Gallery** featuring works by Northbrook Artist Robert Haggard in November and December.

The November/December **Artists in Residence exhibition at the Library** features local artists Brad Baskin, Linda Goldman, Frank Jamora, Susan Mart, and Marlene White. To learn more about Artists in Residence, visit www.northbrookarts.org

Learn how to find governmental and military documents, digitized from the Library of Congress and other institutions, at Fold 3: Military Records & Beyond on Fri., Nov. 4, at 2pm in the Library's Pollak Room.

The **Heartland Animal Shelter annual Golden Paw Gala** at Pinstripes Bocce & Bistro, 1150 Willow Rd., will be held Sat., Nov. 5, at 6pm. Tickets are available for \$100 per person, or a table for \$1,000. For more information call 847/296-6400.

35th Annual Holly Fair at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techy Rd., on Sat., Nov. 5, from 9am-3pm. There will be woodcrafts, antiques, jewelry, holiday decorations, crafts, door prizes, baked goods, books and more. Enjoy lunch at the Bistro. For more information, call 847/480-6380.

About Face Theatre Company's Production "Looking Out/Looking In" is coming to Northbrook on Wed., Nov. 9, 7pm at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Youth from About Face Youth Theatre will perform sketches about their own lives. The dramatic pieces will touch on the issues of race, gender, self-esteem, class, family, sexuality and age-designed for an intergenerational audience of 13-years-old and older. Questions? Call 847/272-2442.

Rotary Club of Northbrook's Coat Off Your Back campaign runs through Thurs., Dec. 24. New and gently used cold-weather clothing can be dropped off at the Northbrook Library, Northbrook Village Hall, Sunset Foods or Northbrook Bank. Items will be distributed to homeless families. Call 847/564-4880.

Are you up for the **National Novel Writing Month** challenge: writing a 50,000 word novel in just 30 days? You don't have to do it alone; join the Library for NaNoWriMo writing sessions each Sunday in Nov. from 2-4pm!

The **Library's Fine Arts Fall** concert and lecture series runs until Dec. 11. For the full lineup of performances and Lyric Opera Lectures, please visit www.northbrook.info. Concerts are held on Sundays at 2pm.

Learn about cutting food waste at the Library's first ever Food Waste Fair on Sat., Nov. 12, from 10am-2pm. View the documentary *Just Eat It*, followed by exhibits and demonstrations.

Sportsman's Country Club Annual Turkey Shoot on Sat., Nov. 12; 9am Shotgun Start. Price includes golf, lunch, and a turkey to take home as well as lots of chances for prizes-\$300/ team. Visit www.nbparks.org

The Melodeers, Northbrook's 7-time International Championship Chorus, present Mixin' It Up, on Sat., Nov. 12, 2pm at Christian Heritage Academy, 315 Waukegan Rd., Northfield. *The show is a blend of music in the spirit of the holidays.* Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for 12 and under. Reserved seats at www.melodeers.org

The 9th Annual Tow Trucks for Tots Toy Drive and Parade will be held on Sun., Nov. 13. New and unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off at 1870 Techy Ct., the Northbrook YMCA or Grace Lutheran Church, 2245 Walters. Ave. Visit www.towtrucksfortots.com or call 847/272-2177.

The Northbrook Symphony presents "Beneath Starry Skies – Songs of Evening's Magic" on Sun., Nov. 13, at 4pm at the GBN Sheely Center. For tickets or for more information, please call 847/272-0755 or visit www.northbrooksymphony.org

Join the Library for a free screening of the documentary **Being Mortal**, based on the book by Dr. Atul Gawande, followed by a discussion on Tues., Nov. 15, at 7pm.

Northbrook Park District winter program resident registration opens on Nov. 16. Online guide is available at www.nbparks.org or visit any Park District registration office to register.

Obsessed with the hit musical Hamilton? Join historian Barry Bradford for Hamilton: The Man, The Myth, The Musical on Tues., Nov. 29, at 7pm, for a fascinating look at the true story of Alexander Hamilton.

