

NORTHBROOK

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Severe Weather Preparedness

It's important for you and your family to be informed and ready. Every year, lives are threatened or lost and property is destroyed by severe weather events.

There are a variety of severe weather hazards that affect the Midwest, including thunderstorms and tornadoes. Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather risk in Illinois. The prime tornado season in Illinois is March through May, with 63% occurring during that time. Last year, there were 29 tornadoes in the Chicagoland area. Severe thunderstorms can also produce damaging winds, which can cause significant structural damage to buildings.

The first week in March is *Severe Weather Preparedness Week* in Illinois. Learn how to prepare your family and business 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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March 15 is the Presidential Primary

Early voting at the Village Hall runs through March 14. Early voting hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sundays 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Do you Know Where to Vote on Tuesday, March 15?

Find your polling place by looking at the notice that will be mailed to your home or by using the Voter Information tool online at www.cookcountyclerk.com or visit our www.northbrook.il.us/PrecinctMap to view the Cook County Precinct Map for Northbrook.

You can Vote by Mail

Voting by mail is a convenient way to cast your ballot. Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason. To obtain an application to vote by mail visit www.cookcountyclerk.com or call 312/603-0946.

To check your voter registration call 312/603-0906 or visit www.cookcountyclerk.com

Questions?

If you have any questions, contact Village Clerk Debbie Ford by email debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us or call 847/664-4013.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Spring forward on March 13 and remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Severe Weather Preparedness

The first week in March is Severe Weather Preparedness Week – Are you Prepared?

Do you know the terms used to describe a tornado or severe thunderstorm threat?

Take a moment to review this information with your family.

- **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 severe weather 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. The primary purpose of the warning sirens is to notify individuals who are outdoors at the time of the weather threat. You may not hear the sirens inside your home or business.

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.

- ▶ 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 at www.northbrook.il.us



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

For important information about emergencies not related to severe weather alerts, sign up for Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify Northbrook Notify is a notification system that is used to alert residents about storm clean-up information, road closures, water outages, meeting notices and special events.



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 to learn more about how to prepare, plan and stay informed.



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Every year I am asked by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce to present a State of the Village to the members during their annual luncheon. This year was no exception. During the talk I covered a variety of topics including local and national trends since the 2009 recession and new developments in Northbrook, as well as my current items of concern.

I established several priorities when first elected Village President. My first and foremost priority for the Village is fiscal stability. Rest assured Northbrook has a diverse and robust local economy which continues to grow.

The Board and staff have done well to provide quality services while living within our means. When the national economy faltered, the Village reorganized and downsized accordingly. As the economy and local building activity has rebounded, the Village has conservatively allocated additional resources to meet the growing demand for services, such as an increase in building inspections.

Emergency Preparedness

I feel strongly about disaster preparedness both for natural hazards and man-made ones. I co-chaired the local Committee that created the Cook County Hazardous Mitigation Plan, which has now been accepted by Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). The plan addresses response to and recovery from floods, tornados, and major storms (see front page) as well as man-made disasters such as train derailments and hostage situations. In addition, our Police and Fire Departments actively plan and train for these major scenarios. They assist our schools and businesses with safety and preparedness initiatives. This past year, Northbrook hosted one of the largest major response drills ever held in the area, which included training of over 1,000 personnel from 18 regional public safety departments.

Village Infrastructure – Stormwater and our Water System

The Village Trustees and I, along with staff, are engaged in on-going discussions focused on maintaining quality infrastructure. I have placed an emphasis on storm water projects to help mitigate our community's flooding problems. The Village Board and staff have also recently concluded an intensive analysis of our water production and distribution systems. In the coming year we will

be converting our water production plant to a new, more cost-effective purification system, as well as beginning a multiyear aggressive water main replacement schedule. We have also determined to move ahead with a two zone, two tower system so that there is comparable water pressure throughout town.

Downtown Northbrook Changes

Another priority for me is the Downtown Northbrook Central Business District. Projects for this year include road rehabilitation and streetscape improvements. We will be resurfacing streets (Church, Cherry, Meadow and Shermer), expanding on-street parking where possible, and enhancing landscaping to beautify our Downtown. The downtown Shermer Road Bridge will be replaced in 2017. Discussions continue on potential zoning amendments, stemming from recommendations made by architects and downtown business owners. These changes are designed to attract new businesses and residential opportunities in our downtown. I have asked that a joint meeting of the Village Board and Plan Commission be held in the near future to finalize the code changes and bring this important initiative to fruition.

