

NORTHBROOK

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Remember to Always Pull to the Right for Sirens and Lights

Pull as close as possible to the curb or edge of the roadway and stop when you see emergency vehicles approaching.

Do not stop in an intersection or block a roadway. Remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed. This applies to those vehicles approaching from behind, as well as those coming toward you.

It's important to think ahead — train yourself to instinctively pull to the right at the sound/sight of emergency vehicles.

When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, yield, change to a lane away from the vehicle(s) and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Welcome Northbrook's New Fire Chief

Northbrook Fire Chief Andrew Carlson was officially sworn in last month. Carlson has 35 years of experience in fire protection and served with the Northbrook Fire Department for over 18 years, most recently as Deputy Chief.



Andrew began his career with the Village in 1999, serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Over the years, Carlson has held numerous positions as he worked his way up the ladder, including Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief.

Carlson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University. Carlson holds a variety of certifications including Emergency Rescue Technician, Tactics and Strategy, Fire Officer, Instructor, Hazardous Materials Operations and Incident Command, and Provisional Chief Fire Officer.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Andrew Carlson as he assumes his new role with the Northbrook Fire Department.

President's Day - February 19

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 19. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

Crime Prevention is the Best Defense



Review the following crime prevention safety tips to familiarize yourself with ways to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Always lock your doors, windows, secure deadbolts, and set your home alarm, if you have one, before leaving the house.
- If you have an attached garage, be sure to lock the inside door between your garage and house. If you have a detached garage, keep it secured and keep your garage doors closed.
- Lock your car doors while at home, even if cars are stored inside your garage or parked in the driveway.

- Remove valuables from vehicles, including extra keys and key fobs for push-to-start button vehicles.
- Install secure window well covers.
- If you have double-hung or sliding windows or doors, place a wooden rod or stick in the track.
- Use timers for your lights if you come home after dark.
- If you are going on vacation, stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they do not pile up in front of your home while you are away.
- Be on the lookout and report suspicious vehicles that look out of place in your neighborhood.
- Remember, burglars can be male or female, young or old and drive any type of vehicle.

Residents Urged to be Aware of Scams

Scam artists use different types of fraud techniques to try to trick people.

Common types of fraud are banking scams, prize scams, family emergency scams, property maintenance scams, tax payment scams, and charity scams.

Victims may be contacted via the phone or email, or in person by a “door to door” solicitor or as a worker in your neighborhood. A Ruse burglar will try to get you out of the house to look at a fence or something in your backyard, while his or her partners enter your home and take valuables and cash.

Here are a few situations to be mindful about:

Contacted out of the blue? If you are contacted by a company, make sure you do all you can to verify the identity of the caller or visitor. Utility workers and Village employees should have official identification and vehicles. If you’re not 100% convinced of the identity of the caller or visitor, contact the company from the number listed on your bill for verification.

Are you asked to keep it quiet? Being asked to keep something quiet should be a red flag. Often asking you to stay silent is used to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.



Is the deal too good to be true? Use your common sense. If a deal is too good to be true, it inevitably is.

Do you need to pay today? The scammer may ask to wire funds or buy a prepaid credit card and call them back with the personal identification number (PIN). Variations of this scam include stories that the customer’s billing cycle has changed and payment is needed immediately, the account is past due and immediate payment is required to avoid disconnection of service, they owe back taxes to the IRS or a loved one needs financial help immediately.

Pressured to respond quickly? Never proceed with a transaction unless you are absolutely certain your money will be safe. Once you transfer, it may be too late. Scammers will often try to hurry your decision making.

Asked to share personal details? Phishing emails or phone scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, which they can use this to steal your identity or your money.

Learn more about Scams

Visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts for more information.

Have you been a target of a scam?

Contact the Illinois Attorney General at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit www.illinoiastateattorneygeneral.gov and click on the link Protecting Consumers.

Northbrook remains a very safe community, and we all must work together to keep it that way.

