

NORTHBROOK

OCTOBER 2016



Fire Department Open House at New Location

The Northbrook Fire Department will be hosting their 30th Annual Open House on Saturday, October 15, at Fire Station 12 on Shermer Road

This year's Fire Department Open House will have a variety of activities including a hands-on opportunity to use a fire hose, dress in fire gear and pet therapy dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, as well as the chance to sit in the fire trucks.

New this year: watch live demonstrations of fire apparatus and equipment. Coffee from Starbucks will be served, as well as chips, hot dogs and much more! Bring the whole family and don't forget your camera!

Ample parking is available across the street at Maurice Sporting Goods, 1825 Shermer Road.

See page 5 for more information.

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Happy Halloween!

Official Trick-or-Treat hours are from 4 to 8pm on Monday, October 31. To welcome trick-or-treaters, switch on your porch lights or any exterior lights.



Here are a few safety tips for parents to remind their trick-or-treaters:

- Walk in groups or with an adult and stay on the sidewalks.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats before eating them and eat only factory-wrapped treats.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and comfortable shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- Use a battery powered candle to light your pumpkin.
- Drivers are reminded to watch out for trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
Please welcome young
people who carry the official
UNICEF collection boxes.

Halloween has been recognized as National UNICEF Day and children have shared the holiday for 66 years by trick-or-treating for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). For more information contact Georgina Winters, Senior Representative for the US Fund for UNICEF and Coordinator for Northbrook/Glenview, at 847/498-0558.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Tuesday, October 11, is the last day to register to vote for the November 8 Presidential Election. See page 6 for details.



Business Briefs

Shop/Dine Northbrook

As a reminder of all the great places to shop and dine in Northbrook, the Village periodically highlights shopping centers in Northbrook. For more information regarding all of Northbrook's shopping centers, visit www.shopdinenorthbrook.com or www.northbrook.il.us/shopdine

Willow Festival Shopping Center

Willow Festival Shopping Center is located at the northwest corner of Willow and Waukegan Roads. The center opened nearly a decade ago, and at 405,000 square feet, the center is the second largest shopping center in Northbrook. Today, the center includes a variety of retailers, service businesses and restaurants.

Over the past year or so, Willow Festival has welcomed many new businesses, including *Daily Method*, *Kids Science Labs* and *Granite City Food & Brewery*, which will open this fall.



Alphabetical Listing of Businesses:

- Andreas Hogue Salon
- American Chartered Bank
- Art Post Gallery
- Best Buy
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- CVS Pharmacy
- Daily Method
- DSW
- Fannie May
- Granite City Food & Brewery
- Hip Hip Hooray
- Homegoods
- Kids Science Labs
- Kovet Boutique
- Lauren's Cleaners
- Lensecrafters Optique
- Lowe's
- Mainstream Boutique
- Massage Envy
- Meatheads
- The Mutual Fund Store
- North Shore Bedding
- Pella Windows & Doors
- Potbelly Sandwich Works
- REI
- Relax the Back
- Roti Mediterranean Grill
- Sac 9 Nails & Spa
- Sports Clips Haircuts
- Smart Jewelers
- Starbucks
- Wags on Willow
- Whole Foods
- Willow Festival Dental
- X-Quisite Nails

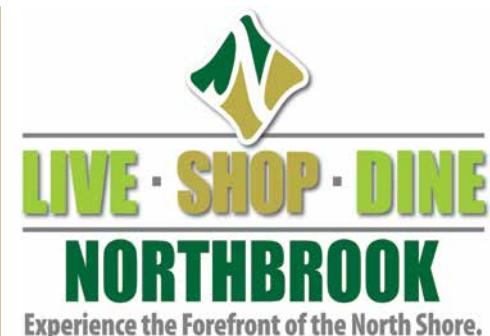
Northbrook Welcomes New Businesses to the Community

If you know of other businesses that have recently opened, please forward their names and locations to businessbriefs@northbrook.il.us

Experience Rock N' Roll
Northbrook Court

Monica & Andy – Children's Clothing
Northbrook Court

One on One Baseball
3160 Commercial Avenue





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



along Walters Avenue near the METRA commuter parking lot. The old “Culligan” building was recently demolished to make way for future development. Please see the *Historian’s Corner* on the back page of this newsletter for some thoughtful insights about the Culligan connection to Northbrook from Historical Society President Judy Hughes.

