

NORTHBROOK

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Meet the National Champs!

Meet America's Little League Champions on Saturday, February 21

Baseball, Values and the Jackie Robinson West Champions

All are invited to spend an afternoon with the players, parents and Coach from the Jackie Robinson West Little League team at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, on Saturday, February 21, from 12:30 to 2:30pm.

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission invites attendees to wear their favorite baseball team jersey to celebrate this year's Black History Month theme.

The lineup starts with a free *ballpark lunch* from 12:30 to 1:15pm, followed by a brief multi-media presentation and a Q & A session with members of the JRW team and Coach Darold Butler.

Gather your friends, family and local team members. This event is sure to be a hit!

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Northbrook's Citizen Police Academy Class Begins March 25

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Police Officer or what a traffic stop is like from the Officer's point of view?

The Northbrook Police Department will host the Citizen Police Academy for Northbrook residents and business owners age 21 and older on ten consecutive Wednesdays, March 25 to May 27 from 7:00 to 9:30pm. Join this exciting, free, hands-on opportunity to learn about Northbrook's Police Department. Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will have a clearer understanding of what police officers do and be better informed citizens. Space is limited to 25 participants!

Attend the Citizen Police Academy and find out about topics such as:

- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and Investigation operations
- Police K9 unit
- Ride-along with a Northbrook Police Officer!

For more information about how to sign-up, contact Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka at 847/664-4427 or email dan.petka@northbrook.il.us

President's Day - February 16

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 16. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

Crime Prevention is the Best Defense

Review the following crime prevention safety tips to familiarize yourself with ways to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Always lock doors, windows and set the home alarm, if you have one, before leaving the house. Always lock deadbolt locks.
- If you have an attached garage, be sure to lock the inside door between your garage and house. If you have a detached garage, keep it secured.
- Lock your car doors while at home, even if cars are stored inside your garage or parked in the driveway.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Remove valuables from vehicles.
- Install secure window well covers.

- If you have double-hung or sliding windows or doors, place a wooden rod or stick in the track.
- Use timers for your lights if you come home after dark.
- If you are going on vacation, be sure to stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they do not pile up in front of your home while you are away.
- Be on the lookout and report suspicious vehicles that look out of place. Remember, burglars can be male or female, young or old and drive any type of vehicle.

Northbrook remains a very safe community, and we all must work together to keep it that way.

Call 911 immediately with details, descriptions and plate numbers if you see:

- Any suspicious vehicles driving slowly or repetitively through your neighborhood.
- Observe someone at a neighbor's front door, then see them walking to the side or rear of the house.
- Someone rings your doorbell, "by mistake." Burglars never just break in - they always ring the bell to see if anyone is home.

If you are interested in having a home safety check, please contact Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka at 847/664-4427 or visit the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/PreventCrime

Northbrook Maintains Class 7 Status with National Flood Insurance Program

Once again, the Village has received good news from FEMA! Following the annual recertification review, the Village has maintained a Class 7 Rating with the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).

The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specific floodplain outreach activities and development regulations. Currently, there are only 14 communities in Illinois with a Class 7 rating out of 57 participating communities in Illinois.

What Does this Mean for Village Residents?

Residents who live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) continue to qualify for a 15% reduction on flood insurance and those who do not live in a SFHA area can qualify for a 5% reduction.

Additional information can be found on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm

However, there are two cases where residents who have federally-backed flood insurance do not receive the CRS discount:

- If they have a Preferred Risk Policy (people outside the 100-yr. floodplain who never had a previous flood claim).
- The first floor of the structure is 1' or more below the Base Flood Elevation on a Post-FIRM building (non-compliant structure).

How are Residents Notified?

All residents and business owners with properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) were notified by letters mailed in late January.

In addition, this information is posted annually in the Village Newsletter.

Since Northbrook participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a federal program that offers flood insurance which can be purchased through property and casualty insurance agents, rates are set and do not differ from company to company or agent to agent.

If a property owner's insurance agent does not offer flood insurance or the NFIP policy discount, visit www.floodsmart.gov

Questions?

Contact Village Civil Engineer Jim Baxa at 847/664-4119.

Tuesday, March 10, is the Last Day to Register for the April 7 Election

Early Voting will be available at the Northbrook Village Hall starting March 23 through April 4. If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must be registered to vote from the address where you are living or you can be turned away at the polling place.

The Village Hall is open for voter registration from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. You also must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address.

