

NORTHBROOK

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Severe Weather Preparedness

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There are a variety of severe weather hazards that affect Illinois, including thunderstorms and tornadoes. Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather risk in Illinois. An average of 27 tornadoes occur in the state every year. Severe thunderstorms can also produce damaging winds, which can cause significant structural damage to buildings. It's important for you and your family to be informed and ready.

March 2-8 is *Severe Weather Preparedness Week* in Illinois. Learn how to prepare your family before a disaster strikes. Do you know the difference between a Watch and a Warning? Do you have a battery operated radio? Have you registered your contact information with Northbrook Notify? Please see page 2 for important information about preparedness including details about the Outdoor Warning Siren System and suggestions for weather monitoring.

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Gubernatorial Primary Election Information

Early Voting begins March 3

Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane, is an early voting location in Cook County. The hours for early voting at the Village Hall will be Monday through Saturday, 9am to 5pm. A government-issued photo ID is required for early voting.

- March 13 - Last day to request a mail ballot
- March 15 - Last day of Early Voting; Last day of grace period registration and voting
- March 16-17 - In-person absentee voting at the Cook County Clerk's Chicago office
- Mar. 17 Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
- **Mar. 18 Election Day**

For more information on Cook County suburban early voting sites, or grace-period registration and voting, contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312/603-0906 or online at www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Spring forward on March 9 and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Severe Weather Preparedness

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March 2-8 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week Be Informed – Be Prepared

Every year lives are threatened or lost and property is destroyed by severe weather events.

Know the Terms Used to Describe a Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Threat:

- **WATCH** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm is possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. Please note, severe weather watches are reports of weather conditions in which tornadoes could occur. The warning system is not activated for severe weather watches.
- **WARNING** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. For a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning, take shelter immediately, turn on a battery-operated radio or television, and wait for the “all clear” announcement by authorities.

What You Should Know About the Outdoor Warning Siren System

Northbrook has an outdoor siren warning system installed throughout the community. The system consists of a series of sirens strategically located and is intended to provide warning of impending danger. It is possible that you may only hear the sirens if you are outside.

- **Warning System Activation**
The system is designed to notify the community by Alert Warning and Attack Warning signals. The signals are standardized for outdoor warning devices by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

► Alert Warning

An Alert Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute steady siren. This signal is used in the event of a tornado or funnel cloud sighting. The reporting area includes a ten-mile perimeter around the Village. The Alert Warning signal shall indicate to all persons to “immediately seek shelter, turn on your radio or television, and listen for essential emergency information.”

- **Attack Warning**
An Attack Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute wavering siren. This signal means that an actual attack against the United States has been detected and that the Federal Emergency Broadcast System has been activated.
- **Reactivation**
Once it is activated, the warning sirens will not be reactivated for the same incident. The warning sirens will be reactivated only for new, confirmed incidents.
- **All Clear**
The Village of Northbrook will not issue the all clear announcement for any Alert or Attack signals. Please monitor commercial radio and television for further information as well as the Village website a www.northbrook.il.us.



Things to Remember!

- Know the different signals and know what to do.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
 - If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.
- Visit www.ready.gov for more safety tips.

Severe Weather Awareness - Weather Monitoring

Monitoring the weather has never been easier thanks to a variety of tools available, including the Internet, television, mobile applications, and weather radios. Check out the following websites where you can monitor the weather and/or sign up to receive weather alerts:

www.weather.gov
www.weather.com
www.wunderground.com
www.accuweather.com
www.weatherbug.com



Please note: For tornado warnings and other important information, sign up for Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify

Northbrook Notify is a mass notification system that is used for special messages such as storm clean-up information, road closures, water outages, meeting notices and special events. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you!



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



In addition to being President of the Village of Northbrook, a responsibility I thoroughly enjoy, this year I also serve as President of the Northwest Municipal Conference, a council of 42 municipalities, comprised of communities in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties. My participation with the Conference has allowed me to get involved in many committees and task forces that ultimately give me information, skill sets, and connections that benefit all of us.