On-going and Proposed Developments

The Village continues to attract commercial, manufacturing, and residential development and economic activity. Proposed projects are located throughout the community. You can find information on the projects on the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/developments

Finances and the Village Budget

The Village Board will be reviewing the draft Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget this month. I will provide highlights of that budget in a future newsletter. The draft budget will also be available online at www.northbrook.il.us in mid-March.

Comments, Concerns and Suggestions

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



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 the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert or call 847/564-2060.

Northbrook Wildlife - Discounted Trapping Services

The Village has negotiated discounted nuisance wildlife trapping services of skunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossums and chipmunks for Northbrook single family home residents.

Northwest Suburban Animal Control will perform an initial inspection, setting of the trap and daily monitoring Monday through Friday for \$95. The animal pick up/removal fee is \$45 per animal.

To schedule nuisance wildlife trapping services with *Northwest Suburban Animal Control*, call 847/934-1900.

Northwest Suburban Animal Control is available Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm or send a text message to 847/502-3518. For more information, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/skunks

Skunks Around Northbrook

Residents may notice skunk activity around this time of the year as skunks begin their mating season. Residents who encounter a skunk den on their property are encouraged to call Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470 for information on how to keep skunks out of their yard.

Coyotes

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. Visit www.urbancoyoteresearch.com for information on coyotes. Sightings can be reported to Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470.

Earth & Arbor Day

**Saturday, April 16, 9am to noon,
Rain or Shine, on the Village Green**

Start organizing your Earth Day Team by gathering your friends, family, organization members and scout troops to help clean up Northbrook.

There will be six cleaning sites in which there will be a hidden item. If you find one, bring it back to the Expo for a special prize.

More event details will be featured in next month's Village newsletter.

Join our Earth & Arbor Day Expo

We are also looking for groups and businesses to showcase environmentally friendly products and ideas at our Earth and Arbor Day Expo. For more information, please call 847/664-4017 or email erik.jensen@northbrook.il.us



Northbrook Welcomes New Village Engineer

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Farmer as the new Village Engineer.

Matt is a Licensed Professional Engineer who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL.



Matt comes to Northbrook with over 16 years of experiences as a Civil Engineer. Matt's roots in the Public Works Department of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, working summers in the Street and Sewer Department, helped lay the foundation for his future career.

Matt also served as an Engineer Intern for the City of Urbana, Illinois for two years. In 1999, Matt began working for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) as a Construction Resident Engineer with the Bureau of Project Implementation, where he was responsible for overseeing job sites, and was subsequently promoted to Design Engineer. Most recently Farmer has served as a Project Engineer in the Bureau of Design and Environment for IDOT in Dixon, Illinois

With an extensive background in infrastructure life-cycle management, Matt will be a valuable asset for the Village of Northbrook. As Village Engineer, Matt will be responsible for overseeing the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. The Engineering Division is responsible for the design and construction of the Village's infrastructure projects, storm water management, and engineering reviews for residential and commercial developments.

Matt Farmer will begin his duties as Northbrook Village Engineer on February 24, 2016. Please join us in welcoming Matt to the Village of Northbrook.

Springtime Weather Tips

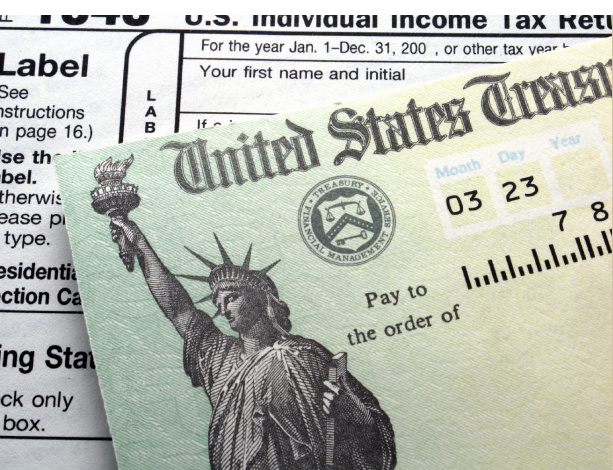
As the seasons begin to transition from winter to spring, snow storms will begin to give way to melting snow and rain fall. During heavy rain events, here are some important tips that can help keep you safe:

- Do not walk or wade through flooded streets or waterways.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Do not touch electrical equipment or appliances if you are wet or standing in water.
- Do not drive your vehicle into standing water on the roadway. It may be deeper than you think and result in your vehicle becoming stalled.
- If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible. Floodwaters can rise rapidly and sweep a car away.
- Visit www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify to register for Northbrook's mass notification system to receive messages via phone, text, and/or email.



