

NORTHBROOK

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Recognizing Sustainability!

The Village of Northbrook is seeking residents and businesses who are having a positive impact on the environment.

Residents and businesses looking to share the steps they are taking, and interested in being recognized for those efforts, are encouraged to participate in Northbrook's *Green Resident* and *Green Business* Awards.

The ideas generated through these programs will be shared through future issues of this newsletter and the Village website to promote sustainable actions within the community.

One resident/household and one business will be selected as the winner and be recognized and presented with an award at a Village Board meeting in April.

Please submit your application by March 8. More information, including a program description and the award application, is available at www.northbrook.il.us/greenawards

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February is Restaurant Month

Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau's (CNSCVB) popular North Shore Restaurant Month features a month's worth of exceptional dining.

Throughout February, more than 100 of the North Shore's most popular restaurants will be participating in North Shore Restaurant Month, offering a variety of specials and discounts including free appetizers or desserts, a percentage off the entire bill, prix fixe meals, 2 for 1 specials, and much more.

Among those participating this year are Northbrook favorites: Claim Company, Grill House, J. Alexander's/Redland Grill, Granite City, Mesa Urbana, Connections Restaurant (Sheraton Chicago's Northbrook Hotel), Di Pescara, Francesca's North, Morton's, and Pancetta Regional Kitchen (Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel).

For a complete list of participating restaurants and their special offers, or to print a dining certificate that can be used at all of them, please visit www.NorthShoreDiningDeals.com

Think Northbrook for all your Valentine's Day shopping and dining plans. For a complete list of shopping and dining establishments in Northbrook, visit www.liveshopdineNorthbrook.com

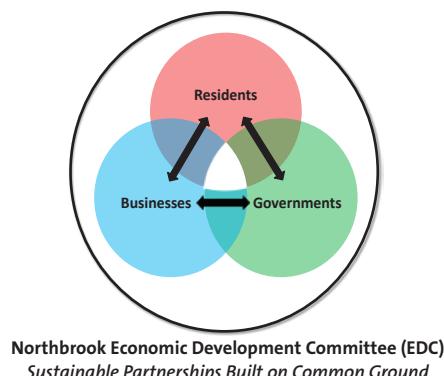


President's Day - February 18

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 18. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

From the Northbrook Economic Development Committee

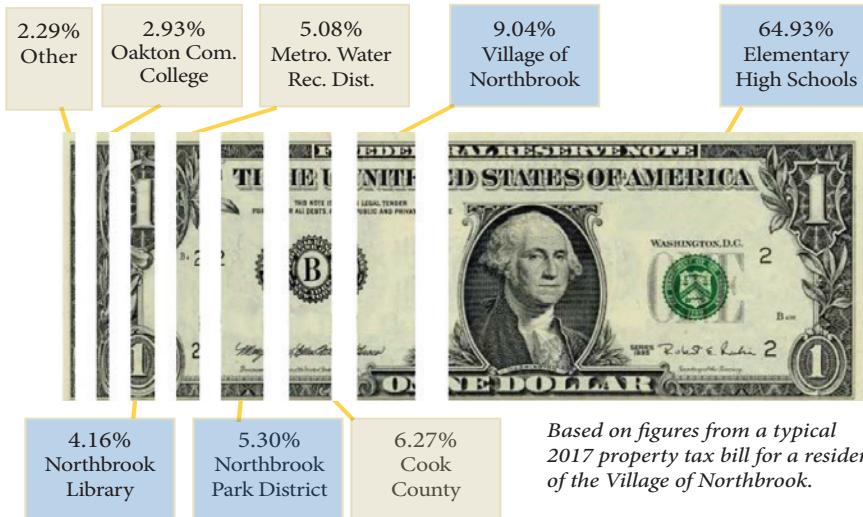
Some thoughts about the property tax bills we are receiving



The graphic on the right indicates how your property taxes are distributed. Most Northbrook residents choose to live here because they value the schools (on average, 64.93% of the taxes), the village (9.04%), the library (4.16%), the parks (5.30%), and other services paid for by property taxes. This investment in our community resources, through our property taxes, directly and positively affects the home values for all Northbrook homeowners.