As an example, I Co-Chair the Steering Committee formed to produce and implement

a Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. That might seem like a mouthful, but once done and accepted, we will be eligible to seek Federal grant funding for disaster mitigation projects, such as storm water management. Please help by taking a survey. The information you provide will be used to help prioritize projects to reduce risks from natural hazards. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/CookCountyHazMit or use the QR Code on the back page.

As importantly, I have met leaders in many regional communities that aren't our neighbors. We talk, we learn, we share ideas and best practices. These experiences and the resulting intergovernmental relationships help make Northbrook a regional leader and help me be a better Village President.

Union Pacific Railroad Bridge and Shermer Road Scheduled to Open in Spring

Staff from the Villages of Northbrook and Glenview continues to meet with representatives from the Union Pacific Railroad and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding their progress on reopening Shermer Road under the UPRR Bridge. The restoration work includes 500-feet of roadway replacement and storm sewer system under the bridge. If the weather cooperates and there are no unforeseen circumstances, all work should be completed by mid-April. Thank you for your continued patience in this matter.

New Developments in Northbrook

With the closing of the Dominick's store at the southwest corner of Dundee and Sanders Roads, many residents had expressed concern about the lack of a full service grocery store on the west side of the community. In late January, we were notified that Joe Caputo & Sons Fruit Market would be taking over the former Dominick's space. If all goes as planned, Caputo's intends to open next month.

Preparing for Severe Weather

As witnessed last year, Tornados continue to be a threat in Illinois. While, there is nothing we can do to stop severe weather, there are actions that everyone can take to minimize the impacts of severe weather on our lives. Please review the severe weather information in this newsletter to prepare your family and home for emergencies.

Northbrook Notify

All residents and businesses are encouraged to register contact information with the Village, not only to receive emergency notifications and Tornado Warnings, but for non-emergency communications, such as meeting notices, special events and major road closings, via email. Northbrook Notify has been used to notify residents about missing persons, scavenger pick-up schedules and other local communications not included on regional news. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you! Visit www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify and sign-up today. If you don't have Internet access, please call 847/664-4015 to sign-up.

Comments, Concerns and Suggestions

As always, I welcome your feedback. Please email me at village@northbrook.il.us or call the Village's at 847/664-4010.



Spring is the Time for Home & Yard Improvements!

Please remember that permits are required for most home improvements including landscaping that involves changing ground elevation and retaining walls, driveways, patios, decks, gazebos, storage sheds, screened

porches, basement finishes, fences, and all swimming pools over two feet in depth. Permits, which must be obtained before work begins, protect homeowners and ensure compliance with Village codes and ordinances.

For more information and to download a permit application, visit the Permit Center online at www.northbrook.il.us/permits or call the Development and Planning Services Department at 847/664-4050.

Northbrook Wildlife

Skunks Around Northbrook

The Village encourages residents, who encounter a skunk den on their property to call Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470 for information on how to keep skunks out of their yard, as well as contact information for local wildlife trapping contractors to remove nuisance animals from their property.

Visit www.northbrook.il.us/Skunks for more information.

The Proper Approach to "Orphaned" Wildlife

Spring is a time to remember that wild animals belong in the wild. Too often, well-meaning people pick up animals, particularly deer fawns and young birds, mistakenly believing that these animals have been abandoned. The parent animals are nearby, waiting for the human threat to leave, so that they may resume caring for their offspring. The best advice is: "If you care, leave them there!"

Coyotes in the Suburbs

Once again, residents are reminded that winter weather may make our resident coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food.

For information on coyotes visit www.urbancoyotersearch.com To report any sick or injured coyotes, call Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470

Earth & Arbor Day

**Saturday, April 26, 9:30am-1pm,
Rain or Shine, on the Village Green**

Start gathering your recyclables for the Earth and Arbor Day Recycling event with drive-thru recycling and paper shredding drop-off located in the commuter parking by Shermer and Walters. Also, start organizing your Earth Day Team by gathering your friends, family, club members, and scout troops for the annual clean up.

We are also looking for groups and businesses to showcase environmentally friendly products and ideas at our Earth and Arbor Day Expo.

Please call 847/664-4129 or email andrew.letson@northbrook.il.us for more information,.



Northbrook Public Library 1st Floor Project

Due to the renovation of the Library Auditorium and meeting rooms, scheduled to begin this month, some Library events will take place off site.