Relive Gene Wilder's cinematic legacy with the Library's Classics on Wednesday Film Series. Watch films like The Producers, Young Frankenstein, and Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory on Wednesdays in Dec. at 1pm & 7:30pm in the Auditorium.

Northbrook Woman's Club Holiday Boutique and Lunch will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1, at Skokie Country Club, 500 Washington Ave., Glencoe. Boutique open from 10am-noon, followed by lunch with entertainment by the GBN Express Show Choir. Reservations due by Nov. 22. No charge to shop the boutique. For more information visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org

The Oakton Ceramics Club is sponsoring its annual **Empty Bowls Benefit** on Sat., Dec. 3, 10:30am-2pm, at Oakton Community College. For a \$15 donation, lunch and select a hand-crafted bowl. Call 847/635-1699.

Northbrook's New Tradition Chorus presents the holiday concert, "Ringing in the Holidays" on Sat., Dec. 3, at 2pm & 7pm and Sun., Dec. 4, at 2pm, at GBS Watson Auditorium. Call 800/746-9246 for tickets.

Gingerbread Workshop for children ages 3 and up with adult at the Leisure Center on Wed., Dec. 7, from 6-7:30pm. Pizza and pop included. \$45/parent-child couple. Register at www.nbparks.org

The Northbrook Community Associates of the Art Institute will host a 40th Anniversary Celebration luncheon and lecture on Dec. 8, at 11:30am at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette. The speaker will present "Chicago's Public Art and Its Stories". Non-members are welcome for \$70/fee. For reservations, call 847/772-4139 between Nov. 11 and Dec. 1.

Seniors Trip - Winter Lunch at the Walnut Room at Macy's downtown Chicago on Wed., Dec. 14, from 10:15am-3:30pm. Fee \$79/ person includes lunch and transportation. Call to register 847/291-2988.

Full of rhyme, puppetry, and creative dramatics, **Mother Goose & Her Friends** invite children to enjoy the magic of puppetry at the Library on Sat., Dec. 17, at 10am.

Welcome the New Year at the Library with our annual Noon Year's Eve Celebration! Kids of all ages are welcome. Registration is required. Sat., Dec. 31, 11am-noon.



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Public Works	847/272-4711

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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Emmett Culligan's Lasting Legacy in Northbrook

When Emmett Culligan came to town he set up his water treatment business in the blacksmith shop of Joch McLachlan, which at that time was located on the back of the lot behind the spot where Lucky Fish Restaurant, 1349 Shermer Road, will soon open. Over the years, Culligan built and later sold several other buildings in town. The Culligan Company itself has had several owners since it was sold by the Culligan family in 1998 and currently has no Northbrook location. Yet, two other facilities associated with the Culligan name remain in town.

One of the remaining Northbrook buildings once used by Culligan is the blue Queen Anne home at 1351 Shermer Road. This home, built circa 1894, began its life as the home of William Groth who was the distributor for Birk Brothers Brewery. The brewery's warehouse was west and south along the railroad.

Beginning in the late 1930s, the Culligan Zeolite Company set up a research laboratory there. Culligan used this home until the last remaining Culligan factory was opened a few blocks south in 1951. It is currently the home of Window Tech.

The last of the Culligan buildings remaining in Northbrook was built at 1657 Shermer Road when there were fewer than 4,000 residents in town.



www.northbrookhistory.org

The factory was actually located outside Northbrook's Village limits at the time it was built. The move to this \$550,000 building coincided with the company's 15th anniversary. The grand opening celebration drew industrial leaders from far and wide, and local residents for a tour of the modern building, a BBQ and a square dance. It was reported that over 1,000 people attended the celebration. Today, that property is home to Grainger.

During the time it was operated by Culligan, there was a large community garden on the grassy area where a new front parking lot is now located and a baseball field on the grounds was where many young players were first introduced to the game.

While there are no remaining active Culligan facilities in Northbrook, the Culligan legacy remains.