

Northbrook!

September 2011

Special Concert to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

"From Sea to Shining Sea"

Sunday, September 11 at 4pm

at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at GBN

The Northbrook Symphony Orchestra and the New Tradition Chorus will combine their musical talents to present "From Sea to Shining Sea: Remembering our Heroes, Celebrating our Spirit...10 Years Later."

The festive concert will celebrate the traditions, the musical heritage and the greatness of our nation and culture.

Honor those who perished, pay tribute to the heroes who risked their lives, and, most importantly, celebrate our enduring national spirit.

Bring the family to enjoy uplifting and inspirational American music as we celebrate our nation's heroes. The Honor Guard for the National Anthem will be provided by the Northbrook Fire Department.

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$35, and may be purchased by calling the NSO at 847/272-0755, or online at www.TheNSO.org or at www.newtradition.org

The event is sponsored by Allstate Insurance Company, the Northbrook American Legion and others. ❁



Lawrence Rapchak Music Director

9/11: "We Will Remember"

10th Anniversary Remembrance at
Northbrook Fire Department Headquarters

Sunday, September 11, at 7:45am

We continue to stand united as a nation as we remember the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on America.

At 7:45am on Sunday, September 11, all are invited to join Police and Fire Personnel at the Northbrook Fire Station Headquarters, 740 Dundee Road, for a solemn remembrance of the losses suffered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. ❁

This September: A Time to Remember; A Time to Prepare.



This September, the Village of Northbrook has committed to participate in National Preparedness Month (NPM), an event founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S. The event, now in its eighth year, is a nationwide, month-long effort hosted by the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps, encouraging households, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

One of NPM's key messages is: be prepared in the event that an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue. Preparing can start with three important steps:

1. Get an emergency supply kit.
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.
3. Be informed about emergencies that could

happen in your community, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency. For more information, visit Ready.gov where you will find preparedness information, or call 800/BE-READY or TTY 800/462-7585.

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Remember: Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes a whole community. Northbrook is participating this year by encouraging every resident and business to register their cell phones and email address with the Village's Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us If you do not have Internet access, use the form on page 9. ❁

**Telephone Number Changes for
Village Staff**

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Information from the Village Hall

Fighting Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

Pools of mosquitoes collected in Northbrook have tested positive for West Nile virus, making the virus a continuing concern in Illinois and Northbrook! Remember, the fight continues until the colder weather sets in and the mosquitoes disappear until next year.

Prevention is Still Your Best Defense! Eliminate Every Possibility of Mosquitoes

The best way to prevent West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood. Remember to thoroughly inspect YOUR property and eliminate “mosquito breeding habitats” such as any standing water. Make sure bird bath water is changed frequently and eliminate containers that hold water. Other concerns include swimming pools that are not in service as well as improperly maintained compost piles.

Take Precautions to Avoid Mosquito Bites

Repellents are an important tool to assist people in protecting themselves from mosquito-borne diseases. Be sure to visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/ for more information on West Nile Virus.

Mosquito Spraying Information;

Reporting Dead Bird Findings

For residents east of Pfingsten, contact the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District at 847/446-9434 or www.nsmad.com

For residents west of Pfingsten, contact Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at 847/537-2306 or www.nwmadil.com

To report standing water and/or unusual incidences of multiple bird deaths (especially crows), residents should call their Abatement District listed above. ❀

Telephone Number Changes for Village Staff

Many Village employees, including those at Police, Fire, Public Works and the Village Hall, will have new phone extensions/direct dial numbers by mid-September. Please listen to the automated attendant at 847/272-5050 for details and options to dial-by-name or press “0” to speak to the switchboard operator during business hours. A complete list of new phone numbers will be posted at www.northbrook.il.us/StaffDirectory or see below for a listing of phone numbers by department.



Clip and Save!

Police and Fire Emergency.....	911
Village Hall/Main.....	847/272-5050
Police	847/564-2060
Fire	847/272-2141
Fire Prevention Bureau	847/664-4500*
Public Works.....	847/272-4711
Building & Development	847/664-4050*
Water Billing.....	847/664-4171*
General Government/Manager's Office	847/664-4010*
Police Records Department.....	847/664-4180*
Police Community Relations.....	847/664-4182*
Police Counseling Services	847/664-4183*
Document Imaging	847/664-4168*
Northbrook Community Television.....	847/664-4167*

***These numbers will be available after Sept. 12, 2011**
For a staff directory, visit www.northbrook.il.us ❀

Participate in Leadership Northbrook!

