

# NORTHBROOK

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017



## Veterans Day Ceremony

Remember our Veterans, as well as those currently serving, at this year's Veterans Day Memorial Service.

**Attend the Memorial Service  
on Saturday, November 11,  
10:30am at Northbrook Jr. High  
Gymnasium, 1475 Maple Avenue**

The American Legion Post #791 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars invite all to assemble in the Northbrook Jr. High gym for a service to honor those who served the armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

### **Come Out and Thank Our Veterans**

The featured speaker is Lt. Col. James Ossey, a 30-year Army Veteran. Jim will discuss his experience in the Army and what Veterans Day means to him.

### **Veterans Day Breakfast Celebration**

On Friday, November 10, the Northbrook Park District Senior Center will celebrate Veterans with breakfast and entertainment from 9:30-11am at the Leisure Center. Call 847-291-2988 to save your place.

## Where Michigan Avenue meets the North Shore

The Village and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce are once again partnering to promote Northbrook as a great destination for holiday shopping and dining.

This year, TV viewers will again see Northbrook featured in a variety of ads encouraging viewers to shop and dine local, as sales taxes are the Village's largest revenue source, and make up one third of the Village's budget. To view the commercial, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Shop Northbrook.

### **Nicki the Shopping Elf is Back!**

Check out the Northbrook Shopping Elf Facebook page as Nicki the Northbrook Shopping Elf, the official spokesperson for the page, announces shopping ideas, promotions, products, and seasonal activities at Northbrook based businesses.



All Northbrook retailers and hospitality businesses are invited to take advantage of this free marketing assistance. For details, call Tensley Garris at 847-498-5555 or email [tensley@northbrookchamber.org](mailto:tensley@northbrookchamber.org)

### **Shopping and Dining Guide**

Copies are available at the Village Hall or Chamber of Commerce during business hours or by calling 847-498-5555 or visit [www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.com](http://www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.com)

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### **Daylight Savings Time**

Turn your clocks back at 2am on Sunday, November 5. Use this date as a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

## Speaking of Finances

The chart on the right illustrates the flow of Financial Planning.

The Village uses an annual financial cycle designed to plan how funds will be spent during the year, manage and track revenues and expenditures while that plan is in place, and report on final outcomes once the fiscal year ends.

### Village Treasurer's Report

The Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016, and ending April 30, 2017, is on file and available for inspection and/or copying during normal business hours in the Office of the Village Clerk at the Village Hall and at the Northbrook Public Library reference desk.

You can also find the report and much more related to Village finances by visiting [www.northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork](http://www.northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork)



## Financial Planning

### Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

This five-year plan anticipates the Village's upcoming capital needs and their anticipated costs so that the Village may make strategic decisions. This plan informs the annual budget but does not approve any expenditures.

### Annual Budget

The annual budget is the key financial policy document of the Village. It combines information from the CIP, operating Departments and other sources and plans for both the revenues the Village anticipates bringing in and its actual expenditures.

### Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

This document (often called the CAFR or audit for short) reviews the fiscal activities and performance of an entire year and summarizes the standing of the Village.

### Monthly & Quarterly Reporting

These documents summarize the Village's financial performance and allow for comparisons of current performance against budget estimates and past financial periods. These help the Village make "course corrections" if necessary.

## Financial Reporting

## Master Plan for Cyclists & Pedestrians

The Village has retained Alta Planning + Design and subconsultant Christopher B. Burke Engineering to prepare a Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Northbrook and we need your input.

**While the Village is located near many high-quality trails, this plan will help Northbrook to develop a network of facilities that improve walking and bicycling in the Village.**

As part of the planning process, consultants from Alta Planning + Design and Christopher B. Burke Engineering will be talking with residents, stakeholders and area employers to understand current challenges to walking and bicycling in Northbrook. The team will then prepare recommendations to build upon and enhance walking and bicycling networks.

*Please fill out the survey at [www.northbrook.bikepedplan.com](http://www.northbrook.bikepedplan.com)*



**Learn More About the Plan at a Public Meeting on Wednesday, December 6**

There will be a public meeting to gather feedback on the plan as it is being prepared. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Northbrook Village Hall. There will be future meetings when draft recommendations have been prepared.







# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Every spring you hear me talk about our budget, but financial planning doesn't occur once a year — it's an ongoing process. And while it may seem like zoning is our number one priority, that isn't true. The Village of Northbrook is a multi-service business, with a \$100 million budget and 270 employees. Your Village Trustees actually act as a Board of Directors; I am the Chairman of the Board (but chosen by all the stockholders) and the Village Manager is the CEO. And as important, our business runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is never a day off, nor are we ever closed.

Each year we look at the resources necessary to operate the Village

and maintain its capital assets. We have implemented a financial cycle designed to plan how funds will be spent during the year, manage and track revenues and expenditures, and report on final outcomes once the year ends. In October, the Board completed the first step in the process – reviewing priorities for the Village and its departments. This will help inform the basis of the next piece, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will be reviewed this month. This is a five-year plan, which lays out the Village's upcoming capital needs, and the anticipated costs so that the Board may make informed, strategic decisions. While it is used during the annual budget process, it does not empower any expenditures. Goals and the Capital Improvement Plan are just one side of the equation.

In December, we take a look at revenues. That's when we have to pass the annual levy, which sets the property tax rate. The Village of Northbrook is in an enviable position. Our largest source of revenue is sales tax, which provides approximately one third of our yearly income. And while internet sales have had an impact, our income from this source is holding steady. (So now you know why I am always encouraging you to shop and dine locally. Supporting our businesses means that we are supporting our community.) Property taxes make up the next largest source of revenue. The assessed value of Northbrook is split approximately 60% residential and 40% commercial. What the Village receives from this source is split the same way. Over the years, the Village Board has made the conscious decision to stay away from the property tax (you will note that on your tax bill the Village's portion is approximately 7%). Because of our other sources of revenue, mainly sales tax, we are able to do this.

In March and April, we review and approve the Annual Budget (our fiscal year begins May 1). This is the key financial policy document of the Village. It contains the revenues the Village anticipates receiving as well as the expenditures it plans to make.

But there's one more piece to this planning – our Monthly and Quarterly Reviews. No business, the Village of Northbrook included, runs perfectly smoothly. Unanticipated problems occur (more snow requiring more plowing, an unexpected downturn in the economy, a major business moving out of town). Adjustments have to be made. These reviews allow us to make corrections when needed.

So yes, I believe that Financial Planning is our number one responsibility. It's an ongoing process and one we take extremely seriously. Our residents and our businesses deserve nothing but our best.

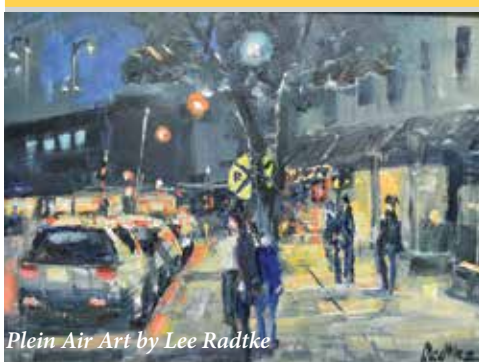
## Shopping and Dining in Northbrook this Holiday Season

The holidays are the perfect time to make plans with your friends and family to dine at one of our many fine restaurants in Northbrook. And remember, whether you are looking for gifts, large or small, visit our shopping and dining guide mentioned on page 1. Spending your dollars locally helps support local businesses and the community, as 1 ¾ cents of every dollar spent benefits Northbrook.

I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a very safe and healthy New Year.

## Comments, Questions, Suggestions

If you have a suggestion, such as our new extended evening hours at the Village Hall, please contact me directly at 847-509-5301 or email [frum@northbrook.il.us](mailto:frum@northbrook.il.us) The Village Hall is open Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm, and on Tuesdays, the Front Desk is now open until 6:30pm.



Plein Air Art by Lee Radtke



Plein Air Art by Wendie Thompson



Plein Air Art by D.K. Palecek

## Toys for Tots Collection

**Toys for Tots needs donations!**



The Village is once again partnering with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's program, to bring toys to children who might otherwise go without a present to open on Christmas morning.

Please visit a collection center at the Police or Fire Department headquarters or Village Hall by Friday, December 15, with a new unwrapped toy. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

## Coat Off Your Back

**Rotary Club of Northbrook's Coat Off Your Back campaign runs through Thursday, December 21.**

New and gently used cold-weather clothing, including coats, scarves, gloves, hats, boots and other warm winter wear, may be dropped off at the Northbrook Library, Northbrook Village Hall, Sunset Foods or the NSYMCA. Items will be distributed to homeless individuals and families served by PADS of Lake County.