Northbrook is always growing and changing in various ways. Please join me in welcoming and visiting the new Northbrook businesses listed on page 2. As always, I encourage you, your family and those who work here to take advantage of the fine shopping and dining opportunities in Northbrook. Please support all our Northbrook businesses and establishments. For a full list of Northbrook shopping and dining opportunities, visit www.northbrook.il.us/ShopDine See page 2 for more information about Shopping Northbrook.

Get Involved in Local Government

The Village is looking for resident volunteers to serve on Village Commissions, particularly the Stormwater Commission and the Youth Commission. It is important that prospective members of our commissions and boards clearly understand the functions and responsibilities of membership before actively seeking appointment. Information about the application process is available at www.northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo

Halloween Traditions and other Village Happenings

The end of the month wraps up with Halloween and the tradition of Trick-or-Treating. Residents in Northbrook may participate in this tradition by keeping their porch light on to welcome the Trick-or-Treaters on Monday, October 31, between 4 and 8pm.

We are all blessed to live in one of the beautiful communities on the North Shore and this month some of the most stunning sights will surround us — the spectacular fall colors. I encourage you to spend time exploring our Village, from the fine parks, including Techny Park and Fields and Wood Oaks Green, to strolling in downtown Northbrook and taking a moment to view our “brook” from the Meadow Road or Shermer Road bridges or along the path through Village Green Park.

As you walk around downtown Northbrook, you’ll notice open space

October Remembrances

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, I encourage everyone to learn about fire safety at the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 15. Please see the front page for details. This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week, “*Don’t Wait. Check the Date*,” aims to educate our community about the importance of replacing smoke alarms every 10 years. See page 5 for details, as well as some important safety tips.

This year the Village is recognizing October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and *OAKtober!* For more information about both of these topics, please see page 4.

October is also the time of year when those beautiful leaves begin to fall to the ground. In order to be more environmentally friendly, consider mulching or composting your leaves. Being “Green” will help to reduce the energy expended for transportation, processing and disposal. As an alternative, you may utilize Advanced Disposal’s leaf pick-up services as outlined on page 4. Please do not rake or blow your leaves on to the street, as this can create safety issues and clog storm drains and pipes.

Construction Updates

I’d like to thank everyone for their patience during this summer’s construction season. These fairly short-term disruptions will provide a long term benefit for residents and businesses, as well as those who travel through our Village. You’ll still notice construction along Dundee Road and Shermer Road, but it is expected to wrap up by Thanksgiving.

Comments, Concerns, Suggestions

I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions. Please call the Village Hall at 847/509-5301, or email village@northbrook.il.us



Celebrate OAKtober and Learn about Trees

- Collect acorns and plant them in pots
- Visit an oak woodland
- Hug an oak tree!

Did you know the White Oak is the Illinois State Tree? And that the Bebb Oak is the Village's Heritage tree?

OAKtober is the Perfect Month to Maintain Your Trees

Maintenance Tip: After November 1, you can safely have your oaks and American elm trees trimmed without concern. The insects that vector fatal diseases, such as Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm Disease, become dormant after this time period and are less likely to be attracted to your oaks and elms. Cooler temperatures and tree dormancy allow your arborist to assess the tree's architecture more readily so your trees will look and grow better next season.

Speaking of Trees...here are some questions about our evergreen trees.

Why are pines in the area turning brown? Pines have been affected by several diseases. Cool wet spring weather and high humidity in summer created conditions for fungal diseases; especially on older, established pines. Most commonly afflicted pines are Scots pine, Austrian pine and Japanese red pine.

What are these diseases? Pine Wilt is a serious disease that causes sudden death in Scots pine and Austrian pines. *It is important to cut your pine tree down when you notice the tree's poor appearance.*



An insect feeds on the infected pine and spreads the disease to neighboring healthy pines. Other diseases that you can discuss with your arborist are *Diplodia Tip Blight* and *Dothistroma Needle Blight*.



Some fungicide treatments may control the spread of the blight, if the infection is not too widespread.

Spruce Needlecast is a fungal infection specific to spruce trees. You may notice the branches are dying on the tree from the bottom up or in sections.



Fungicides may work on healthy spruce trees to prevent this disease from infecting your trees.

What is the best remedy if I have trees with these diseases?

Consult your arborist to verify if your tree may be a candidate for fungicide treatment. If you do have to remove your evergreen tree, we recommend that you do not plant the same evergreen tree in its place. *Some of the more blight-resistant species of conifers are Korean pine, Balsam or Concolor fir, Black Hills spruce or Hemlock.*



It's always a good idea to have a diverse planting on your property to make it more disease resilient.

