

NORTHBROOK

MAY 2018



Chicago Folklore Ensemble

Enjoy the new, expanded Celebration of Cultures

Free Concert, Cricket Clinic, Food Trucks, Cultural Stations, and More on Sunday, May 6, Noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Community Relations Commission invites all to celebrate the diversity of the North Shore at the 2018 Celebration of Cultures to be held on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 4:00pm at the North Suburban YMCA (2705 Techny). Building on the event of prior years, the celebration will include a variety of cultural stations which will have artifacts, information, free snacks and sweets, and more.

Also, new this year, the event will feature a free concert at 2:00 p.m. by the Chicago Folklore Ensemble with storytelling and music from across the world including Nigeria, Thailand, Rajasthan (India), Appalachia, and Amazon Rainforest. Beforehand, food trucks will open at noon, with international food for sale and the Greater Chicago Cricket Association will hold a cricket clinic for all those interested.

Visit www.northbrook.il.us/cultures or call 847-664-4129 for more information.

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Residents Invited to the Village Hall to Kick-off Summer

The Community Relations Commission will host a combined Welcome to Northbrook and Flamingo Friday event on Friday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:00pm, at Northbrook Village Hall.

The Annual Flamingo Friday and Welcome to Northbrook lawn party is scheduled just in time to kick-off summer fun. Representatives from the Village, Public Library, Park District, Police and Fire Departments, and other community organizations will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about services in the Village of Northbrook. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and meet your neighbors and public officials.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Community Relations Commission's popular Flamingo Friday "meet your neighbors" program. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic pink flamingo at the May 18 event.

For more information on Flamingo Friday, see page 4, visit www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo or call 847-664-4129.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK

Stop by the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Rd. on Sat., May 5, between 10am- 2pm, for a free car seat safety check.

Village Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses Available in June

Our easy to use renewal applications will be mailed to your home or business at the end of May.

All motor vehicles registered to a Northbrook address (residential or business) are required to have Village vehicle stickers. Only persons residing within the corporate limits of the Village are allowed to purchase a Northbrook vehicle sticker.

Your mailing should contain all vehicle and animal applications, as applicable, to each household or business. Please review the form and return both copies to the Village. If your vehicle or pet information has changed, modifications may be made directly on the form. Your stickers/tags, along with your receipt, will be mailed to you promptly after June 1. Stickers must be purchased by noon and displayed by midnight, Saturday, June 30. *Please note: The Village Hall lobby is open from 9am to noon on Saturdays in June and until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in June and July.*

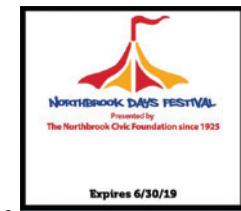
Persons living in unincorporated Northbrook must only purchase a Cook County vehicle sticker. These are available at the Northfield Township office, 847-724-8300.

Support 4th of July and Receive a Special Vehicle Sticker

Residents will have an option to make a donation, minimum \$20 per sticker, to help support Northbrook's 4th of July festivities. There are only 2,000 special vehicle stickers, so purchase yours early. This year's 4th of July sticker features the 2018 4th of July logo.



The 2018/19 standard vehicle sticker features the Northbrook Days Festival logo celebrating Northbrook Civic Foundation's annual fundraiser and their service to the community since 1925. Purchase your vehicle sticker before noon on Saturday, June 30, for the lower rate. Automobile stickers are \$30. After noon on Saturday, June 30, stickers are \$38.



Northbrook Maintains Class 7 Status with National Flood Insurance Program

Once again, the Village has received good news from FEMA. Following the annual recertification review, the Village has once again maintained a Class 7 Rating with the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).

The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specific floodplain outreach activities and development regulations. Currently, there are only 19 communities in Illinois with a Class 7 rating out of 60 participating communities in Illinois.

What Does this Mean for Village Residents?

Residents who live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) continue to qualify for a 15% reduction on flood insurance and those who do not live in a SFHA area can qualify for a 5% reduction. Additional information can be found on the FEMA website at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>

However, there are two cases where residents who have federally-backed flood insurance do not receive the CRS discount:

- If they have a Preferred Risk Policy (people outside the 100-yr. floodplain who never had a previous flood claim).
- The first floor of the structure is 1' or more below the Base Flood Elevation on a Post-FIRM building (non-compliant structure).

