

# NORTHBROOK

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## Senior Services in Northbrook

The Village of Northbrook recognizes the importance of seniors and understands that as people age, they will have different needs. The Village, as well as other local entities, is well prepared to meet the needs of each and every senior citizen living in Northbrook.

According to the 2010 Census, approximately 7,300 of the 33,170 residents in the Northbrook are aged 65 and up - over 22% of the Village's population. Seniors play an important role in Northbrook.

They bring vitality, wisdom and perspective that add to the richness of our lives. They are active participants in our community; they give back to Northbrook through many volunteer efforts.

This newsletter includes just some of the many services and resources available to Northbrook senior citizens on page 4. For more resources, visit the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us/seniors](http://www.northbrook.il.us/seniors)

See page 4 for more information.

## Premise Alert Program

**The Premise Alert Program is a confidential database designed to enhance the safety of people with disabilities or special needs.**

Residents may submit information about their special circumstances for personnel responding to emergencies. The information could be a lifesaver for people who have autism or Alzheimer's disease, are blind or have other disabilities. Operators at our 911 call center have access to the information and will share it with police officers, firefighters and paramedics who respond to an emergency. Northbrook has the computer-aided dispatch technology necessary to make use of this program.

If police and/or fire personnel are responding to a call knowing they may encounter someone with autism, they can ease the situation by speaking softly and avoiding physical contact. Firefighters who respond to a call at the home of a disabled resident can plan for a more complicated rescue.

If you have a family member that you would like to enroll in the Illinois Premise Alert Program, please submit the form at [www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert) or call for 847-664-4418 for more information.

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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 6.**



# Business Briefs

## Planning a Special Event for Your Business

As you plan your events for the coming year, it's important to keep in mind that some types of events require permitting by the Village. Below is a quick guide to help determine if your event needs to be permitted and where to find more information.

### Types of Permits:

In order to ensure the events held in the community are safe, the Village may require event organizers to obtain special event permits. In addition to an overall special event permit, the Village issues amusement ride, tent, temporary food, temporary liquor and raffle permits. Depending on your event, you may require all, one or none of these permits. *Please submit any permit applications at least 10 days prior to an event to ensure timely processing.*

### What is considered a Special Event?

In general, there are two definitions used to determine whether an event will need a special event permit:

- If the event is an outdoor, public event occurring on publically owned, leased or maintained property (including streets, sidewalks or public parks) or
- If any event which has a significant impact on the community, i.e. any large festival or similar amusement held on public or private property or any event which requires special traffic considerations (street closures, traffic control, etc. or a police detail for security).
- Please note that events on private residential property do not require a special permit, but may require notification to the Village when an event includes traffic considerations or outdoor music.

### If my event does not meet the definition of a Special Event, do I still need other permits?

You may still need other permits depending on what types of activities your event includes. For example, a tent sale will still



need a tent permit even if no special event permit is needed for the event.

### How can I determine what permits I need?

The Village has created a page for potential applicants to help determine what types of permits they may need. You can search by event type (which include flowcharts to help you determine what permits are needed) or individual permit. Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/EventPermits](http://www.northbrook.il.us/EventPermits)

### Is there a cost for any permits?

The only fees are for the raffle, temporary food and temporary liquor licenses, otherwise there is no fee.

### Who should I contact with questions?

Please call the General Government Department at 847-664-4010.

### New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

**Granite City Food & Brewery**  
992 Willow Road

**Drumstix Market**  
1363 Shermer Road

**Barks & Bows**  
300 Skokie Boulevard.

**Wet Seal**  
Northbrook Court

**L3TV DC Cable Systems, LLC**  
Northbrook Court

### 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](mailto:david.schoon@northbrook.il.us)





# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



On behalf of the Village Board and Staff, I would like to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2017. As Village President, I find one of the most interesting aspects of local government is the diversity of projects within the Village and working with the Police, Fire, Public Works, Planning and Development, Information Technology and Finance Departments. This month I wanted to take a look back at 2016 and share some of the highlights from the various Village departments.

## **Information Technology**

Since this touches all departments, I thought I would start with the Information Technology Department. This past year the Village implemented an Enterprise Resource

Planning (ERP) system. The main objective of the new ERP is to centralize data and retire outdated systems. One example is the use of tablet computers by inspectors in the field, allowing for real time updating of inspections and streamlining data entry. The Geographic Information Services team continued updating information for mapping the Village's fire hydrants, trees and water/storm sewers for staff use in the field — this application also uses tablet computers to reduce the amount of time and data entry required.

