

# NORTHBROOK

MAY 2016



## Memorial Day History

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, Decoration Day was established as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

In 1868, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. In 2000, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance, which asks Americans to pause for one minute at 3pm in an act of national unity. The time was chosen because 3pm, "is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday."

See page 4 for details about  
Memorial Day Events in Northbrook.

### Northbrook's Electronics Recycling Drop-off Expands to include 1st Saturdays

Currently, Northbrook offers drop-off opportunities for household electronics on the first Tuesday of every month from 7am to 3pm at the Fleet Maintenance Garage, 1227 Cedar Lane, behind the Village Hall. In order to ensure all residents can take advantage of this service, the Village has expanded its monthly household electronics recycling services to the first Saturday of each month.

*Beginning on May 7,  
recycling will be available on  
the first Saturday of every  
month from 9am to noon.*

Drop-off Bins for Household  
Batteries and Light Bulbs Available  
Monday –Friday from 7am to 3pm

Drop-off bins for household batteries and light bulbs are located behind the Northbrook Village Hall, at the Fleet Maintenance Garage. There is also a bin for LEDs and 4-foot fluorescent bulbs.!

For additional recycling opportunities and the disposal of other household items, such as motor oil, please contact the Northfield Township Road District at 847/724-7055 or visit [www.northfieldtownship.com](http://www.northfieldtownship.com) for recycling drop-off and paper shredding options.

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### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**Please note, the Village Hall will  
be closed on Monday, May 30, in  
observance of Memorial Day.**

## Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses Available in June

**Our easy to use renewal applications will be mailed to your home or business at the end of May.**

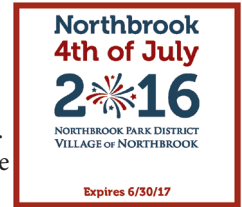
All motor vehicles registered to a Northbrook address (residential or business) are required to have Village vehicle stickers. Only persons residing within the corporate limits of the Village are allowed to purchase a Northbrook vehicle sticker.

Your mailing should contain all vehicle and animal applications as applicable to each household or business. Please review the form and return both copies to the Village. If either your vehicle or pet information has changed, modifications may be made directly on the form. Your stickers/tags, along with your receipt, will be mailed to you promptly after June 1. Stickers must be displayed by midnight, Thursday, June 30.

Persons living in unincorporated Northbrook must only purchase a Cook County vehicle sticker. These are available at the Northfield Township office, 847/724-8300.

### Support 4th of July and Receive a Special Vehicle Sticker

Residents will have an option to make a donation, minimum \$20 per sticker, to help support Northbrook's 4th of July festivities. There are only 2,000 special vehicle stickers, so purchase yours early. This year's 4th of July sticker features the 2016 4th of July logo.



The 2016/17 standard vehicle sticker features the Official Village of Northbrook Village Seal. Purchase your vehicle sticker before 4:30pm on Thursday, June 30, for the lower rate. Automobile stickers are \$30. After June 30, stickers are \$38.



## ComEd Reminds Customers to Keep Foil Balloons Away from Power Lines

**Did you know foil balloons, also known as Mylar, in the air can lead to power outages when they come into contact with power lines?**

In the past four years, more than 240,000 customer interruptions occurred because of foil balloon contact. When a foil balloon contacts a power line or a part of substation equipment, its metallic properties can cause a surge of electricity that can, in turn, cause the equipment to short-circuit. The spark generated could lead to a power outage or fire.



You can help reduce foil balloon-related power outages and ensure safety by keeping the following tips in mind:

- Keep balloons tethered at all times and attached to weights.
- Properly dispose of Mylar balloons by puncturing the balloon to release helium that otherwise could cause the balloon to float away.
- Never touch a power line. Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or toy that is entangled in an overhead power line. For assistance, call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (800/334-7661).
- Always assume power lines are live and keep yourself, your belongings and anything you are carrying at least 10 feet away from power lines.

ComEd customers can learn about more safety tips for the season by visiting [www.ComEd.com](http://www.ComEd.com)

## Village to Celebrate Ferris Bueller's Day Off

**The Village is getting ready to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, which includes many scenes from Northbrook, where writer-director John Hughes spent his teenage years.**

The fictional town of Shermer, Illinois makes an appearance in many of his films, based on Northbrook's roots as Shermerville. One of his best known movie images is the Northbrook water tower with the message, *Save Ferris*, emblazoned across the side.

