

# NORTHBROOK

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## Enjoy Wintertime in Northbrook

Wintertime Skating in Northbrook has a long history of family fun. In fact, Northbrook was once known at the Speed Skating Capital of the World!

The photo above depicts skating in Northbrook circa 1960. On a crisp winter day, hundreds of skaters would gather at the Tower Rink to figure skate, play hockey or speed skate. Look closely at the photo, under the water tower, and you'll see the original Public Works Maintenance Garage, which was built in 1957. You'll also see the corner of the old Village Hall on the far right.

The photographer that took this photo was probably standing in what is now the Library parking lot looking south.

There's still skating at the Tower Rink and the Park District also provides a second outdoor skating rink in Meadowhill Park. Rental skates are available at the Northbrook Sports Center. More information is available at the District's website, [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

See the back page for more skating history.

## Communications in Northbrook

**Whether it's news about an unexpected road closure or information about delayed refuse pick-up, or if you need to contact the Village, one thing is certain, we have many local communication options.**

The Northbrook Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) provides information to residents, visitors, businesses and shoppers. The site has multi-language capability, quick links, a calendar feature that links to agendas and icons that help direct users to a host of information. The site also offers an option to pay bills on-line and an interactive feature called **GoRequest**, which allows residents to report and track concerns.

**Northbrook Notify**, our mass notification system uses phone, email and/or text messages to contact subscribers. Sign up for Northbrook Notify at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) or call 847/664-4040.

Residents also have the option of tuning to NCTV – **Cable Channel 17** to watch meetings, local programming and Village notices. Meetings are also streamed live and archived on the website. *U-Verse subscribers should tune in to channel 99 and search Northbrook.*

Northbrook **Facebook** users are asked to like us at [www.facebook.com/NorthbrookIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/NorthbrookIllinois) for timely notices about Village news and meetings.

As always, residents may **call the Village** directly at 847/272-5050 or see the phone directory on the back page.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

**Recycle your fresh Christmas tree by removing all lights and decorations. Leave at the curb on your recycling day before Friday, January 9.**



# Business Briefs

## Fire Prevention Tips for Local Businesses

To minimize the chances that the Fire Department will need to respond to a fire emergency at your place of business, the Department's Fire Prevention Bureau regularly inspects businesses for potential hazards.

In conducting the inspections, the Department follows the Illinois Life Safety Code. There are numerous items for which the Department looks, but the common violations become predictable and are shared by the majority of local business owners/operators. The Fire Department has provided the following list of the 10 most common violations and suggested solutions to assist local business owner/operators in achieving year round safety compliance:

- **Extension cords shall not replace permanent wiring.** Simply stated, extension cords are to be only utilized for temporary settings. For example, power supply for an audio-visual cart for a one-day presentation verses an extension cord powering a fluorescent light or copy machine. Solution: Use a UL listed multi-plug power bar in place of the extension cord. These devices have a 15-amp circuit breaker, which will protect electrical devices plugged into them.
- **Multi-plug-adapters shall not be used to replace the need for additional outlets.** These devices permit one outlet to accommodate four or more devices. The outlet was not designed to handle that much resistance. Using these items will cause excessive heat build-up in the adapter and equipment plugged into them. Solution: Use a UL listed multi-plug power bars in place of the multi-plug adapters.
- **Storage shall be at least 18 inches below sprinkler heads.** Sprinklers are designed to protect a specific square footage of floor space. If the system is obstructed it will be unable to extinguish a fire appropriately. Solution: Ensure storage is 18 inches below sprinkler heads. If a room is used strictly for storage, the Fire Department can provide red tape which is applied to the wall and states, "No storage above this line."
- **Exits shall be unlocked and free of obstructions.** Solution: Make it a weekly practice to inspect all your exits and passageways to be sure they are unlocked and free of storage and other obstructions.
- **A 36-inch clearance shall be maintained between combustible storage and heat producing devices.** Some examples of common heat producing devices are hot water heaters, furnaces and space heaters. Solution: Do not use furnace rooms as storage areas.
- **A 36-inch clearance shall be maintained between combustible storage and electrical panels.** This provides several benefits: A) preventing combustible storage adjacent to a heat source and, B) permitting firefighters direct access to the electrical panel in the event of a fire. Solution: Never use the electrical closet as a storage room.
- **Storage in stairwells and exits shall not be permitted.** Storage in a stairwell introduces two hazards: A) an obstruction to the exit and, B) combustible storage can support a fire, resulting in heat and smoke production. This will make the stairwell un-passable. Solution: Make it a practice never to store items in the stairwell.
- **Exits lights shall be illuminated at all times.** Solution: Make it a practice to weekly ensure the exit lights are lit.
- **Emergency lights shall be maintained in working order.** Emergency lights operate when the power fails. The lighting unit has an internal charger and battery which require inspection and annual maintenance. Solution: Make it a practice to check your emergency light on a monthly basis.
- **A commercial rated fire extinguisher shall be mounted and annually maintained by a recognized service agency.** Solution: Have a licensed fire extinguisher contractor annually service the extinguisher.



