

# NORTHBROOK

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## Are You Registered to Vote?

Tuesday, February 16, is the last day to register to vote in the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must register to vote from your current address. The Village Hall is open for voter registration from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. You must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. We encourage you to register on line at [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov)

To check your registration or if you have questions, visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) or call 312/603-5656.

### Early Voting for the March 15 Primary

The Northbrook Village Hall is once again an early voting site. The early voting period runs from Monday, February 29 through Monday, March 14. Early voting hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday-Saturday.

If you have any questions please contact Village Clerk Debbie Ford at 847/664-4013 or email [debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us](mailto:debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us)

## Northbrook's Citizen Police Academy Class Begins March 23

**What is it really like to be a Police Officer? Have you ever wondered what a traffic stop is like from an 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 23 to May 25, 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. Participants will also have the opportunity to ride-along with a Northbrook Police Officer. Class size 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
- Crime Prevention
- Gun laws and safety

For more information, contact Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka at [daniel.petka@northbrook.il.us](mailto:daniel.petka@northbrook.il.us) or call 847/664-4427 or visit [www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceAcademy](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceAcademy).

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## President's Day - February 15

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 15. 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 your doors, windows and set your home alarm, if you have one, before leaving the house. Also secure 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, 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 past your house 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](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PreventCrime)

## Residents Urged to be Aware of Scam Artists Posing as Utility Representatives

**Sophisticated phone scammers target small businesses and residents. All customers urged to be vigilant.**

Local utility companies are warning customers to be on the alert for scam artists claiming



to be a utility representative seeking payment. Scammers contact customers by phone and in-person claiming to be utility representatives and telling them their service will be disconnected unless payment is made. They instruct the individual to wire funds or buy a prepaid credit card and call them back with the personal identification number (PIN). Variations of the scam include stories that the customer's billing cycle

has changed and payment is needed immediately, or that the account is past due and immediate payment is required to avoid disconnection of service or that the customer's previous payments were not accepted or processed. If customers are ever unsure about the status of their accounts, they should contact their providers for verification.

People who believe they have been a target of a phone scam are urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's web site at [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov) and click on the link *Protecting Consumers*.

### Scammers may also come to your home or business

Representatives should always carry proper IDs and never ask customers for cash or personal financial information.

Customers can avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:

- Never provide your social security or personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a utility representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity.
- When in doubt, check it out. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID. Typically a representative would arrive in a company marked vehicle.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to your door.



If customers ever have concerns, contact the utility company at the phone number printed on their bill.

## ComEd Smart Meters are Coming to Northbrook

**Residents will be mailed information from ComEd regarding electric meter upgrades.**

Smart meters are a key part of ComEd's effort to modernize the electric system and provide you with better service. The new meters will also provide customers

with access to more information about energy usage through online energy management tools, as well as more options for savings.

Residents will receive information by mail detailing the installation process.

Installers will be wearing official uniforms and carrying appropriate identification.

Check your ComEd bill for more information call 866/368-8326 or visit [www.ComEd.com/SmartMeter](http://www.ComEd.com/SmartMeter)





# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



This month I'd like to review the Village Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a long-range planning document designed to review the Village's anticipated capital needs, various infrastructure improvements, and capital purchases that the Village will make over the next five years. Ultimately, the plan's goal is to ensure the Village's infrastructure (including its street system, water conveyance system, fleet of municipal vehicles, computers, etc.) can meet both the service demands of the public and operational needs of the organization.

As one of the Village's core planning documents, the CIP is updated annually and the final document

is reviewed by the Board and published each fall. The fiscal year 2016/2021 Plan includes projects and cost projections for the period from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2021. It provides a significant level of detail for the current year and less information for the following four years. This allows the Village to keep a long-term perspective while also having the flexibility to make changes as new needs or technologies arise.

The Village's CIP is funded through five separate funds:

- Infrastructure Capital Projects Fund (Roadway surface improvement, sidewalks).
- Stormwater Management Funds (Stormwater infrastructure improvements and associated equipment)
- Water Fund (Water production and distribution projects).
- Sanitary Sewer Fund (Sanitary sewer transmission projects).
- General Fund (Fleet maintenance, building maintenance and improvements, technology replacements and enhancements).