*PADS: Providing Advocacy, Dignity & Shelter.*

## Help Stock Northfield Township Pantry

Donations of food or grocery store gift cards may be dropped off at the Northfield Township Food Pantry, 2550 Waukegan Road, Suite 100, Glenview.



For a list of the Pantry's most needed items and non-perishable food drop off locations within the community, visit [www.twp.northfield.il.us](http://www.twp.northfield.il.us)

## Residents are Encouraged to Pitch-in!

When the snow falls, as a courtesy, please take time to shovel the public sidewalks abutting your property for the benefit of students, mail carriers and other pedestrians. The Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act insulates residential homeowners from liability should someone slip and fall on your sidewalk. Your cleared sidewalks will be appreciated.



## Don't Forget the Fire Hydrants On or Near Your Property

**In case of an emergency, seconds count!**

Please take a few extra minutes to clear the snow and ice from the fire hydrants on or near your property. Coordinate the responsibility with your family members or others in the neighborhood. It's important for our firefighters to have clear access in case of an emergency.



## Northbrook Interfaith Community Service

**Thanksgiving is a time of joy and good cheer.**

Celebrate and give thanks on Wednesday, November 22, at 7pm, at the Northbrook Clergy Association's Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. This year, the service will be held at the Village Presbyterian Church, 1300 Shermer Road.

Please bring some canned goods and other non-perishable food items or grocery store gift cards for a collection to benefit and help stock the Northfield Food Pantry.





# The Snow Must Go On

When Winter Weather Heads Our Way, the Northbrook Public Works Department Will Be Ready!

The Village's snow removal operation begins with seven or more trucks spreading de-icing materials on main and secondary streets. As snow begins to accumulate, standby personnel are called in to plow the 557 lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, municipal parking lots and designated sidewalks.



## Help Our Public Works Crews: Keep Your Vehicles Off the Streets.

You can help Public Works crews clear our roadways as quickly as possible by keeping vehicles off the street during snow removal operations. The Village's number one concern is the safety of those using our streets.

## Important Snow Plowing Fact...

After the snow stops, a complete plow-cycle can take at least 4-6 hours, depending on weather and traffic.

## Who Plows Your Street?

### Northbrook Public Works

Neighborhood Streets  
(*except private roads/streets*)  
Cherry Lane  
Grant Road - Lee Road  
Pfingsten Road  
(*between Tollway Spur Bridge & Highland*)  
Shermer Road (*Dundee to Willow*)  
Skokie Blvd. (*within Village limits*)  
Techny Road (*Pfingsten to Founders*)  
Voltz Road  
Walters Ave. (*between Pfingsten & Lee*)  
Western Avenue  
**To report emergency conditions on the above roads, call 847-272-4711.**

## Thank You for Your Patience!

Snow and ice control efforts give priority to higher traffic Village roadways, such as Walters Avenue, Cherry Lane, Pfingsten Road, Techny Road and Shermer Road.

Arterial roads such as Lake-Cook, Dundee, Willow, Sanders, Landwehr and Waukegan are plowed by either the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Cook County Highway Department.

### Cook County Highway Department

Lake Cook Road  
Landwehr Road (*south of Dundee*)  
Sanders Road  
Skokie Boulevard  
(*south of 1101 Skokie Boulevard*)  
Sunset Ridge Road (*south of Midway*)  
Techny Road (*Sanders to Pfingsten*)  
Walters Ave.  
(*between Pfingsten & Sanders*)

**To report emergency conditions on County roads, call 708-448-8006.**

## Keep Plowed Snow out of Shoveled Driveways.

Residents can help keep their driveway clear by shoveling snow to the right side of their driveway (as viewed from the home, looking at the street). Please note: The Public Works Department does not clear private driveway entrances.

For details about snow and ice control visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Snow](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Snow)

## Move Your Vehicle After 2" of Snow.

When 2 or more inches of snow fall, it is illegal (by Village Ordinance) to park on Northbrook streets until plowing has been completed. If you park in the street, you may be ticketed and towed.

If your vehicle is disabled or if you would like to find out if the parking ban is in effect, please call the Police Department at 847-564-2060.