If you wish to check your registration, or have a question about voter registration, call 312/603-0906 or visit on-line at www.cookcountyclerk.com





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



It was about 20 years ago when the Village of Northbrook first had a presence on the Internet with a webpage sponsored by the North Suburban Library System. The page included basic information, such as the data listed on the back page of this newsletter. As many of you may know, the Village of Northbrook has a very dynamic website, with pages and pages of information including everything from the latest news, meetings and events, to interactive applications and links to a world of knowledge of interest to Northbrook residents and businesses.

I thought it would be interesting to note that in 2014, the Village had over 500,000 page views on our website, with a total of over 140,000 unique visits. Some of the more popular pages visited include: recycling and scavenger service information, permits, employment, commuter parking, seasonal topics such as Trick or Treat hours and voting information, and local dining options.

Mapping Features on our Website

Over the past few weeks, I've been exploring some of the new mapping features available. Last month's issue of the newsletter announced the new interactive map on the website which highlights new businesses and developments under construction in the Village. The site, www.northbrook.il.us/ongoing-projects is worth visiting to learn more about major residential and development projects going on in our Village.

The mapping program on the website, MapOffice™, differs from commercial mapping sites, such as Google™ maps or MapQuest™, because it is an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) application that provides property information and mapping tasks to the general public. The primary function of MapOffice™ is to enable visitors to perform property searches, either by address or Property Identification Number (PIN), and answer questions about a specific property, such as what school district it is in, if it is on or near a flood plain, and the zoning for the property, not to mention some wonderful aerial views. Visit www.northbrook.il.us and use the Property Information Online widget on the top of the page.

One of the useful tools on MapOffice is the Measure Distance Tool. If you like to take walks or ride your bike, the tool makes it easy to navigate a route in your neighborhood, or the area, and determine the exact distance of your route whether it is up and down your neighborhood streets or around the Village. The distance is measured in miles and feet.

2015/16 Village Budget

The Village's Fiscal Year begins May 1, 2015. Next month's newsletter will include specific dates and times for the Village Board budget review meetings to discuss the FY15/16 draft budget. For more information about Village finances, visit the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsAtWork

New Fire Chief

I'm pleased to welcome Mr. Jose Torres as our new Fire Chief. Chief Torres will begin his employment with the Village on February 16, and be publically sworn-in at the February 24 Village Board meeting.

Tell the Village your Concern, Complaint or Compliment

Whether you want to report a pothole, express a concern about your neighborhood, or compliment a Village employee, Northbrook's GORequest makes it easy. GORequest is available online and to smart phone users. To access the service, visit www.northbrook.il.us and click the GORequest logo. The system features a simple, easy to use form, and allows you to track the status of your request. The system also offers an app for your smartphone at www.northbrook.il.us/GOApp Of course, if you prefer, you may still contact the Village by calling 847/272-5050.

If you would like to contact me directly, call 847/509-5301 or email me at frum@northbrook.il.us



February is Black History Month

Celebrate by attending the *Baseball, Values and the Jackie Robinson West Little League Champions Program*

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission (CRC) is proud of the diversity within our Village and is pleased to sponsor this free program.

All are invited to "Baseball, Values and the Jackie Robinson West Little League Champions" on Saturday, February 21, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at the North Suburban YMCA, located at 2705 Techney Road.

Members of the Jackie Robinson West Little League team will share their wonderful story.

About Black History Month

Black History Month started as "Negro History Week" in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. The goal of Black History

Month is to educate all Americans about the diverse cultural backgrounds and significant achievements of Black men and women in all sectors of our society.

For fourteen years, Northbrook's CRC has sponsored educational events and programs including plays, book reviews, children's programs and panel discussions.

Mission of JRW

The mission of Jackie Robinson West, a chartered member of Little League Inc., is to bring children into a structured program environment intensely supported by adult volunteers where the values of leadership, teamwork and self-discipline are strongly emphasized. Joseph H. Haley founded the team in 1971 on the south side of Chicago.

Mr. Haley's goal was to provide wholesome, healthy recreation through participation in the program. Mr. Haley, an educator by profession, used the baseball diamond as an open-air classroom to teach leadership skills, teamwork and self-discipline to his players. From a modest beginning of just one team in 1971, JRW is now one of the most outstanding community organizations in Chicago. In April 2006, JRW registered 450 children into its Little League program and continues the tradition of service to the community.

For more information about the event, email michael.strong@northbrook.il.us or call 847/664-4058.

Call for Nominations!