This month, the Village of Northbrook, Northbrook Park District, Northbrook Chamber, Northbrook Library and Northbrook Historical Society are collaborating to recognize the anniversary of the Ferris film. A permanent bench will be installed on a grassy area between Village Hall and the Library with a plaque honoring John Hughes and a permanent sign near the bench will recognize the Northbrook connection to his films.



### Experience an Evening in the Park on June 3 Rock the Green and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

The Northbrook Park District will present a free showing of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* on Friday, June 3 at Village Green Park, beginning at approximately 9pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy the prankster comedy about three friends who skipped school and enjoyed a series of wild adventures in and around Chicago. The film was released in June of 1986 and placed on the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress in 2014.

The film (rated PG-13) will start just after Rock the Green – Battle of the North Shore Youth Bands, which will rock the park from 6-9pm. This is the seventh year for the showcase and competition, sponsored by the Northbrook Park District and Northbrook Arts Commission. All ages are invited to enjoy the talent on stage, share the experience, and cheer their favorite bands. There is no charge for admission; popcorn will be available for purchase.





# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Not only does May bring our much anticipated warmer weather, but it is also a time to prepare for the exciting events coming up this summer. May provides us with a great opportunity to remember our nation's heroes, especially at the events scheduled during Memorial Day weekend, starting with the parade on Monday, May 30. It is also the beginning of the Village's fiscal year and I encourage you to read about our Village budget on page 6.

This year's budget, as always, includes expenditures for improvements to the Village's water, sewer and

surface infrastructure to keep them in a safe and stable condition. In fact, there are numerous construction projects occurring in and around Northbrook, including those funded by other agencies such as the Illinois Department of Transportation and Metra. Please see page 5 for details on this season's projects. You may want to adjust your travel plans either to allow more time or to take an alternate route, especially between Wednesday, May 18 to Friday, May 27, when the Metra crossing at Dundee Rd. (1/2 mile west of Waukegan Road) will be closed to all traffic for repairs. I encourage motorists to drive carefully, especially while in construction zones.

## **A Reminder for Pedestrians and Motorists**

In addition to addressing motorists, I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind pedestrians of all ages to be mindful when crossing the road and walking in parking lots. All too frequently I see pedestrians distracted with cell phones or stepping into the street without paying attention to traffic. While it is mandatory for all drivers to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks, regardless of whether or not there are traffic signals/stop signs present, it is also the pedestrian's responsibility to be aware of changing traffic situations and not step into moving traffic. Pedestrians should be focused and aware of their surroundings when crossing outside of a marked crosswalk or an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. It's also sensible to assume that approaching drivers may not be paying attention to pedestrians near the roadway. Together, we can keep our residents and neighborhoods safe.

## **Welcome New Residents**

On May 20, the Village is hosting a special event at the Village Hall for new residents, or current residents who would like to meet their neighbors, and learn about a variety of agencies, such as the Library and Park District, that serve those who call Northbrook home. It is also a time to learn more about a unique Northbrook event called Flamingo Fridays. See page 4 for details.

## **Save Ferris!**

Speaking of unique events, the Village has teamed up with the Park District, Library, Chamber of Commerce and Northbrook Historical Society to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, a movie produced, written and directed by filmmaker John Hughes. As part of the celebration, a bench will be installed this month between the Village Hall and the Library to honor John Hughes, as he spent his teenage years in Northbrook and referenced our Village, as Shermer, Illinois, in a number of his productions. See the preceding page for more information about celebrating his life and his films.

## **Shop and Dine in Northbrook**

In addition, this month is Mother's Day, a wonderful time to appreciate our greatest unsung heroes: our mothers. I encourage you to visit [www.liveshopdineNorthbrook.com](http://www.liveshopdineNorthbrook.com) as you make your Mother's Day shopping and dining plans in Northbrook.

## **Your Feedback is Welcome**

As always, I'd love to hear from you. I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions. Please call the Village Hall at 847/509-5301 or email [village@northbrook.il.us](mailto:village@northbrook.il.us)



# Memorial Day Weekend Events

Don't Miss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30

## Honor Our Local Veterans

The Northbrook Memorial Day Parade steps off from the corner of Cherry and Western at 10:30am and continues east on Cherry/Church to the Village Green. Bands from local schools will be marching and performing following the parade.