Call 911 immediately with details, descriptions and plate numbers if you see:

- Any suspicious vehicles driving slowly past your house or repetitively through your neighborhood.
- Observe someone at a neighbor’s front door, then see them walking to the side or rear of the house.
- Someone rings your doorbell, “by mistake.” Burglars may ring the bell to see if anyone is home.
- If you are interested in having a home safety check, please contact Community Relations Supervisor Tom Moore at 847-664-4427.

Door to Door Solicitors

The law guarantees solicitors the right to solicit in the Village; however they must abide by the regulations in the Village ordinance governing solicitation.



Recently, the Village received a number of reports from residents regarding an increase in the number of calls and/or door-to-door and mail solicitations regarding changing their electrical supplier. While customers are free to sign a contract with any supplier of their choice, the Village encourages all residents to read and fully understand the terms and conditions of their contract before signing up. Residents are also advised not to share their ComEd or any other account number with a salesperson unless they intend to change their supplier. Please note that the Village will not contact you by telephone regarding electricity purchasing and will never ask for your ComEd account number.

Those who do not want their privacy disturbed should display a “No Solicitors” sign on their property. These stickers can be obtained from the Village Hall, a local hardware store or made up by the homeowner.

To file a complaint about a misleading solicitation, contact the Illinois Commerce Commission at 800-524-0795 or by going to www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



conveniently located to transportation with easy access to Chicago and other parts of the world due to its proximity to O'Hare.

The Village of Northbrook is a Home Rule Community. The Illinois Constitution allows villages to adopt home rule, which shifts greater authority and decision making from the State of Illinois (Springfield) to the local community. Home Rule communities are free from various state-imposed regulations and may exercise a greater range of responsibilities to benefit their residents.

Our residents, as well as our corporate citizens, are an integral part of our community. When the land known as Shererville was incorporated in 1901, it had about 311 people. Like much of Chicagoland, it blossomed after World War II. Today, the Village has roughly 33,170 people (we expect that number to rise after the 2020 census) and over 1,000 businesses. Governance provides a framework for the community. While the Village is a large part of this, there are several other governments, including each of our five school districts, that provide important services to the community: the Northbrook Park District, the Northbrook Public Library, and Northfield Township. Within the Village itself, there are a variety of roles played to ensure you receive excellent services: The Village Board; volunteer commissions, committees and task forces; and staff who carry out the policies and goals of the Board.

One of the Village's primary governing functions is financing. This includes economic activity occurring in the community, such as the everyday purchases we make in town as well as the value of real estate in the Village. Sales and property taxes support the majority of our monetary needs. Sales taxes bring in upwards of \$15 million a year. Other revenues include fees for services such as water sales and building permit fees.

As I was thinking about this year's Bicentennial Celebration in Illinois, it brought to mind how our Village has evolved. Northbrook was built on a solid foundation, starting with three main components: the land, the people and the governance. This triad provides a strong foundation of stability and strength in our Village.

It might seem obvious, but one of the critical parts of a Village is its 'incorporated' land, or the land and properties located within its boundaries. Northbrook has about 13 square miles of land

The Village and its populace require several core services in order to function. Police and Fire services are probably one of the first things people think of when they think of the Village. Both of these departments are available 24-hours a day to aid anyone, resident or visitor, who may need emergency assistance in Northbrook. Our Public Works Department focuses on maintaining the infrastructure needed for our everyday lives, including our streets, water, sewer and stormwater systems.

The Village, along with many other agencies, works synergistically to build on the existing community and enhance it. This can mean literally building, as in ensuring the safety of new construction or remodeling or developing recreational or educational programs, as the Park District, Library and schools do. There are also a variety of other organizations that enhance our community: the Northbrook Historical Society, the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, and the Northbrook Civic Foundation, among others too numerous to mention.