The Village will use its Northbrook Notify service to alert residents of extreme snow emergencies. Sign up for notifications at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify)

## The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Dundee Road  
Pfingsten Road  
(*south of Highland and north of Tollway Spur*)  
Waukegan Road  
Willow Road

**To report emergency conditions on State roads, call IDOT at 847-705-4612 or visit [www.dot.state.il.us](http://www.dot.state.il.us)**

**The Illinois Tollway Information Hotline is 800-865-5394 (1-800-TOLL-FYI).**

## Celebrate Northbrook's 116th Birthday

The Board of Directors of the Northbrook Historical Society invites all to celebrate the incorporation of our Village at the 116th Birthday at an Open House on Sunday, November 12, from 2 to 4pm, at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Avenue.

As part of the celebration, a gallery of artwork from the Plein Air Painting Festival featuring Northbrook landscapes will be on display and available to purchase for a limited time. Proceeds will benefit the Northbrook Historical Society. All are invited to come and join the fun and good cheer with cake, refreshments and door prizes. The History Museum and Historical Society Inn Shop will be open during the celebration. [www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org)

*Plein Air Painting By Lee Radtke*



# Make Sure Your Home is Winterized!

Cold weather brings the potential for frozen water service lines, water meters and residential fire sprinkler systems.

Winterize your home by doing the following:

- Check thoroughly to identify and seal all cold air drafts near water pipes, including basement windows, crawl space vents and the glass water meter viewing block.
- Install Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed electric heater tape on pipes that are located on the inside of exterior walls, which may have only marginal insulation. North and west walls are typically most vulnerable.



- If you have an underground lawn sprinkling system, shut off the water supply and properly drain the system.
- Install fire retardant insulation around susceptible pipes.
- Residential fire sprinkler systems are vulnerable too! As a reminder, if you vacation during winter months, set the thermostat no lower than 55°F before leaving to prevent frozen pipes and sprinkler systems.



## Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule and Cart Storage Reminders

**During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up for Thursday customers will be Friday and Friday customers will be Saturday.**

The last chance for yard waste collection will be on your pick-up day during the week of Thanksgiving.

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January on your regular pick-up date. One tree per residence will be collected at the curb. Trees should be free of all lights, garland, tinsel and decorations.

**A reminder regarding refuse and recycling cart storage:**

Please ensure that your garbage receptacles are regularly stored behind the front face of your house or within the garage on non-pickup days. Carts should not be stored in the front of your property. Also, after collection, carts need to be returned to the storage location within twelve hours after the collection service has been performed.

If you have any questions, please call Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145.

## A Safe Place for Online Sales and Other Transactions

**It is common for citizens to buy and sell property to people where the source of the transaction originated via the internet, newspaper or other means.**

In instances where the buyer and seller are not known to each other, personal safety is an important factor in the transaction. To assist those who choose to engage in these types of transactions, the Northbrook Police Department offers the following safety tips.

- Never meet anyone at your home whether buying or selling. Always meet in a public place such as a restaurant or shopping center or anywhere where there is a high volume of pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
- Avoid meeting at night, but if you must, then choose a location that is well lit and has a high volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic as the presence of other people provides an additional measure of safety.
- Consider bringing a family member or friend to observe and witness the transaction.

**The Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, is a safe place to complete transactions made on the Internet.**

Members of the community are welcome to use the front parking lot of the station by the sign, which is under 24-hour video surveillance, but not live surveillance.

The use of the parking lot is available as a convenience, but cannot disrupt the daily business of the Police Department staff. Please note that Police Department personnel will not oversee or be involved in the transaction in any way.

Any disputes regarding the sale price, condition of the item or any other matters related to the transaction are considered a civil matter. If a dispute arises during the buying or selling of goods or services, remember to exercise your right to terminate the transaction.





# Village Happenings

**Do you know any Northbrook residents currently serving in the military?** Please call 847-664-4038, with their name, rank and station. The information will be used to update the plaque at Freedom Park, under the flagpole between the Village Hall and Northbrook Library.

**Extended hours at Northbrook Village Hall.** The Village Hall is open Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm. The Front Desk is now open on Tuesdays until 6:30pm for your convenience.

**The Village of Northbrook seeks information from the community for posting in Village Happenings.** Information from non-profit organizations will be considered. Please send your notice to [pr@northbrook.il.us](mailto:pr@northbrook.il.us) for more information and newsletter deadlines.

**36th Annual Holly Fair at Covenant Village of Northbrook,** 2625 Techny Rd., on Sat., Nov. 4, from 9am-3pm. There will be woodcrafts, antiques, jewelry, holiday decorations, crafts, door prizes, baked goods, books and more. Enjoy lunch at the Bistro. For more information, call 847-480-6380.

