

NORTHBROOK

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Senior Services in Northbrook

According to the 2010 Census, approximately 7,400 of the 33,170 residents in the Northbrook are aged 65 and up - over 22% of the Village's population.

That percentage is over twice that of the State of Illinois. Later this month, a report will be presented to the Village Board by the Senior Services Commission and the Community Relations Commission detailing the results of the Senior Services survey conducted last May. The survey evaluated the services needed by seniors who want to continue

living at home in Northbrook. In advance of that report, the Village is providing information on page 6 regarding the many senior resources available to our community, such as Crestwood Place (pictured above), the Village's senior housing facility. Visit www.northbrook.il.us for an upgraded senior section of the Village website as well.

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Commercial Property Development Process

Developers are proposing two major projects along Skokie Boulevard, both of which will require approvals from the Village Board. (See page 2.) This article briefly reviews the formal zoning relief process and explains how to participate.

When an applicant submits a formal application, Village staff reviews the application for completeness and then sets a public hearing date before the Plan Commission. Once that meeting date is set, the application materials are available for public review. Members of the public can submit written comments as well as speak during the public hearing regarding the proposal. After hearing from the developer and the public, the Plan Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees reviews the Plan Commission's recommendation. At that time, the public can provide written comments and may be given another opportunity to speak at the Board meeting. After reviewing the Commission's recommendation, information from the applicant, and comments from the public, the Board will make a decision whether or not to approve the requested zoning relief.

All materials presented to the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees are posted at www.northbrook.il.us. In addition, Plan Commission and Board meetings are televised on NCTV-Cable Channel 17 and streamed live, and archived, on the Village's website.

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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL
Please remove all non-organic material from your natural tree and place it safely at curbside on your recycling day before January 9th.



Business Briefs

Northwest Corner of Dundee Road & Skokie Boulevard

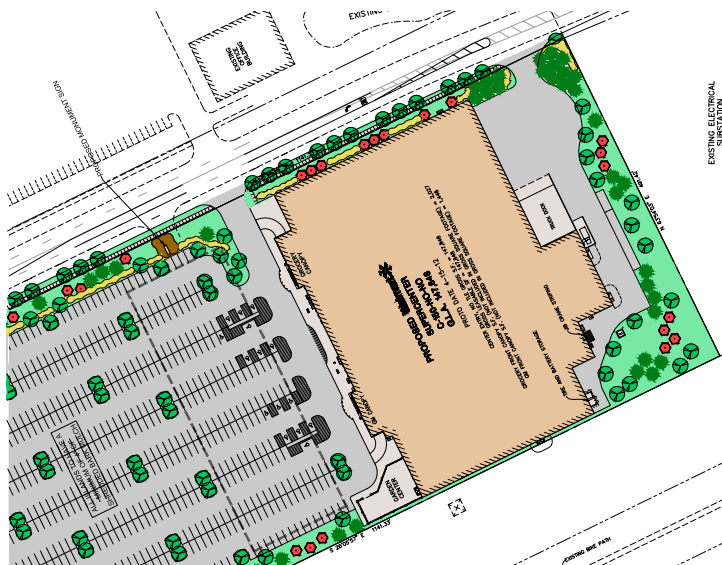
The development team of Crossroads Development and the Morningside Group is currently proposing a mixed-use development on the northwest corner of Dundee Road & Skokie Boulevard consisting of two major components:



- 107,000 square feet of one-story commercial space, which would include:
 - a 70,000 square foot Mariano's grocery store,
 - a 16,000 square foot retail space, and
 - four outbuildings that could include a bank, restaurants, or retail space; a couple of which could include drive-through facilities.
- 10-story luxury apartment complex consisting of:
 - 416 luxury rental units on floors 3-10, consisting of:
 - 270 1-bedroom units, average size 800 square feet
 - 126 2-bedroom units, average size 1,050 square feet
 - 20 3-bedroom units, average size 1,200 square feet
 - Structured parking in the basement, first and second floors.
 - A number of amenities such as an outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, theater with stadium seating, E-business center, and many other features including on-site management and leasing.