With Northbrook's strong foundation, it is easy to see the results of our collective successes and how they manifest in the community. Single-family homes and multi-family developments, including senior housing, provide an inventory of diverse living opportunities. In addition to residential growth, the Village continues to see strong commercial growth for both the industrial parks and retail centers. The Central Business District is a key fixture in Northbrook for our residents and businesses. This past year, we saw the completion of major infrastructure improvements in the Village including stormwater projects and the Central Business District Streetscape project. This year, work will begin on the Shermer Road Bridge as the final stage of our business district upgrade. I invite you to visit our website at www.northbrook.il.us for updates on these projects and other Village news.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

If you would like to contact me, please call 847-509-5301 or email sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us



The Citizen Police Academy Class begins Tuesday, April 3 - Sign up Today

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Police Officer or what a traffic stop is like from the Officer's point of view?



The Northbrook Police Department will host the Citizen Police Academy for residents and business owners, age 21 and older, on eight consecutive Tuesdays, April 3 to May 22, from 7:00 to 9:30pm.

Join this exciting, free, hands-on opportunity to learn about the Northbrook Police Department.

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will have a better understanding of police department functions, officer training and job responsibilities, and become a more informed citizen. The class is free, however the class size is limited to 20 participants.

Attend the Citizen Police Academy and find out about topics such as:

- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and investigative operations
- Police canine unit
- Mutual Aid agencies

For more information about the Citizen Police Academy and to sign up for the class, stop by the Records Department at the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road and pick up an application or visit www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceAcademy

Don't Flush This...

Did you know that flushing objects down the toilet can cause problems in your plumbing or the Village's sewer system?

Many cleaning products are labeled "flushable" or "disposable," but few actually dissolve or break down efficiently after being flushed. These products can block your sanitary sewer service from your home which can lead to sewage backups in your basement or crawlspace.

A general guideline is: if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's not flushable.

Common offenders include:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Feminine care products
- Swiffer mop refills
- Refill heads from toilet bowl wands
- Shop towels and rags
- Towelettes
- Baby wipes
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Band aids
- Disposable diapers

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for their sanitary sewer service from the Village's main to their home, as well as any repairs and maintenance to those service lines. Should you experience a sanitary backup, please contact Northbrook's Public Works Department at 847-272-4711 between the hours of 7am and 3pm, Monday through Friday, or the Northbrook Police Department non-emergency number, 847-564-2060 and the Village will check its sewers for blockages.

Save the Date for Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 21

It's not too early to start thinking about springtime events!

Start rounding up the troops and plan to enjoy a community clean-up day complete with fun activities, exhibits and a community recycling event. Get your clean-up team organized and stake your claim to clean-up your favorite Northbrook territory.

Residents or businesses with environmentally friendly products, ideas or projects that would like to participate in our Green Expo on Earth and Arbor Day are asked to call 847-664-4017 during business hours.



2018 Parkway Tree Order Form

The Village is offering the cost sharing Parkway Tree Planting Program to residents again this year.

New trees will be 2-inch diameter or about 8-feet tall. A property owner's cost share will be \$175 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. Multiple trees may be ordered, providing there is adequate room within the public parkway area. Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.

The trees will be scheduled for planting during the month of May, as weather permits.

Limitations

Trees must be planted:

- Equidistant from curb and sidewalks, typically at least 35-feet from other parkway trees
- At least 10-feet from a driveway or street light
- At least 45-feet from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines
- At least 5-feet from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes

Note: Trees cannot be planted in the same spot as a recently removed parkway tree due to old root mass.

Ten species of trees are currently available. All trees are limited quantities on a first come, first serve basis. All trees may be viewed at www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree

Orders must be submitted by Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Please note:

- The Village makes the final determination on planting location.
- Orders are processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Trees may not be refused, moved or exchanged for any reason.

Return order form by Thursday, March 8, to:

Terry Cichocki, Village Forester
Northbrook Public Works
655 Huehl Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Questions?

Contact Terry at:
847-272-4711 or
terry.cichocki@northbrook.il.us



Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the number of trees next to each tree description you would like to order on the reverse page.

Make checks payable to *Village of Northbrook* for \$175 per tree ordered.

Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, please check one for alternate tree instructions:

Please have forestry staff select alternate tree if first choice is not available.

Please have forestry staff call me to discuss an alternate tree if first choice is not available.

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The location for my new tree is under utility wires. Please contact me to discuss smaller tree species.