Learn more about the inner workings of the Village as a participant in the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. Tour landmark sites, visit area businesses, hear presentations from prominent community and business leaders and network with fellow classmates from throughout the Northbrook area. The class meets for a half-day session on the second Friday of the month, September through April. Classes are held at various locations around town. The cost is \$250 and includes catering and all materials. For more information, call the Chamber at 847/498-5555, ext. 4. ❀



Sandy

This September 11 marks the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join me on Sunday, September 11, at Glenbrook North High School as the New Tradition Chorus and Northbrook Symphony Orchestra join together to present “From Sea to Shining Sea.” (See front page.) The performance promises to be spectacular.

Over the past 10 years, Americans have been vigilant in finding ways to stay informed and be prepared for a variety of emergencies. Take a moment and reflect back on this summer. In addition to some wonderful local events and activities in our beautiful parks, such as Art in the Park, 4th of July festivities and Northbrook Days, Northbrook experienced wind and rain - in fact, record setting rain - combined with flooding and power outages. Please review the preparedness information below as well as our Flood Protection Information on pages 4-5 in this newsletter, where you'll find important facts on the history of flooding in Northbrook, flood insurance, development in the floodplain and flood safety tips.

Master Stormwater Management Plan for Northbrook

The Village continues to work on a Master Stormwater Management Plan and will be holding a series of public meetings and open houses to discuss infrastructure improvements in Northbrook. The meetings will be held this month, so please check our website for dates and times. These meetings will give residents an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the Master Stormwater Management Plan which is available online at www.northbrook.il.us/Stormwater. The Plan is intended to provide direction to the Village as we make decisions related to capital improvements intended to manage stormwater throughout Northbrook.

Were you Prepared?

The Village of Northbrook recognizes September as National Preparedness Month and I encourage every household and business to review the preparedness information found at www.ready.gov (See Ready America on the front page.) National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. *During this summer's storms, Village staff was able to communicate with residents, even during land line phone and power outages... but only to those that had signed up for Northbrook Notify.* Residents who signed up their mobile phones were able to get important calls, texts and emails about our extended power outages and flooding safety tips. They were also able to access our “mobile” website for timely updates. Those who register phone numbers with Northbrook Notify may also register their email address to receive information about meetings, road closings, events and other non-emergency items of interest. Let US help YOU to stay informed. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you. Sign up for Northbrook Notify today at www.northbrook.il.us. See page 7 for more information and how to sign up if you don't have Internet access.

Sign up for a Free Community Emergency Response Team Course!

Learn the basic skills needed during a major disaster at a free 5-week class offered by the Northbrook Fire Department. The classes start in October, and places may fill up quickly. Sign up early to save your spot! Please see page 6 for details.

Our Downtown Plan...

Thank you to all of the community members that completed the online Downtown Northbrook questionnaire. With your participation, we more than doubled our targeted response rate. The results of the questionnaire, as well as an existing conditions report on Downtown Northbrook, are available on the project home page, www.northbrook.il.us/DowntownPlan.

Mark your calendar! The Village of Northbrook will be holding a multi-day workshop, called a charrette, to formulate strategies, design concepts and plan for the downtown the week of October 17. Please join us for a public meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, October 17, to share your thoughts, and again on Thursday, October 20, at 7:30pm to review draft recommendations and design concepts. 🌸

Flood Protection Information

History of Flooding In Northbrook

The recent storm event that flooded Northbrook on July 22-23 and dealt Northbrook 5.26 inches of rain within a 24-hour time span was exasperated by previously saturated ground conditions. Rainfall totals in Northbrook for the month of July were over 11 inches, with the majority of the total within a 9-day time span. The Police Department received over 400 calls during the storm and our Public Works Department responded to 110 basement and street flooding calls. The impact of the rain event was exemplified with an intense rainfall rate which reached an average rate of roughly 3.6-inches per hour. With rainfall rates this high, it becomes very difficult for the Village's storm sewer system to take in the amount of stormwater runoff created.

In September of 2009, Northbrook suffered through an unusual series of rain events for the month. On September 12-13, approximately 6-inches of rain, from a sequence of storms, was recorded at the Public Works Center rain gauge; compiled with 2-inches of rain from storms earlier in the week, put the Village in a vulnerable position for property flooding. Prior to the major storm event, the ground conditions were saturated and branches of the Chicago River were at high levels from upland stormwater runoff. Flooding was wide spread throughout the region with the majority of the rainfall and flooding occurring on Saturday, September 13th. This storm also produced the most rainfall ever recorded for the City of Chicago. The "storm of record" for Northbrook is 7.75 inches, which fell back on August 14, 1987.