Your property taxes do not go up or down based on the market value of your home or business. Tax assessments are pro-rated among all taxpayers based on each property's share of the overall property tax value in the community. This is why our individual property tax bills did not drop when we all experienced the real estate recession about ten years ago.

Unlike every other county in Illinois, each dollar of residential property is taxed at a rate that is 60% lower than a dollar of business property in Cook County. Lake County homeowners do not enjoy this subsidy which helps to keep our residential property taxes lower. On the other hand, this Cook County benefit for residents means that Northbrook faces a non-level playing field as it competes for new businesses.



Based on figures from a typical 2017 property tax bill for a resident of the Village of Northbrook.

Northbrook business property is taxed more than an equivalent property in Lake County which means that Northbrook businesses face higher operating costs than their Lake County competitors. Tax incentives are selectively considered to attempt to level the playing field.

In the January issue of this newsletter, we described the diversified nature of Northbrook's tax base and how the significant business contribution benefits the entire community. New business development that expands our tax base will likely *reduce* the residential share of the tax assessment. That is how economic development benefits Northbrook residents.

In future issues of this newsletter, we will focus on and highlight the excellence of our school districts, our library, and our parks, all of which depend on and benefit from our property taxes.

Coming in March: Celebrating the excellence of Northbrook's school districts.

Dundee Road Construction Set to Begin Next Month

Many drivers don't realize that they are actually driving over a bridge just west of the stoplight near Dundee and Shermer Road

The West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River runs under Dundee Road in a culvert which was originally built in 1938. The culvert has reached the end of its useful life and must be replaced.

Next month, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will begin staging for construction to replace the existing culvert and portions of the road above the culvert.

During these infrastructure improvements, Dundee Road, between Waukegan Road and Skokie Boulevard, will be closed to through traffic. All residences and businesses along this stretch of Dundee Road will remain open and be accessible throughout the duration of the project.

The full road closure is projected to begin on Wednesday, April 10, weather permitting. For more details, please check next month's newsletter and or visit www.idot.illinois.gov





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



When you think of Village government, you may think of the services offered by our first responders or other community amenities such as street maintenance and water service. Within the Village government itself, there are a variety of roles that ensure constituents receive excellent services: the Village Board; volunteer commissions, committees, and task forces; as well as Police, Fire, Public Works, and administration staff who carry out the policies and goals of the Board.

Participation in local government develops a sense of ownership for residents and local business representatives. I want to thank the many volunteers that serve on our

Village Commissions. Their service, time and talents are invaluable in helping the Board make sound decisions. Highlighted below are some of our Commissions and Committees.

The **Architectural Control Commission** (ACC) reviews improvements for the Central Business District, as well as plans, appeals, and extensions for new residential dwelling units, planned unit developments and any commercial developments referred to it by the Village Board.

The **Arts Commission** encourages the development and enjoyment of the arts in Northbrook and sponsors a variety of events and opportunities for the community.

The **Bicycle Task Force** coordinates all bicycle-related transportation initiatives within the community to make Northbrook more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly.

The **Community Relations Commission** (CRC) seeks to foster understanding among all residents and organizations in Northbrook through a variety of events and programs. In addition, upon need, it hears and investigates noncriminal complaints of tension, practices of discrimination, and acts of prejudice or intolerance of initiatives.

The **Economic Development Committee** (EDC) consists of representatives from the local taxing districts, the Chamber of Commerce, local business owners and managers, and members of the community at large. You'll find information from the Committee on page 2.

The **Electrical Commission** reviews the Village's Codes pertaining to the installation of electrical systems and equipment.

The **Environmental Quality Commission** (EQC) addresses concerns regarding air pollution, water pollution, noise abatement, solid waste disposal, resource recycling, and other environmental quality problems.

The **Industrial and Commercial Development Commission** (ICDC) addresses matters that impact the Northbrook business community.

The **Plan Commission** reviews and reports to the Board on specific development application requests as established in the Zoning Code and Subdivision and Development Code. The Plan Commission meetings are cablecast/streamed live and played on NCTV.

The **Senior Services Commission** is concerned with all financial and operational housing matters relating to Crestwood Place, a village-owned senior citizen housing development. In addition, the Commission provides programming and connects Village seniors, and their caregivers, to available support and services.