*If you have questions about the fire prevention inspection process, please contact Fire Prevention Officer Kevin Frangiamore at 847/664-4501 or [kevin.frangiamore@northbrook.il.us](mailto:kevin.frangiamore@northbrook.il.us)*

### New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

### Questions?

Call David Schoon at 847/664-4052

**Advanced Auto Part**  
1975 Cherry Lane

**Armani Collezioni**  
Northbrook Court

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**  
2837 Dundee Road

**Games & Things**  
Willow Festival Shopping  
Center

**Moto & Motor**  
1906 Techny Road

**TJ Maxx**  
Village Square Shopping  
Center





# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



On behalf of the Village Board and Staff, I'd like to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year. January is not only an opportune time to reflect on the past, but to also look forward to a new year with fresh milestones and goals. This past year we added a few important markers on our Village timeline: the near record-setting snowfall last winter; new developments, completed and in progress; the reopening of the Shermer Road Bridge; and dozens of new businesses in town.

## Village Developments Under Construction

This past summer, work began on the NorthShore 770 mixed use development project on the northwest corner of

Dundee Road and Skokie Boulevard. The development will consist of a 347-unit luxury apartment building and a 100,000 square foot retail center, anchored by a Mariano's grocery store. Other businesses announced for the retail portion include Panera Bread, Chipotle, Sleepy's, Kriser's, Zengeler Cleaners, Fuddruckers, and PNC Bank.

Also this past summer, construction began on the MeadowPark Office development at the northwest corner of Founders Drive and Techny Road, a portion of which will house the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital outpatient facility and a Bright Horizons child day care facility. Another project under construction is Covenant Village of Northbrook's new 56-unit, three-story independent senior living apartment building on its campus at 2625 Techny Road.

## New Developments Completed

Several significant developments were completed in 2014, including the first phase of North Shore Place, a 188-unit assisted living facility at 1000 Sunset Ridge Boulevard; and the second phase of The Lodge, an independent senior housing development on Founders Road.

## Recently Approved

Several new developments were approved including a gas station/car wash/convenience store at 2370 Waukegan Road, just north of the Willow Festival Shopping Center; a sports training facility on Holste Road; a new three-story retail and apartment building at 1312-1318 Shermer Road in downtown Northbrook; and a 21-unit detached single family home development on a site located in the 3800 block of Dundee Road.

## Under Consideration by Board

Other developments are under consideration and have applications pending, including a proposed 69-bed memory care facility on a site located behind J. Alexander's along Lake Cook Road, an 18-unit detached single family home development near the northeast corner of Willow and Landwehr roads, a 38-unit detached single family home development on the northeast corner of Waukegan and Voltz roads, and a luxury apartment building and Lifetime Fitness center at 1000 Skokie Boulevard. In addition, the owners of seven lots located along the 1200 block of Shermer Road have placed their properties under contract with a single developer who is working on a proposal to comprehensively redevelop these properties. As you can see, 2015 looks to be another year of growth and investment in Northbrook. Recently the Village launched a user friendly development project map. Look on page 4 to learn how to explore these and other new developments in Northbrook.