Prior to these two rain events, the last flood event that affected the Village was the heavy rainstorm occurring on August 21-22 of 2002. The storm yielded 5.25 inches of rain in a 12-hour period, which defined a "35-year" frequency storm. This is "engineer-speak" for a storm that has a 35% chance of occurring in any given rain event and not specifically once every 35 years. The heavy rains resulted in many flooded basements, as well as various yard and street flooding. Due to a long prior period of consistent rain, saturated ground conditions allowed for little absorption of rainwater which in turn increased the extent of the flooding.

Northbrook, like every other community, has some flood risk although we have an active Storm Water Management Commission and are working toward the realization of the goals of a long term plan to reduce this risk. All flood management plans anticipate there will be some occasions when street and low portions of yards may be inundated. Streets in particular are part of the infrastructure for temporarily storing excessive storm water.

Flood Insurance – Are you Protected? Check your Policy!

Keep in mind that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Property owners in Northbrook can purchase separate flood insurance policies because the Village is a participant in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Property owners can insure both their buildings and contents, while renters can insure contents only. The NFIP is administered by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that are located outside of the floodplain. The actual cost of the policy will depend upon the amount of coverage desired and the degree of flood hazard. As of January 2011, there were approximately 143 flood insurance policies in the Village. You may contact your homeowner's insurance provider for information on purchasing a flood insurance policy. Federal Law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally-backed mortgage or loan that is secured by the building if it is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (floodplain). Additional information can be found at both FEMA's website, www.floodsmart.gov and the State of Illinois Department of Insurance's website, www.insurance.illinois

CRS Classification – Reduce Your Flood Insurance Premium

The Village presently maintains a Class 7 status within the Community Rating System (CRS), which provides property owners in the Village a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and a 5% reduction for properties located outside a Special Flood Hazard Area. The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specified floodplain outreach activities and development regulations. Currently there are only 13 communities in Illinois with a Class 7 rating or better.

Floodplain Development Permit Requirements

The Village of Northbrook Zoning Code includes development regulations in the floodplain by the passage of Ordinance No. 92-6. The purpose of these regulations is to control the alteration of natural floodplains and stream channels to prevent the increase in flood hazards in other areas. Residents in floodplains who plan to do any type of work, including new construction, building additions, sheds, decks, fences, grading and landscaping, should contact the Department of Development & Planning Services at 847/272-5050, press "3", to determine what requirements apply and to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit application, if applicable. Residents may also call this number to report possible illegal development in the floodplain.

In accordance with the Village's Floodplain Development Ordinance, an existing habitable structure which was constructed prior to February 12, 1992 and located within the "flood fringe" (non-floodway portion of floodplain), may be improved by fifty percent (50%) or more of the market value of the structure prior to the proposed improvement, provided that the lowest floor, including any basement or sub-basement areas, is at or above base flood elevation (BFE). That is the historic measured level to which flood waters have risen in prior events. If any basement or sub-basement areas are below the BFE, they must be filled in and the structure properly elevated. These same requirements apply to repairs for substantially damaged structures which are defined as damages that are 50% or more than the structure's pre-damaged market value. For all new construction and improvements (on or after February 12, 1992) in the floodplain, the lowest floor must be elevated to a minimum of one foot above the BFE.

Flood Safety - Things To Do and NOT DO in a Flood

- ➔ **Keep a battery-powered radio** tuned to a local radio station and follow all instructions given. Be prepared to evacuate at a moments notice.
- ➔ **DO NOT walk through flowing water.** Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock the average person off their feet.
- ➔ **Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.** Electrocutation is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.
- ➔ **Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars** causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- ➔ **If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible.** Floodwaters can rise very rapidly and sweep a car away. A foot of water will float many vehicles.

Property/ Structure Protection

Before and especially in the hours prior to the threat of flooding:

- ➔ Move important papers, jewelry, clothing, collectibles and other valuable contents to upper floors or higher elevations.
- ➔ Bring outdoor possessions (lawn furniture, garbage cans, tools and other moveable objects) indoors, or tie them down securely to prevent them from being swept away or thrown about.
- ➔ Furnaces, electrical panel boxes, washers/dryers and hot water heaters should be elevated or relocated to areas that are less likely to flood. Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

Your home may be better protected from flood damage by regrading your lot to achieve positive drainage away from the structure and/or constructing a small earth berm. These methods may work as long as flooding is not too deep and the property is not located in a floodway. Any change in grade requires a permit and will not be allowed if it adversely impacts neighboring property. Another means of protecting your home is to waterproof walls and place watertight closures over doorways and basement or sub-basement windows. This method is not recommended if flood levels are expected to exceed two feet. The installation of a standpipe or backflow prevention device can help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up in basements or sub-basement levels during periods of heavy rains. Standpipes and backflow devices are not recommended where water levels are expected to exceed two feet.