All are encouraged to attend the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green Park following the parade. This year's speaker will be U.S. Representative Robert Dold.

## Posting Flags on Veteran's Grave Sites

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 28 at 10am, for the Posting of Flags on Veteran's grave sites at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road, just north of Dundee Road. The posting of approximately 150 flags takes about an hour. All residents are welcome to participate and any organization that wants to *adopt* a cemetery is encouraged to do so. American Legion Post 791 has an ample supply of flags for this purpose. Please call 847/564-9558 for details.

## Show Your Patriotism – Fly Your Flag All Weekend

Take a few minutes and display your flag. If you don't have a flag, purchase one at a local hardware store! On Memorial Day, the flag should be hung at half-staff until noon, when it should be raised to the top of the staff. Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reason we celebrate Memorial Day each year.

## Residents Invited to the Village Hall to Kick-off Summer 2016

The Community Relations Commission will host a combined *Welcome to Northbrook* and *Flamingo Friday* event on Friday, May 20 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

The annual Flamingo Friday and Welcome to Northbrook lawn party is scheduled just in time to kick-off summer fun. Representatives from the Village, Public Library, Park District, Police and Fire Departments and North Suburban YMCA will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about services in the Village of Northbrook. Refreshments, including special treats will be served.

Residents will also be encouraged to participate in the Community Relations Commission's popular Flamingo Friday "meet your neighbors" program featured below. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic pink flamingo at the May 20 event.

For more information on Flamingo Friday, call 847/664-4010 or visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo)

## What are Flamingo Fridays?

Flamingo Fridays are a way to connect with your neighbors in a completely casual atmosphere. Every Friday evening starting around 6pm, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, a neighborhood gathering will be held in someone's driveway, designated by a Pink Flamingo perched in the lawn. The host provides the driveway. No effort needed! Everyone brings their own lawn chairs, beverages, kids, snacks, etc. Gatherings may last 30 minutes or a couple hours, depending on the group assembled on any given evening.





# Infrastructure & Road Improvements

Now that warmer weather is here, so is road construction, both locally and regionally. Motorists are reminded to use caution in construction zones and always obey posted speed limits.

Below are highlights of Village projects and other regional construction projects scheduled this year.

## Village of Northbrook Projects

The Village of Northbrook strives to maintain the Village's water, sewer and surface infrastructure in a safe and stable condition. There are several projects scheduled for the 2016 "construction season" and web pages have been established for each of the projects to provide residents with current information on the status of these projects. Projects include Asphalt Street Resurfacing, Water Main Replacements, Concrete Street Rehabilitation and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Stormwater Management Projects identified in the Master Stormwater Management Plan include the Shermer Road Overflow Sewer (Project 2), Wescott Park Storage (Project 1) and Northbrook East Storage (Project 11).

## Resurfacing/Shoulder Stabilization of Shermer Road

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Shermer Road, including paving the existing aggregate shoulder, between Waukegan Road and Dundee Road, this spring. Utility companies have already started moving their utilities in preparation for the project.

## Dundee Road Intersection Improvements

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be adding a southbound & eastbound right turn lane at the Pfingsten Road intersection and eastbound & westbound right turn lanes at the Landwehr Road intersection this fall. This project is dependent upon plan readiness and available funding.



## Dundee Road Metra Crossing Closure

The Metra crossing at Dundee Rd. (1/2 mile west of S. Waukegan Rd.) will be closed for repairs from Wednesday, May 18 to Friday, May 27. A detour will be marked on Pfingsten Rd., Lake Cook Rd., and S. Waukegan Rd.

Please visit [www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects) for more detailed information on construction projects in and around Northbrook.

## Northbrook's Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

**The Public Works Department will begin its regular hydrant flushing program in May and continue through the summer.**

The hydrant maintenance work will be on weekdays between the hours of 8am and 3pm.

When hydrant maintenance is being done in your area, it may cause some discoloration or rust in your water.

Should there be any rust or discoloration, the water will remain safe. Letting the cold water on your faucets run until the water is clear will help rid your lines of rust or discoloration.