Current Events, Great Ideas, Gentle Yoga, Guided Meditation and some book discussions will be held at the Village Hall. AARP Driver Safety will be held at Covenant Village. Computer classes will meet in the Library's Interactive Classroom. Children's programs will continue to meet on site. No facilities will be available for public groups to meet, except the second floor study rooms which require a Northbrook Library card and hold a maximum of 8 people.

The Saturday First Run Features, the Family Films and the Wednesday Classic Film Series, which has run nonstop for 38 years, has been placed on hiatus until the grand reopening of the Auditorium in the spring of 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the location of a Library program during the renovation, please check the Library website, www.northbrook.info/renovations or the current *Latest Edition* newsletter, or call the Reader Services Department at 847/272-2958.

Northbrook Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15

A Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 6:15pm at the Village Hall

The Board will be discussing the draft budget for the 2014/15 fiscal year, which begins May 1, 2014. Draft budget books will be available for review at the Village Hall or at the Northbrook Library

Reference Desk during business hours or visit www.northbrook.il.us for the Workshop Agenda materials. Residents are also encouraged to attend the Public Hearing on the budget in April. Look for more information in the next issue of this newsletter or visit our website at www.northbrook.il.us

A Reminder about the Use of Mobile Phones or Electronic Devices While Driving.

A statewide ban prohibiting the use of hand held mobile phones while driving on Illinois roads went into effect on January 1.

The initial fine is \$75, and increases by \$25 with each subsequent offense up to a maximum of \$150. The first offense would not be classified as a moving violation, meaning it would not figure in insurance premiums.

A second law to help reduce the number of accidents caused by distracted drivers increases the penalties where any use of an electronic device while driving is the cause of an accident. In the past, these drivers could only face traffic violation charges. Now, they may be punished with up to a year of prison time for an accident causing serious injury, and between one and three years for an accident causing a fatality.

Advanced Disposal has New Trucks, New Routes and New Pick-up Times !

This means residents must have garbage and recycling out by 6:30am and keep it out until a driver picks it up.

Advanced Disposal drivers have new "split routes" which means your pickup day will *not* change but garbage and recycling may get picked up at different times, by different trucks, depending on home locations throughout the routes.

In order to make this transition smooth, and to avoid missed pick-ups, residents are asked to have both their garbage and recycling out by 6:30am on their pick-up day.

Questions? Call Advanced Disposal at 847 272-4145.



The New Northbrook Citizens for Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Northbrook Citizens for Drug and Alcohol Awareness (NCDAA) has a new board with new ideas and a new home at the NSYMCA! NCDAA's mission includes fostering communication and education among families.

Teen Youth Group

Community Activities of Northbrook (CAN) is the NCDAA youth led Board. This energetic and dynamic group of high school students is actively engaged in planning and facilitating events. For more information on CAN connect at Facebook Community Activities of Northbrook-CAN or if you are interested in volunteering email info@ncdaa.org.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Come attend an educational presentation, in partnership with Family Service Center. This month Substance Abuse Prevention will be discussed on Wednesday, March 5, from 7 to 8:30pm at Northbrook Covenant Church, 2737 Techny Rd. NCDAA is an annual sponsor of Family Action Network which hosts notable and relevant speaker engagements in neighboring communities. All are welcome to attend these powerful, educational and free events.

Upcoming speakers include:

Sheila Heen and Douglas Stone
March 10, 7pm
New Trier High School/Northfield Campus

Ishmael Beah
March 18, 2014, 7pm
Evanston Township High School Auditorium

Alice Waters
April 8, 7pm
Northshore Country Day School, Winnetka

Visit www.FANfamilyactionnetwork.net or call NCDAA for more information 847/272-7870. To volunteer or donate to NCDAA contact Sari Glazebrook at info@ncdaa.org.

Illinois Premise Alert Program

The Illinois Premise Alert Program is a state program aimed to provide first responders with vital information for people with special needs.

The Premise Alert Program allows people to notify local police and fire departments about a family member who may require special assistance or treatment in an emergency at home. That could be a lifesaver for people who have autism, Alzheimer's, are blind or paralyzed. Operators at 911 call centers will have access to the information and will share it with first responders. Northbrook has computer-aided dispatch technology necessary to make use of this program.