Drainage System Maintenance

If your property is located adjacent to a creek or other waterway, please try to keep the banks and channel clear of debris. Any filling or dumping of grass clippings, branches, other types of yard wastes and trash can obstruct the flow of water or reduce the conveyance capacity, which could potentially cause flooding problems to upstream properties. If you observe any filling, dumping or evidence of past filling or dumping in any watercourse in the Village, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/272-4711. Causing an obstruction in any watercourse within the Village is in violation of Section 16-3 of the Northbrook Municipal Code. No filling of any watercourse is allowed unless the proper state and Village permit requirements have been met. Please also check with the Department of Development & Planning Services at 847/272-5050, press "3", on the permit requirements for any proposed bank stabilization work such as the installation/replacement of retaining walls. Residents are encouraged to perform routine maintenance checks of any watercourse adjacent to their property at least twice a year to ensure that no obstructions are present or unauthorized filling has occurred.

Determine if Your Property is in the Floodplain

The Village of Northbrook's Department of Development & Planning Services will continue to provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Inquiries for all properties located within the Village limits. This is the federal document that determines if a property is within or outside the regulated flood plain. This department also maintains FEMA Elevation Certificates on file for many structures that are located in or near the floodplain. That information can help you make decisions about investing in property. Contact the Department of Development & Planning Services at 847/272-5050, press "3", for more information. 🌸

It's Back to School Time... Please Drive Carefully!

The Northbrook Police Department wants to remind motorists that children have returned to school, so please use extra care while driving through Village streets, especially when near schools and in residential areas. Please remember to obey the 20 mph speed limit in school zones and to be prepared to stop when signaled by our crossing guards so our school children can safely cross the road! Drivers should stop when the guard steps into the street with stop sign in hand. Motorists must remain completely stopped until the children and guard are off the street and back on the sidewalk.



An Important Safety Reminder for All Drivers

It's not unusual to see drivers talking on their mobile phones while traveling through town. All are reminded that it is illegal to use a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or highway construction zone. It is also illegal to operate a motor vehicle anytime while using an electronic communication device of any type to compose, send or read an electronic message. This includes electronic mail, a text message, an instant message or a command or request to access an Internet site. (This ban does not include GPS navigation systems.) Please pay attention to the roads and pedestrians and help keep Northbrook safe! ❁

Coyote and Fox Concerns in Northbrook

Residents are reminded that coyotes and foxes are still evident in the area as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Please do not feed the foxes or coyotes! They are wild animals and should be left alone. **Concerning coyotes, as a precaution, pet owners should not leave food for their pets outside and should be vigilant about making sure pets are not unattended while outdoors.** If you see an animal that looks sick or injured, please contact Animal Control at 847/564-2060. You'll find more information about coyotes at www.urbancoyotersearch.com and foxes at www.humanesociety.org/animals/foxes ❁

National Children's Study Launches in Cook County

Greater Chicago area families have a unique opportunity to participate in an initiative to improve the health and development of children for generations to come. If you are pregnant, or planning on becoming pregnant in the next several years, please call the National Children's Study (NCS) at 866/315-7124.

The NCS is the largest long-term study of children's health to be conducted in the U.S. The goal of the study is to better understand how the various environmental factors children are exposed to during pregnancy and throughout childhood affect their health and development as children and young adults. The NCS is an observational study; it will not test any medications or provide any treatment. Locally, this study is being conducted by University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Northwestern University and University of Chicago Medical Center. As a thank you, study participants will receive small monetary gifts ranging from \$25 to \$90, depending on the study activity.

Visit: GreaterChicago.NationalChildrensStudy.gov for more information. ❁

Are you Prepared? Sign up for FREE CERT Basic Training

When: Classes start in October!

Where: Northbrook Fire Department.



The purpose of this Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course is to provide citizens with the basic skills needed during a major disaster. This 5-week training will allow graduates to respond to the immediate need of their community in the aftermath of a major disaster - the time when emergency services may not be immediately available. By working together, CERT members can assist in saving lives and protecting property by implementing the basic techniques taught in this course.

Classes include: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Medical, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Safety, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism, Hands-On Exercises. To participate, contact Lt. Crawford at Crawford@northbrook.il.us or 847/272-2141, ext. 7222. Class size is limited, so please sign-up soon! ❁

Recycle Your Rain Water with a Rain Barrel

Northbrook is happy to offer a program to promote the use of rain barrels for its residents. The Village is selling rain barrels at a price of \$25 each (they typically sell for around \$100) to reduce the amount of water that enters our storm sewer system.