In celebration of Northbrook's diversity, the Community Relations Commission (CRC) is again sponsoring the Community Relations Commission Award.

The award recipient will be a person or persons who live or work in Northbrook

and have initiated, implemented, participated in, or otherwise engaged in an activity, project or lifestyle which reflects the values and mission of the Commission to an extent that is exemplary and done without monetary compensation.

If you know a person(s) who helps promote the diversity and unity of our community, nominate them.

Visit www.northbrook.il.us/CRCaward for information or call 847/664-4058. The application deadline is February 16, 2015. The winner of the Award will receive a commemorative plaque during a special reception at the Northbrook Village Hall.

Please join us in honoring Northbrook's best. Nominate a worthy candidate today!

Get Ready for the Earth and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25

Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day celebration is just around the corner!

Start rounding up the troops and plan to enjoy a community clean-up day complete with fun activities, exhibits and a community recycling event. Get your clean-up team organized and stake your claim to clean-up your favorite Northbrook territory.

Residents or businesses with environmentally friendly products, ideas or projects that would like to participate in our Green Expo are asked to call 847/664-4017. Companies that promote and introduce Green Building technology are also welcome!



2015 Parkway Tree Order Form

The Village is offering the cost sharing Parkway Tree Planting Program to residents again this year.

New trees will be 2-diameter-inches or about 8 feet tall. A property owner's cost share will be \$175 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. Multiple trees may be ordered, providing there is adequate room within the public parkway area. Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.

The trees will be scheduled for planting during the month of May, as weather permits.

Limitations

Trees must be planted:

- Equidistant from curb and sidewalks, typically at least 35' from other parkway trees
- At least 10' from a driveway or street light
- At least 45' from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines
- At least 5' from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes

Note: Trees cannot be planted in the same spot as a recently removed parkway tree due to old root mass.

Ten species of trees are currently available. All trees are limited quantities on a first come, first serve basis. All trees may be viewed at www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree.

Orders must be submitted by March 13, 2015.

Please note:

- The Village makes final determination on planting location.
- Orders are processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Trees may not be refused, moved or exchanged for any reason.

Return order form by March 13 to:

Terry Cichocki, Village Forester
Northbrook Public Works
655 Huehl Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Questions?

Contact Terry at:
847/272-4711 or
terry.cichocki@northbrook.il.us



Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the number of trees next to each tree description you would like to order on the reverse page.

Make checks payable to *Village of Northbrook* for \$175 per tree ordered.

Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, please check one for alternate tree instructions:

Please have forestry staff select alternate tree if first choice is not available.

Please have forestry staff call me to discuss an alternate tree if first choice is not available.

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*The location for my new tree is under utility wires. Please contact me to discuss smaller tree species.*

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Please draw a sketch in the box with an "X" indicating where you want the tree planted on the parkway and an arrow pointing north. Please include landmark reference points for easy field identification.

# Parkway Tree Choices



## Accolade Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Vase shaped

Height: 60'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Glossy green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Seedless



## Kentucky Coffeetree "Espresso"

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Round

Height: 50'

Width: 25'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow

Fruit: Seedless



## Bald Cypress "Shawnee Brave"

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Narrow pyramidal

Height: 50'

Width: 20'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Bright green needles

Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown

Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



## Northern Catalpa

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Oval

Height: 40'

Width: 20'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Bright Green, large-heart shaped

Fall Foliage: Yellow/Green

Flowers: Tube-bell shaped, white, 2" long

Fruit: Pendulous capsule



## Frontier Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Upright, pyramidal

Height: 35'

Width: 30'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Reddish to purple

Fruit: Seedless



## Ornamental Pear - Chanticleer

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Oval, upright

Height: 35' Width: 30'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Glossy green

Fall Foliage: Red/Maroon

Fruit: Seed orbs



## Ginkgo

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Upright, pyramidal

Height: 70'

Width: 30'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Fan shaped, bright green

Flowers: Yellow Spikes

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Seedless (male tree)



## Swamp White Oak

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Oval

Height: 60' Width: 50'

Growth Rate: Moderate Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown

Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



## Ironwood

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Oval, round

Height: 25'

Width: 20'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange

Fruit: Small papery cluster



## Triumph Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

Crown: Upright

Height: 60' Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Fast Size: large

Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Seedless

# Village Happenings

**Concerts on 3** will present classical performances every Sun. in Feb. at 2pm in the Library's MultiMedia Dept., 3rd floor. Feb. 1 – Pianist Svetlana Belsky; Feb. 8 – Pianist George Lepauw; Feb. 15 – flamenco group Soniche, percussion/dance with Alejandro Sie, violinist Dawn Gingrich and pianist George Lepauw; and Feb. 22 – Guitarist Christopher Laughlin.

