

NORTHBROOK

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Our Crews Never Miss a Beet!

Road safety is always our #1 priority.

One of the methods used by the Public Works Department to treat the roads during winter weather is a mixture of beet juice and salt brine.

Pre-treating arterial roads before a snow storm with this mixture helps to create a layer of an ice melting product which helps prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement.

The beet juice is an agricultural byproduct that helps to adhere salt brine to roadways while improving the prolonged effectiveness of the salt brine. The liquid mixture is applied to the road by using a tank and spray bar on the back of a dump truck as pictured above.

If you have any questions contact Public Works at 847/664-4711.

Check out more winter tips on page 5.

Check the Date on your Vehicle License Plate Sticker, as the State Will Not Be Sending Reminders

Due to State budget cuts, vehicle owners won't be getting registration reminders for their vehicle license sticker or license plate renewal reminders.

The Secretary of State's office asks that owners check their vehicle's registration and be sure to renew on time so they don't end up on driving with expired stickers. Because of the change, more vehicle owners will have to visit the state's offices to renew their stickers. Without a reminder notice, they will not have a PIN number needed to renew the stickers online.

The closest office to renew your licence sticker is at the Deerfield Park Plaza, 405 Lake Cook Road in Deerfield.

For hours and days of operation, alternate locations, and to sign up for licence plate renewal reminders, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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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 8.



Business Briefs

Shop Dine Northbrook

As a reminder of all the great places to shop and dine in Northbrook, the Village will periodically highlight shopping centers in Northbrook. For more information regarding all of Northbrook's shopping centers, visit www.shopdinenorthbrook.com or www.northbrook.il.us/shopdine

Village Square Shopping Center

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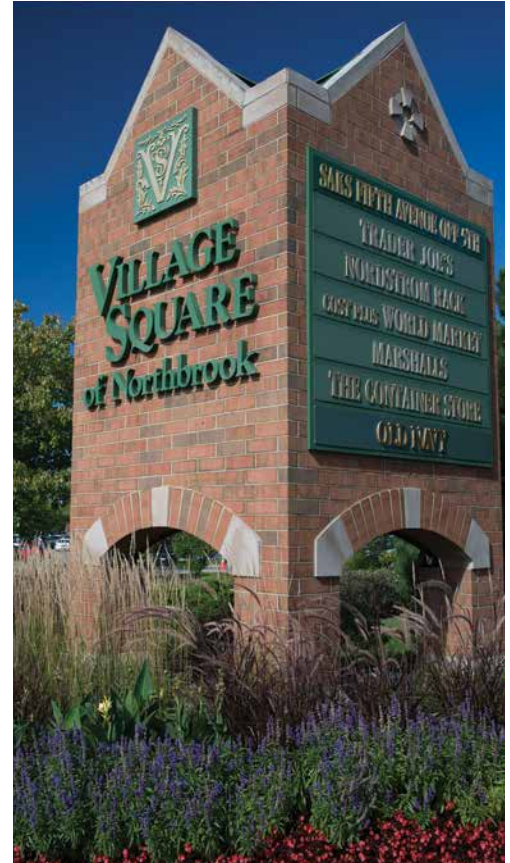
Village Square Shopping Center is located at the southeast corner of Lake-Cook Road and Skokie Boulevard. The 335,000-square foot shopping center was constructed in the mid-1990s. Today the center includes a variety of stores, with a focus on national discount retailers.

Recent Changes:

Over the past 18 months or so, Village Square has welcomed many new businesses, including TJ Maxx, Old Navy, DSW, and Party City. Also, Performance Cycle relocated their store to a larger space within the center.

Alphabetical Listing of Businesses:

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| • American Mattress | • Le Nail Spa | • Scottrade |
| • The Container Store | • Marshall's | • Starbuck's Coffee |
| • Cost Plus World Market | • Nordstrom Rack | • Steinway of Chicago |
| • DSW | • Old Navy | • TJ Maxx |
| • FedEx Kinkos | • Party City | • Trader Joe's |
| • For Eyes Optical | • PetsMart | • Verizon Wireless |
| • Garden Fresh Market | • Performance Cycle | • Wolf Camera |
| | • Saks Off Fifth | |



New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

Bright Horizons Early Education & Preschool
1101 Techny Road

Roti Modern Mediterranean
798 Skokie Boulevard

Panera Bread
772 Skokie Boulevard

One Plus Corp
3182 MacArthur Boulevard

Dom Itp
Northbrook Court

Waterway Carwash
2300 Waukegan Road

Questions or Suggestions

If you have questions or suggestions about business development or know of a new business in Northbrook, please contact David Schoon, Economic Development Coordinator, at 847/664-4052 or email david.schoon@northbrook.il.us





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. One of the most interesting aspects of local government is the diversity of projects within the Village and working with Police, Fire, Public Works, Development, Information Technology and Finance. This month I wanted to take a look back at 2015 and share some of the highlights from the various Village departments.