For a full list of Northbrook's Recommended Tree Replacements, visit www.northbrook.il.us/Tree Replacement, stop by Northbrook Public Works or call our office at 847/664-4125.

Got Leaves? Here's How to Handle Them

Residents are reminded that there are three disposal options for yard waste: composting, mulching and collection.

Collection reminders: Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags with yard waste stickers attached or in a 32 gallon can marked *Yard Waste* with the sticker attached on the handle. Stickers are \$1.98 each and are available from Advanced Disposal (847/272-4145) or the Village Hall.

Yard Waste Bags/Stickers are available at:

- Northbrook Ace Hardware (1941 Cherry Ln.)
- Jewel (2775 Pfingsten Rd., Glenview)
- Red's Garden Center (3460 Dundee Rd.)
- Sunset Foods (1127 Church St.)
- Walgreens (2871 Pfingsten Rd., Glenview).
- Pick-up runs through the end of November.

For details, visit www.northbrook.il.us/YardWaste



News from the Northbrook Fire Department

Northbrook's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home and business fires and related injuries through prevention, protection and education.

When fire strikes, your home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in minutes.

Celebrate Fire Prevention Week October 9-15. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, *Don't Wait - Check the Date!* *Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years*, aims to better educate the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they are 10 years old.

The National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.

Visit www.nfpa.org for more information about fire safety or come to the Northbrook Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 15, from 9am to noon, at Fire Station 12, 1840 Shermer Road. *Ample parking is available, across the street at Maurice Sporting Goods, 1825 Shermer Road.*



Fire Safety Tips to Review with Your Family

In addition to checking your smoke alarm every month, and replacing it every 10 years, here are some Fire Safety Tips to review.

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Almost half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

Safety Tips

- Design an escape plan and a meeting place for your home and review with all occupants.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace or portable heater.
- Only use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Never use your oven for heating.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment.

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- For fuel burning space heaters, always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from the home.
- For wood burning stoves, install chimney connectors and chimney flues.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not attempt to light the appliance. Turn off all the controls and open doors and windows. Call a gas service person.

Visit www.nfpa.org for more information.

Remember to Test & Replace Your Smoke and CO Alarms!

Is your smoke alarm still working? A smoke or CO alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no alarm at all. Maintain your alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Test the alarms monthly.
- Replace the entire alarm every 10 years.
- Replace the batteries every six months. When you change your clocks for daylight savings time, remember to change your alarm batteries.



Voter Information

Voter Registration Closes on October 11, for the 2016 Presidential Election.

Tuesday, October 11, is the last day to register to vote for the November 8 Presidential Election.

The Northbrook Village Hall is open for registration from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, or register online at ova.elections.il.gov For additional information, contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at www.cookcountyclerk.com or 312/603-0906.

No More Excuses

Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot make it to the polls on Election Day. You can now vote at an Early Voting site.

Download a Mail Ballot Application

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may request a mail ballot using this online application: <https://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com/>

Voting Equipment

Early Voting is conducted on touch screens that store every ballot style in the county, permitting any voter in suburban Cook County to vote at any location.

Early Voting Opens October 24

Early Voting for Suburban Cook County Voters for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election will take place everyday from Monday, October 24 through Monday, November 7, 2016.

Early Voting – In-person Only

Voters who participate in Early Voting must vote in person between October 24 and November 7. The following is the schedule for Early Voting at the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane:

Monday – Saturday:

Oct. 24 – 29, 9am to 5pm
Oct. 31 – Nov. 5, 9am to 7pm.

Sundays

Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 9am – 3pm

Monday November 7

9am – 5pm.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8

The polls are open 6am to 7pm

*Register and Vote on Election Day at
Northbrook Village Hall ONLY.*



Early Voters Must Present Identification

While you do not need photo identification for voting on Election Day, early voters must provide proof of their identification. Illinois state law requires all early voters to show a valid ID before casting their votes. Examples of valid forms of ID include a current driver's license or state-issued ID card. You could also bring any other government-issued ID that has a picture on it, such as a passport or military ID.

**For more information contact
the Cook County Clerk Office
www.cookcountyclerk.com
or call 312/603-0906**

Domestic Violence Awareness

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a violent confrontation between family or household members involving physical harm, sexual assault, or fear of physical harm. Family or household members include spouses / former spouses, those in (or formerly in) a dating relationship, adults related by blood or marriage, and those who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship.