If the water discoloration continues, call the Northbrook Public Works Department at 847/272-4711.



## Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

**Please consider sponsoring Northbrook Police Officers who will participate in the Torch Run to Raise Money for Special Olympics on Sunday, June 5**

The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. Through the power of sport, Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

## Donate to Special Olympics On-Line or pay by Check

Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceTorch](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceTorch) or send a check payable to "Special Olympics Illinois" to the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. Questions? Call the Northbrook Police at 847/664-4422 or 847/664-4460.

# Village Board Approves Budget

At their regular meeting on April 12, 2016, the Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, which begins May 1, 2016.

The total approved budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 is \$104,842,361.

**The General Fund, which provides for the basic public service operations of the Village (Police, Fire, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Planning and Economic Development, among others) accounts for 43% of the total budget. The approved budget projects a General Fund surplus for next fiscal year of \$125,025 and achieves the Village Board's goal of abating the \$234,980 property tax increase approved for the General Fund in December 2015.**

Four years ago, the Village introduced an expanded two-year budget for the General Fund to further assist the Village Board in the discussion of the Village's fiscal policy. Last year, we projected total General Fund expenses for FY 2016/17 of \$44.98 million, with total operating expenses of \$41.4 million. Our current projection for total General Fund expenses is 1.1% lower, and total operating expenses are 1.3% lower than our projections at this time last year.

*The two-year operating budget and the Village's five-year Capital Improvement Plan provide the basis for meaningful planning and the capacity to adjust our resource allocations as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community.*

Through this careful planning and analysis, the Village Board has increased their commitment to maintaining and improving the Village's significant infrastructure assets. The Village maintains 130 center line miles of asphalt and concrete streets, 170 miles of water mains, 127 miles of sanitary sewers and 123 miles of storm sewers. The Village has invested more than \$220 million in our municipal infrastructure. Proactive annual maintenance is required in order to protect our significant investment and avoid costly failures in the future.

## **Significant capital projects for the coming year include:**

- Street maintenance and improvements – \$4.9 million
- Water distribution system improvements – \$4.1 million
- Water plant and pump station improvements – \$3.1 million
- Storm water mitigation – \$12.9 million
- Public building improvements – \$1.6 million
- Replacement fire engine and ambulance – \$1.1 million

**From an external perspective, the State fiscal crisis continues to loom as a threat to Northbrook's financial picture. The State has been without a budget for nine months, and there seems to be**

**no resolution in sight as the Governor and the State Legislature continue to disagree on political ideologies.**

Governor Rauner has proposed a 50% reduction to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). This would equate to a reduction of approximately \$1,700,000 annually to Northbrook. Whether or not we ultimately realize a reduction of this magnitude is still uncertain however, given the State's financial position, some further reduction to our distributive revenues seems likely. It is difficult to say how much and for how long, or if there will be other offsets from the State that may mitigate these reductions. As this becomes clearer, the Administration & Finance Committee will meet to discuss options to deal with any ultimate reduction.

Together, the Village Board and staff have responded to the realities of the last several years with policies and processes that have focused our efforts to meaningfully and appropriately address the short- and long-term financial health of our Village government.

This careful management by the Village Board and staff has provided the flexibility to adjust our resources as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community. There is a reason Northbrook is one of only five communities in Illinois to carry triple-A ratings from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's. Constraining costs without diminishing quality services, steady growth in certain revenue streams and strong legislative and management oversight will keep the Village in an enviable position moving into the coming fiscal years.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about the Village's budget or the budget process, please contact Jeff Rowitz, Deputy Village Manager/ Chief Financial Officer, at 847/272-5050. The budget is also available online at [www.northbrook.il.us/budget](http://www.northbrook.il.us/budget)





# Village Happenings

Looking to recycle electronics, light bulbs and batteries? Bins for light bulbs and batteries are available behind the Village Hall at the Maintenance garage from 7am to 3pm, Mon. through Fri. Household Electronics for residents is available on the first Tuesday of every month from 7am to 3pm and **New Saturday Electronics Recycling as of May 7, the first Saturday of each month from 9am to noon.**

**Looking for a Mother's Day gift?** Great one-of-a-kind gifts are for sale at the Inn Shop located at the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Ave. Hours are Thurs.- Sat. from 10am to 4pm, and on Sun., from 2 to 4pm. Consignments received Wed., 11am to 2pm. Call 847/498-0884. A portion of every sale helps support the Northbrook History Museum.