Will this program help? Definitely! If police and/or fire personnel responding to a call know they may encounter someone with autism, they can ease the situation by speaking more softly and avoiding physical contact. Firefighters who respond to a call at the home of a disabled person can plan for a more complicated rescue.

If you have a family member or relative that you would like to enroll in the Illinois Premise Alert Program, visit www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert or call 847/564-2060.

Storm Drainage Ditches on Your Property

If you have a storm drainage ditch on your property, please keep it clear of long grass, branches, debris and other vegetation.

During the growing season, please regularly mow any vegetation growing in the drainage ditch. This will help keep the vegetation levels manageable and water flowing freely. If during wet weather the ditch becomes blocked and begins to overflow onto your

property or the street, please call the Northbrook Public Works Department at 847/272-4711. The Village also offers a program to provide materials to replace defective driveway culverts. For additional information concerning this program and eligibility, please email Sewer Supervisor Jim Frantz at jim.frantz@northbrook.il.us or call 847/272-4711.

Village Happenings

Architectural Control Commission is looking for a Northbrook resident with experience as a builder, architect, or landscape architect. Interested in serving on the ACC? Please call 847/664-4013 for more information.

Summer registration at Oakton

Community College opens on Wednesday, March 26. View summer classe options now at www.oakton.edu

Call for Entries – Pip Squeak: Small Works, Big Vision - The Northbrook Public Library announces the 12th annual juried art exhibition. Artists can find entry information online at www.northbrook.info/artshow. Applications are due May 31. The exhibition will open November 14.

Looking for a place away from home to create art? Northbrook residents can bring artwork to the Leisure Center on Wednesdays, Mar. 5, 12 and 19 from 6:15-8:30pm and enjoy free studio time. Non-residents can use the studio for \$5 after signing up at the Leisure Center or at www.nbparks.org.

Parisian Salon Concert on Fri., Mar. 7, 7:30pm, 3rd floor - MultiMedia Department of the Northbrook Public Library.

On Sat., Mar. 8, Northbrook Woman's Club will be holding its annual **Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon** at North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Rd. Enjoy lunch and spring and summer fashions from Juniper Boutique, Mainstream Boutique, Payton Rose and more. For reservations call 847/205-7931 or visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org

Essential Tremor Support Group on Sat., Mar. 8, 10am, Northbrook Public Library. Informal discussions emphasize medication and coping techniques.

The Northbrook Theatre Children's Company present **Into the Woods, Jr.** on Mar. 8, 9, 15 and 16. Performances are at 12:30 and 4pm. The musical comedy features familiar fairy tale characters combined in a whimsical story. Tickets at the Box Office in the Leisure Center, online at www.northbrooktheatre.org and at 847/291-2367.

An **AARP driving program** on Mar. 10 and 11 can sharpen driving skills and help develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes. The two-day program runs from 9am-1pm at the Leisure Center. Fee is \$15 /AARP, \$20/non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or stop by the Senior Center to register.

The Trains are Back! The Mid-America Modular Rail Club will set up a HO gauge modular railroad layout in the lower level of the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., on Saturdays, Mar. 15 & 22, noon to 4pm, and Sundays, Mar. 16 & 23, noon to 3pm. Bring your camera!

Guided Meditation on Wednesdays, Mar. 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m., Village Hall Board Room. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Mar. 19 at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas are posted at www.nbparks.org

The Northbrook Park District will host a **Zumbathon dance fitness party** on Friday, Mar. 21 from 7-8:30pm at Greenbriar Gym to benefit the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Admission is free with two non-perishable items. Monetary donations also will be accepted. All ages are welcome.

Gentle Yoga on Fridays, Mar. 21 & 28, 10:30am at Village Hall Board Room. Exercises are done in a chair or standing. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents, Symphonies in C, Sun., Mar. 23 at 4pm at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at GBN. There will be a free pre-concert lecture by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. Please visit the NSO website for more details at www.TheNSO.org or call 847/272-0755 and hear some of the best music ever written.

Meet the 3D Printer on Mon., Mar. 24, 7pm, Northbrook Public Library. Find out how objects are made. You do not have to register for this event.