You can help minimize localized flooding by clearing leaves and other debris off of storm sewer inlets adjacent to your property so that they function properly.

Residents that live next to creeks or have drainage ditches next to their properties are asked to keep them free of grass clippings, branches, yard waste, and trash which can affect the flow of stormwater. Your cooperation is appreciated.



The IRS Urges Public to Stay Alert for Scam Phone Calls

In this scam, the IRS impostor calls the victim pretending to represent the IRS and claims that taxes are owed to the IRS. The impostor often demands immediate payment and threatens that the police will make an arrest if payment is not made.

Please note, the IRS does not call without first sending correspondence in the mail. If you owe taxes, you have a right to request specific details and discuss payment options. Never engage or share information with someone who calls you saying they are from the IRS. Hang up and call the IRS directly at 800/829-1040 to see if you owe taxes. If you believe you have been the target of an IRS scam, please notify the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Fraud Section at 877/382-4357.

A Message from Northbrook Fire Chief Jose Torres: “Close the door!”

A closed door can hinder flames and smoke from spreading to other rooms and can help deprive a fire of the oxygen it needs to grow. Closing a door during a fire reduces fire growth and spread, limits damage to your home or business, and could possibly save lives. When you leave a room that is on fire, closing the door behind you as you leave can be one of the best actions that you can take to help slow down the fire. Closing the door can help control the fire spread and provide precious seconds needed for you and your loved ones to escape. In fact, it is recommended to close your bedroom doors at night.

Getting out of a burning building and calling 9-1-1 are crucial to survival during a fire, but closing doors during an escape can potentially limit the structural damage a fire can cause and potentially save lives. For example, if you leave your apartment door open during a fire, you could contribute to the rapid spread of smoke and fire, making it more dangerous for firefighters to fight a fire and more difficult for other occupants to escape.

Remember the following safety tips:

- Close the bedroom door when sleeping, if possible.
- Close doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.
- If you are unable to escape a building that is on fire, close all doors between you and the fire.
- Use towels or sheets to seal the door cracks and cover air vents. Call the fire department to report your exact location.
- Keep fire doors closed. These specialized doors are used to compartmentalize a building and prevent the spread of smoke and flames. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home or business and develop a fire escape plan.

For more tips on keeping your home or business fire-safe, visit www.nfpa.org/safety-information

Flying a drone near an airport is discouraged and dangerous

You should know that the airspace above your home, your business, or even our local parks, is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Hobbyists who want to operate drones, including “toy” drones, within five miles of an airport, must contact the airport operator and the airport control tower before they fly. Call 847/537-2580, and mention DRONES or ask for ext. 117. For more information, visit www.chiexec.com/drones Please note that most of Northbrook is within the five mile radius.



Operating a Drone When You Live Near an Airport

Drones, or unmanned aerial systems (UAS) as they're sometimes called, represent the future in so many different ways, from their ability to create awesome aerial photography to functioning as a reconnaissance aircraft in disaster locations. Of course, drones are also just plain fun to fly too.

The FAA is the same agency that regulates all aircraft operations in the United States, from the licensing of pilots and aviation maintenance technicians to operating the nation's air traffic control system (ATC) responsible for safely separating all aircraft from each other when they fly.

Never let your drone go out of your sight.

Hobbyists not familiar with how airspace is set up, might inadvertently fly a small drone too close to an actual airplane in flight. This is one reason you must never let your drone go out of your sight.

Effective December 21, 2015, anyone who owns a small unmanned aircraft of a certain weight must register with the Federal Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) registry before they fly outdoors. People who do not register could face civil and criminal penalties.

How do I register my “drone” or UAS?

It costs only \$5 to register your UAS and the process is simple and web-based. Visit www.faa.gov/uas/registration for details.

Village Happenings

Northbrook Woman's Club Fashion Show

"Keeping it Real" will be held Thurs., Mar. 3, at Sunset Ridge Country Club. From 10:30am-noon shop the mini boutique. Fashion show/lunch at noon. For details visit www.northbrookwomensclub.org or call 847/291-7860.

The Library's first ever **Spring Listening/Viewing Club** runs thru-May 31. Enjoy award winning movies and music and earn chances to win prizes! Learn more and register in the MultiMedia Department.