How are Residents Notified?

All residents and business owners with properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) were notified by letters mailed in late October. In addition, this information is posted annually in the Village Newsletter.

Since Northbrook participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a federal program that offers flood insurance which can be purchased through property and casualty insurance agents, rates are set and do not differ from company to company or agent to agent.

If a property owner's insurance agent does not offer flood insurance or the NFIP policy discount, visit www.floodsmart.gov

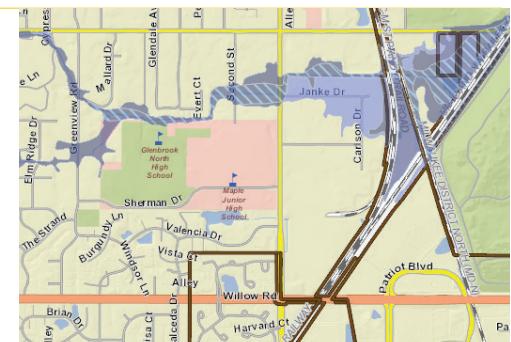
Questions?

Contact Village Civil Project Engineer Jim Baxa at 847-664-4119.

Floodplain Map Change for the Techny Drain

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has notified the Village about modifications to the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) for portions of the Techny Drain through a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) which will become effective July 20, 2018. FEMA published this notice of the change in the Northbrook Star on March 15 and March 22, 2018.

Please visit the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/TechnyDrain for Floodplain Information, more information on the map changes, and to view details of the revised maps.





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Northbrook's Fiscal Year begins May 1

Last month, the Village Board passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19. The Board also voted to abate \$241,630 of the property tax increase approved in December 2017. I want to thank staff, as well as my fellow Board members, for their expertise and input while working through the budgeting process. The budget enables the Village to maintain high quality essential public services and infrastructure, while keeping an eye on external factors such as state government decisions that may affect our revenues. A copy of our Annual Budget is available at the Village Hall, the Library Reference Desk and www.northbrook.il.us/Budget. Please see page 6 for more information.

Get Involved Locally – Attend Village Meetings and Events
There are many ways residents and local business representatives can get involved in local government. Attending Village events and/or meetings is a great way to keep in touch with what's happening in our community. Northbrook has a variety of Commissions that meet monthly. Check out Village Commissions on our website and volunteer your service, either as a participant or as an appointed Commissioner. Come to a Village Board meeting or watch one on NCTV – Cable Channel 17 or streamed live and archived on our website. You'll also find meeting agendas at www.northbrook.il.us, including the upcoming discussion of assault weapon regulation options at the May 22 Regular Board Meeting.

Celebration of Cultures Event

One of Northbrook's many assets is the diversity in our community. This month the Community Relations Commission has planned a wonderful celebration including food trucks,

While May 1 marks the start of the Village's Fiscal Year, it also reminds us that summer is just around the corner. The change in seasons brings the sounds of summer and residents enjoying the many parks and events, as well as strolling in downtown Northbrook and taking advantage of the many shopping and dining opportunities throughout the Village. As we all know, the warmer weather also marks the beginning of construction season. The Village, along with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has several projects scheduled. Please visit the Village website for construction updates, including the delay for the closing of Dundee Road, as well as other Village news and events.

music, performances, and learning for the whole family to enjoy. Don't miss the Celebration of Cultures at the North Suburban YMCA on Sunday, May 6, from Noon- 4pm. The event is featured on the front page of this newsletter.

Opportunity to Meet Your Village Officials and Your Neighbors

On Friday, May 18, from 5 to 7pm, the Village is hosting a special event at the Village Hall for new residents, or current residents, who would like to meet their neighbors, Village officials, and Village staff. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Village and local agencies, including the Library and Park District. There will be police and fire vehicles on display, so bring the kids. It is also an opportunity to learn more about a unique Northbrook event called Flamingo Fridays. If you have never heard of Flamingo Fridays, please see the front page and page 4 for details.