Planning a party or event in the park?

Parks and shelters are available for rent from May through October. For more information, visit nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

Thinking about summer? Pool passes go on sale on Mar. 24. Questions? Call 847/291-2995.

A musical based on Flat Stanley, a popular children's story, opens on April 5 at the Northbrook Theatre with performances on Saturdays at 10am and 1pm. Tickets are available at the Box Office, at www.northbrooktheatre.org, and by phone at 847/291-2367.

Membership passes are available for the **Northbrook Dog Park** at Coast Guard Park. Details at www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2980.

The Northbrook Arts Commission will present an Art Workshop on March 29 & 30. Artist Tom Nachreiner will provide instruction on Oil and Acrylic painting techniques. For registration information about the two-day workshop, please visit www.northbrookarts.org

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Ave. offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 55 and over including Bridge classes, tennis, parties and cooking classes and more. For information and reservations, call 847/291-2988 or visit www.nbparks.org.

The **Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation** will be offering scholarships to Northbrook residents who are graduating from high school or who are current college/technical school students. Applications must be received by Mar. 15, 2014. Visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org.

Antique Sight Appraisal Program Back By Popular Demand at the Historical Society on Sunday, April 13 at 2pm at the Northbrook Historical Society. Pre register on first come, first serve basis, \$5 fee. Visit www.northbrookhistory.org Conducted by Karl Gates Appraisals.

Start training now and save the date for the **14th Annual Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run/Walk**. This year's fundraising event will be held Sat., May 10, 2014 at Maple School. CARA registered and USATF certified. Call 847/400-8900 for more information.

The **Northbrook Days** committee is looking for Festival sponsors, Grand Prize sponsors and volunteers to work the festival. Please call 847/513-6362 or email info@northbrookcivic.com.

SAVE THE DATE! A **Prom Fashion Show** will be held on Sunday, April 6 from 1-3pm at the North Suburban YMCA. This event is a fundraiser for the Northbrook Citizens for Drug and Alcohol Awareness (NCDAA).

Art Display at the Village Hall. Paintings by Northbrook Artist Karina Llergo Salto featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

One, Two Three Anniversaries to share in 2014

It is always interesting to discover the many coincidences that appear in the history of our Village.

At first glance, it would appear that other than a Northbrook addresses there would be no connection between Underwriters Laboratories, the Northbrook Dairy Queen and the Northbrook Historical Society. Yet, upon closer investigation all three are connected by the dates of their beginnings, and other coincidences of history.

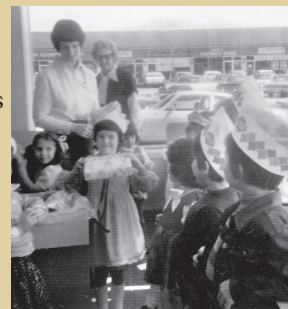


Land records for 1894 show buildings for the first time on the property where the Northfield Inn stood for more than 80 years. Down the road a piece, Underwriters Laboratories was established in Chicago that same year. Fast forward 80 years to 1974 and the beginning of the Northbrook Historical Society and the Schubert family's Northbrook Dairy Queen.

This year, all three of these Northbrook institutions celebrate significant anniversaries and a commitment to the community.

- For 120 years, Underwriters Laboratories has served the global community by testing products to ensure safety. UL is located on land originally owned and operated as a farm by John Bach, until it was purchased for use as a brick yard. Bach's name is memorialized by Bach Street where housing for some of the workers from the brick yard lived.

- For 40 years, Northbrook Dairy Queen has served smiles, friendship and yummy treats to Northbrookians. Something the Bartelme family did for many years at their Northfield Inn before 1923 when the name of the town was changed to Northbrook.



- Also, for 40 years the Northbrook Historical Society has collected and told stories of our community as the Keeper of the Stories.

If you, too, are celebrating a 40th birthday or anniversary this year, please let the Historical Society know so that on July 20th we can recognize you when the Northbrook Dairy Queen and the Historical Society celebrate our anniversary year at A Sundae in the Park with ice cream and music.

To learn more about Northbrook history, visit www.northbrookhistory.org