**Attention Teens:** the 6th annual Northbrook Youth Film Festival is accepting submissions until May 31. Enter your short film, and you'll have a chance to win up to \$300! Visit [www.northbrook.info/youth-film](http://www.northbrook.info/youth-film) for more details

**Calling All Bands!** May 3 is the deadline for local bands to apply for Rock the Green, Battle of the North Shore Youth Bands. The annual showcase and competition takes place on Fri., June 3 from 6 to 9pm at Village Green Park. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for applications. The event is sponsored by the Northbrook Park District and Northbrook Arts Commission. For more information, call 847/291-2995.

**Need help getting eBooks, digital magazines, and other Library materials on your portable device?** Come to Tech Tuesdays! Find us from 3-5pm near the Reference Desk. No sign up required.

On May 1 and May 15 at 2pm, come to the Library for **The Latin Experience: A Festival of Spanish & Latin American Music & Dance.** Sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

**Northbrook Garden Club** presents Perfect Perennials for Perpetual Color for Real Lazy Gardeners. Renowned Master Gardener, Greg Batoshuk will present on Tues., May 3, 7pm at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Public Welcome. [nbgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbgardenclub@gmail.com)

A local family shares their experiences teaching English and working in a community garden during a trip to Cuba organized by **Global Volunteers.** Thurs., May 5, 7pm, Library's Pollak Room

The Northbrook Park District offers **free golf to moms on Mother's Day.** For more information, call the Golf Shop at 847/291-2351, ext. 3.

An **AARP driving program** on May 9 & 10 can sharpen skills for age-related changes. The two-day program runs from 9am-1pm at the Leisure Center. The fee is \$15 for AARP members/\$20 non. Call to register 847/291-2988.

**Families with Special Needs:** Working with First Responders will teach you how to handle 911 emergencies. Children can attend a sensory-friendly program while adults are in their discussion. Tues., May 10, 7pm, Northbrook Public Library.

Learn how 20,000 Jews were able to seek refuge from the horrors of Nazi Germany at **Escape to Shanghai**, a lecture presented on Tues., May 10 at 2pm in the Library's Pollak Room.

At the Library's new **Physicians' Lecture Series**, Dr. Gregory Wallman teaches effective methods to help prevent illness, followed by a question and answer period. Registration recommended. Thurs., May 12, 1 to 2:30pm, Pollak Room.

**Thursday night bicycle races begin** on May 12 at the Ed Rudolph Velodrome in Meadowhill Park. Races begin at 7pm, and the spectator fee is \$2. Kids free. A new youth cycling program begins on June 15.

Children can enjoy a brain-boosting dose of the Spanish Language at the Library's new **Fun with Spanish Story time!** Enjoy Sessions on Fri., May 13 and Fri., May 20 from 10:30 to 11am. No registration is required.

**Northbrook Garden Club Plant Sale** featuring plants from member's gardens, potted and ready to plant in your Northbrook garden. Knowledgeable members available on Fri. May 13 and Sat. May 14, 9-4pm at the Village Green Park Community Center, 1810 Walters Ave. For more information about the club visit [www.northbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.northbrookgardenclub.org)

School District 28's **Homer O. Harvey 5K Run/Walk** kicks off at 8am on Sat., May 14 at Northbrook Jr. High School. Online registration is available at [www.hoh5k.com](http://www.hoh5k.com)

**Go fish!** The annual Kids' Fishing Derby from the Northbrook Park District returns to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 14, from 10am-noon. The District will supply fishing rods, bait and prizes.

The **Northbrook Symphony** presents Royal Treasures from Saxony at 4pm Sun., May 15, at GBN's Sheely Center for Performing Arts. Please visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org) for more details. There will be a free pre-concert lecture for concert attendees given by Jim Kendros at 2:30pm.

**Honeybees** have been vanishing; what does that mean for our food system? Enjoy a screening of Vanishing of the Bees with a discussion to follow at the Library on Mon., May 16, 7pm.