The barrels are constructed of food-quality high-density polyethylene, and were previously used to ship pickled food overseas. The vendor cleans and rinses them with rain water and PH neutral soap so harsh contaminants will not impact your plants or plant materials. The Terra-Cotta barrels match planters and hanging pots that most nurseries and green houses currently sell. There are holes drilled into the lid for the water to drain into from downspouts. The screening over the holes keeps debris from entering the barrel, and keeps mosquitoes from breeding as well. Because all barrels are equipped with a spigot at the bottom, a garden hose, landscape tubing or drip tubing can be attached to the barrel. In order to use a watering can, simply situate the barrel on a wooden pedestal, as pictured on the right. The barrels also have an overflow fitting to allow excess water that flows from the downspout to be diverted away from the barrel and a linking hose fitting so two or more barrels can be joined together and will all fill up from just one downspout.

For additional information please contact Jim Baxa in the Development and Planning Services Dept. at 847/272-5050, or purchase your rain barrel at the Village Hall during business hours. Limit two per household. 🌱



The Historian's Corner

Crestwood Place

■ Turning 100 years old this year is the red brick, four-room school house on the west side of Waukegan Road. After it was closed as a school, the school building was re-purposed into a senior housing facility that opened as Crestwood Place in 1985. You can still see that little red school portion of Crestwood Place facing Kiest Ave.



Kiest Avenue entrance
showing both names

■ At the corner of Kiest and Angle Avenues is a Historical Marker made from the original stone that graced the wall above the door. If you look carefully and if the light is hitting the stone in just the right way, you can still see Shermerville School behind the wording Northbrook School. The name was changed in 1923 when the name of the Village was changed. Northbrook School served as an elementary school and the Northbrook High School. When the High School moved, the building was renamed Crestwood School although the stone over the windows was not sandblasted to reflect its new name.

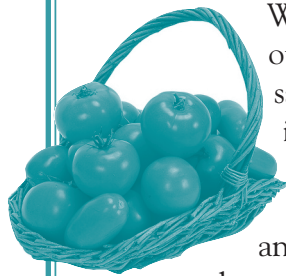
■ It is interesting to note that since it was established as a senior housing facility, several Crestwood Place residents attended either elementary or high school in the place they eventually called home. 🌱



Shermerville School
circa 1915

It's All about the Tomatoes!

Community Fundraiser on Saturday, September 10



What would a spaghetti dinner be without good sauce? And, what would a good sauce be without fresh tomatoes? Organizers, who hope to raise money for two local food pantries, asked those questions and came up with a couple of answers. One, they would ask Northbrook gardeners to donate their extra tomatoes to be used in the making of the sauce. Then, they would ask some Northbrook residents to provide them with their sauce recipes. The response was good. Dozens of gardeners donated some of their tomato crops and others provided some interesting recipes. In addition to those donations, volunteers will spend hours preparing fresh sauce and more volunteers will be on hand at the dinner to serve the guests. Don't miss this wonderful event!

The community-wide spaghetti dinner will be held on the grounds of the Northbrook United Methodist Church at the corner of Western and Cherry on Saturday, September 10 from 5-7pm. Cost of the dinner will be \$7 dollars for adults and \$5 for children under twelve. Besides the spaghetti, the meal will include salad, bread and a drink. Tickets will be sold the evening of the event. Profits from the dinner will be divided between the Northfield Food Pantry and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. For further information, contact Karen Wells at 847/272-2442. ❁

Northbrook Community Choir

Don't Miss this Opportunity to Participate!

With a new name and a more professional outlook, the Northbrook Community Choir, formerly known as the Y'All Come Choir, invites adults who love music and singing to join for the fall season. There are no auditions or evaluations, and registration is underway for the new season which begins on September 12. The choir practices on Monday nights from 7:30-9pm at the Leisure Center under the direction of Kirsten Hedegaard and sings at area venues. The group also has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and on national television. Music includes a variety of genres, from pop to folk and classical. Male voices are always a welcome addition. For more information, visit nbparks.org or call the Performing Arts Office at 847/291-2367. ❁

Fire Department Open House!

Saturday, October 15th

Circle your calendar for Saturday, October 15th, from 9am to noon for the Fire Station Open House at 740 Dundee Rd. The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Protect Your Family From Fire." Save the date! ❁

September 11 is Patriot Day

Fly Your Flag at Half-Staff

September 11 is Patriot Day, a day to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our country. Americans should fly their flags at half-staff and observe a moment of silence to honor those individuals who lost their lives. ❁



Do You Know Someone Who Volunteers?