- The batterer uses acts of violence and a series of behaviors, including intimidation, threats, psychological abuse and isolation, to coerce and control the other person.

- The violence may not happen often, but may remain a hidden and constant terrorizing factor.

- Domestic violence is not only physical and sexual violence but also psychological. Psychological violence means intense and repetitive degradation, creating isolation and controlling the actions or behaviors through intimidation or manipulation to the detriment of the individual.

Domestic violence destroys the home. No one deserves to be abused. The responsibility for the violence belongs to the abuser. It is not the victim's fault!

Important Resources for Help

**Northbrook Police Department
Emergency - 911**

Counseling Services Unit - 847/664-4183

**Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ilcadv.org**

Help Line - 1-877/863-6338

**National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800/799-7233**

Adult Protective Services

North Shore Senior Center: 847/784-6040

**Illinois Adult Protective Services Hotline
1-866/800-1409**

Village Happenings

The Village of Northbrook seeks information from the community for posting in Village Happenings. **Information from non-profit organizations will be considered for this publication.** Please send your notice to pr@northbrook.il.us or visit the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/Newsletter for more information and newsletter deadlines.

Oct. 7 is the deadline for the Nov/Dec newsletter.

Work on Election Day. Serve. Empower. Impact.

The Cook County Clerk's office is recruiting community members to serve voters as suburban poll workers for the Nov. 8 Election! Poll workers are paid \$190 or \$340 based on the position they choose. Interested? Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/judges or call 312/603-0970.

October is Family History Month; stop by the Library's second floor Reference Desk on Wednesdays and Friday in October from 3-5pm for a 15-minute guided search of your family's history.

Celebrate Halloween with the Library! Enjoy a special Halloween Horror Movie Double Feature, Halloween crafts, a presentation on Chicago's hauntings, and more. Visit www.northbrook.info to see all upcoming Halloween programs.

Art Display at the Village Hall. Enjoy beautiful photography by Northbrook photographer Robert Haggard featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room and handmade pottery by Northbrook Artist Janet Cordovi featured in the Lobby Display Case.

Northbrook Garden Club presents **Exploring America's National Parks & Monuments** on Tues., Oct. 4, 7pm, at the United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Celebrate our National Park Systems 100th Anniversary. James P. Rowan will present a photographic journey, beginning with Yellowstone. Visit www.NorthbrookGardenClub.org for details.

Want to write a novel? The Library is offering free writing workshops from acclaimed authors and instructors! To see all Northbrook Writes workshops visit www.northbrook.info/northbrook-writes Registration is required.

Fancy Nancy The Musical runs every Saturday from Oct. 8 - Nov. 12, at 10am and 1pm, at the Northbrook Theatre. Based on the popular children's book, professional actors perform in the beautiful 280 seat theatre located at the Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue. Tickets available at the Theatre or at www.nbparks.org

Did you know you can register to vote at the Library? Come to the lobby on Tues., Oct. 11, from 5-9pm. It's the last day to register before the upcoming Presidential election! See page 6 for more election information.

Certified genetics counselor Scott Weissman will present **Genetics & Breast Cancer: Assessing Your Risk** at the Northbrook Public Library on Thurs., Oct. 13, at 7pm. No registration required.

Old Town Family Jam returns on Sat., Oct. 15 with another can't-miss concert for families! Unstoppable harmonic duo Lindsay Weinberg and Charlie Malave perform at the Library at 10am in the Auditorium.

Actress Betsy Means portrays Gertrude Stein, famous art guru and author of the 1920's, at Picasso & Paris on Sat., Oct. 15, at 2pm in the Library Auditorium.

Interested in starting and growing your own podcast? Learn from the experts behind NPR's "Sound Opinions" podcast at the Library on Mon., Oct. 17, at 6pm. No registration required!

Appraiser Karl Gates will give an introduction to collecting and selling antiques, and will appraise up to 60 items brought by the audience. Registration is required for appraisal; onlookers are welcome! Tues., Oct. 18, 6:30pm, at the Library's Pollak Room.

Northbrook Farmers Market Closing Day is Wed., Oct. 19, 7am-1pm. Sponsored by NorthShore University Health System, there will be free pumpkin decorating for kids ages 3-6 from 9am to noon. Children of all ages in costume receive a free treat at the Welcome Booth. Shop for fall decorations and stock your larder with autumn produce. Corner of Cherry Ln. & Meadow Rd. For more information visit www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org

Renowned children's author Richard Peck will be appearing at the Library on Wed., Oct. 19, at 4pm! Join us in celebrating this award-winning author and learning about his latest release.