Memorial Day in Northbrook

After the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, there will be a special ceremony performed by two Northbrook Veterans. This year, I invite you and your family, friends and neighbors to join me in honoring our local veterans and attend the parade and brief ceremony. I also encourage all Northbrook residents to fly your American Flag throughout the Memorial Day weekend. For details on this year's Memorial Day events, see page 4.

Comments

As always, your comments are welcomed. Please send me an email at sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us or call 847-509-5301.



Memorial Day Weekend Events

Don't Miss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 28

Honor Our Local Veterans

The Northbrook Memorial Day Parade steps off from the corner of Cherry and Western at 10:30am and continues east on Cherry/Church to the Village Green. Bands from local schools will be marching in the parade and performing at the ceremony.

All are encouraged to attend the special American Legion Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green Park following the parade. A traditional Table of the Fallen Soldier and Honors Ceremony will be performed by two Northbrook Veterans.

Posting Flags on Veteran's Grave Sites

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 26, at 10am, for the Posting of Flags on Veteran's grave sites at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road, just north of Dundee Road. The posting of approximately 150 flags takes about an hour.

All residents are welcome to participate and any organization that wants to adopt a cemetery is encouraged to do so. American Legion Post 791 has an ample supply of flags for this purpose. Please call 847-564-9558 for details.

Show Your Patriotism – Fly Your Flag

All Weekend

Take a few minutes and display your flag. If you don't have a flag, purchase one at a local hardware store! On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon, when it should be raised to the top of the staff. Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reason we celebrate Memorial Day each year.



Northbrook's Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The Public Works Department will begin its regular hydrant flushing program in May and continue through the summer.

The hydrant maintenance work will be on weekdays between the hours of 8am and 3pm. When hydrant maintenance is being done in your area, it may cause some discoloration or rust in your water. Should there be any rust or discoloration, the water will remain safe.

Letting the cold water on your faucets run until the water is clear will help rid your lines of rust or discoloration. If the water discoloration continues, call the Northbrook Public Works Department at 847/272-4711.

To receive notifications when testing will be in your neighborhood, and other Village updates, register your contact information with Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify

What are Flamingo Fridays?

Perhaps you've noticed bright pink Flamingos around Northbrook.

Flamingo Fridays are a way to connect with your neighbors. Every Friday evening starting around 6pm (or choose another night), from Memorial Day through Labor Day, a neighborhood gathering will be held at someone's home, designated by a Pink Flamingo perched in the lawn. The host provides the driveway or backyard. No effort needed! Everyone brings their own lawn chairs, beverages, kids, snacks, etc. Gatherings may last 30 minutes or a couple hours, depending on the group assembled on any given evening. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingos



Infrastructure & Road Improvements

Motorists are reminded to use caution in construction zones and always obey posted speed limits.

Below are highlights of Village projects and other regional construction projects scheduled this year.

Shermer Road Bridge

As part of completing the 2017 Central Business District project, the Village will replace the Shermer Road bridge's deck this year. This project will require a three month closure of the bridge to all traffic and is currently scheduled to begin in mid-August. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/shermerbridge

Western Avenue Water Main Replacement and Reconstruction

This project will focus on the replacement of the original 1953 water main along Western Avenue from Techny Road and Maple Avenue. Once this work has been completed, crews will entirely reconstruct Western from Techny Road to Oak Avenue with asphalt (instead of the original concrete) and install new concrete curb and gutter.



For more information and updates, please visit the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/western

Other Village Projects

The Village will also be undertaking water, sewer, sidewalk, and other infrastructure and roadway improvements.

Projects include the reconstruction of Anthony Trail, between MacArthur and Commercial Avenues; the resurfacing of multiple asphalt streets, including Hillside Drive, Prince Street, Sherman Drive,

and more; water main replacements and sanitary sewer rehabilitation. Stormwater management projects scheduled this year will include the Dehne Road/Glendale Avenue and Woodlawn Road projects, as well as the Elm Ridge Drive culvert project.