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Please draw a sketch in the box with an "X" indicating where you want the tree planted on the parkway and an arrow pointing north. Please include landmark reference points for easy field identification.

Parkway Tree Choices



Accolade Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty. _____

Crown: Vase shaped

Height: 60'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Glossy dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Seedless



Ornamental Pear "New Bradford"

Qty. _____

Crown: Round

Height: 35'

Width: 25'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Medium

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Red-purple (into early winter)

Flowers: White spring flowers

Fruit: Pea-sized fruit persisting on tree



Bald Cypress "Shawnee Brave"

Qty. _____

Crown: Widely pyramidal

Height: 50'

Width: 35'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Bright green needles

Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown

Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



Purple Robe Black Locust

Qty. _____

Crown: Upright

Height: 70'

Width: 25'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Green pinnate leaf

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Pods Spring: Purple, fragrant flowers



Jordan Street Oak

Qty. _____

Crown: Roundly narrow

Height: 45'- 50'

Width: 15'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Green fiddle shaped

Fall Foliage: Reddish gold

Fruit: Acorns on mature trees



Swamp White Oak

Qty. _____

Crown: Oval

Height: 60'

Width: 50'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown

Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



Kentucky Coffeetree

Qty. _____

Crown: Oval

Height: 70'

Width: 30'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow

Fruit: Seedless (male trees only)



Triumph Elm (hybrid to resist Dutch Elm Disease)

Qty. _____

Crown: Upright

Height: 60'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Seedless



London Planetree "Exclamation"

Qty. _____

Crown: Moderately pyramidal

Height: 60'

Width: 45'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer: Large, bright green

Fall Foliage: Yellow/brown

Bark: Attractive exfoliating creamy white large plates



Tulip Tree

Qty. _____

Crown: Oval

Height: 60'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Medium

Summer: Bright green leaves resemble tulips

Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange

Fruit: Conical cluster of samara on mature trees

Village Happenings

The Northbrook Civic Foundation is looking for new members and volunteers for Northbrook Days. Be a part of this great organization. Help raise funds to give back to the community. Visit www.northbrookcivic.com for more information.

You'll find a variety of treasures at the **Northbrook Historical Society's Inn Shop**, 1776 Walters Ave. The shop is open Thurs. from noon to 3pm; Fri. and Sat. from 1pm to 4pm; and Sun. from 2 to 4pm.

Are you a long-time Northbrook resident? The Northbrook Historical Society would like to hear from you! Send your Northbrook memories and historical photos to: northbrookhistory@comcast.net

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, at 3323 Walters Avenue, offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 65 and older, including current events groups, Valentine's Day lunch, and movie showings. For information and to schedule a tour, call 847-291-2988 or visit www.nbparks.org/senior-center/membership

Save on **2018 Summer Camps at the Park District**. Register early to save 10% on most camps and workshops. Learn more about summer camps and register online at www.nbparks.org

Summer camp registration is open at the North Suburban YMCA. Camps start as early as June 11. For more information, visit www.nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

The **Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences** performance of *Stellaluna*, runs through February 24. The show runs every Saturday at 10am and 1pm. Tickets are \$12. www.nbparks.org

Want to meet someone? Meet other seniors who share your interests at the Library's Speed Dating for Seniors on Fri., Feb. 2! Please sign up in advance at www.northbrook.info or by calling 847-272-4873.

There is a new workout space at the Senior Center. The Ridge makes workouts convenient for Senior Center members who will be able to workout at the same place they come to for activities. Learn more about the yearly membership and purchase yours today at www.nbparks.org

Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues! Games are on Wednesdays at GBN Fieldhouse and start Feb. 7. To obtain an information packet, call 847-291-2980 or visit www.nbparks.org/adult-basketball

You'll find Valentine gifts such as jewelry, crystal, china, collectibles and more at the **North Shore Senior Center's Shop at the Center**, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Call 847-784-6035 for information.