## **Development & Planning Services**

Last year was a busy year for the Village's Department of Development & Planning Services as construction activity in the community continued to increase above the levels we have seen for the past several years. There are many new developments approved and/or under construction around the Village including: 21 single family homes at Timber's Edge on Dundee Road; mixed-use retail and apartments at the Village Green Center on Shermer Road in Downtown Northbrook; Lock Up Self Storage on Skokie Boulevard; 32 single-family homes at Anets Woods, near Waukegan and Voltz Roads; LifeTime Fitness, 304 apartments and a child care facility at 1000 Skokie Boulevard; Northbrook Court AMC Movie Theater renovation; and 68 townhomes on Shermer Road.

## **Northbrook Fire Department**

The Fire Department responded to 6,064 calls for service, a slight decrease from 2015. I'd like to recognize the importance of our automatic and mutual aid systems. In addition to receiving support on an average of 450 calls and providing aid on an average of 465 calls, the Department assisted nearby jurisdictions on several large-scale incidents.

The department was pleased to be able to reintroduce free CPR classes to residents, thanks to the Northbrook Civic Foundation's generous donation of mannequins and related equipment.

## **Northbrook Police Department**

Last year the Police Department adopted StarCom21, the operating network of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. This system allows statewide interoperability with other public safety users. In addition, the department completed its transition to mobile video recording to capture video and audio evidence related to traffic and other enforcement activities.

With the turmoil surrounding many police departments across the nation, residents and business owners alike have come forward to voice their support and thankfulness for the services provided by Northbrook's first responders.

## **Northbrook Public Works**

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance and construction of the Village's vast infrastructure including: street maintenance, sidewalks and bike paths, street and traffic lights, water production and distribution, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, forestry, maintenance of the Village's fleet and buildings, three cemeteries and snow and ice control.

Stormwater management continued to be a priority in the Village in 2016. The department completed 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, the Northbrook East Stormwater Management Facility and the Wescott Park Storm Water Management Project to help reduce flooding. The 2016 Asphalt Resurfacing Program involved pavement milling and resurfacing of approximately 1.5 miles of streets.

## **It was a busy year!**

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



## 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](http://www.northbrook.il.us) or call 847-664-4010.

### Local Organizations

Senior Centers offer many social activities, events, programs and trips, as well as services to help older adults live well.

**Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a variety of senior events, programs, trips, classes and services. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2988.

**North Shore Senior Center**, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield offers a variety of events, programs and services for seniors and caregivers. Call 847-784-6000.

**North Shore Village** provides connections for seniors to age in place. Visit [www.northshore-village.org](http://www.northshore-village.org) or call 847-721-1413.

**Council for Jewish Elderly – CJE SeniorLife**, 1551 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, offers a variety of services. Call 773/508-1000 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net)

**North Suburban YMCA**, 2705 Techny Rd., offers a variety of programs. Call 847-272-7259 or visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

### Services for Seniors

**Northbrook Park District Lending Closet** lends free medical equipment to Northbrook residents. Call 847-291-2988.

### Senior Living Options

**Crestwood Place Apartments**, 1000 Waukegan Rd. Crestwood Place offers affordable housing for seniors 62 and over. For more information call 847-272-0170.

**Covenant Village**, 2625 Techny Road Visit [www.covenantnorthbrook.org](http://www.covenantnorthbrook.org) or call 847-480-6380.

**The Lodge of Northbrook**, 2220 Founders Drive, 847-772-9100 or visit [www.lodgeofnorthbrook.com](http://www.lodgeofnorthbrook.com)

**Brandel Health and Rehab**, 2155 Pfingsten Road. Call 847-480-6380 or visit [www.covenantretirement.org](http://www.covenantretirement.org)

**Glen Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre**, 270 Skokie Blvd. Call 847-498-9320 or visit [glenoaksrehab.com](http://glenoaksrehab.com)

**Northbrook Inn Memory Care Community**, 99 Pointe Drive. For information, call 224-231-0690.

**North Shore Place**, 1000 Sunset Ridge Road. Call 224-534-6640.

**Rosewood Care Center**, 4101 Lake Cook Rd. Call 847-562-1770 or visit [www.rosewoodnursing.com](http://www.rosewoodnursing.com)

**Lake Cook Health & Rehab Center** 263 Skokie Blvd. Call 847-564-0505 or visit [www.lakecookhealth.com](http://www.lakecookhealth.com)

### 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 847-650-4522.

**Cancer Wellness Center**, 215 Revere Drive, offers lectures, workshops, wellness classes and counseling. Call 847-509-9595.