## See it on Pinterest, make it at the Library!

Join us at the new adult/teen craft hour. Please register online at [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info) or call 874/272-4873. Simply Stylish Beaded Bracelets on Tues., Feb. 3 at 7:30pm.

The Park District is accepting nominations for its **Hall of Fame and Sports Hall of Fame** to recognize volunteers and athletes. Nominations will be accepted until Mar. 1. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Looking for a place away from home to create art?** Residents can bring artwork to the Leisure Center for free studio time on Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 6:15-8:30pm. Tables, stools & easels are available for 2-D art. \$5/non-residents with signup at the Leisure Center or [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

**Parisian Salon Concerts** - Marianna Kosaya will offer a show based on Russian poetry and fairy tales featuring a piano, violin & cello trio accompanying the Campanella Children's Choir. Fri., Feb. 6 at 7:30pm in the Library's MultiMedia Dept., 3rd floor.

The **Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance** from the Park District offers an evening of music and memories at the Northbrook Hilton on Fri., Feb. 6, from 6:30-9pm. Sign-up at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**A Year with Frog and Toad** brings Arnold Lobel's children's books to life at the Northbrook Theatre on Saturdays through Feb. 28. Performances are at 10am & 1pm. Tickets are \$12, with discounts for groups & Fri. purchases at the Box Office. For more info, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2367.

**Indoor swimming lessons** begin on Sat., Feb. 8 at GBN. For details, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Drivers age 50+ can sharpen their skills** with a 2-day AARP Driver Safety Program at the Leisure Center on Feb. 9 & 10 from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$15/ AARP members & \$20/non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

The Park District is accepting registration for **2015 Summer Camps & Workshops**. Camp info is in the Winter Guide & online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

**The Park District offers outdoor ice rinks and sled hills for active winter fun**, open daily from dawn until 9pm as weather permits. For current conditions, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call the weather hotline at 847/291-2985.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 11:30am-2pm, the Park District provides lunch and literary entertainment, as actress and singer Jenny Riddle dramatizes the lives of **First Ladies Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt & Jackie Kennedy** at the Leisure Center. Fee: \$19/members & \$29/non-members. Feb. 5 is the registration deadline. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

Due to demand, the Library now has two 3D printers! Visit [www.northbrook.info/3d-printing](http://www.northbrook.info/3d-printing) Classes are offered Feb. 14 at 10am & Feb. 17 at 2pm. Register at 847/272-6224.

Join independent filmmaker Reid Schultz in his **23rd annual pre-Oscar night film discussion**. Seating is limited to the first 84 people on Sun., Feb. 15 at 2pm at the Village Hall Board Room.

The Northbrook Arts Commission, in collaboration with the Northbrook Public Library, is pleased to announce a **call for Northbrook Artists to display in the 12th Annual Northbrook Originals Exhibit**. For more information, contact [jamarts@comcast.net](mailto:jamarts@comcast.net) or call 847/212-1460.

**Teens and adults can learn how to defend** themselves on Wed., Feb. 18 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. For registration or more info, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

Join **Park District Grounds Operation Manager Michael Brouillard** as he shares tips for making your yard look its best this coming spring. Topics to be covered include snow removal, pest and outdoor plant care & planning spring displays/ summer designs on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 1pm at the Leisure Center's Little Theatre.

On Sat., Feb. 21, speed skating at the Sports Center, which will host the **2015 Northbrook Short Track Open**. Admission is free for spectators and the competition runs from 9am-6pm.

The **Park District's Winter Carnival** returns to Meadowhill Park on Sat., Feb. 21 from 11am-1:30pm with horse-drawn trolley rides, ice sculpting & sled dog demonstrations, face painting, ice skating, a snowshoe obstacle course, games, snow painting, DJ music & a bonfire with s'mores. The free family event welcomes all ages. For more info, call 847/291-2995.

The Sports Center offers **Cosmic Skating** on Sat., Feb. 21 from 7-9pm. The entry fee is \$5. Skate rental, if needed, is \$3. For more info, call 847/291-2993.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents, "Classical Delights" at 4pm, Sun., Feb. 22 at the Sheely Center for Performing Arts featuring guest violinist Serena Harnack playing Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4. There will be a free pre-concert lecture given by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For tickets, visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org) or call 847/272-0755.