1000 Skokie Boulevard South of Dundee, near Sunset Ridge Road

Walmart is proposing a 151,000 square foot Walmart Supercenter at 1000 Skokie Boulevard, which is located on the west side of Skokie Boulevard just south of the intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Sunset Ridge Road.



In addition to the Walmart, the current property owner would retain approximately 5 acres of the site for additional commercial uses, which have yet to be identified.

As proposed, the Supercenter would operate 24 hours a day and provide the following offerings:

- General merchandise, grocery and liquor sales, a pharmacy, a permanent outdoor garden center as well as an outdoor seasonal sales area.
- Several tenant spaces inside the building, which may include a restaurant, photography studio, vision center, financial institution, medical office or other customer service.
- The Walmart Parcel would be accessed by three driveways off of Skokie Boulevard. There would be no vehicular access off of Sunset Ridge.

If you have questions regarding these projects, please contact David Schoon at 847/664-4052 or email david.schoon@northbrook.il.us.

A date for the Plan Commission's review of these projects has not been set. If you would like an email notification, sign up for "agendas" on Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us.



For information regarding the development review process, please see the article on page 1.

Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



On behalf of the Village Board and Village Staff, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we welcome 2013! Our Village has changed significantly since it was incorporated as Shermerville in 1901. (See the back page for more on our history.) This month I would like to look back on the life of our Village and recap 2012.

Winter

While our Fiscal Year begins on May 1, staff and the Village Board begin budget preparation early in the year. January and February discussions focused on how

best to comprehensively address funding of both core services and stormwater management. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) serves as our "road map" during the budget review process. This planning document is our 5-year vision of major infrastructure improvements and capital purchases that are necessary to maintain our community; projects such as reconstruction of roads, replacement of water mains, construction of stormwater detention, and purchase of fire engines.

Last February the Board discussed key issues in the Downtown Plan, including the need to review current zoning and development codes for the downtown; the desire to bring in more retail and restaurant tenants; and possible creation of the Shermerville Commons, a major stormwater basin behind the Village Hall and Library.

Spring

The Referendum regarding Electrical Aggregation passed in March, and the Village, along with seven other communities, went out to bid for electricity supply services. MC Squared was selected as the supplier and Northbrook customers saved over \$600,000 during the months of June/July alone.

In the spring, I traveled downstate to lobby against several Springfield initiatives that would have negatively impacted the Village. This is something I will continue to do. In Northbrook, we strive to build and maintain strong working relationships with our state and federal legislators and we will continue to build these relationships as a new round of legislators begin their work on our behalf in Washington DC and Springfield.

Summer

Since the Union Pacific train derailment and bridge collapse on July 4, the Village of Northbrook has been working continuously with the Village of Glenview, Union Pacific, IDOT, as well as our state and federal legislators in order to develop a plan for a new bridge that meets current safety and engineering standards. The new bridge is expected to be completed by mid-2014. Temporary access connecting our businesses in the South Shermer area to Patriot Boulevard via Old Willow Road opened in late November. Remember to patronize our local businesses in this area while construction takes place!

Autumn

Both Moody's and S&P reaffirmed their respective Aaa ratings of the Village. Current market conditions, along with our top credit rating, presented an opportunity for the Village to refinance our outstanding 2004, 2005, and 2006 bonds at lower interest rates in order to achieve considerable savings without increasing the term. In total, we refunded \$18.25 million of existing debt that was paying interest between 3.5% - 4.25% and replaced it with new debt paying between 0.30% - 2.00%. This will save our taxpayers \$2.1 million over the next 9 years!

We continue to see sales tax numbers on the rise as actual receipts have exceeded our projections in all but one month and numbers are close to what they were prior to the economic downturn. Late in 2012, the possibility of two new developments along the Skokie Corridor came to light, both of which are explained in greater detail on the preceding page. The review process on both of these is just beginning.

Sign up for Northbrook Notify so we can notify you about everything from Village meetings and road closures, to emergency alerts and safety notices. Visit www.northbrook.il.us or call 847/664-4015.