### Transportation

**The Northbrook Subsidized Taxi Program** is available to Northbrook residents aged 55 years or older and disabled residents, regardless of age or income. The program utilizes \$5 ride tickets to offset the cost of the metered fare. Call 847-664-4010 for details.

**Northfield Township Dial-A-Ride Program**. An income-based subsidized program that provides discount coupons. Call 847-724-8300, ext. 228, for details.

**Senior & Handicapped Travel Cards for RTA, CTA, METRA & PACE**. Travel card applications are available at the Village Hall for residents 65 and older. Call 847-364-7223. For more regional travel information, visit [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)

## Winter Carnival at Meadowhill Park on January 14

A free event the whole family will enjoy! Celebrate the season at the award-winning Winter Carnival presented by the Northbrook Park District at Meadowhill Park on Saturday, January 14, from 11am-1:30pm.

Enjoy sled dogs, horse-drawn carriages, games, bonfire, s'mores and ice-skating.

All ages are welcome. For information visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.





# In the Lane, Snow is Glistenin'

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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Clear the Snow Around Your Nearest Fire Hydrant!

*In case of an emergency, every second counts! Look for the nearest fire hydrants by your home or office.*

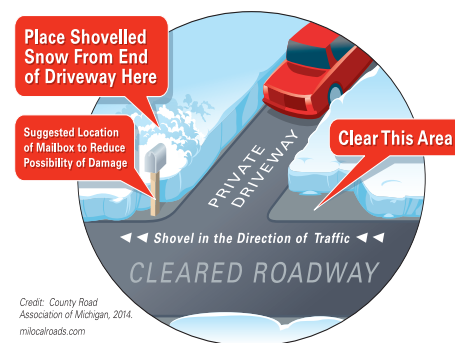
Please work with neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access.



## 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, snow that is plowed by our trucks will be dumped into that pocket and less snow will end up in your driveway.

## Avoid the "Second Shovel"



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

## Beet Juice and Salt Brine?

**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 to prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement.

The beet juice is an agricultural by-product 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 to the right.



## Recycling Electronics, Batteries and Bulbs

- **Drop off your household electronics** on the first Tuesday of every month from 7am to 3pm and the first Saturday of every month from 9am to noon, behind the Village Hall at the Maintenance Garage. *The first Tuesday and first Saturday of the month, with the exception of the Earth Day collection, is the only time electronics are accepted.*
- The recycling drop off for **CFL, LED, Fluorescent bulbs & household batteries**, behind the Village Hall, is open Monday thru Friday from 7am to 3pm.
- **Recycle Christmas lights** at the Maintenance Garage from 7am to 3pm or at the Village Hall lobby, weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm through Friday, January 27.



## 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). Cablecast meetings are archived on-line. To watch a meeting on line, visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and click on Meetings and Agendas.



## 2017 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](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 7:00pm

(Police Dept. Headquarters)

Special meetings: 48 hours notice

### **Community Relations Commission**

1st Thursday, 7:00pm

### **Economic Development Committee**

Four times per year, 2nd Wednesday, January, April, July & October, 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 at 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](http://www.northbrook.il.us). Meeting notices will also appear on the Village website and on NCTV-Channel 17 Video Bulletin Board.

*Please note that on occasion, meetings may be cancelled.*

*Please check with the Village Manager's office to confirm dates and agendas by calling 847-664-4010.*

## Coyotes — Living with Wildlife in Northbrook

**Coyotes are part of the natural wildlife that surrounds our community. Generally, 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 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 Chicagoland, please visit [www.urbancoyotereseach.com](http://www.urbancoyotereseach.com) or call Northbrook Animal Control Officer Gina Manski at 847-664-4470.