Numerous developments were completed last year and some are still in progress, including new roadway and stormwater infrastructure as well as new commercial, businesses and residential opportunities. Many stores and restaurants opened

at NorthShore 770, on the corner of Dundee Road and Skokie Boulevard, as well as the 347-unit apartment building that will open later this year. The Waterway Gas & Wash opened just north of the Willow Festival Shopping Center, and several senior living communities were built or expanded offering our residents numerous independent living opportunities. Other significant developments that were completed in 2015, include the MeadowPark Office development, which houses the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital outpatient facility and a child day care facility.

Barilla relocated its North America headquarters to Northbrook and joins the likes of Crate and Barrel, Bell Flavors and Fragrances, and UL, all of which have their world headquarters here.

Northbrook Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 6,111 calls for service, a 3.65% increase in service requests from last year. In addition to receiving support on 447 calls and providing aid on 465 calls, the Northbrook Fire Department assisted nearby jurisdictions on several large scale incidents.

The Northbrook Fire Department, along with the Northbrook Police Department, hosted a multi-municipality emergency preparedness exercise at Techny Towers that involved 18 different public safety agencies and private partners. This type of training is at the forefront of our community's preparation efforts to deal with large-scale emergencies, and provides collaboration between police and fire agencies in a dynamic and stressful environment.

Northbrook Police Department

The Police Department continued its tradition of providing law enforcement and community services to the Village. The Department is committed to keeping Northbrook a safe and desirable place in which to live, work, shop, dine and play.

In 2015, the department transitioned from paper to electronic crash reports. This required a significant investment in new technology including the installation of mobile printers for the patrol fleet. The Department is also replacing the in-car video camera systems and laptop computers, offering better access to technology.

Northbrook Public Works

The Public Works Department continued maintenance and construction of the Village's vast infrastructure including street maintenance, water production and distribution, sanitary sewer, and storm sewers. In addition, Public Works manages our urban forest, maintains the Village's buildings and vehicle fleet, as well as snow and ice control. In total, the Village had 20 snow and ice control events last winter, with 13 requiring only salting operations. A total of 2,200 tons of salt were utilized.

Stormwater management continued to be a priority in the Village in 2015. The Village completed the Cherry Lane Underpass project to reduce the severity and duration of flooding at this location, and the Shermer Road Overflow stormwater project, which included the installation of sewers between Shermer Road and the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. In order to continue to meet the needs of the Skokie Boulevard corridor, the installation of approximately 4,600 linear feet of sewers was completed this year.

Due to damage by the Emerald Ash Borer, 572 parkway Ash trees were removed, and about 800 parkway trees have been or will be replanted.

Information Technology

The Village's new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system started rolling out in this past year. The ERP replaces stand alone, non-integrated systems previously used at the Village, which were no longer supported by vendors. The new system will easily tie resident and business data together, allowing easy access to information.

Finances in the Village

For the past fifteen years Northbrook has earned triple-A ratings from Standard and Poor's as well as Moody's. Only four other communities in Illinois carry this distinction.

Last Year was a Busy Year and 2016 Looks to be the Same

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, contact me at 847/509-5301 or sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us



A message from Police Chief Charles Wernick

Substance Abuse in the Suburbs

Abuse of prescription drugs is on the rise, and it has significantly affected a segment of the population traditionally considered to be at a lower risk for addiction problems.

Painkillers, anti-depressants and stimulants are among the more frequently abused prescription medications and are typically found in the home medicine cabinet.

Prescription medications are not the only drugs that present a growing problem among suburban populations; illegal drugs, such as heroin, are also problematic.

The Northbrook Fire Department responded to approximately 11 heroin related overdoses in the past three years, two of which resulted in deaths.

However, the expense of acquiring opioid painkillers such as hydrocodone (Vicodin) and OxyContin, as well as the effort to crack down on prescription drug abuse has led many teens and adults to try heroin, which provides a faster, more intense high and is also cheaper to purchase.

- Heroin is cheap. Currently, the street value for a small bag of heroin is around \$8 to \$10.
- Heroin is everywhere, yes even in Northbrook
- You can snort it, inject it or smoke it.
- Heroin is the second most common drug for which individuals enter treatment, after alcohol.
- Most new users are suburban white teens and young adults.