As always, your comments, concerns and suggestions are welcomed, please send me an email at village@northbrook.il.us or call the Village's General Government Department at 847/664-4010.



Coyote Concerns in Northbrook

Once again, residents are reminded that winter weather may make our resident coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Coyotes are part of the natural wildlife that surrounds our community. Generally the coyotes are non-aggressive and spend the vast majority of time in the forest preserves.

- Coyotes eat a variety of foods including plants and small animals and generally cause few problems in the community.
- Although the coyotes are wild animals and do hunt to survive, they will generally shy away from humans.
- Aggressive behavior toward humans is rare but not unknown.
- Children should be cautioned that coyotes are not dogs and they should not chase or try to pet them.

- Coyotes will search out small animals for food so pet owners should be vigilant about watching their small pets when outside. Always keep them on a leash especially in or around wooded areas. Keep cats indoors.

You can try to keep coyotes away from your home by taking some simple precautions. Make sure that your garbage cans have lids that are sealed tightly. Do not feed your pet outside or leave pet food outside. Never feed the coyotes!

If you have other questions about coyotes or other animals, please feel free to call the Northbrook Animal Control Officer, Gina Manski, at 847/664-4470.

Community Relations Commission Award

The Village of Northbrook takes pride in its community and the emergence of its diverse population. Residents of varied economic levels, races, and a variety of religious affiliations and ethnic origins help to enhance the richness of daily life.

In celebration of this diversity, the Northbrook Community Relations Commission (CRC) is sponsoring the Community Relations Commission Award. The award recipient will be a person or persons who live or work in Northbrook who 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 that is done without monetary compensation. Institutions or organizations, as an entity, are not eligible for the award. Persons school age and up are eligible for the award and the Commission is reaching out to its residents, schools, organizations and businesses to nominate a person(s) who helps promote the diversity and unity of our community. Please consider nominating a worthy candidate. For more information, visit www.northbrook.il.us/CRCAward or call 847/664-4017. Applications are due February 15.

Winter Carnival

The Northbrook Park District award-winning Winter Carnival returns to Meadowhill Park on Saturday, January 12 from 11am to 1:30pm with exciting new attractions – free horse-drawn carriage rides, ice sculpture demonstrations, and ice skating. The free family event also

offers games, a snowshoe obstacle course, sled- decorating contest, DJ music, bonfire with s'mores, hot apple cider, and snow painting. Volunteers are needed to help with activities. For more information, call 847/291-2995 or visit www.nbparks.org.



Here are some important tips to make this winter a breeze!

Please Be Patient as the Public Works Department Clears Our Roadways!

Remember, it takes four to six hours, after the snow has stopped, to clear Northbrook's roadways, and can take even longer during heavy or extended snowfalls.

When driving, please give snow plows plenty of room. Large plows take longer to stop, have multiple blind spots and make frequent backing maneuvers. Keep in mind that the Village is not responsible for plowing all the roadways within the Village limits. If you have specific concerns about road conditions, please check the list on the bottom of this page.

Residents Encouraged to Pitch-in!

Please take the time to shovel the public sidewalks for the benefit of students, mail carriers and other pedestrians. It's courteous and the right thing to do... and contrary to rumors, there is no liability per state law!



Parking Restrictions

After a snowfall of two or more inches, it is illegal to park on the streets until they have been completely cleared. Vehicles in violation are subject to ticketing and towing. If your vehicle has become disabled, call 847/564-2060 to inform the police.



Clear the Snow Around Your Nearest Fire Hydrant!

In case of an emergency, seconds count!

Please work with your neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access.



Who Plows the Streets?

Northbrook Public Works

Neighborhood Streets

(except private roads/streets)

Grant Road

Lee Road

Pfingsten Road

(between Highland & Maria)

Shermer Road *(Dundee to Willow)*

Skokie Blvd. *(within Village limits)*

Voltz Road

Walters Ave. *(between Pfingsten & Lee)*

To report emergency conditions on the above roads, call 847/272-4711.