## Upcoming Events in 2015

Once again, our commissioners and staff are busy planning special events to celebrate Asian Pacific American Month, Earth and Arbor Day, 4th of July Festivities and Art in the Park and to name a few. This year's Annual Black History Month celebration will be a baseball-themed program including the participation of the U.S. Little League Champions Jackie Robinson West team on Saturday, February 21. (See next month's newsletter!) If you know someone who has volunteered their time to enhance Northbrook, please nominate them for the Community Relations Commission Award. See page 4 for details.

## Wintertime in Northbrook

I hope you enjoy looking at the historical photos of wintertime fun in Northbrook in this newsletter and find time to enjoy the best of this year's outdoor winter activities listed. Please take a moment and review the winter information from our Public Works Department on page 5.

## Comments, Suggestions or Questions?

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, contact me at 847/509-5301 or [frum@northbrook.il.us](mailto:frum@northbrook.il.us)



## Village Launches User-friendly Development Project Map

**An easy to use, interactive map for the public is now online that presents a map-based narrative which includes text and graphics to highlight major residential and commercial development projects.**

This winter, the Village's GIS (Geographic Information System) Services launched an online *story map journal* that highlights a few of the ongoing residential and commercial development initiatives in Northbrook.

A *story map journal* is an application that presents a map-based narrative of compelling multimedia stories which combine text, graphics, and maps.

The main focus of this project is to promote a greater understanding of development activity in Northbrook. Some of the projects that are featured on the map include: NorthShore 770, Timber's Edge, The Lodge, North Shore Place and Waterway Gas & Wash. Staff will continue to incorporate new developments into the application as applicants begin the development process. We encourage you to explore developments in Northbrook by visiting [www.northbrook.il.us/ongoing-projects](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ongoing-projects).



## Community Relations Commission Award - Call for Nominations

**The Village of Northbrook takes pride in its community and the emergence of its diverse population. Residents of varied economic levels and races, combined with 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 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.

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.

Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/CRCaward](http://www.northbrook.il.us/CRCaward) for the nomination 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!

## Winter Carnival Returns to Meadowhill Park

The award-winning Winter Carnival from the Northbrook Park District returns to Meadowhill Park on Saturday, January 10 from 11am-1:30pm with horse-drawn trolley rides, ice sculpting and a dogsled demonstration. The free family event also offers a snowshoe

obstacle course, "human spheres," carnival games, DJ music and a bonfire with s'mores. All ages are welcome. Reds Garden Center, Sarpino's and Sunset Foods are event partners.

Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995 for more information.





# Let it Snow! Our Crews are Ready!

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.

## 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!



## Shoveling Does Have Health Risks!

Stop shoveling and call 911 if you experience: discomfort or heaviness in chest, arms or neck; unusual or prolonged shortness of breath; dizzy or faint feeling; blurred vision; excessive sweating; nausea; or vomiting.

## 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!

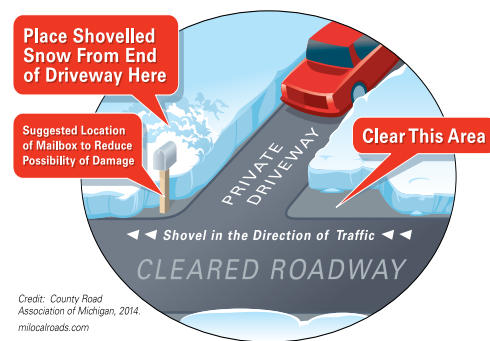


*In case of an emergency, every second counts!*  
Please work with neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access.

## How to Shovel Your Driveway

When clearing snow from your driveway, shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and try to make a pocket on the opposite side of the driveway, as shown. By doing so, more snow that is plowed by our trucks will be dumped into that pocket and less snow on your driveway.