Tip Top Training offers an **Adult Boot Camp and Fitness Training for Youth** through the Park District, beginning the last week of Feb., at the Glenbrook Racquet Club. For more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Come to Appy Hour** to discuss apps for free eBooks, movies, music, TV shows, audiobooks & the catalog on Wed., Feb. 25, 12pm, at Sunset Foods & 7pm in the Youth Services Activity Room at the Library, 2nd floor.

The **Northbrook Park Board** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Feb. 25, at 7pm in the Little Theatre of the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas are posted at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

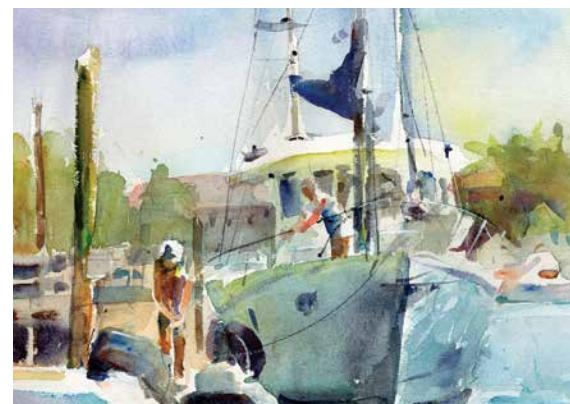
Adults can learn internet basics at the Park District's **iPad/iPhone workshop** on Thurs., Feb. 26, from 1-3pm at the Leisure Center. Fee: \$49 members/\$59 non-members. Call 847/291-2988.

The North Suburban YMCA will hold its annual **Ken & Alta Thiel Strong Kids Fundraiser at Pinstripes** on Thurs., Feb. 26 beginning at 5:30pm. Delicious food and drinks with auctions, games, bocce, bowling & more! For ticket information, visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org).

The Civic Foundation presents the **Northbrook Days Festival, Aug. 5-9, 2015**. Fun for the whole family! Save the date. Volunteer! For details visit [www.northbrookdays.com](http://www.northbrookdays.com) or call 847/513-6362.

**Art Displays at the Village Hall**. Enjoy beautiful photography by Mike Lew featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room and acrylic miniatures by Northbrook Artist Sheila Day in the display case.

**The Northbrook Arts Commission is proud to announce two art workshops:** Watercolorist Gordon France will present a 2-day workshop March 28 & 29 (Fee \$150) and watercolorist Peggi Habets will present a 2-day workshop on May 2 & 3 (Fee \$175). Workshops are held at the Village Green Center from 9am to 4pm. For more information, contact [jamarts@comcast.net](mailto:jamarts@comcast.net) or call 847/212-1460.



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# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

## Sunset Memorial Lawns - Northbrook Connections to Black History Month

The African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C., commemorates the service of 209,145 African-American soldiers and sailors who fought for the Union in the Civil War. Charles Fritz, a 37 year-old farmer born in Tennessee, and Daniel York, a 29 year-old barber born in Illinois, are two of the men listed on the monument. Both are listed in the rolls of the 29th Regiment U.S. Colored Infantry and credited as serving from Northfield Township.

Additional notes in Charles Fritz's military file from the National Archives say: "Not taken upon rolls of regiment." What little information we know about these two men comes from their military files.

Northbrook does have an important place in Chicagoland history that should be celebrated when local Black history is discussed. For many years, there were

few places where people of color could be laid to rest. By 1924, one of those places was here, outside of the village limits. The large, active cemetery is on the west side of Shermer Road near the intersection of Old Willow Road.



Sunset Memorial Gardens was listed in the 1952 Glenview/Northbrook telephone directory with a Glenview phone number. The address at that time was listed as: "Old Willow Road." Additional directions listed: "NW of Airbase-Shermer and Old Willow roads."

Today, it is called Sunset Memorial Lawns and contains sections exclusively for Jewish burials. Unfortunately, it is the only cemetery in Northbrook for which the Historical Society does not have burial information from the cemetery operators. However, one of our researchers has created a spreadsheet containing burials prior to 2011 and has posted photos of the majority of graves on the Find A Grave website. To see a gravesite photos, search Sunset Memorial Lawns under the "Search for a Cemetery" at: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) That site now lists over 7,100 burials at Sunset Memorial Lawns.

While it is no longer exclusively a Black cemetery, Sunset Lawns is the final resting place for thousands of men, women and children whose lives and stories we celebrate during Black History Month.