IDOT Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) had also scheduled the replacement of the existing culvert and road above it at the intersection of Dundee and Lee Roads for this spring. This work will necessitate a closure of Dundee Road for approximately six months during construction. At this time, IDOT is working with local utilities to relocate their assets and will re-evaluate the timing of the closure this summer. More information and updates on this project is available on the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/dundeeroad

For more information on construction projects in and around the Village, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/Construction

Northbrook Celebrates Tree City USA Recognition

The Village was again recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U. S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The Village also received a Tree City USA Growth Award. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. The Village of Northbrook has been recognized as a Tree City USA community for 24 consecutive years and has received the Growth Award for 18 consecutive years.



TREE CITY USA®

Northbrook Officers to Raise Funds for Special Olympics

Stop by Northbrook Dunkin Donuts to see Cop on the Rooftop

On Friday, May 18, from 5am to Noon, you'll see some of Northbrook's Finest on the rooftop at Dunkin Donuts, at the corner of Dundee and Pfingsten Roads. Stop by to say hello, and support the fundraising efforts for Illinois Special Olympics.

On Sunday, June 10, Northbrook Officers will participate in the Torch Run

Officers will be running to raise funds for Special Olympics. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Donate! Visit www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceTorch or send a check payable to *Special Olympics Illinois* to the Northbrook Police, Attn: Torch Run, 1401 Landwehr Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062. Questions? Call 847-664-4422 or 847-664-4460.



Village Board Approves Budget

At their regular meeting on April 10, 2018, the Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, which begins May 1, 2018.

The total approved budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is \$94,045,709.

The General Fund, which provides for the basic public service operations of the Village (Police, Fire, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Planning and Development, among others) accounts for 48% of the total budget. The approved budget for the General Fund is balanced for next fiscal year and allowed the Village Board to abate \$241,630 of the property tax increase approved in December 2017.

Six years ago, we introduced an expanded two-year budget for the General Fund to further assist the Village Board in the discussion of the Village's fiscal policy. Each year, the budget as presented has been within 2% of the prior year estimate. Last year, we projected total General Fund expenses for FY 2018/19 of \$44.3 million, with total operating expenses of \$41.6 million. Our current projection for total General Fund expenses is 0.34% higher, with total operating expenses 0.8% lower than our projections at this time last year.

Operating expenditures have remained stable. The projected operating expenses for FY 2017/18 were only 3.9% higher than the operating expenses three years ago (FY 2014/15). Variances in Capital Outlay have been in accordance with the approved Capital Improvement Plans.

Revenues have also remained relatively stable, with one exception. Telecommunication taxes have dropped approximately \$1 million/year. Industry competition, bundled plans, and the continuing trend towards dropping land lines have caused this revenue source to decrease dramatically. There are no indications that this revenue stream will recover and therefore a structural revenue deficiency was created in the General Fund.

After careful consideration, a consensus was reached to bring our home rule sales tax in line with the prevailing rate charged by municipalities in the area. Effective July 1st, the home rule sales tax will increase from $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 1%. The home rule sales tax is not applied to sales of automobiles, groceries, and medicine. All other retail sales are included.

This additional sales tax revenue will not only replace the reduced telecommunication tax revenue, but also allow the Village to abate the General Fund property tax increase approved in December and keep the General Fund levy flat in FY 2019/20.

In addition, any excess revenue can be used for future capital projects. Annual transfers to the Capital Projects Fund will provide a funding source for the much-needed improvements to our aging police, fire, and maintenance facilities.

Significant capital projects for the coming year include:

- Street maintenance and improvements – \$3.4 million
- Water distribution system improvements – \$5.9 million
- Storm water mitigation – \$1.0 million
- Ladder Truck Replacement – \$1.4 million

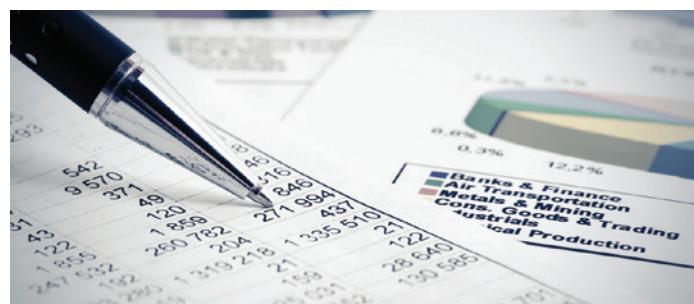
Together, the Village Board and staff have responded to the realities of the last several years with policies and processes that have focused our efforts to meaningfully and appropriately address the short- and long-term financial health of our Village government.