## Avoid the "Second Shovel"



Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014. mllocalroads.com

## Coyote Concerns in Northbrook

**All are reminded that winter weather may make 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. Please review the following information with your family:

- Coyotes eat a variety of foods including plants and small animals and generally cause few problems in the community.
- 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.

- Although the coyotes are wild animals and do hunt to survive, they will generally shy away from humans.
- Children should be cautioned that coyotes are not dogs and they should not chase or try to pet them.
- Aggressive behavior toward humans is rare, but not unknown.

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 Northbrook Animal Control Officer Gina Manski at 847/664-4470 or visit [www.urbancoyotereseach.com](http://www.urbancoyotereseach.com) for more information about coyotes in the Chicagoland area.



## Recycling Electronics and Bulbs

- Drop off your small and large Household Electronics on the first Tuesday of every month from 8am to 3pm. *Please note: Effective January 1, 2015, all electronics will only be accepted on the first Tuesday of the month.*
- The Drop Off for CFL and Fluorescent Bulbs & Household Battery Recycling is open Monday thru Friday from 7am to 3pm.
- Recycle Holiday Lights at the Drop Off or at the Village Hall lobby, weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm through Friday, January 30.

# Village Board Highlights

## Recognized

- Recognizing Chief Mark Nolan for over 33 Years of service on the Northbrook Fire Department

## Authorized

- Renewal of Maintenance Contract automated Parking Meters, \$16,800
- Agreement for the installation of Holiday Lights, \$25,180 and change order for \$2,520
- Agreement for Environmental Engineering Services, \$18,065
- Contract for Underground Fuel Tank Inspections at Public Works, \$13,400
- Purchase of portable radios for the Fire Department, \$27,604
- Agreement for the 4th of July Fireworks Display, \$25,000
- Renewal of Three Year Contract for Microsoft Software Licenses, \$49,675

- Intergovernmental Agreement with Wheeling Township for snow and ice control services on Forestview Drive, \$1,087
- Purchase of Step Van and Disposal of Surplus Vehicle, \$90,163

## Approved

- Issuance Tree Permit Removal of Heritage and Landmark Trees a 1042 Hillside Road
- Plat of Consolidation for 2241 Chestnut Street
- Special Permit and Final Plan Approval for PNC Bank Drive Thru, 774 Skokie Blvd
- Renewal of Special Permit for 2890 Dundee Road, Hobbycraft Company
- Special Permits, variation, site plan approval for Northbrook Inn Memory Care, 99 Pointe Drive
- Special Permit for Personal Wireless Service Antennas 2705 Techny

- Intergovernmental Agreement with Park District to conduct 4th of July Festivities
- Plat of consolidation for 2311 & 2299 Asbury Road
- Rezoning Property at 60 Revere Drive & amending Zoning Map
- Level III Design Review Permit for Exterior Wall Sign, 1300 Meadow Road
- Special Permits for Accessory Drive thru, Wall Signs, Loading Space & Site Plan for Panera, 772 Skokie Blvd
- Renewal of Special Permit for Elementary School Program at 1133 Pfingsten Road, Children's Learning Path
- Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes & Special Funds 5/1/2014 to 4/1/2015
- Purchases for an Enterprise Resource Planning System

## Watch your Local Officials in Action

Northbrook residents and businesses can tune to NCTV for Village Board and Plan Commission meetings. (AT&T U-verse subscribers-Tune to AT&T channel 99 and search *Northbrook* to view NCTV.) Most Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are streamed live on our website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) All cablecast meetings are also archived on-line. To watch a Village meeting on line, visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and click on Meetings and Agendas.

## 2015 Village Meeting Schedule

Meetings are typically 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](http://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

### 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; No meetings in June or July

**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](http://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

The **Library's Parisian Salon Concert** featuring Sueanne Metz and young violinist Jake Robinson is on Fri., Jan. 2 at 7:30pm in the MultiMedia Dept.

**Winter session classes** at the North Suburban YMCA start on Jan. 5. For more info and to register, visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

The **Winter Session of skating classes** begins on Mon., Jan. 5 at the Sports Center. The Park District Skating School provides high-quality instruction for beginners-advanced students with a multi-level class structure. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2993.