Northbrook paramedics carry Narcan, an antidote which helps counteract the effect of opioids such as heroin. When a person is overdosing on an opioid, breathing can slow down or stop, and it can very difficult to wake them from this state.

A study by the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy at Chicago's Roosevelt University found that 35 percent of individuals admitted to Illinois-funded substance abuse treatment programs are there due to heroin addiction, more than twice the national average. Heroin overdose is a particular risk because the amount and purity of the drug cannot be accurately known.

What are the signs of heroin addiction?

- Small pupils
- Increased sleeping
- Not following rules or skipping school
- Sneaking out of the house
- Lying about stolen money or items
- Distancing away from family
- Change in grooming, friends, and behavior
- Finding paraphernalia: needles, spoons, lighters, or bottle caps
- Constipation

If you think you're witnessing a drug overdose and seek medical help, you will receive immunity from criminal charges for drug possession. The overdose victim you're helping is protected, too. Call 911.

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Treatment Resources

Illinois Department of Human Services - 800/843-6154

Northbrook Police Counseling Services Unit - 847/564-2060

Winter Carnival at Meadowhill Park on January 16

Here's an event the whole family will enjoy! The award-winning Winter Carnival from the Northbrook Park District returns to Meadowhill Park on Saturday, January 16, from 11am-1:30pm with horse-drawn trolley rides, ice sculpting and a dogsled demonstration.

The free family event also offers snowshoeing, family games, ice skating and a bonfire with s'mores. All ages are welcome. For information visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.



Snow... Snow... Snow...

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!

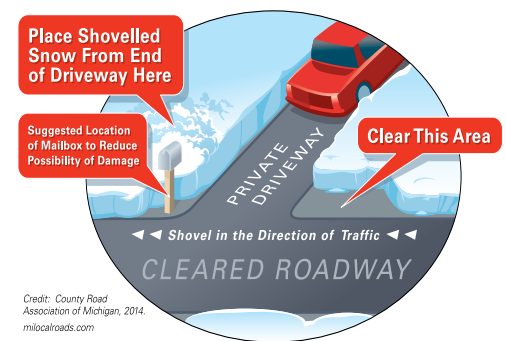


In case of an emergency, every second counts! Please work with neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access.

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"



Coyotes — Living with Wildlife in Northbrook

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.

All are reminded that winter weather may make coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Please review the following information with your family:

- Coyotes will search out small animals for food, so pet owners should be vigilant about watching their small pets when outside.
- Always keep pets on a leash, especially in or around wooded areas. Keep cats indoors.
- 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.
- 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.
- Try to keep coyotes away from your home by making 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!

For more information about coyotes in the Chicagoland, please visit www.urbancoyotersearch.com or call Northbrook Animal Control Officer Gina Manski at 847/664-4470.



Recycling Electronics, Batteries and Bulbs

- Drop off your small and large Household Electronics on the first Tuesday of every month from 7am to 3pm, behind the Village Hall at the Maintenance Garage. *Please note: The first Tuesday of the month, with the exception of the Earth Day collection, is the only time electronics are accepted.*
- The Drop Off for CFL, LED and Fluorescent Bulbs & Household Batteries Recycling is open Monday thru Friday from 7am to 3pm.
- Recycle Christmas Lights at the *Drop Off* or at the Village Hall lobby, weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm through Friday, January 29.

2016 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 9:00am and 7:00pm 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

Economic Development Committee

Four times per year, January, April, July & August, 7:30am

Environmental Quality Commission

3rd Thursday, 7:00pm

Foreign Fire Insurance Board

Meets Quarterly

Industrial and Commercial Development Commission

— 4th Tuesday, 7:30am

Plan Commission — 1st & 3rd Tuesday,

7:30pm; cablecast on NCTV 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 Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm or as posted.

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. Meeting notices will also appear on the Village website and on NCTV-Channel 17 Video Bulletin Board. Please note on occasion, meetings may be cancelled. Please check with the Village Manager's office to confirm dates and agendas at 847/664-4010.

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. All cablecast meetings are also archived on-line. To watch a Village meeting on line, visit www.northbrook.il.us and click on Meetings and Agendas.