The North Suburban YMCA will hold its annual Strong Kids Dinner at Pinstripes on Thurs., Mar. 8, at 5:30pm. The event makes Y programs available to families in financial need. For ticket information, visit www.nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

The Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation offers scholarships to Northbrook residents. For details visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org

At **Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles**, kids of all ages are invited to see, touch, and learn about reptiles from all over the world on Sat., Feb. 3, 11am, at the Northbrook Library's Pollak Room.

Warm up and enjoy first-rate performances by solo musicians and small group ensembles during the Library's **Winter Music Series** on Sundays, Feb. 4, 11, & 18, 3pm, in the Auditorium.

On Tues., Feb. 6 from Noon-3pm, adults can enjoy lunch and a showing of **Roman Holiday** starring **Audrey Hepburn**. Register online at www.nbparks.org/online-registration or call 847-291-2988.

The **Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago** will hold their annual dinner and lecture at Pinstripes, on Wed., Feb. 7, at 6pm. Luigi Mondini of the FBI's Art Crime Team will be the speaker. The fee is \$40/members and \$55/non-members. Reservations will be taken at www.artica.org/ca for members, non-members can call 847-291-7459.

Northbrook Garden Club hosts Barb Ottolino of The Cultivated Gardener will demonstrate making winter arrangements using natural materials easily found outdoors. Feb. 7, 7pm, United Methodist Church, corner of Western and Cherry. The public is always welcome! nbkgardenclub@gmail.com

Sharpen your driving skills with a two-day class on Feb. 12 and 13, from 9am-1pm, geared toward drivers age 50 and older. Preregistration is required. Call the Senior Center at 847-291-2988 to register. AARP Members \$15/Non-Members \$20.

Travel to the top of the world...from the comfort of the Library! At The North Pole: An Armchair Expedition, polar guide Annie Aggens shares her stories and photographs of skiing and dogsledding adventures on Mon., Feb. 12, 7pm.

Watch the impossible come to life at the Library during Magic Week! From February 19-26, learn magic tricks, uncover the mysterious life of Houdini, and more. To see the full line-up of events, visit www.northbrook.info/magic-week

Did you know that your health depends on the state of your gastrointestinal tract? Dr. Richard Bisceglie of the Center for Holistic Medicine explores Gut Health at the Library on Thurs., Feb. 15, at 7pm.

Aspiring authors, mark your calendar for two **Northbrook Writes workshops** in February: Seven Keys to Writing the Perfect Query Letter (Feb. 17) and Revising Your Manuscript (Feb. 24).

Join Leslie Goddard on Tue., Feb. 20, from Noon-2pm, at the Senior Center, as she tells the story of Georgia O'Keeffe. Register online at www.nbparks.org/online-registration or call 847-291-2988.

Registration is open for **Northbrook Softball, for girls from 2nd-9th grade**, and runs through Mar. 4. For details visit www.northbrooksoftball.com

On Fri., Feb. 23, 6pm, the Library will host a **John Hughes Celebration** with author Kevin Smokler, who will discuss Hughes' classic '80s films and explore how Northbrook is featured in the films.

Join independent filmmaker Reid Schultz for his annual **pre-Oscar night film discussion** at the Library on Sun., Feb. 25 from 2-4pm. Reserve a spot online or by calling 847-272-2830.

Learn how easy and affordable it is to get energy from the sun at **Solar Energy for Your Home** on Tues., Feb. 27, 7pm, at the Library. Homeowners Bob Walker and Jay Futterman will present. Cosponsored by Go Green Northbrook.

Head to Oak Brook for the day with the Senior Center on Wed., Feb. 28, to see **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at Drury Lane Theatre. Pickup and drop-off service is at the Leisure Center. Register at www.nbparks.org or call the Senior Center at 847-291-2988 for details.

Contact the Forest Preserves of Cook County to reserve a campground or obtain a picnic permit. You'll also find a variety of events at www.fpdcc.com

The 62nd Annual Village Pancake Festival will be Saturday, March 3, from 7:30am to 2pm at the Village Church, 1300 Shermer Road. All you can eat for adults \$8/children \$5, and kids under 5 eat free. Entertainment, prizes and more. Proceeds benefit local scouts and other area organizations.