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

**En garde!** The Park District offers sabre fencing on Wednesdays from 7-8pm at the Leisure Center, beginning on Jan. 7, with instruction by Sports Master Mikhail Tspis. Students age 6+. Equipment must be purchased through the instructor. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Looking for a place away from home to create art?** Northbrook residents can bring artwork to the Leisure Center for free studio time on Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:15-8:30pm. Tables, stools and easels are available. Please visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Candlelight Skiing at Sportsman's** on Fri., Jan. 9, from 5-8pm (rain date Fri., Jan. 16, 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.

**Indoor swimming lessons** begin on Jan. 11 at Glenbrook North High School. The Park District provides group and private lessons on Sun. afternoons for ages 4-14 and family swim is available from 2:45-4:15pm (except for Jan. 18). For details, [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or 847/291-2995.

The North Suburban YMCA presents a **Yogafest and Health Expo** on Jan. 11 from 11:30am-4:30pm. Choose from 8 different mind-body workshops and browse services from 20+ wellness businesses. \$40/Y members, \$50/non-members. Call 847/272-7250 or visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

**Drivers age 50+ can sharpen their skills** with a 2-day AARP Driver Safety Program at the Leisure Center on Jan. 12 & 13 from 9am-1pm. The fee is \$15/AARP members/\$20 non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

**Teens and adults can learn how to defend** themselves from attackers in a 2-hour program on Jan. 14 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. Children ages 8-11 can attend with an adult. For registration or more info, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Book Discussion** at the Village Hall, featuring Benjamin Goluboff. Will discuss Colm Toibin's *The Sign of the Cross* on Jan. 14 at 10am.

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

Registration is now open for **Northbrook Girls Softball** 2015 spring season. For girls in 2nd-9th grade, the program is tailored to fit all skill levels, beginner to expert. For more info or to register, visit [www.northbrooksoftball.com](http://www.northbrooksoftball.com)

**Sibling Wiggleworms** for children birth to 4 years as families share musical time together on Jan. 15 at 10:30am at the Library. For details call 847/272-6224.

The Sports Center offers **Cosmic Skating** for all ages on Sat., Jan. 17 from 7-9pm. The entry fee is \$5. Skate rental, if needed, is \$3. For more info, call 847/291-2993.

**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 Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., on Saturdays, Jan. 17 & 24, 12-4pm, and Sundays, Jan. 18 & 25, 12-3pm. Club members will be present. Bring your camera!

**Lyric Opera Lecture Series** with Lecturer Gerald Budzik discussing Tosca by Puccini on Jan. 18 at 2pm at the Library.

**It's finals for grades 9 - 12!** If you're studying at the library, take a break and stop by the Finals Café for all sorts of drinks and snacks. Jan. 18-19, 3-4pm & Jan. 19-20, 7-8pm in the Youth Services Dept.

**Celebrate MLK Day** by participating in a service project at the Library. **Make a special card** for hospitalized kids to share with someone in need of smile. Session 1 is for age 5 and under with an adult on Jan. 19 from 10-11am. Session 2 is for 5+ (adult optional) from 11am-12pm in the Youth Services Dept. Call 847/272-6224 to register.

The **Northbrook Community Choir** invites adults who love singing to join. Choir practice begins Mon., Jan. 19 at 7:30pm at the Leisure Center. For more info call 847/291-2367.

**Book Discussions** at the Village Hall featuring Nancy Buehler will discuss Nockolas Butler's *Shotgun Lovesongs* on Jan. 20 at 10am.

Adults, **learn to use an iPad and iPhone** at a Park District workshop on Jan. 22, 1-3pm at the Leisure Center. Fee is \$49/members & \$59/non-members. Call 847/291-2988.

The Civic Foundation presents **Northbrook Days Festival 2015** on Aug. 5-9. Planning has begun for this year's event, Green in 15. For more information or to volunteer, call 847/513-6362.