# Village Happenings

**The Library will be collecting new, travel size personal items**, as well as socks and gloves in a Personal Care Item Drive through Jan. 16. All donations will benefit Sarah's Circle, a social service agency that assists homeless women. Drop off items at the front circulation desk.

**Merchandise Donations Needed for Mim's -The Shop at the North Shore Senior Center**, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Donate costume jewelry, china, glassware, decorative items, and collectibles. The shop features vintage and antiques year-round. Donations are tax deductible. Call 847-784-6030 for more information.

**Learn about the Library's new adult board game collection** at our Open Gaming & RPG Demo on Sun., Jan. 8, at 2pm! Gaming experts from Pastimes Comics & Games will offer tips and tricks. Registration is required.

**AARP Driver Safety Course**, Jan. 9 & 10, from 9am-1pm, at the Leisure Center. The two-day class fee is Members \$15/Non-Members \$20. Preregistration is required. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Northbrook Park District Winter Program** Registration Now Available! Most Winter programs begin the week of Jan. 9 and run through March. Programs range from Yoga to theatre productions to Ceramics for Seniors. Register at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**As a preview to this year's inauguration speech**, Professor Gary Midkiff reviews the seven most inspirational speeches given by new Presidents on Mon., Jan. 9, at 7pm, in the Library's Pollak Room.

**Want to meet people who share your hobbies?** The Library has three new meetup groups that begin this month! Join Needlework Meetup, Jan. 10, at 6:30pm; Podcasting Meetup, Jan. 26, 6:30pm; and Maker Meetup, Jan. 31, 6:30pm. Call 847-272-6224.

Northbrook Garden Club Program featuring Garden Club member and Master Gardener, Fayette Aurelia Nichols as she discusses **choosing flowers for the development of cutting garden**, on Tues., Jan. 10, 10am at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Contact [nbkrgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkrgardenclub@gmail.com)

**Working on your New Year's resolutions?** The Library can help! Learn how you can boost your happiness at two free programs: Staying Positive in a Negative World on Jan. 12, 7pm and Embrace the New Year with Meditation, Jan. 21, 10:30am.

**Register for the 2017 Summer Camps early and save!** Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or any Registration Office to reserve your spot! Call 847-291-2995 for details.

**Enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Sportsmans.** Bring equipment or rent equipment on site. Call the 847-291-2351, ext. 3, to check conditions. Lessons on Saturdays. All ages for \$15 person plus rental. On-site equipment rental: is open Tuesday-Sunday from 9am-3pm.

**Peter and the Wolf**, every Saturday at 10am and 1pm, Jan. 14 - 28, Northbrook Theatre. Join this colorful cast of characters and puppets for an entertaining, musical adaptation at the Northbrook Park Dist. Theater. All ages, \$12 a ticket. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**The Northbrook Symphony Orchestra presents** "In the Realm of Royalty-Music for the Their Majesties' Delight," at the GBN Sheely Center Sun., Jan. 15 at 4pm. For more information, call 847-272-0755 or visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org)

**High school students: need a place to study for finals?** On Jan. 15-17, the Library is opening up the Pollak Room for Finals Café! Snacks and pizza will be served. Visit [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info) for details.

Violinist Ilya Kaler and pianist Susan Merdinger perform at the **Library's Fine Arts Fall Finale Concert** on Sun., Jan. 15, at 2pm.

**Seniors, enjoy Winter Bingo & Lunch** on Fri., Jan. 27, from 11:30am-2pm, at the Senior Center. Includes a hot soup for lunch and a dessert. Register by Jan. 19. Members: \$10/Non-members: \$15.

**Love film? Let's talk!** Movie buffs are welcome at the Library's film discussion groups: the Sci-Fi/Fantasy meeting Jan. 19, 7pm and the CinemaSpeak meeting on Jan. 26, 7:30pm. Visit [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info)

**Candlelight Skiing at Sportsman's** on Fri., Jan. 20, 5-8pm. Call 847-291-2351, ext. 3 for details.

**Learn the basics of attracting & feeding winter birds** from Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited on Sat., Jan. 21, 2pm, Library's Pollak Room.

**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. 21 & 28, 12-4pm, and Sundays, Jan. 22 & 29, 12-3pm. Bring your camera!