**Prepare to be delighted as magician Scott Green** flawlessly blends comedy and magic in a show that is sure to keep the whole family entertained. Sat., Nov. 4, 11:00-11:45am, Library Auditorium

**Need some holiday gift ideas for the tech lover in your home?** Tech expert Mike Gershbein will come to the library on Sat., Nov. 4, from 1:30 to 3:30pm to discuss unique tech products for your holiday shopping list.

**The Northbrook Symphony presents "Symphonies in D"** on Sun., Nov. 5, at 4pm at the GBN Sheely Center. **A NSO Holiday Concert featuring the Chicago Children's Choir and Music Institute Chorale,** will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, at 7pm at Our Lady of the Brook Church in Northbrook. For tickets or for more information, please call 847-272-0755 or visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org)

**Seeking a new job?** Learn from IBM recruiter Tanner Morris, who will share his tips on interviewing for success at the library. Monday, Nov. 6, 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room

**Join historical interpreter Leslie Goddard** on Tues., Nov. 7, at Noon at the Northbrook Leisure Center as she takes on the persona of Amelia Earhart. Register at 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Come enjoy lunch and Murder Mystery at Marcello's Restaurant** with your friends or find some new ones on Thurs., Nov. 9. Register at [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org) or call the Senior Center at 847-291-2988.

**All American Celebration & Annual Benefit held by the Northbrook Woman's Club,** Fri., Nov. 10 from 7-11pm at Pavilion Petergof, 577 S. Waukegan Rd. Dinner with Open Bar. Tickets are \$170 each. Visit [www.northbrookwomensclub.org/benefit](http://www.northbrookwomensclub.org/benefit)

**Register now for Sportsman's annual four-person turkey shoot scramble on Saturday, Nov. 11.** Register by Nov. 7 at [www.sportsmansgolf.com](http://www.sportsmansgolf.com)

**Enjoy a musical experience, from the pages of the beloved Elephant and Piggie children's books** every Saturday at 10am and 1pm through Nov. 11 at the Northbrook Theatre. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**The 10th Annual Tow Trucks for Tots Toy Drive and Parade** will be held on Sun., Nov. 12. New and unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off at 1870 Techny Ct., the Northbrook YMCA or Grace Lutheran Church, 2245 Walters. Ave. For details, visit [www.towtrucksfortots.com](http://www.towtrucksfortots.com) or call 847-272-2177.

**The Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Avenue offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 55 and over. For information, call 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Enjoy turkey, all the trimmings and entertainment** on Fri., Nov. 17, at the Senior Center from 11:30am-2pm. Register by Nov. 12 at [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org) or call 847-291-2988.

Join fellow writers during **National Novel Writing Month** for write-ins at the library. We'll provide space for you to talk and write, computers if you need them, and snacks to keep you fueled. Sundays in Nov., 2-4pm, Civic Room

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, from Noon-2pm, **adults can enjoy lunch and a showing of The Martian.** To register, call the Senior Center at 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Young people with autism who are transitioning from childhood to adulthood** are invited to the library's Transition Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 2 to 4pm. Local organizations will be present to discuss area resources. Please register by calling 847-272-6224 or visiting [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info)

**The Village Church Tree Lighting Celebration,** Sat., Nov. 25, 5pm. Welcome in the upcoming holiday season with an inaugural tree lighting celebration featuring live entertainment, treats, warm drinks, activities and a special present for kids. Please bring non-perishable food items to help stock the Northfield Township Food Pantry. For more information go to [www.tvpchurch.org](http://www.tvpchurch.org)

**The Oakton Ceramics Club** is sponsoring its annual Empty Bowls Benefit on Sat., Dec. 2, 10:30am-2pm, at Oakton Community College. For a \$15 donation, enjoy lunch and select a hand-crafted bowl. Call 847-635-1699 for details.

**Play a variety of tabletop games** with other enthusiasts at the Library's Tabletop Gaming Meetup on Sun., Dec. 3, 1-3pm.

**Celebrate the holidays by creating a decoration** made from sweet treats at the Northbrook Park District Leisure Center on Wed., Dec. 6, from 6-7:30pm. Parents and children can customize preassembled gingerbread houses with candy, licorice ropes and gumdrops. Register at [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Northbrook's New Tradition Chorus** presents the holiday concert, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" on Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2-3, at 2:30pm at GBS Watson Auditorium. Call 800-746-9246 for tickets or visit [www.newtradition.org](http://www.newtradition.org)

**Celebrate the holiday season with lunch, entertainment and raffle prizes** on Friday, Dec. 8 from 11:30am-2pm at Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield. Register by Dec. 2 at [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org) or by calling 847-291-2988.