The **Stormwater Management Commission** works with residents, staff, consultants, and the Board of Trustees to maintain a Stormwater Master Plan for the entire Village.

The **Transportation Advisory Committee** discusses and approves expenditures of collected traffic impact fees.

The **Village Board of Trustees** is made up of the Village President and six trustees; it is the Village's ultimate policy making and legislative body of Village government.

The **Youth Commission** is concerned with the initiation, review, coordination and evaluation of youth related services and programs in the Village, with an emphasis on the promotion of increased participation by youth in all aspects of community life.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** (ZBA) hears requests for variations in accordance with the Village's Zoning Code. It is a board of final appeal and its process is in strict conformance with the Illinois State Statutes regarding notification of surrounding property owners.

Not to be cliché, but it does "take a Village" to nurture the community and with teamwork from residents and businesses all stakeholders benefit. If you would like to get involved in our local government, come to a meeting. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/agendas for meeting details. The meetings are open to the public. If you would like to volunteer to serve on a Commission, visit www.northbrook.il.us/CommissionInfo to apply.



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 2 to May 21, 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:

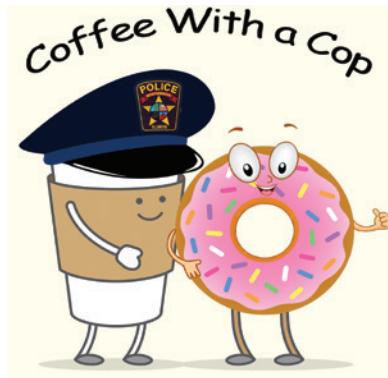
- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and investigative operations
- Police canine unit
- Mutual Aid agencies

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

Coffee with a Cop at Dunkin Donuts

Plan on joining Northbrook's finest on Thursday, February 21, from 7 to 9am, at Dunkin Donuts, at the corner of Dundee and Pfingsten Roads.

This event offers the opportunity for an informal meet and greet and Q&A with your local police officers. Enjoy your morning cup of coffee while officers of different ranks and responsibilities answer your questions and share information, along with a few give-a-ways. All ages welcome to stop by and say hello.



The purpose of *Coffee with a Cop* is for residents and local business employees to have an opportunity to meet some of Northbrook's finest in a casual atmosphere and chat over a cup of coffee and donuts!

Who knows, you may get to meet Pongo, Northbrook's K9 officer.

Save the Date for Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 13

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.



2019 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 7, 2019.

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 7, 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



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



American Dream Oak (hybrid Swamp White Oak)

Qty. _____

Crown: Roundly Narrow

Height: 50'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow

Feature: Exfoliating bark

Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



Purple Robe Black Locust

Qty. _____

Crown: Upright

Height: 70'

Width: 25'

Growth Rate: Fast

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Green pinnate leaf

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Spring: Purple, fragrant flowers

Fruit: Pods



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

Bark: Attractive reddish brown fibrous

Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple

Qty. _____

Crown: Upright, oval

Height: 55'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Feature: Ornamental Ridged Bark



Chinkapin Oak

Qty. _____

Crown: Upright Oval

Height: 60'

Width: 45"

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Dark green

Fall Foliage: Yellow

Fruit: Acorns on mature trees



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



Kentucky Coffeetree

Qty. _____

Crown: Oval

Height: 60'

Width: 40'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green

Fall Foliage: Golden yellow

Fruit: Seedless (male trees only)



Tulip Tree "Emerald City"

Qty. _____

Crown: Oval

Height: 55'

Width: 26'

Growth Rate: Medium

Size: Large

Summer: Bright green leaves resemble tulips

Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange

Fruit: Conical cluster of samara on mature trees

Village Happenings

The Library's **Computers & Coffee** series explores cloud storage systems on Wed., Feb. 6, at 11am. Learn how to share, send, and receive files and photos and access them from any device. Reserve a spot.

Women Behind Hollywood is February's theme for the library's Wednesday Film Series. Screenings are at 1pm and 7pm. Reserve a spot.