Village Board Highlights

Recognized

- Dispatcher Tara Kelly-Bertrand for her 15 years of service with the Northbrook Police Department

Authorized

- Renewal of a contract with for HVAC maintenance, inspection and repairs, \$39,000
- Purchase of a utility body truck through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, \$42,556
- Purchase of replacement windows for the Village Hall, \$186,210
- Renewal of a maintenance contract with Total Parking Solutions, Inc., \$16,800
- Agreement for repairs to Fire Department Truck #062 with Pierce Midwest Refurbishment Center \$21,570
- Purchase of portable radios for the Fire Department from Motorola Solutions, \$111,919

- Purchase and installation of Laserfiche licenses for the Enterprise Resource Planning System, \$24,060

- Agreement with Spillman Technologies for annual maintenance of the Village's Computer-Aided Dispatch System for total cost of \$225,247 over three years

Approved

- Equipment, service, financing, and user agreements with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for StarCom21 radio system for total cost of \$1,739,964 over four years
- Ordinance granting a permit for three exterior wall signs for Agave Anejo Mexican Grill at 1361 Shermer Road
- Ordinance granting a permit for three wall signs for Athletico Physical Therapy at 1330 Shermer Road

- Execution of a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for participation in the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.

- Renewal of a special permit for K.H. Kim's Taekwondo Academy, 3141 Dundee Road
- Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B, of the Village of Northbrook
- Levying taxes for corporate purposes and special funds for the current fiscal year for the Village of Northbrook

Amended

- The Subdivision and Development Code regarding the burial of utility lines
- Amending of the Northbrook Zoning Code regarding standards and procedures for the Board of Trustees to review and authorize zoning relief

Village Happenings

The Library's Fine Arts Fall series concludes on Sun., Jan. 3 at 2pm with, "**Golden Age of Classical Music**," performed by select artists from the Chicago Symphony and Lyric Opera Orchestra.

Winter session classes at the **North Suburban YMCA** start on Mon., Jan. 4. For more info and to register, visit www.nsymca.org

Northbrook Garden Club is hosting a free Program "What's In Your Backyard? Bees, Bugs and Butterflies" Tues., Jan. 5 at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Starting promptly at 10am. Contact nbkgardencub@gmail.com for more information.

Violinist Consuelo Lepauw performs a full rendition of Bach's Six Sonatas & Paritas for Unaccompanied Violin at the **Library's Parisian Salon Concert**. Join us on Fri., Jan. 8 at 7:30pm in the Northbrook Library Auditorium.

Family swim and indoor lessons begin Sun., Jan. 10 at Glenbrook North High School. For details, visit www.nbparks.com or call 847/291-2995.

Do your kids want to learn golf in the winter? Indoor lessons begin on Sun., Jan. 10. For more information, visit www.nbparks.com or call 847/291-2351.

Want to get your home in order? Professional organizer Bonnie Hillman Shay teaches organizational techniques for the New Year on Tues., Jan. 12 in the Library's Pollak Room. No registration required!

Looking for a place away from home to create art? Free studio time at the Leisure Center on Wed., Jan. 13, 20 and 27, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information visit www.nbparks.com

A concert to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at the Village Presbyterian Church, 1300 Shermer Rd., on Fri., Jan. 15 at 7:30pm. Donations will go to PADS, a non-profit resource for families experiencing homelessness. For details call 847/272-0900.

Candlelight Skiing at Sportsman's on Fri., Jan. 15, 5-8pm. The fee is \$5 per person plus equipment rental, if needed; youth and adult skis are available. Call 847/291-2351, ext. 3.

Little Miss Ann from the **Old Town School of Folk Music** performs upbeat, down-to-earth tunes at Old Town Family Jam, the Library's folk music series for kids. Sat., Jan. 16 at 10am in the Auditorium.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents "Classical Delights, Masters of the Enlightenment," featuring pianist Andrew Guo, at the GBN Sheely Center Sun., Jan. 17 at 4pm. Free pre-concert lecture given by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. Call 847/272-0755 or visit www.northbrooksymphony.org

The **Northbrook Community Choir** invites adults who love singing to join for the winter season, which begins on Mon., Jan. 18. There are no auditions, and practices are on Monday nights. For details visit www.nbparks.com or call 847/291-2367.

Finals Café returns to the Library! The Pollak Room will be open Sun.-Tues. Jan. 17 (1-4:30pm), 18 & 19 (9am-8:30pm) for any high school students studying for final exams. Free pizza will be provided at select times.

Come to the Library's Youth Services department on Mon., Jan. 18 to participate in our **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** and help those in need. For more information visit www.northbrook.info

Marcy Pawlak teaches the basics of breast and ovarian health at the **Brighten Up Educational Workshop** on Fri., Jan. 22 10-11am in the Library's Civic Room. Visit www.northbrook.info to register.

TEDxNorthbrookLibrary returns on Fri., Jan. 22 at 2pm with "**Improve Your Life, Starting Today**." Registration is strongly recommended. For more information visit www.northbrook.info

Junie B. Jones, the Musical brings the best-selling children's books to life, beginning Jan. 23 at the Northbrook Theatre on Saturdays at 10am and 1pm through February. For tickets or more information, visit www.nbparks.com or call 847/291-2995.