The continued careful management by the Village Board and staff has provided the flexibility to adjust our resources as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community.

Constraining costs without diminishing quality services, steady growth in certain revenue streams, and strong legislative and management oversight will keep the Village in an enviable position moving into the coming fiscal years.

Questions?

If you have questions about the Village's budget or the budget process, please contact Jeff Rowitz, Deputy Village Manager/Chief Financial Officer, at 847-272-5050. The budget is also available at the Northbrook Library Reference Desk and online at www.northbrook.il.us/budget



Village Happenings

Northbrook Dog Park memberships and renewals are available beginning June 1. For more information visit www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2980.

Recycle electronics, light bulbs, and batteries behind Village Hall from 7am-3pm, Mon.-Fri. Residents can drop off household electronics the first Tues. of every month from 7am-3pm and the first Sat. from 9am-noon.

The **Bow & Hammer duo** will perform for the Library's **Friday Night Salon Concert** on Fri., May 4 at 7pm.

Award-winning author **Jac Jemc will lead a Northbrook Writes discussion** on ways to trick ourselves into writing and spinning raw material into stories on Sat., May 5, from 1-2:30pm at the Library.

Learn how to control spreading plants and keep your garden neat! Work with members of the **Northbrook Garden Club to clean up the Blue Star Garden** on Dundee. Sat., May 5 at 10am. (Rain date is Mon., May 7 at 10am.)

The **Northbrook Symphony presents 'A Tale of Two Composers'** on Sun., May 6, at 4pm at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts, 2300 Shermer Road. Visit www.northbrooksymphony.org or call 847-272-0755 for more info.

Free Spring Concert on Mon., May 7 at 7pm at the Library! The talented Northbrook Community Choir will present a concert for the community with a mix of pop, jazz and classic musical tunes. No tickets needed.

Save on Summer Pool Passes! Through May 7, purchase your 2018 pool pass at a discounted rate from any Park District registration office. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2993.

On Thurs., May 10 at 7pm at the Library, **New York Times bestselling author Robert Kurson** will discuss his book Rocket Men.

Want to make your own beaded jewelry?

On Thurs., May 10 from 2-3pm make simple beaded earrings at the Library. Call the Library or visit www.northbrook.info to reserve a spot.

49th Annual Northbrook-On-Ice takes place May 11-13 at the Northbrook Sports Center! Tickets and times are available at www.nbparks.org or the Sports Center Registration Office.

Looking for a one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gift? Check out the Northbrook History Museum's Inn Shop, 1776 Walters Ave. Hours are Fri. - Sat., noon - 4pm, and Sun., 2-4pm.

The Park District is hiring for the summer season! Visit www.nbparks.org to apply today.

Play it Safe with Safety Town! Children travel within miniature "city streets" to learn all about staying safe! Sign up at www.nbparks.org

Estate jewelry, art glass, ceramics, unique collectibles, children's gifts, and more is available at **The Shop at the North Shore Sr. Center**, 161 Northfield Rd.

Take a relaxing **family yoga class** on May 12 from 11am-noon at the Leisure Center. Register online at www.nbparks.org

Explore craft brews and learn the basics of home brewing at the Library during **Craft Brewing Week** (May 12-23). Visit www.northbrook.info/craft-brewing to see the full lineup of events.

Sharpen your driving skills on May 14 and 15, from 9am-1pm. Class is geared toward drivers age 50 and older; call 847-291-2988 to register.

Learn how to prioritize your mental and physical health at every age during **National Women's Health Week** (May 14-19) at the Library. Attendance is open to all. Visit www.northbrook.info/womens-health to see the full lineup of events.

Join the **Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago** on May 23, from 9am-3:45pm for an architectural cruise, lunch at the Columbia Yacht Club, and tour from the Chicago School of Architecture. Members can reserve a spot at www.articca.org/ca, non-members can call 847-291-7459. Fee is \$90.

The Northbrook Park District Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs, trips and classes for adults age 55 and over. For more information, call 847-291-2988 or visit www.nbparks.org

Go fish! The annual **Kids' Fishing Derby** returns to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 19, from 10am-noon. The Park District will supply fishing rods, bait, and prizes.