Learn the history of Somme Prairie and Woods. Steven Packard, Science Director for the Illinois Nature Conservancy, will share his experience with the Northbrook Garden Club, Tues., Feb. 5, at 10am at the United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave.

Students off school in Districts 27 and 30 are invited to **visit the Field Museum** 9am-3pm Thurs., Feb. 7. Districts 28 and 31 will visit the Field Museum Fri., Feb. 15. Register at www.nbparks.org

Find Valentine gifts such as jewelry, crystal, china, artwork, frames, collectibles and more at the **North Shore Senior Center's Shop** at the Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Call 847-784-6035 for information. Donations are always welcome.

The **Joe Policastro Trio**, a Chicago-based jazz group, visits the library on Thurs., Feb. 7, at 7pm to introduce the sounds of rock, soul, funk, and more to its jazz set. Reserve a spot.

The **Send-Off Rally** to wish Teams Elite Junior synchronized skaters good luck at the Spring Cup in Italy is set for 7pm, Thurs., Feb. 7, at the Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Road. The rally will feature the team's programs and a brief ceremony.

Are you a long-time Northbrook resident? Share your Northbrook memories and historical photos with the Northbrook Historical Society. Sent them to northbrookhistory@comcast.net

Daddy-Daughter Dance: Mad Hatter's Ball Fri., Feb. 8 at the Northbrook Hilton! The fun includes DJ entertainment, appetizers, games, desserts, boutonnieres, corsages, a souvenir photo and t-shirt. Save your spot at www.nbparks.org

Get ready for a 'sweet' time! Children ages 3-8 can make Valentine's Day treats with their families 6-7:30pm, Sat., Feb. 9, at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Register at www.nbparks.org

Unwind with a movie! On Sat., Feb. 9, the library will screen *Bohemian Rhapsody* at 2pm and 7pm.

Learn **All About Ham Radio** from North Shore Radio Club experts who will demonstrate ham radio equipment at 11am on Sat., Feb. 9, at the Library.

Bring your Valentine for an evening of fun on the ice! Set for 7-9pm, Sat., Feb. 9, at Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Road, Cosmic Skating features DJ music, games and on-ice activities.

Registration is underway for winter programs, with new sessions starting in February and March! Register today at www.nbparks.org

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

Recommended for ages 11-18, the **Red Cross Babysitting Course** takes place at the NSYMCA Feb. 9 & 10, 9:30am-4pm. The course includes Child and Infant CPR & First Aid. To register, contact mcontri@nsymca.org

The Library hosts a screening and discussion of **The Hunting Ground** on Mon., Feb. 11, at 7pm.

Check out the **2019 Northbrook Park District Summer Camp Guide** at www.nbparks.org

Join the library for an **Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel** on Tues., Feb. 12, at 7pm. The focus of the discussion is Balli Kaur Jaswal's Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows.

Retirement Planning & Estate Preservation Thurs., Feb. 14 at 11:15am at the North Suburban YMCA. Gain insight, ideas and information to make informative decisions on your personal path to and through retirement. Register at www.nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

Northbrook Action Baseball Registration is open for the Spring 2019 Season. For more information or to register visit www.northbrookactionbaseball.org or call 847-564-9849.

Share the gift of life at **Temple Beth-El's 17th Annual Blood Drive** on Sun., Feb. 17, from 8:30am to 2:00pm at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd. For information and to sign up, call 847-272-4554 or visit www.bit.ly/blooddrive19

Spend Presidents Day with the Northbrook Park District! Children off school Mon., Feb. 18, can enjoy a bowling and arcade field trip from 9am-3pm or head to the gym at Greenbriar School for a day of sports-themed fun and activities! Save your spot at www.nbparks.org

Join **Mark Lyons of Green Thumb at Your Service** at the Library on Tues., Feb. 19, at 10am to learn how to grow nutrient-rich sprouts and microgreens. Reserve a spot.

Attention Northbrook Artists Applications are available to exhibit at the Northbrook Originals show, which starts Thurs., Apr. 11, at the Northbrook Library. Visit www.northbrookarts.org or email art_chair@northbrook.il.us for more information. Application deadline is Fri., Feb. 28.

Join us at the library for this month's **Stranger Than Fiction** at 7pm on Wed., Feb. 20. We'll discuss *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara.