Adults can warm up with an afternoon of **lunch, Bingo and prizes** on Jan. 23 from 11:30am-2pm at the Leisure Center. Register by Jan. 21. The fee is \$10/ members and \$15/non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

Social worker Ruth Field conducts a 3-week series of upbeat and interactive workshops on **coping with challenges**, beginning on Jan. 23 from 10-11:30am at the Leisure Center. \$15 fee. Call 847/291-2988.

Broadway hit, **A Year with Frog and Toad** begins on Jan. 24 at the Northbrook Theatre. Performances are on Saturdays at 10am & 1pm through Feb. 28. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2367.

Reader Services librarian, Tracy Gossage, will lead the **Books on Tap discussion** on Dave Eggers' *The Circle* on Jan. 28 at 7pm at the Landmark Inn on Shermer Rd.

**Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation** is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations. Visit [www.northbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomansclub.org) and go to the Grants tab. Deadline is Jan. 31.

The Arts Commission and the Public Library announce the **12th Annual Northbrook Originals Juried Exhibition** in April for Northbrook resident artists. For details, contact [jamarts@comcast.net](mailto:jamarts@comcast.net)

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents "Classical Delights, Masters of the Enlightenment," at the GBN Sheely Center, 4pm, Sun., Feb. 22, featuring violinist Serena Harnack playing Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4. Free pre-concert lecture given by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. Call 847/272-0755 or visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org)

**Do you know someone who loves working with young children?** Applications are available for Junior Camp Counselors. Students in grades 8-10 are eligible. Applications online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) and due by Mar. 2.

**Glenbrook Meals at Home needs substitute volunteers** to deliver meals to shut-ins on an as needed basis. Interested? Please call 847/441-6272.

The **Northbrook Arts Commission** is proud to announce watercolorist Gordon France will present a 2-day workshop on March 28 & 29 and watercolorist Peggi Habets will present a 2-day workshop on May 2 & 3. Applications for the workshops are now available. For more info, contact [jamarts@comcast.net](mailto:jamarts@comcast.net).

Visit the **Village Art Gallery and Display Case**, featured in the Village Hall during business hours. This month, enjoy beautiful photography by Northbrook Artist Mike Lew in the Board Room. Northbrook Artist Sheila Day's small acrylic paintings will be featured in the Lobby's Display Case.





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# Historian's Corner

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At one time, the Village of Northbrook was known as the "Speed Skating Capital of the World." Not only was the town wild about speed skating, it was also wild about spending family time on the outdoor ice skating rink.

The first official ice rink began after the Northbrook Park District was formed in 1927, when the tennis courts north of Milton Avenue were flooded. Later, after the Park District acquired what is now Village Green Park, at the corner of Shermer and Meadow; a citizens' group built a Youth Center in the park that was turned over to the Park District in 1947 (now Village Green Center). In the winter of 1947-48, the official ice rink was moved to the natural bowl-like area between the Youth Center and the river. The Youth Center served as a warming house for recreational skaters and those taking lessons. It was on this rink that the annual Deerfield-Northbrook Rotary youth skating races began in 1950.

With the purchase of the large Cedar Lane property for a new Village Hall, the ice skating rink was moved once again. The five-acre Tower Rink was opened in the winter of 1955. In January 1955, Northbrook hosted the Midwest Olympic Speed Skating Trials at Tower Rink. It was such a big event that Northbrook schools were dismissed early, so children could watch the races on the only rink in the Chicago area that could accommodate a standard Olympic speed skating course.

The Northbrook Speed Skating Club was formed in 1952. The club has sent a member to skate on the United States team in all but one Winter Olympics since 1952.

Today, the Northbrook Sports Center, operated by the Northbrook Park District, is available to those who want to lace up their skates for hockey, figure skating or speed skating.



Open skating is available for friends and families to join in the fun, too. Yet, on cold winter days and nights, an echo of the past can be seen and heard at a smaller Tower Rink, behind the Village Hall and the Northbrook Library. The Park District also provides a second outdoor skating rink in Meadowhill Park.

This winter, lace on your skates and give it a try Northbrook!

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