Register for the **18th Annual Lew Blond Memorial Run/Walk** at www.lewblondrun.org The run/walk takes place Sat., May 19, at 8am at Maple School. The children's race begins at 9am. For more information, call 847-400-8900.

Northbrook Garden Club Annual Plant Sale takes place Fri., May 18 and Sat., May 19, from 9am-3pm at the Village Green Park Community Center, 1810 Walters Ave. Receive a free milkweed plant with any purchase!

The 2nd annual **TEDxNorthbrook Library** event featuring local speakers with powerful ideas on Sat., May 19, from 1-3pm at the Library.

The **Northbrook Days Committee is looking for volunteers** to help with this year's festival from Aug. 1-5. If you are interested, contact info@northbrookdays.com

Register now for **2018 Summer Camps!** Learn more about Park District summer camps and register online at www.nbparks.org

The North Suburban YMCA's 2nd annual **"Seniorpalooza" Health and Fun Fair** on May 20 from 10am to 1pm includes health screenings, presentations, demonstrations, and giveaways. For more information, visit NSYMCA.org or call 847-272-7250.

Mark Moran will **appraise your antiques** on Tues., May 22, from 5:45-8:45pm at the Library. Reserve a spot by calling the Library or visiting www.northbrook.info

Nicole Dreiske will discuss The Upside of Digital Devices and teach ways to head off the "summer slump" and enhance student learning with healthy screen habits on Thurs., May 24 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Library.

Maple School is hosting a **special concert honoring retiring Westcott School music teacher Bill Vaananen** on Thurs., May 24 at 7pm. For more information, call 847-272-4660.

Apply by Fri., May 25 to be in the 4th of July parade! Applications are available at www.northbrook4thofjuly.com or call 847-897-6119.

Chamber Music Trio featuring pianist Susan Merdinger, violinist Michaela Paetsch, and cellist Nazar Dzhuryn will perform on Sun., May 27 at 3pm at the Library.

Stop by the Village Hall Board Room during business hours and visit the Village Gallery, featuring beautiful **photography by Northbrook Artist Robert Sills**.

The 8th Annual North Shore Chamber Music Festival will take place on June 13, 15 & 16 at the Village Presbyterian Church. This is an event not to be missed. For more information, sponsorship opportunities, and tickets, please call 847-370-3984 or visit www.nscmf.org



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| Fire Non-Emergency | 847-272-2141 |
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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

**When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For their tomorrows,
We gave our today.**

-The Kohima Epitaph

A Day of Remembrance

At the end of the month, Americans will take a day to honor the nation's men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom. Here in Northbrook, Memorial Day, as this day of remembrance is now called, includes a parade and a program at Village Green Park honoring all those who gave their lives for their country, including 43 men from Northbrook. It is also a day to honor all those no longer living who served in the armed forces. Gravesites throughout the country are adorned with flags in their honor. A moving event is held the Saturday before Memorial Day at 10 am in Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road, when volunteers place flags on the graves of those who served.

Please see page 4 for the Memorial Day Weekend event schedule.

Northbrook's two organizations serving veterans, their families, and the community are the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The George W. Benjamin American Legion Post 791 was chartered in December 1936, with Clarence Bartelme as its first commander. The Post was named in honor of 23-year-old Pvt. George W. Benjamin who was killed at De Coetquien, France in 1918. Benjamin was the first man from Shermerville to die in WWI. Established in April 1988, the VFW Post 10236 turned 30 years old this year. Both organizations share meeting space in a storefront at 1353 Shermer Road.

Pictured right: Boy Scout Troop 67 presented the colors at the 1958 Memorial Day ceremony as families and dignitaries paid respect. Bert Pollack, Northbrook Village President, who lead the village through the early years of growth, is on the podium (left); at center in uniform is Legion Commander Howard Strauss; and at the far right in uniform is Chaplin Erwin Schaer. The others are unidentified.

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Pictured above: Six of the eight past Legion Commanders (c 1943). From left to right: Joe Kortman, Clarence Bartelme, Don Clavey, Ray Hallen, Oliver Vickery, and Bob Landwehr.