Cook County Highway Department

Lake Cook Road

Landwehr Road *(south of Dundee)*

Sanders Road

Skokie Boulevard

(south of 1101 Skokie Boulevard)

Sunset Ridge Road *(south of Midway)*

Techny Road *(Shermer to Sanders)*

Walters Ave.

(between Pfingsten & Sanders)

To report emergency conditions on County roads, call 708/485-7130.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Dundee Road

Pfingsten Road

(south of Highland and north of Maria)

Waukegan Road

Willow Road

To report emergency conditions on State roads, call 847/705-4610 or visit www.dot.state.il.us

The Illinois Tollway Information Hotline is 800/865-5394.



Electronics Recycling

Perhaps you received a new television or computer for the holidays and now it's time to dispose of your out dated equipment. New state law requires consumers to recycle all electronics. Drop off your household electronics on the first Tuesday of every month at the fleet maintenance garage behind the Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Lane, from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Staff will be on-hand to assist you.

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the January drop-off will be held the second Tuesday, January 8. Also, you may recycle your holiday lights at the Village Hall lobby through January 31.

Senior Services in Northbrook

Below are just some of the many services available to Northbrook Senior Citizens. For more detailed information, please visit our website at www.northbrook.il.us or call 847/664-4010.

Senior Living

Crestwood Place Apartments, 1000 Waukegan Rd. Crestwood Place offers affordable housing for seniors 62 and over. Because the Village owns this facility, priorities are given to current residents of incorporated Northbrook, retired Village employees and parents of residents of incorporated Northbrook, in that order. Seniors without a Northbrook connection are welcome to apply as well. For more information call 847/272-0170.

Transportation

Senior Taxi Services-The Northbrook Subsidized Taxi Program is available to all Northbrook residents 55 years or older and disabled residents, regardless of age or income. The program utilizes \$5 tickets, to offset the cost of the metered fare. To request an application or more information, please call 847/664-4010.

Services

Northbrook Nurses Lending Closet
Provides sickroom equipment free to Northbrook residents. Call 847/272-1061.

Glenbrook Meals at Home
Provides home delivered hospital meals to elderly shut-ins. Call 847/724-6210.

Local Organizations

Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a variety of senior events, card games, programs, trips, classes and services. Call 847/291-2988 or visit www.nbparks.org.

North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield offers a variety of events and programs and services for seniors and caregivers. Call 847/784-6000 or visit www.nssc.org.



Support Groups-

A Parkinson's Support Group for persons with Parkinson's, their caregivers, and families, meets from 10am to noon at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Rd. on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Call 847/509-0927.

A Memory Loss Support Group for families and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias meets on the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 7pm at Covenant Village, 2625 Techny Rd., Call 847/412-7303 for information.

2012 Village Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held monthly at the Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane, unless otherwise specified. All meetings are open to the public. Village Board and most Plan Commission meetings are cablecast live on NCTV-Cable Channel 17, and replayed the following day at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm and the following Sunday at 9:00am and 7:00pm, as well as streamed live and archived on the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us (AT&T customers may access NCTV on channel 99 and search "Northbrook.")

Architectural Control Commission —
2nd Thursday, 5:30pm.

Arts Commission — 1st Thursday, 7:00pm.

Bicycle Task Force — 2nd Wednesday,
7:00pm. Bi-monthly starting in January.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners —
1st Thursday in May 7:30pm.
(Police Dept. Headquarters)

Special Meetings: 48 hours notice.

Community Relations Commission —
1st Thursday, 7:00pm. (Northbrook Library)

Economic Development Committee —
Twice per year, January & July, 7:30am.

Environmental Quality Commission —
3rd Thursday, 7:00pm.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board — Quarterly

Industrial and Commercial Development Commission — 4th Tuesday, 7:30am.

Plan Commission — 1st & 3rd Tuesday,
7:30pm. Cablecast on NCTV Cable Channel 17

Senior Services Commission — 2nd Thursday,
7:00pm., January, March, May, July, September
and November.

Stormwater Management Commission —
3rd Thursday, 6:30pm., January, March, May,
July, September and November.