The Sports Center offers **Cosmic Skating** for all ages on Sat., Jan. 23, 7-9pm. The entry fee is \$5. Skate rental, if needed, is \$3. For more information call 847/291-2993.

Youth, teens and adults can **learn self-defense** on Wed., Jan. 27, 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. Children ages 8-11 can attend with an adult. For details and registration visit www.nbparks.com or call 847/291-2995.

Combine fitness and fun on Fri., Jan. 29, 7-8pm at Greenbriar Gym, when the Northbrook Park District offers **Zumba!** Advance registration is not required; the drop-in fee is \$5 per person.

Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, with the help of Glenview & Northbrook Firefighters will host their fourth **Firefighter Chili Cook-Off** on Sat., Jan. 30 at 5pm. Call 847/724-2620 for more information and tickets.

Love to craft? Don't miss the **Library's Craft Swap** on Sun., Jan. 31, 2-4:30pm! Donate your unwanted supplies on Jan. 29-30 to receive an early entrance pass to the swap. Visit www.northbrook.info for details.

The **Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation** is now accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations. For more information visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org Applications must be postmarked by Mon., Feb. 1.

Special Gifts Theatre provides a creative drama program for individuals with special needs. For full show schedules visit www.specialgiftstheatre.org. Tickets for all shows can be ordered in advance by calling 847/564-7704.

The Park District is accepting registration for 2016 Summer Camps and Workshops. Visit www.nbparks.com for details.

The Senior Center hosts a wide variety of activities for adults 55+. Members and non can participate in events such as Lunch and Learn, Winter Bingo, iPhone Workshops, A trip to Bye Bye Birdie, and much more! Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center for more information.

Registration is now open for **Northbrook Girls Softball** 2016 Spring Season. For girls of all skill levels in 2nd-9th grade. For more info or to register, visit www.northbrooksoftball.com

The Friends' Bookshop at the Library is open Mon-Sat from 10- 4pm and Sunday from 2-4pm. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Interested? Call the Bookshop at 847/272-6224, ext 175. If you are looking for some great used books, stop by the Bookshop at the west end of the Northbrook Library.

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

Oakton Community College registration for Spring 2016 classes is now underway. For details visit www.oakton.edu

Visit the **Village Art Gallery**, featured in the Village Hall Board Room during business hours. This month, enjoy magnificent paintings by Northbrook Artist Larry Stern.

The Library now offers one-on-one classes for those seeking help with using the Internet, navigating the computer, and utilizing your library account. Call the Reference Desk at 847/272-4873 to schedule an appointment and start learning.

Trains! Trains! Trains! The Mid-America Modular Rail Club will set up the HO gauge modular railroad layout at the Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., on Saturdays, Jan. 23 & 30, 12-4pm, and Sundays, Jan. 24 & 31, 12-3pm. Bring your camera!

All Aboard . . . Dining on the Rails is the new exhibit at the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Ave. Come by and see the beautiful James Otis collection of railroad china, flatware and related items on loan from the Milwaukee Road Historical Association. The evolution of the Shermerville/ Northbrook railroad station completes the display. Open Thurs., 10am-2pm and Sun., 2-4pm. Visit www.northbrookhistory.org for more information.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Shermerville/Northbrook

A Community Built Around the Railroad

When the first settlers came to this area they settled in all corners of the Township building schools, stores and houses of worship.

In 1872, the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad laid a single track connecting Milwaukee to Chicago. Two years later, the railroad's name was changed to Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; that's when the Shermerville Railroad Station was built across the tracks from the present station, setting in motion a dramatic shift in settlement patterns.

Within a few years, commercial buildings clustered around the station and Shermerville began to prosper. Shermerville was one of many settlements that sprang up beside the railroad tracks.

In 1892, when a small residential subdivision began on Church Street, a

Village was born and the population center shifted to what is now the Shermer Road corridor, where it remained for many years. It was this settlement of just under two square miles in size that was incorporated as the Village of Shermerville in 1901. The railroad was also one of the factors that prompted the rapid growth of the town from 1950s – 1980s.

Railroads were also responsible for opening up coast-to-coast exploration, as they made it possible for the average person to board a train and see the country. Sleeping compartments with pull-down berths and fine meals in the dining car were part of the romance of the rails.



Today, the Milwaukee Road is still vital to the success of Northbrook. While it no longer carries crops to market, it does carry thousands of our citizens to the city and back each day.

Stop in the Northbrook History Museum to learn more and to see the Milwaukee Road Historical Association's collection of fine railroad china, flatware and related items now on display.

Visit www.northbrookhistory.org for more information and museum hours.