You'll find more information in the CIP, which is available at the Village Hall, Library Reference Desk, or online at [www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsatWork](http://www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsatWork)

## Stormwater Management

One major area included in the Capital Improvement Plan is Stormwater Management. Stormwater management and localized flooding have been long-standing issues for the Village, and we began working on solutions when we drew up our first stormwater management plan in 1993. Over the past several years, we completed eight projects which reduced flooding impacts on multiple properties. The largest such project included improvements to the drainage along Techny, which resulted in

reducing flooding both on Techny Road and nearby structures. This past year, we completed construction at the Cherry Lane Underpass, which will decrease the depth and duration of flooding at this location. In the spring, we will complete the Shermer Road Overflow which will reduce street, yard, and structure flooding by transporting stormwater from the west side of the railroad to the river.

I am excited to say that we have a number of major stormwater projects planned for 2016. The largest such project will be at Wescott Park, where an underground storage facility will be installed underneath the park. This will reduce flooding for 82 properties located between Shermer and Pfingsten and still allow the park to be used in the future. Not only is this a wonderful example of a creative approach to a major problem, but also highlights how great partnerships between different governments, such as the Village, Northbrook Park District and District 30 in this case, can help save taxpayer money. There will also be work done in the Northbrook East area to reduce flooding.

## Northbrook's Village Budget

The budget document is the annual spending plan for all operations and capital improvements for the fiscal year. The Village prepares a budget for each fiscal year, which is May 1 through April 30. Included in this document is a review of major activities and projects; a summary of budgeted revenues and expenses; the allocation of employees by department, the goals, mission and service of each department; detailed information for all funds and departments; and the capital improvements that are planned.

Since the Village's Fiscal Year begins May 1, 2016, next month's newsletter will include specific dates and times for the Village Board budget review meetings to discuss the FY16/17 draft budget. For more information about Village finances, visit the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsAtWork](http://www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsAtWork)

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



## Get Ready for the Earth and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 16

**It's not too early to start thinking about the Earth and Arbor Day celebration!**

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!



## Don't Flush This...

**Did you know that flushing objects down the toilet can cause problems in your plumbing or the Village's sewer system?**

Many cleaning products are labeled "flushable" or "disposable," but few actually dissolve or break down efficiently after being flushed. These products can block your sanitary sewer service from your home which can lead to sewage backups in your basement or crawlspace.

*A general guideline is: if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's not flushable.*

**Common offenders include:**

- Disinfecting wipes
- Feminine care products
- Swiffer mop refills
- Refill heads from toilet bowl wands
- Shop towels and rags
- Towelettes
- Baby wipes
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Band aids
- Disposal diapers



Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for their sanitary sewer service from the Village's main to their home as well as any repairs and maintenance to those service lines. With that, should you experience a sanitary backup, please contact Northbrook's Public Works Department at 847/272-4711 between the hours of 7am and 3pm, Monday through Friday, or the Northbrook Police Department non-emergency number, 847/564-2060 and the Village will check its sewers for blockages.

## Remember to Always Pull to the Right for Sirens and Lights

**Pull as close as possible to the curb or edge of the roadway and stop when you see emergency vehicles approaching.**

Do not stop in an intersection or block a roadway. Remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed. This applies to those approaching from behind, as well as those coming toward you.

Emergency personnel understand the sudden surge of surprise motorists normally experience at the sound and sight of a fire truck, ambulance or police car rapidly approaching with sirens and flashing lights. But it's important to think ahead — Train yourself to instinctively pull to the right at the sound/sight of emergency vehicles.

When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, yield, change to a lane away from the vehicle(s) and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.



# 2016 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 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](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree)

Orders must be submitted by March 11, 2016.

### 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 11 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](mailto: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**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 70'                      Width: 30'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless (male only)



## **American Sweetgum "Happidaze"**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Broadly oval  
 Height: 35'                      Width: 20'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer Star shaped, glossy green  
 Fall Foliage: Red, orange, purple  
 Fruit: Hybrid to have no fruit



## **London Planetree "Exclamation"**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Moderately pyramidal  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Large  
 Summer: Large, bright green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/Brown  
 Bark: Attractive exfoliating creamy white large plates



## **Bald Cypress**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Widely pyramidal  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 35'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Bright green needles  
 Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown  
 Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



## **Red Oak**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Red  
 Fruit: Acorns on mature trees



## **Chicago Blues Black Locust**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright  
 Height: 70'                      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Green pinnate leaf  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Pods      Spring: White Fragrant Flowers



## **Swamp White Oak**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 50'  
 Growth Rate: Medium  
 Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown  
 Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



## **Emerald Sunshine Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Vase Shaped  
 Height: 35'                      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Deep green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless



## **Tulip Tree**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer: Bright green leaves resemble tulips  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange  
 Fruit: Conical cluster of samara on mature trees