Village Board of Trustees Regular Meetings
— 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30pm. Cablecast on
NCTV Cable Channel 17.

Village Board Committee of the Whole Meetings — 3rd Tue., 7:30pm or as posted.
Cablecast on NCTV Cable Channel 17.

Village Board Work committees — On call

Youth Commission — 3rd Wednesday,
7:00pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals — 4th Monday,
7:30pm.

In addition to the above, various Boards meet from time-to-time on an unscheduled basis; e.g. Board of Local Improvements and Electrical Commission. Notices for these meetings, as well as Special, Adjourned and Rescheduled Meetings of the above listed Boards, will be posted on the Village website and the bulletin board in the Lobby of the Village Hall, in addition to being sent to all registered news media and interested individuals/groups in accordance with provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Board of Trustee Meeting Agendas and Approved Minutes are posted on the Village website, www.northbrook.il.us. Meeting notices will also appear on the Village website and on NCTV-Channel 17 Video Bulletin Board. Please note on occasion, meetings may be canceled. Please check with the Village Manager's office to confirm dates and agendas at 847/664-4010.

Village Happenings

Save the date! In honor of Black History Month, a special program, Insights into the Black Experience in Chicago's North Suburbs will be presented by the Community Relations Commission, on Wed., Feb. 13 at 7pm at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd. The program will include a diverse panel who will discuss living in the north suburbs. For more information, call 847/664-4017.

The **Northbrook Nurses Club** has **nursing scholarships** available to Northbrook residents enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. For applications call 847/564-4866.

Meals on Wheels – **Glenbrook Meals at Home** needs volunteers to deliver meals to shut-ins on an as needed basis. Call 847/441-6272.

The **Northbrook Garden Club** is hosting a working meeting on Tues., Jan. 8 at 10am at the Northbrook Public Library. Activities will provide decorative supplies for upcoming Garden Therapy sessions at Rosewood Nursing Home and seed packets for Earth Day. All are welcome.

Learn cross-country skiing at Sportsman's Country Club. Lessons on Saturdays in January, 10am to noon. Ski rental is available. Ages 14 and older are welcome. For information on the Jan. 26 Candlelight Skiing, call 847/291-2351, ext. 3 or visit www.nbparks.org.

Growing Lilies in our Region will be presented by the President of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society on Sun., Jan. 13, 2pm at the Northbrook Public Library.

The Northbrook Community Art Associates presents **"Olympics and the Greek Games"** lecture and dinner at Pinstripes from 6 to 9pm on Tues., Jan. 15. On Wed., Jan. 30, **"Roman and Byzantine Treasures from the British Museum"** and lunch at the University Club of Chicago. Call 847/564-1051 for reservations. Guests welcome.

Learn about **Super Couponing** with expert Jill Cataldo on Thurs., Jan. 17, 7pm at the Library. This program is sponsored by the Friends.

Trains! Trains! Trains! The **Mid-America Modular Rail Club** will set up the club's HO gauge modular railroad layout in the lower level of the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., on Saturdays, Jan. 19 and 26, noon to 4pm, and Sundays, Jan. 20 and 27, 12 to 3pm. Club members will be present. Don't forget your camera!

Succeeding with Learning Disabilities will be presented on Tues., Jan. 22, 7pm at the Northbrook Library Auditorium.

Do you have craft supplies that you no longer need? Drop them off at the Library on Fri. or Sat., Jan 25 & 26, then if you are looking for materials for your next craft, come to the swap on Jan. 27 to find free materials for your next project. Call 847/272-6224.

Greek, Roman and Byzantine Art discussion on Tues., Jan. 29, 7pm, Library Auditorium – This program is co-sponsored by the Friends.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** will be returning to the "classical" period of music on Feb. 17, at 4 pm, at GBN. Prior to the concert, there will be a lecture by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. Call 847/272-0755 or visit www.TheNSO.org.

Seniors! The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a wide variety of programs for adults, age 55 and over. For info about Winter Trips, Computer Classes, Zumba, Bingo, and more, call 847/291-2988, stop by the Senior Center or visit www.nbparks.org.