Kevin Smokler, author of *Brat Pack America*, will present the John Hughes Retrospective on Thurs., Feb. 21, at 7pm at the Library. A screening of *The Breakfast Club* follows discussion.

Professor Moptop, a feature on WXRT's "Breakfast with the Beatles," will talk about the 50th anniversary of "Abbey Road" on Thurs., Feb. 28, at 7pm at the Library. Reserve a spot.

The Northbrook Arts Commission presents **Artists in Residence**, a display at the Northbrook Library featuring artwork by Northbrook Artists Elaine Friedman, Jane Stiker, Joei Shavitz, John Patterson, and Mark Rosenberg, through February.

The **Northbrook Civic Foundation** is looking for new members and volunteers for Northbrook Days. Visit www.northbrookcivic.com for more information and get involved.

The **Life Enhancement Initiative** Thursdays, Feb. 21 – Apr. 4, 11:15am - 12:45pm at the North Suburban YMCA. Offered in partnership with St. Catherine University, this is a seven-week community-based, educational Occupational Therapy program for older adults. Contact 847-507-6164 or mkafkis@skate.edu for more information and to register.

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

Based on the popular book series, **Pinkalicious The Musical** features a fun-loving tale of what happens when a girl's passion for pink goes too far. Performances run 10am and 1pm Saturdays through Feb. 23 at Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.nbparks.org

Find "one-of-a-kind" artistic treasures and Plein Air paintings at the new **Artisans at the Inn Shop** at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave. Thurs.-Sat., 10am-4pm & Sun., 2-4pm. Call 847-498-3404. You'll find new items every week.

Plan for Spring Break! Northbrook Park District offers a variety of activities to keep children busy March 25-29, including art, sports, games and field trips. Save your spot today at www.nbparks.org

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



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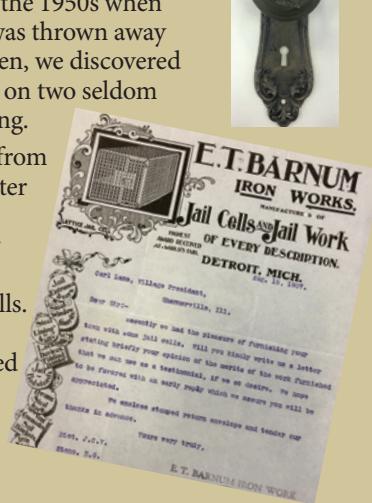
Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society- Judith Hughes, President

Discoveries at the Museum! Every day is an adventure of discovery at the Northbrook History Museum and Heritage Center.

We never know what treasure will be brought in next. These treasures are what helps us discover and relate the history of Northbrook and its people. Some of the recently donated treasures include:

- A door knob from 1812 Chapel Court that was rescued from a dumpster in the 1950s when the door it was attached to was thrown away during remodeling. Since then, we discovered the same doorknobs remain on two seldom used doors still in the building.
- A large collection of papers from Shermerville, including a letter dated 1907. The letter writer asked for a testimonial letter recommending the newly installed Shermerville jail cells. The letter also included the location of the newly installed jail cells, so we could finally determine if they were placed in Robert Funk's business or home.



- A beautiful desk, hand-made by H.P. Mentzer whose carpentry skills turned him into the first undertaker in Shermerville, is now on display at the Museum. However, it is the four bound volumes of funeral records from 1895-1938 which were kept in the desk drawers that will be an invaluable source for helping researchers find information about their ancestors.
- Objects uncovered in a cistern dig include a pair of ice skates, a shoe, some glass bottles, broken toys, a vintage tin Strategy game board manufactured by the Wolverine Supply Company and several pieces of advertising for a local business with a 1929 calendar on the reverse.



Do you have a treasure that will help the Historical Society share the history of our Village?

Consider donating it or bringing it to the Northbrook History Museum and Heritage Center (1776 Walters Avenue) for us to photograph or scan.

Northbrook Information Association

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Northbrook, IL 60062

Winter Reminder

After a snowfall of two or more inches, it is illegal to park on the streets until they have been completely cleared. This parking ban helps improve and expedite the snow removal process. Vehicles in violation are subject to ticketing and towing.