# Village Happenings

**Junie B. Jones, The Musical** brings a precocious first-grader to life at the Northbrook Theatre on Saturdays through February. Performances are at 10am and 1pm. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call 847/291-2367 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Northbrook Garden Club** is hosting a free Program **"Professionals' Secret to Container Gardening"** Tues., Feb. 2, at 7pm in the Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Come learn the secret of how to keep your containers looking fresh and thriving all season, from Chalet Nursery Professional, Jennifer Brennan. Contact [nbkgardencub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkgardencub@gmail.com)

The **Campanella Concert Choir** performs an exciting blend of American Jazz and Latin American music at the Library's Parisian Salon Concert on Fri., Feb. 5, at 7pm in the Auditorium.

Enjoy a fun **family date night** at the North Suburban YMCA's annual **Sweetheart Dance** on Sat., Feb. 6. For details, visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org) or call 847/272-7250.

Enjoy **Candlelight skiing at Sportsman's Country Club** on Sat., Feb. 6 from 5-8pm, weather permitting. The fee is \$5 per person plus equipment rental, if needed. Youth and adult skis are available. Call 847/291-2351, ext. 3.

**Do your kids want to learn golf this winter?** Four-week sessions are offered on Sunday mornings beginning Feb. 7. For more information, call 847/291-2995 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Indoor swim lessons** begin on Sun., Feb. 7, at Glenbrook North High School. For details, call 847/291-299 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Love to color?** Adults and families are invited to color at the Northbrook Public Library on Sun., Feb. 7 from 2-4pm. No registration required.

Drivers age 50 and older can sharpen their skills with a two-day **AARP Driver Safety Program** at the Leisure Center on Feb. 8 and 9, from 9am-1pm. The fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

See a rare screening of the 1957 broadcast **"The Sound of Jazz,"** featuring Count Basie, Billie Holiday, and more, at the Library's Jazz Forum on Tues., Feb. 9. Screenings at 1pm & 7:30pm.

For one day only, you can **register to vote at the Library**, just in time for the primary election. Come to the Reference Desk on Tues., Feb. 16, from 9am-9pm to register. (See front page for more information about voter registration.)

**Do graphic novels pique your interest?** Come to the Library's Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group (held at North Shore Comics in Northbrook) on Tues., Feb. 16, at 7pm. This month's theme is "Superheroes for Grown-Ups."

The Library is hosting a brand new **Fun with Spanish Storytime** on Fri., Feb. 19, at 10:30am. Come explore the Spanish language with songs, stories, and more! All ages welcome.

The **Special Gifts Theater of Northbrook** will be bringing some favorite children's stories to life. Visit [www.specialgiftstheatre.org](http://www.specialgiftstheatre.org) for tickets and details.

**Attention Northbrook Artists:** Applications are available to exhibit at the Northbrook Originals show, which starts April 1. Visit [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) or email [juliamiller1@comcast.net](mailto:juliamiller1@comcast.net) Applications deadline is Sat., Feb. 20.

Filmmaker Reid Schultz hosts his 24th annual **Academy Awards Film Discussion** at the Library on Sun., Feb. 21, at 2pm in the Auditorium. Come hear about this year's film nominees.

On Tues., Feb. 23, adults can enjoy a **lunch and music from the Rat Pack at a Villa Venice Luncheon** with the Northbrook Park District, from 11:30am-2pm. Register by Tues., Feb. 16. The fee is \$19 for Park District residents. Call 847/291-2988 to register.

**Discover holistic ways to think about cooking** from two guest presenters at the Library's Up for Discussion program on Tues., Feb. 23, at 1pm.

Children, teens and adults can **learn self-defense** on Wed., Feb. 24 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. For registration or more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

The **Northbrook Park Board of Commissioners** meets Wed., Feb. 24 at 7pm in the Little Theatre of the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas are posted online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

On Thurs., Feb. 25, adults can receive **vaccinations** for pneumonia, shingles or whooping cough at the Leisure Center. A pharmacist from Mariano's will be on site from 9am-1pm. Prices depend on insurance, so anyone with questions can call 847/573-0077 for details. Refreshments will be available.

The North Suburban YMCA will hold its annual **Ken & Alta Thiel Strong Kids Fundraiser** at Pinstripes on Thurs., March 10, beginning at 5:30pm. Delicious food and drinks with auctions, games, bocce, bowling, and more! For ticket information, visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

**Fitness and fun** combine on Fri., Feb. 26, at Greenbriar Gym, when the Northbrook Park District offers **Zumba** from 7-8pm. Registration is not required; the drop-in fee is \$5 per person.