Kids in grades K through 8 can **meet a hockey player at the Library's Chicago Wolves Player Visit** on Jan. 24 at 4pm! One lucky audience member will get to dress up in Chicago Wolves gear!

**Celebrate the National Parks at 100 Years.** All are invited to Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road on Mon., Jan. 30, at 6:30pm for a program presented by Dr. Moline, Emeritus Professor of Geology at Augusta College. Call 847-480-6380.

**Winter fun begins at the sled hills and ice rinks** in Northbrook. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call the Weather/Activity Hotline at 847-291-2985. Rinks at Meadowhill Park, 1479 Maple Ave. and Tower Rink (No hockey), 1225 Cedar Lane. **Enjoy the Sled Hills at Techny Prairie Park and Fields**, 1750 Techny Road and Wood Oaks Green Park, 1150 Sanders Rd.

**Daddy-Daughter Dance: Under the Big Top** on Fri., Feb. 3, from 6:30-9pm, Northbrook Hilton. Take your daughter out for an evening of music and memories under the big top Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for details.

There's still time to join the Library's **Winter Reading Club**, where reading books can earn you prizes! The adult club runs until Feb. 28; the youth winter reading clubs run until Jan. 31.

Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, with the help of Glenview & Northbrook Firefighters will host their fourth **Firefighter Chili Cook-Off** on Sat., Jan. 28, at 5pm at the Glenview Park Center. Call 847-724-2620 for more information and tickets.

**Love to craft?** Don't miss the Library's **Craft Swap** on Sun., Jan. 29, 2-4:30pm! Donate your unwanted supplies on Jan. 27-28 to receive an early entrance pass to the swap. Visit [www.northbrook.info](http://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.northbrookwomensclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomensclub.org) Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 3.

**Special Gifts Theatre provides a creative drama program for individuals with special needs.** Visit [www.specialgiftstheatre.org](http://www.specialgiftstheatre.org)

The **Senior Center hosts a wide variety of activities** for adults 55+. Members and non-members can participate in events such as Lunch and Learn, Workshops and trips. Call 847-291-2988 or visit the Senior Center for more information.

Registration is now open for **Northbrook Girls Softball 2017 Spring Season**. For girls of all skill levels in 2nd-9th grade. For more info or to register, visit [www.northbrooksoftball.com](http://www.northbrooksoftball.com)

The **Friends' Bookshop at the Library** has used books for sale and is open Mon-Sat, from 10-4pm, and Sunday, from 2-4pm. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Interested? Call 847-272-6224.

**Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Police Officer?** Sign up for Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Police Academy class is open to all Northbrook residents or business owners ages 21 and up. Classes are held on 11 consecutive Wednesday nights beginning in March. Call 847-664-4427.

Visit the **Village Art Gallery**, featured in the Village Hall Board Room during business hours. This month, enjoy a collection of polymer photogravure intaglio relief prints featuring skateboarders by **Northbrook artist Robert Haggard, as pictured below.**



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| Police Non-Emergency      | 847-564-2060 |
| Fire Non-Emergency        | 847-272-2141 |
| Public Works              | 847-272-4711 |

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# Historian's Corner

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Northbrook Then and Now:

Historic Buildings in our Village

**The historic building located at the corner of Church Street and Chapel Court turns 125-years-old this year.**

As we begin 2017, we wanted to share two “Then and Now” photos of the Hope Union Church belfry *then* and the Hope Union Heritage Center tower *now*. Taken a century apart, the photos show scaffolding surrounding the tower.



In September 1916, seven members of the Hope Union Church congregation raised a bell to the top of church belfry. Today, that same bell can be heard ringing from the belfry of the Village Presbyterian Church at 1300 Shermer Road.



In the intervening years, the church was turned on the lot to face Chapel Court, an addition was added to the east and the building was covered in stucco. A hundred years after the bell was raised, the same tower is undergoing stucco repairs following the installation of a new roof. By early summer, the building will be reopened as the Hope Union Heritage Center housing the archives and offices of the Northbrook Historical Society. Over the years, four congregations and the Northbrook Historical Society have called the building home.

Do you ever wonder how the view from the top of the tower changed over the years? Do you have a photo that shows another “Then and Now” view? If so, please contact the Historical Society via email at [northbrookhistory@comcast.net](mailto:northbrookhistory@comcast.net) or by phone at 847-498-3404.