**The Northbrook Community Choir** will perform a seasonal concert of uplifting, joyful music at the Northbrook Library Auditorium on Mon., Dec. 11, at 7:30pm.

On Tues., Dec. 12, from Noon-2pm, adults can enjoy lunch and **a showing of Ocean's Eleven.** To register, call the Park District Senior Center at 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Do you have a unique idea to share with the world?** Apply to be a speaker at TEDxNorthbrookLibrary event in May 2018! Visit [www.northbrook.info/tedx](http://www.northbrook.info/tedx) to learn more and apply. Applications will be accepted until Fri., Dec. 15.

**Star Wars Day** returns to the library on Sat., Dec. 16! See the full event schedule at [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info).

**Senior Trip: Come see It's A Wonderful Life** on Wed., Dec. 31, in Munster, Indiana. Lunch is included and shopping is available. Pickup at the Leisure Center, plan to be gone from 10:30am-6pm. Call 847-291-2988 to sign up.

**Join The Northbrook Park District from 9am-3pm during school vacation.** Each winter camp program is supervised and offers arts and crafts, sports and games, along with a snack. Extended care is available before (7-9am) and after (3-6:30pm). To learn more and to register, visit [www.nbparcs.org](http://www.nbparcs.org)

**Help brighten the holidays for others.** If you're interested in sponsoring a child or family or donating for the Youth Services' Holiday Gift Program please call 847-724-2620 or visit [www.ysgn.org](http://www.ysgn.org)

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

**NGSA's 2018 House League** spring softball program is open for registration at [www.northbrooksoftball.com](http://www.northbrooksoftball.com) The program is designed for girls 2nd-9th grade regardless of experience or ability with the goals of having fun and improving skills.

**The Nov/Dec Artists in Residence Exhibition at the Northbrook Library features local artists** including Northbrook residents Verne Churchill, Josie Lim Cruz, Rob Sills, Chris Sheban and Marlene White. To learn more about the Artists in Residence exhibition, call 847-808-1075.

Visit the Village Hall thru November and enjoy beautiful artwork in the **Board Room Village Gallery featuring Northbrook Plein Air Painted Landscapes** by various artists. Plein Air artwork will be featured at the Historical Society starting November 12. See page 5 for details.



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# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Celebrations & Historical Days from Shermerville to Northbrook

## As we close out 2017, the Northbrook Historical Society has much to celebrate.

Each and every day, the Historical Society gives thanks for the Park District's decision to allow the Museum (formerly known as Bartleme's Tavern, originally located at the corner of Waukegan and Shermer Roads) to be moved onto the Village Green. This 42-year-old partnership with the Park District allows us to maintain the Northbrook History Museum and Inn Shop, as well as hold Shermerfest, our annual fundraiser, in the Village Green. It is fitting that the first display in our newly reconfigured Museum is in honor of the 90th birthday of the Northbrook Park and our partnership.



The Triangle at the corner of Shermer and Walters was the Village's first official park.



The Hope Union Heritage Center, 1812 Chapel Court.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, a small frame, non-denominational house of worship was built in a quiet neighborhood backing up to the river that would give its name to our Village years later. The doors to this small house of worship opened to the community for the first time on December 24, 1892. In July of this year, the greatly altered building at 1812 Chapel Court reopened its doors as the Hope Union Heritage Center. Today it is the home of the Historical Society's offices, archives and library.

## Northbrook's 116 Birthday!

On November 18, Northbrook will celebrate its 116th birthday. In 1901, residents went to the polls to vote yes or nay on whether to incorporate the Village of Shermerville and approved the incorporation by just three votes. It was a very small town with about 300 people living in an area of less than two square miles. Today, our village stretches out in all directions from its original Village limits and is home to thousands of people from many countries and religions living together in harmony.

## Open House on Sunday, November 12

Please join the Northbrook Historical Society members and your neighbors, as we celebrate these momentous birthdays at the 116th Birthday Party Open House on Sunday, November 12, from 2 to 4pm, at the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Avenue. Plein Air paintings of our Village will be on display and available for purchase. See page 5 for details.