Every year, the Northbrook Civic Foundation salutes outstanding residents of Northbrook who serve as volunteers in the many non-profit organizations that enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community. If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to Northbrook, please make a nomination. We need to recognize these volunteers. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. Please visit www.northbrookcivic.com or e-mail jnarens@ups.com for more information. ❁

September is National Library Card Signup Month

Whether it's for you, your student or your business, a library card is the smartest card you can own. The library can open up a rich world of life-long learning and many of the resources are available anywhere you have access to the Internet. From early literacy programs to high-end investment newsletters, ebook downloads to historical plays: there's something for everyone. Stop in at the library: there's always something new to discover. ❁

The Smartest Card
GET IT. USE IT.

@your library®

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

Touch-A-Truck Event

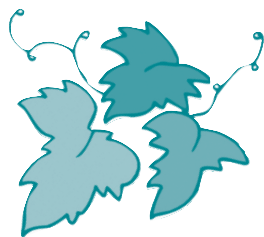
Saturday, September 10, 10am to Noon



Bring the children and truck on down to Techny Prairie Park and Fields annual Touch-A-Truck event. Bring your camera to capture the fun! Kids can climb aboard and pretend to drive an assortment of construction equipment and emergency vehicles. This popular event is free, and no registration is required, but children need to bring an adult. ❁

Water Tower Construction Nears Completion

The Village's contractor will be finishing the construction of the new water tower in late September or early October. Upon completion, it will be filled with water and brought online in November. The new tower will help increase water pressure throughout the Village. ❁



Fall for the Arts

The Northbrook Arts Commission will present the Artists' Studios Tour on October 9. Save the Date! ❁



If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Notify You! *continued from front page*

Northbrook currently uses a mass call-out notification to alert residents and businesses with timely information by calling our database of landline phones. Now there is an option to add your cell phone number so you don't miss important information unique to Northbrook. Last year, the Village made less than eight community-wide calls, but they were important! When you register your cell phone on-line at www.northbrook.il.us for emergency calls, you'll also have an option to register your email address to receive other timely notices such as road closings, meeting agendas and special events. If you do not have Internet access and want to register your home and/or cell phone only, use the form below. Questions? Call 847/272-5050.

Northbrook Notify – Cell & Home Phone Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mail your completed form to the Village Hall, attn: Northbrook Notify, 1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062.

If you have Internet access, there is no need to use this form. Instead, register on-line today at www.northbrook.il.us if you haven't already. ❁

NCTV Cable Channel 17 September Programming

7am & 3pm

"2011 Field of Honor Highlights & Ceremonies"

8am & 4pm

"My Life In Show Business" -

Jack Coombe looks back at Vaudeville and more!

9:30am & 5:30pm

"Spotlight on Northbrook Arts" -

Terry O. Luc interviews Northbrook Photographer Allen Cohen.

10am, 6pm & 11pm

"The Emerald Ash Borer, Northbrook's Green Menace!"

Learn more about this pesky bug!

11:30am & 7:30pm

"Northbrook! The Video Newsletter"

12 & 8pm, 12am

"Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan" - ShelterBox USA with

Donna Gulley & Andy Kuby.

12:30 & 8:30pm, 12:30am

"NCDAA FOCUS" - 'Walking on Thin Ice,' methamphetamine prevention.

1pm & 9pm

"NCDAA Parenting Series" -

Bob Leece, Keynote, Parent University: A must for all parents!

Save the date for Parent

University, Saturday

November 5. 🌸



Document Shredding Event

The Village of Northbrook will host a document shredding event on Saturday, September 24 between 9am and 1pm. Shredding services will be offered free of charge to Northbrook Village and Northfield Township residents at the Village Fleet Maintenance Garage, 1227 Cedar Lane, under the water tower, right behind the Village Hall. If you have any questions, please call Northfield Township Road District Commissioner Pete Amarantos at 847/724-7055. 🌸

Village Board Highlights

Highlights of Recent Village Board Actions

◆ Proclaimed

- "School's Open Safety Week" in Northbrook.
- September as "National Preparedness Month" in Northbrook.

◆ Approved

- Level III Design Review Permit for two wall signs at 1350 Shermer Road, Yogen Frusz Café.
- Disposal of Surplus Property recovered by the Police Department.
- Declaration of official intent to reimburse certain Capital Expenditures for the proceeds of future debt issues.
- IEPA Model Highway Authority Agreement for the property at 1200 Meadow Road.
- Special Permit to allow operation of a medical office at 1446 Techny Road.

◆ Authorized

- Purchase of Fluoride for potable water supply, \$15,500.
- Emergency electrical work at the West Side Reservoir, \$20,000.
- Engineering design work for the Northbrook East Stormwater Management Facility, \$85,917 and change order for \$4,298.
- Contract for Cherry Lane and Meadow Road Bridge Decks Rehabilitation Project, \$92,577, and change order for \$4,630.
- Renewal of contract for Village parkway tree trimming, \$100,000.
- Agreement for roadway condition surveying, \$38,216.
- Agreement for security upgrades at Village water production and distribution facilities, \$72,600.
- 2011 concrete street patching improvement project, \$687,054.