**Give your garden continuous color!** Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla demonstrates how to combine annuals and perennials to keep your garden lively all season. Tuesday, May 17, 7pm, Library's Pollak Room.

**Fitness and fun** combine on Fri., May 20 at Greenbriar Gym, when the Northbrook Park District offers **Zumba** from 7 to 8pm. All ages are welcome. The drop-in fee is \$5 per person.

Join the **American Cancer Society's Relay for Life** of North Shore on Sun., May 20, from 6pm to midnight, at GBS. Visit [www.RelayForLife.org/NorthShoreIL](http://www.RelayForLife.org/NorthShoreIL)

The 16th **Annual Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run/Walk** will be held at 8:00 a.m., Sat., May 21 at Maple School. Register for the race today at [www.lewblondrun.org](http://www.lewblondrun.org) or call 847-400-8900.

**Tennis, Adult Hockey, Self Defense** classes and more at the Park District. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Enjoy Aesop's Fables** with the famous Melikin Puppets, who have been appearing professionally since 1957! Each of their stories ends in a moral that has held true for more than 2,500 years. Sat., May 21, 10am, Library's Auditorium.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** meets on Wednesday, May 25, at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas for the monthly meetings are posted online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

At the Library, Michael Ribet will demonstrate how meditation can evoke a deeper state of **relaxation and inner peace** on Thurs., May 26, at 7pm.

**4th of July Parade Application Deadline** is Fri., May 27 for community groups, politicians and businesses to sign up. Participants do not need to have floats; they can walk along the route or ride in a car. Applications at [www.northbrook4thofjuly.com](http://www.northbrook4thofjuly.com) or call 847/897-6119.

**Knitting-crocheting group** donates to homeless veterans, family shelters and needy families. Group meets Wednesdays, 10am to noon at the Northbrook Senior Center. Instruction available and yarn donations welcome. For more information, call 847/291-2988.

**Memorial Day Parent/Child Mini-Golf Tournament** -Test your skill, and compete for prizes during the annual tournament at Sportsman's Country Club on Mon., May 30. Call 847/291-2351, ext. 2, to reserve your tee time or drop in and play.

Registration continues for Northbrook Park District **Summer Camps** and Workshops. For information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

Membership passes are available for the **Northbrook Dog Park** & renewals begin on June 1. Details are online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) For more info, call 847/291-2980.

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Avenue offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 55 and over. For information, call 847/291-2988 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Park District parks and shelters** are available for rent from 8am to dusk. Wood Oaks Green Park and Techy Prairie Park and Fields provide grills. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for details or call 847/291-2980.

The **Northbrook Civic Foundation** Presents: Northbrook Days 2016 "Around the World with Northbrook" August 3 - 7 at the Village Green. Come be a part of this great fundraiser. Help Civic raise money for local grants and scholarships.

The **North Shore Chamber Music Festival** will take place on June 8, 10 & 11 at the Village Presbyterian Church. For more info and tickets, call 847/370-3984 or visit [www.nscmf.org](http://www.nscmf.org)

Stop by the Village Hall Board Room during business hours and visit the Village Gallery, featuring beautiful paintings like the one pictured below, by **Northbrook Artist Daryl Dyer.**



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# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

## Changes in Downtown Northbrook

At one time, three of the four buildings facing the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad tracks (now Metra tracks) opened their doors track side. Today, two of the buildings facing the tracks have been demolished and the third one looks nothing like it did in 1917 when it was built, or in the 1950s when it was modernized.



The all-brick building was built for the Shermerville State Bank, which received its charter in 1913. The bank's name was changed when the town was renamed. It closed during the Great Depression but reopened. In 1946, a new bank opened its door there as the Northbrook Trust and Savings Bank where it remained until the summer of 1958 when the bank moved to a new location further east on Shermer. In its new location, the bank was bought out several times and is now housed in the multi-story building and known as the Bank of America.

The small bank, with its vault intact (pictured right), was sold to a local real estate investor who owned many of the downtown buildings. He modernized the building and rented it to Edwards Florist. Upon his death, the owners of the florist purchased the building from his heirs. In June 2011, a fire caused extensive interior smoke damage and kept the business closed until repairs were completed. Today, its second exterior revitalization, beautiful window displays and charming interior bring a modern-day feel to Northbrook's downtown business district.