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Registration is open for **Northbrook Girls Softball 2013 spring season.** For girls in 3rd-9th grade, the program is tailored to fit all skill levels, beginner to expert. For more information visit www.northbrooksoftball.com.

Northbrook Action Baseball registration for spring season, boys pre-school thru 2nd grade and girls pre-school thru 3rd grade. Call 847/564-9849 for details.

Northbrook Baseball House League registration for players currently in grades 3–8 will be held on Jan. 10 and 12 at the Village Green Center. For details and late registration visit www.northbrookbaseball.org.

The Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Drive, offers free programs and services for anyone impacted by cancer. Offerings include free physician lectures, counseling, support groups, nutrition classes, yoga, massage and much more. Visit www.cancerwellnesscenter.org or call 847/509-9595.

The **Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation** is accepting applications from organizations that wish to be considered for grants from the club's Philanthropy Funds. For details visit www.northbrookwomensclub.org. Application due by Feb. 15.

The **Northbrook Community Choir** meets on Monday nights, beginning on January 14, from 7:30-9pm at the Leisure Center and welcomes teens and adults, with no audition required. For more information, visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2367.

On Tuesday, January 8, certified nutrition consultant Kim Seiden begins a seven-week session of **fun and informative classes about healthy eating**, from 7-8pm at the Leisure Center. For details, visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

A **fresh version of Snow White with songs, dances and puppetry** will open on Jan. 19 at the Northbrook Theatre. Performances are on Saturdays through Feb. at 10:30am and 1pm. For tickets visit the Box Office in the Leisure Center, online at www.northbrooktheatre.org, or call 847/291-2367.

Northbrook Community Nursery School is now enrolling for the 2013-14 school year. For details, please visit www.ncnskids.org or call 847/272-5430.

Visit the Village Art Gallery, featured in the Village Hall Board Room. This month, enjoy the photography by David Harris and artwork by Julia Miller in the lobby.

Visit the new **North Suburban YMCA Community Art Gallery**, 2705 Techny Rd., featuring paintings by Northbrook Artist Terry Luc.

The Fabric of Our History: Discovering Cover Ups of the Past, the Historical Society's latest exhibit continues through March. Museum hours: Sundays from 2 to 4pm and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

No Matter Its Name – The Village is the Same

A long-ago resident told us she woke up one morning and her father said to her, “You don’t live in Shermerville anymore.” She asked him, “If I don’t live in Shermerville, where do I live?” The answer to that question tells the story of our Village, its two names, and the people who live here.

The Village of Northbrook was incorporated in November 1901 as the Village of Shermerville. That year, residents of the town made a signature quilt containing the names or initials of 888 residents and friends of the town. Elsie Pfingsten Dehne, who was active in the St Peter Woman’s Society, owned the beautiful red & white Shermerville Quilt. It is believed that it hung at St Peter Church during the church’s 75th anniversary in 1913. The family of Ralph Dehne gave the quilt to the Historical Society in 2001. The quilt graces the cover of the book written during the centennial: *Northbrook, Illinois: The Fabric of Our History*.*

To commemorate the incorporation, the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Ave., opened its latest exhibit, *The Fabric of Our History: Discovering Cover Ups of the Past*. The beautiful Shermerville quilt is the cornerstone of the exhibit, which includes other quilts and cover-ups that tell a story of the Village and its residents in a different way. The oldest coverlet dates to 1837, prior to the settlement of this area.



*Available at the Northbrook Museum Inn Shop or at the Book Bin.

In November 2013, our town will turn 112 years old. Twenty-two of those years, the Village was known as Shermerville. Thirty-five male citizens petitioned to incorporate. One hundred and twenty-six male and female citizens petitioned to have the name of their Village changed twenty-two years later. Just like the men and women whose names appear on the Shermerville Quilt, and those who signed the petitions, the story of our Village is the story of its citizens.

Ninety years ago, on January 8, 1923, the Village Board voted to change the name of the Village from Shermerville to Northbrook. The Secretary of State made it official on Jan. 15, 1923, 90 years ago this month.

www.northbrookhistory.org