What do you need to know about your Social Security benefit options? When should you start claiming? At **Social Security: Your Questions Answered**, you'll learn how to supplement your retirement income. Thurs., Oct. 20, 7pm, Library's Pollak Room.

Enjoy beautiful fall golf at Sportsman's Country Club. Visit www.sportsmansgolf.com to sign up for a tee time today

If you are 55+, join the fun at the Park District Senior Center! Enjoy a variety of programs including book reviews and dramatizations, fitness and more. Check it out today. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2988.

Hop on board for the **There Goes the Neighbor Hood-Gangster Bus Tour.** Transportation leaves from the Leisure Center Wed., Oct. 19, at 9:30am and returns at 4pm. The fee is \$25 for Senior Center Members and \$35 for Non-Members. Call 847/291-2988 to register.

The North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, hosts its **Spooktacular Halloween Party** on Sun., Oct. 23, from 2 - 5pm. Haunted houses, costume contests, bounce houses and more. Exclusive access for those with special needs from 1:30 to 2pm. For info, visit www.nsymca.org or call 847/272-7250.

The Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners will be meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7pm, in the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave.

The Sports Center hosts **Cosmic Skating** once a month on Saturdays. Upcoming dates are Oct. 29 and Nov. 19 from 7-9pm. All ages are invited to enjoy an evening on the ice with DJ music and games. Fee is \$6. Bring your skates or rent for \$3.

Treat yourself to **Halloween Lunch and Bingo** Fri., Oct. 28, from 11am-1:30pm, at the Leisure Center. Register by Oct. 21, by calling 847/291-2988. Fee: Senior Center Members \$10/Non-Members \$15

The **Park District Senior Center's Lending Closet** loans free medical equipment to Northbrook residents and Senior Center members for up to three months. Call 847/291-2988 for details.

The **Northbrook Garden Club, presents Winter Landscapes** on Nov. 1, 10am, at United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Learn how to take a landscape and make it an all-season joy to behold. Carol Cichorski, a published garden will demonstrate. Visit www.Northbrookgardenclub.org

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra**, under Director Lawrence Rapchak, presents "Romance de Paris - The Beautiful Era in France" with guest artist Zachary Brandon on violin at 4pm on Sun., Oct. 9, at the Sheely Center at GBN. There will be a free pre-concert lecture at 2:30pm. For tickets and more details visit www.northbrooksymphony.org or call 847/272-0755. After the concert, a special NSO After-hours Event, hosted by the NSO Auxiliary, will be held at Sunset Ridge Country Club from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Admission is free to all concert ticket holders. Enjoy appetizers, entertainment and cash bar.

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

The **Northbrook Civic Foundation** and the Northbrook Days Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the 2016 Northbrook Days Festival. If you'd like to help plan next year's festivities, email info@northbrookcivic.com



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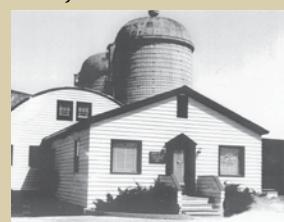
Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

For many years, Culligan was a name synonymous with Northbrook.



The Village's major employer, the Illinois Brick Yard, had recently shut down its operation, putting a large local workforce out of work.



As the years went by, Culligan built several new buildings to handle his ever expanding business. In the 1940s, the first of his three Northbrook factories was situated beside the railroad tracks in downtown Northbrook. At one time it included silos where the dried Zeolite was stored until distribution. That building was eventually sold when it too, became too small to handle the business expansion.

The building then became the home of White Printing and was also used as a small incubator building for new businesses just starting out. Empty for years, the building came down in August 2016.

His final factory, which opened in 1970 on 42-acres in unincorporated Northbrook, was sold and is now the site of the Astellas mixed-use development at Sanders and Willow Roads. Culligan officially left Northbrook in 2007, after being a major employer for 71 years. Next month's *Historian's Corner* will feature more information about the remaining buildings Culligan first used and the third factory he built in 1951.

www.northbrookhistory.org



In 1936, Emmett Culligan arrived in town with a dream. At the time, the small Village of Northbrook was feeling the impact of the Great Depression. His dream was to start a water softening company. He chose Northbrook because there were abundant vacant concrete streets which he planned to use to dry Zeolite, the product used in the water softening process he'd developed and hoped to sell. After renting the vacant streets from the Village, he hired local workers for his new Culligan Zeolite Company.