The Library's Classics on **Wednesday Film Series** features Films from the Critics' Top Ten this month! Join Reid Schultz for a discussion following each film screening. Visit www.northbrook.info for film listings. Wednesdays, 1pm & 7:30pm, Auditorium.

60th Annual Village Pancake Festival, Sat., Mar. 5, 7:30am-2pm, at the Village Presbyterian Church at Shermer & Church. All you can eat/\$8, children/\$4 & under 5/free. Entertainment, door prizes and more!

The unique **Two Pianos Four Hands** concert series returns to the Library this month. Enjoy rarely heard concert works performed by internationally acclaimed pianists. Sundays, Mar. 6, 13, and 20 at 2pm in the Auditorium.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents, *Bohemian Odyssey*, at 4pm, Sun., Mar. 6, at GBN Sheely Center. The Glenbrook North Symphonic Wind Ensemble will serve as the guest artists. There will be a free pre-concert lecture given Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For Symphony tickets, visit online at www.northbrooksymphony.org or call 847/272-0755.

Mar. 7 is the last day to register for **Spring Soccer** with the Northbrook Park District. For more info visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2988.

History Tour at the **Palmer House Hotel**. Mar. 8 is the last day to register for lunch and tour on Mar. 22 with a group from the Northbrook Senior Center. The fee is \$109 members/\$119 for non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

Christine Sneed, author of **Paris, He Said and Little Known Facts**, reads her work and answers questions at the Library's Evening with the Author on Thurs., Mar. 10 at 7pm in the Auditorium.

PLEASE NOTE – Corrected date: The North Suburban YMCA will hold its annual **Ken & Alta Thiel Strong Kids Fundraiser** at Pinstripes on Thurs., Mar. 10, beginning at 5:30pm. Delicious food and drinks with auctions, games, bocce, bowling, and more! For ticket information, visit www.nsymca.org

The Northbrook Civic Foundation produces **Northbrook Days?** Net proceeds help fund grants and scholarships within the local community. "Around the World with Northbrook" - Northbrook Days 2016 August 3rd-7th www.northbrookdays.com

Local high school students will be runway models at the **4th annual Prom Fashion Show**, a benefit for Northbrook Family Network, on Mar. 13, 2:00pm, at the YMCA, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call 847/272-7250 for details.

The Park Larks Choir rehearses on Thurs. mornings and welcomes new members. For more information, please call 847/291-2988.

The Northbrook Theatre Children's Company will present **Bye Bye Birdie: Young Performers' Edition** on Mar.13 and 19 at 12:30 and 4pm. Tickets are on sale at the Leisure Center, online at www.nbparks.org and by phone at 847/291-2367.

Mar. 14 is the deadline for an early registration discount for Northbrook Park District **Summer Camps and Workshops**. Camp details are in the Spring Guide, which is online at www.nbparks.org For more information, call 847/291-2988.

An **AARP driving program** on Mar. 14 and 15 can sharpen adults' driving skills and help develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes. The 2-day program runs from 9am-1pm at the Leisure Center. The fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or stop by the Senior Center to register.

Society of Active Single Seniors (SASS) meets March 15 and every third Tuesday of the month at 07pm at St. Norbert's Church, 1809 Walters Ave. This nondenominational club offers a variety of social events for single seniors. New members are welcome and refreshments are served. For more information, call 847/272-3534.

Planning to see **Van Gogh's "Bedroom in Arles"** exhibit at the Art Institute? First, join art historian Jeff Mishur at the Library as he explores Van Gogh's career. Thurs., Mar. 17 at 7pm in the Auditorium.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Library's Storyfest! Join us for a birthday party filled with stories, crafts, snacks, and fun. Register for a spot, and then come any time. Fri., Mar. 18, 3:30-5pm. All ages welcome!

Hospice Volunteers Needed. Make a difference in someone's life, become a Hospice Volunteer. Call Covenant Care Hospice at 224/383-7779 or email dlgoeff@covenantcareathome.org

Award-winning actress and scholar Leslie Goddard portrays **Eleanor Roosevelt**, one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the 20th century, at the Library on Saturday, Mar. 19 at 2pm in the Auditorium.

The annual **Spring Bunny Trail** hops to a new location at GBN (indoors) on Sun., Mar. 20 from 2:30-4:30pm. The free family event from the Northbrook Park District offers an egg hunt, face painting and activities. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and should bring a basket for collecting eggs. For more information, call 847/291-2988.