Mon., Feb. 29, is the last day to register for a **Wine & History program** from the Northbrook Park District. The program is on March 10 from 5:30-7pm at Sportsman's Country Club. Call 847/291-2995.

**Adult Winter Reading Club** at the Northbrook Public Library runs until Mon., Feb. 29. There's still time to read books and earn chances to win prizes! Visit Reader Services to sign up.

**Adults can learn Internet basics** at Northbrook Park District Tuesday workshops in February. Visit the Senior Center for details or call 847/291-2988.

Save the Date: **Art in the Park – A Northbrook Fine Arts Festival** will take place Sat.-Sun. at the Village Green on July 16 & 17.

The **Concerts on 3 Annual Winter Concert Series** returns to the Library each Sunday in February. Come to the 3rd floor for a relaxing classical performance with a stunning view! Sundays, Feb. 2-28, 2pm.

Northbrook Civic Foundation is planning big ideas for **2016 Northbrook Days**. If you are interested in getting involved or becoming a Civic member, email [info@northbrookcivic.com](mailto:info@northbrookcivic.com)

**Reservations for camping** at the Forest Preserves of Cook County's campgrounds picnic permit sales are now open. Visit [www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)

The Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation offers scholarships to Northbrook residents. Deadline is Mar. 1. Visit [www.northbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomansclub.org)

**Planning a party or event in the park?** Parks and shelters are available for rent. For more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Hospice Volunteers Needed.** If you are looking for a meaningful way to volunteer at Covenant Care Hospice, call 224/383-7779 for details or email [digoff@covenantcareathome.org](mailto:digoff@covenantcareathome.org)

The Northbrook Arts Commission is sponsoring a **poetry contest and juried reading**. There will be cash prizes in adult and student categories. Submissions are due March 1, 2016. For the rules and guidelines go to [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) or send an email to [nbpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:nbpoetry@gmail.com) to request information.

The **Northbrook Arts Commission is proud to announce two art workshops:** Pastel artist Marikay Peter Witlow will present a 2-day workshop March 19 & 20 (Fee \$150) and watercolorist Bridget Austin will present a 2-day workshop on April 30- May 1 (Fee \$150). 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.

**How does your Garden Grow?** The Northbrook Historical Society is looking for Northbrook Gardeners to participate in the Garden Walk on Sun., June 26. Please send photos and description of your garden and include highlights and any other information about your garden you would like to share email [patkresq@msn.com](mailto:patkresq@msn.com) before April 1.

**Art Displays at the Village Hall.** Enjoy beautiful watercolors by Northbrook Artist Sharon Moyer featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room.



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Check out *The Gems of Northbrook, A Guide to our Beautiful Trees*. Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to learn more about the trees in our Village. You may also visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Gems](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Gems)

# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

## A Walk Through History — Downtown Northbrook

In 1885, Robert Funke built a saloon in Shermerville. His property, at what is now 1352 Shermer Road, also had a barn, a shed, and an icehouse. Upstairs were rooms for the hired help and a large meeting room used by the Bricklayers Union. Chalk tally marks from union elections were still on the walls many years later.

Robert's son, Otto, became the second generation Funke to run the business. Later Herman Meier became his partner and ran the saloon, then known as Funke & Meier's. At one time, Otto Funke was partners with his brother-in-law, John Cooksy.



In 1922 the business and the property was sold to Fred Weismann. Mr. Weismann, a Glenview barber, chose the property because it also contained a barbershop, which he ran for several years.



The building originally had a porch and wide stairs. The greatest structural change occurred in the late 1940s when 10 feet was cut off the building's front. Weismann also paneled the walls with cypress, giving the saloon the name it was known by for many years — Cypress Inn. The building is still owned by the Weismann family.

However, the business was sold to Don Wehane in the 1950s, then to Fritz Miller and Phil Hillinger. Hillinger bought out Miller's share in 1962. The business was run as a busy and friendly place, just as it was in Robert Funke's days. After Hillinger's death, the business was run by the three Hillinger daughters until 2000.



Fred Weismann Jr. remodeled the building removing the cypress logs and returning the structure to a clapboard sided building more reminiscent of the building Funke built. The Landmark Inn opened in the remodeled building in 2001.

Send your Northbrook memories  
and historical photos to:  
[northbrookhistory@comcast.net](mailto:northbrookhistory@comcast.net)