North Shore Chamber Music Festival presents a gala on March 3, 6pm, at The Glen Club, with an evening of beautiful music, wine, dinner and special guest appearances to benefit NSCMF educational programs. Single tickets to the Gala are \$350, or a get a pair for \$600. To learn more please visit www.nscmf.org or call 847-370-3984. Save the date for the North Shore Chamber Music Festival June 13, 15 and 16 in Northbrook.

Attention Northbrook Artists: Applications are available to exhibit at the Northbrook Originals show, which starts Thurs., April 5, at the Northbrook Library. Visit www.northbrookarts.org or email bruce@bondystudio.com for more information. The application deadline is Fri., Feb. 23.

Art Display at the Village Hall. Enjoy beautiful Plein Air art, such as the example below, by **Northbrook Artist John Paterson**, featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room. Exhibit open during business hours.



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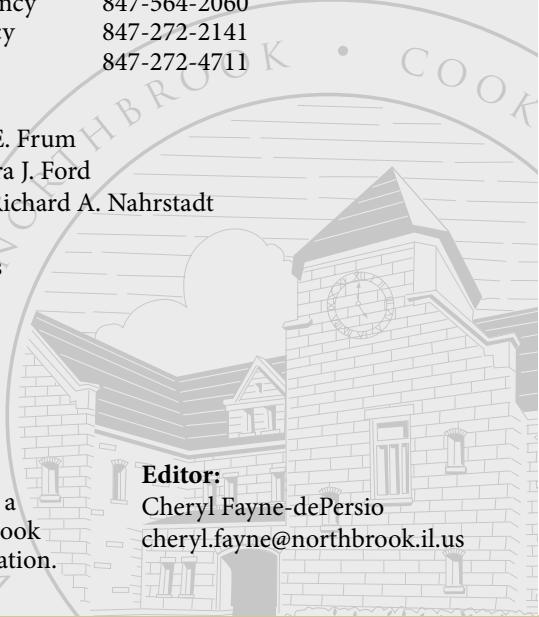
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Check out *The Gems of Northbrook, A Guide to our Beautiful Trees* to learn more about the trees in our Village.

Visit www.northbrook.il.us/Gems

Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society- Judith Hughes, President

Wherever I look, I am reminded of stories about our Village. As I look around the displays at the Northbrook History Museum, I am amazed at the stories that could be told using any or all of the historical artifacts or photographs as a subject.

Dozens of Northbrook themed paintings from last fall's Plein Air Painting Festival are on display at the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Ave., on Saturdays from 1-4pm and Sundays from 2-4pm.

Across from my desk is a beautiful scene of the Somme Woods prairie. This painting, or if you took a walk through the Techny Prairie Park and Fields, gives you a sense of the open beauty of the land that first greeted the settlers when they arrived here to find and purchase their chosen land for \$1.25 an acre in 1843.

The view changes with the seasons.

As I look at the prairie today, I am reminded of the story of John Bach who, in 1840, lived in what is now Somme Woods. His first winter here was spent in a dugout shelter covered in logs. This seems unimaginable today, especially as we stay in our cozy warm homes and drive in our heated cars as much as possible during winter cold snaps. Through the years, Bach purchased 180 acres



of land north of Dundee Road, between the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River and Pfingsten Road. He is one of several early settlers with a street named in his honor.

In the Sky Harbor Industrial Park, there is a small patch of prairie that is maintained by the Northbrook Garden Club. This patch of virgin prairie is located behind a business on Woodhead Drive. It always amazes me that these visible glimpses into our past are still

available for our enjoyment 200 years after Illinois was incorporated.

More information on these, and other historic happenings, can be found in the book, *Northbrook, Illinois: The Fabric of Our History*. The book was published during Northbrook's Centennial Year in 2001 and is available at the Historical Society's Inn Shop, 1776 Walters Ave. The Inn Shop is open Thursdays from noon to 3pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm and Sundays from 2 to 4pm.

Come see *Paintings at Sunset - A Plein Air Art Exhibit*, March 9 to 11, at Sunset Foods, presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission. Details in next month's Village newsletter.