So you've written a first draft of your novel—now what? Author James Tadd Adcox offers tips and tools for shaping your second draft at the Library on Sun., Mar. 20 at 2pm.

Love to perform on stage? Join the Northbrook Park District at auditions on Mar. 21 or Mar. 22 for a Community Musical – *Big Fish*. Adults and children, third grade and up, are invited. Auditions are from 5:30-8pm at the Leisure Center. Performances are on June 10-12. Call 847/291-2367 for details.

Climate changed has arrived in our neighborhood—what can we do? **Come to Weird Weather** and hear Joel Stabuer's ways to mitigate the effects of weather variability. Mon., Mar. 21, 7pm, Library's Pollak Room.

Thinking about summer? Pool passes go on sale on Mar. 21. Anyone with questions can call 847/291-2988.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Mar. 23 at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas for the monthly meetings are posted online at www.nbparks.org

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Avenue offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 55 and over. Enjoy classes and tours and more. For information and reservations, call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center.

TEDxNorthbrookLibrary hosts "**Business Confidential: Secrets to Success**" on Thurs., Mar. 24 at 1pm. Join us as we screen four insightful TED Talks with a discussion to follow. Registration for TED Talks is recommended.

The Fat Babies, one of Chicago's beloved jazz bands, perform at the Library's Jazz/Blues Salon Concert on Fri., Mar. 25, at 7:30pm in the Auditorium. Come hear their take on 1920s and 30s jazz music!

Northbrook Garden Club meets on Tues., April 5, at 10am at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Topic: Dividing Plants and Plant Sale Preparation including Care of your Garden Perennials. Open to the public. Contact nbgardenclub@gmail.com

Planning a party or event in the park? Parks and shelters are available for rent from May through October. Non-residents can apply on April 1. For more information, visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2988.

Northbrook residents can bring artwork to the Leisure Center for **free art studio time** every Wednesday in March from 6:30-8:30pm. The fee for non-residents is \$5 with sign up at the Leisure Center.

SAVE THE DATE! The Northbrook Community Relations Commission is sponsoring a **Celebration of Cultures Faire** on Sun., April 17 from noon to 2pm at the YMCA. See dancing, singing, art, artifacts, and traditional costumes. Taste traditional foods and talk to representatives of the diverse cultures. For more info call 847/664-4017.

Art Displays at the Village Hall. Enjoy Northbrook Artist Sharon Moyer's beautiful artwork featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room March. The Village Gallery is presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission.



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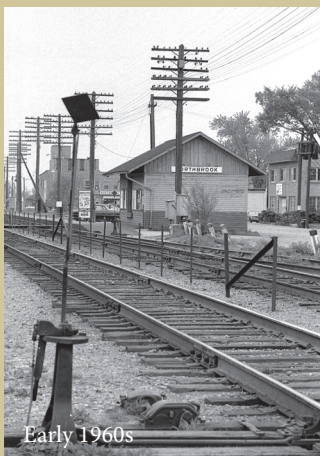
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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

In 1872, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad built a single track across the rustling prairies, marshy bogs and fertile farmlands of Northfield Township.



Early 1960s

Soon the commercial center of our village shifted from outlying areas, to what we now know as the Shermer Road Business District, after enterprising and hard working pioneers built frame stores, homes and other businesses near the railroad station.

Over the years, three different railroad stations served the Village. The first station was on the east side of the tracks alongside the original single track. In 1893, a second track was laid

to the west, but the station remained on the outbound side of the tracks until the 1960s. The next station, pictured right, was a small utilitarian cement block building on the west side of the tracks. In 1990 the current station was dedicated.

Expansion of the Shermer Road Business District was limited by its geographic location, with a creek and marshy area to the north and east, and rich and fertile farmland stretching as far as you could see in other directions. The railroad provided a way for farmers to take their products to market and for residents to travel to the city for business and pleasure. For thirty years, the small Shermerville business area prospered by catering to the residents of our largely agricultural community.

After the name of our Village was changed to *Northbrook* in 1923, owners of many of the original businesses in town decided to build new and "modern" brick buildings to go along with our new name and image. Of course, they chose to build with bricks and to face their buildings entrances towards the lifeblood of the community, the railroad tracks.



Circa 1975

Stay tuned for another story about downtown Northbrook history next month.

To learn more about Northbrook history, visit www.northbrookhistory.org or stop by the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Avenue, on Thursdays between 10am-2pm and Sundays between 2-4pm.

Judy Hughes, Historical Society President