◆ Recognized

- Firefighter/Paramedic Eddie Waddle's thirty-three years of service in the Northbrook Fire Department.
- Judy Hughes for her ten years of service and leadership as Chair of the Northbrook Arts Commission.
- Northbrook Resident Scott Crane, posthumously, for receiving the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Personal Achievement Award.

◆ Amended

- Annual Fee Ordinance to increase the number of Class B-1 Liquor Licenses.
- Annual Fee Ordinance to establish a prohibition of groundwater wells in the vicinity of 1200 Meadow Road.
- Budget amendment for facade grant final payments for 1350 and 1352 Shermer Road, \$125,958. 🌸

Community Bulletin Board

The Village of Northbrook needs individuals who are available evenings to record summary minutes of meetings. Generally requires a commitment of one to two meetings per month. Interested? Submit a resume and/or application to dford@northbrook.il.us

Northbrook Garden Club will meet Tue., Sept. 6, 12:30pm, at Northbrook Public Library. Enjoy a dramatic review in costume by Carolyn Stillman Stein of "The Gardener's Gripe Book."

Classic car and truck display at Shermerfest on Sun., Sept. 18! Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at the Historical Society from noon-4pm! Register your vehicle today: fee is \$12/advance or \$15/day of event. Call 847/498-2319 or email classicnorthbrook@gmail.com For more info, visit www.northbrookhistory.org

Northbrook Farmers Market is open rain or shine from 7am to 1pm every Wed. through Oct. 12 in the Our Lady of the Brook Church parking lot, 3700 Dundee Rd. Please visit www.olbparish.org

The Northfield Food Pantry needs your help! Donations are not keeping up with current demands. Donate at drop boxes located at local food stores.

Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook will host its annual Casino Night on Sat., Sept. 17 from 7-11pm at their facility at 3080 W. Lake Ave. in Glenview. The event's theme will be a Speakeasy and will feature a silent auction, blackjack, poker along with great refreshments. For more info, go to www.youthservices-gn.org or call 847/724-2620.

Drive to the Leisure Center on Wed., Sept. 28 for driving services from the Secretary of State's Mobile Unit. Adults can attend a free Rules of the Road Class from 9:30-11:30am, and Vision Screening and License Renewal are available from 10am to 2pm. To sign up for services, call the Senior Center at 847/291-2988.

Skate and Equipment Exchange, Sat., Sept 24, from 10am-1pm at the Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Rd. Items for sale can be dropped off on Wed., Sept. 21 from 4-7pm or Thurs., Sept. 22 from 9:30-11:30am or 4-7pm. Call 847/291-2993.

Unique gifts and treasures from the past are at the **Inn Shop of the Northbrook Historical Society**, 1776 Walters Ave. Hours are Thurs.-Sat., 10am-4pm, and Sun., 2pm-4pm. Looking to sell? Consignments: Wed., 11am-2pm. Call 847/498-0884.

Parent University 2011 – Parents with school-aged children: Save the date, Sat., Nov. 5, at GBN. Details in the Oct. issue of **Northbrook!** Call NCDAA at 847/272-7870 for more information.

Stop by the Village Gallery at the Village Hall to see the oil paintings presented by the **Northbrook Artist Kathy Kathrein** and watercolors by **Northbrook Artist Margaret White** in the Lobby Display case.

The **Northbrook Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago** will hold its fall coffee at the Library on Tues., Sept. 20, from 10am-noon. Kathleen Malee Kamal, will present "Stories on Stones: Pearls." The meeting is open to present members as well as those interested in joining. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 847/564-0915.

A **Parkinson's Support Group** for person's with Parkinson's, their care-partners, caregivers, and families meets from 10am to noon at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road on the 2nd and 4th Mon. of the month. Call 847/509-0927 for information.

A **Memory Loss Support Group** for families and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias meets on the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 7pm at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road. Call 847/412-7303 for information.

Learn to play the ukulele, Hawaiian style, in a series of six classes that begin on Tue.. Sept. 13. Instruments are provided. Classes are from 1-2pm at the Leisure Center. Call 847/291-2988.

Melodeers Preview to International Competition performances for Houston on Sun., Oct. 2, 3pm, at Stevenson H.S. Quartets competing in Houston will also preview their performances. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered at www.melodeers.org

Attention Seniors. Call the **Northbrook Senior Center** at 847/291-2988 for information on a variety of Senior events, including trips, movies, lectures and safe driving classes.

Golf for a good cause at the **Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation Swing Golf Outing** at Sportsman's Country Club on Thurs., Sept. 22. The event raises funds to help NSSRA provide scholarships and services for children and adults with disabilities. Register at Sportsman's. For more information, contact jmerkin@nssra.org

Northbrook Park District fitness classes begin the week of Sept. 6 with early morning, lunchtime and evening options. The choices include Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Nia, Core Fitness, Belly Dancing, Fusion and Cardio Kickboxing. Details are online at nbparks.org and in the Autumn Recreation Guide. Registration is available online 24/7 at nbparks.org For more information, call 847/291-2995.

Thurs., Sept. 8 is the last night of the bicycle racing season at the **Ed Rudolph Velodrome** in Meadowhill Park. Thrilling, high-speed races begin at 7pm, with top cyclists from the Midwest. The spectator fee is \$2 for ages 12-adult; children under 12 are free.

Semifinalists in a new talent showdown from the Park District will compete on Fri., Sept. 9 at the Northbrook Theater from 7-9pm, and the finals are on Sat., Oct. 1 at Northbrook Autumnfest. For more information, visit nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

Volunteers can get down and dirty on Sat., Sept. 10, **National Service Day at the Trail Through Time**, and work together to make a difference. Children and adults can join other stewards and become a "Prairie Dawg" for a day to cut down invasive plants and share restoration inspiration from 9-11am. Dress for the outdoors and wet ground. The Trail is located in Techny Prairie Park and Fields, 1750 Techny Rd.

A "**Teen Safe Driver Clinic**" will be held at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) on Sun., Sept. 25. Run by the Audi Car Club Chicagoland Chapter, the clinic is open to all licensed drivers 16-18 years old as an opportunity to improve their skills in a safe, controlled environment. Advanced registration required; a parent must accompany all participants. See www.AudiChicago.org or e-mail Mark@AudiChicago.org

Seeking a better understanding of routine maintenance and repair of industrial and commercial equipment? Then enroll in **Oakton Community College's new Industrial/Commercial Electrical Maintenance Certificate** program this fall. For more information, contact Ghadiri at 847/376-7699 or mghadiri@oakton.edu

Thinking about a career in health care? Then you'll want to come out to Oakton Community College in Sept. when the College hosts five free information sessions. Faculty will be on hand to discuss course requirements and industry trends. For more information, call 847/635-1700 or visit www.oakton.edu/healthcareers 🌸

The Northbrook Arts Commission (NAC) encourages you and your family to enjoy the arts events highlighted in color.

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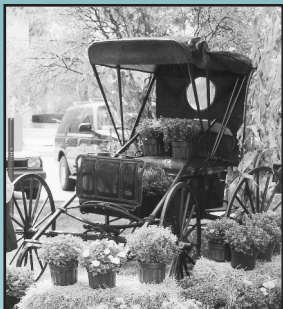
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Shermerfest

Sunday, September 18, 2011, Noon to 4pm
 Village Green Park, 1776 Walters Ave.

Food and Fun for all Ages!

- **Lunch is Served! Dine Outdoors: Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda**
 Sponsored by Sunset Foods
- **Homemade Bake Sale & Soup Lunch Indoors at the Inn**
 Donate your favorite dessert; Purchase someone else's
- **Music by Jazzmin Trio**
- **Children's Entertainment:**
 Trackless Train Rides and Face Painters
 Build a Scarecrow – Sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission
 Balloon Twister • Variety/Magic Show – Sponsored by Northbrook Bank & Trust Co.
 Make Old Fashioned Games – Sponsored by the North Suburban YMCA
- **11th Annual "Classic Northbrook" Antique and Classic Car and Truck Display** – Sponsored by KZF Development
- **Silent Auction:** Bid on great items donated by local businesses and featuring sports memorabilia and baskets for all occasions.
- **1pm: Ronald McDonald presents Go Active Show**
- **3pm: Variety/Magic Show**



Beautiful Mums for Sale!

"Cookin' Up Some History: A Shermerville Supper and Show" – Support the Historical Society! Purchase one ticket for \$10 or three for \$25 for an opportunity to win a one-of-a-kind Grand Prize – *A catered Sunset Foods supper and show for 12 at the Northfield Inn.*

For more information, call the Historical Society at 847/498-3404.

For safety, cleanliness and liability reasons, **no dogs allowed on festival grounds.**



Enjoy old-fashioned fun for the whole family! Bring a lawn chair and set it up by the Gazebo or stroll the green and enjoy all the day has to offer.

Look for popcorn and other goodies! 🍿