

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

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# A Historical Perspective on Northbrook's Neighborhoods

The U.S. government issued the first land grants in what is now Northbrook in 1843. The land was sold for \$1.25 per acre. Many of the original owners remained on their land for generations and some lent their names to 18 of the streets we use today. Other land patent owners held their land for only a short while before being sold for a profit. While the land remained agricultural for many years, it was eventually subdivided into the neighborhoods and open spaces we know today.

Our neighborhoods are more than our street addresses. Developed over decades, each is unique. The first subdivision was platted in 1894 by Jacob Kiest before our town was incorporated in 1901. Houses were soon built on both sides of the dusty narrow street. A small church, that is now Northbrook Historical Society's Heritage Center (1812 Chapel Court), was one of the first structures built along Midway Road, now Church Street.

Several subdivisions carry the name of our town, whether it be Shermerville or Northbrook. Two neighborhoods, now Northbrook East and Northbrook Manor, began during Northbrook's

first growth wave before the Great Depression. Houses were planned and the streets built, but it would be more than 20 years before the first houses were built on those streets.

The second growth wave began in the 1940s and grew exponentially post-WWII. In order to meet the housing demand, more and more large parcels of land were turned into subdivisions. There was a time when many of these subdivisions had fancy signs on the roads leading into them, some of which you can still partially see.

The subdivision names evoked a feeling of home - a place to call our own. Some of them are quite lofty like estates, others were named for land characteristics like meadows, highlands, knolls, fields, oaks, prairies, and woods. Many of these names no longer reflect the reality we know. Not all the subdivisions have the same amenities. Some built outside Village limits are without sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

***"The one thing all subdivisions have is residents who pull together and reach out to help each other, as we have learned once again over the past weeks."***



IN 1952, RESIDENTS TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AS THEY REPAIRED ANTHONY TRAIL NEAR THE SKY HARBOR AIRPORT.

Our Village is like a beautiful patchwork quilt. Each resident, organization, event, or era stands on its own merit, yet when fused together they form a colorful, rich heritage of which we can all be proud.

Visit [northbrook.il.us/subdivisionmap](http://northbrook.il.us/subdivisionmap) to see the development of subdivisions that rose from cornfields.

For additional information, send an email to [northbrookhistory@gmail.com](mailto:northbrookhistory@gmail.com) or call 847-498-3404.

Learn more at [northbrookhistory.org](http://northbrookhistory.org) and [facebook.com/northbrookhistory](http://facebook.com/northbrookhistory)



FIND FRESH, HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCE AND LOCALLY MADE GOODS

**Farmers Market**  
Wednesdays, 7am to 1pm  
June 17 - October 14  
Cherry & Meadow,  
Downtown Northbrook

This year's farmers market will take place rain or shine, while practicing physical distancing and proper sanitation. Feel safe shopping for fresh, high-quality produce and other locally made goods.

Support local farmers, producers, and artisans at Northbrook's volunteer-operated market.

Don't forget your reusable shopping bags, as the market discourages the use of plastic bags.

You may also support the market's vendors by visiting [northbrookfarmersmarket.org/vendors](http://northbrookfarmersmarket.org/vendors). Many are taking orders online and delivering products.

Visit [northbrookfarmersmarket.org](http://northbrookfarmersmarket.org) for special shopping opportunities including curbside pick-up.



## A Message from Sandy

President, Village of Northbrook

# Together We Are Northbrook Strong

As I sit inside during week five of Governor Pritzker's Stay-At-Home Order, I can't help but feel grateful. During these strange, uncertain times, I am continuously reminded why Northbrook is such a wonderful place to live, work, shop, and play. I've seen and read about neighbors checking-in on one another, children spreading joy with chalk and window displays, first responders and medical staff responding to crises confidently, essential workers showing up for the needs of others, and every single one of us doing our best to make this situation better.

Nothing feels normal right now. We are inundated by news updates, questioning what life might look like when this ends, overly eager to get outside with more than our cohabitants, and ready for the toilet paper aisles to be fully stocked again. This is not easy, but we are Northbrook Strong. We are a community of determined go-getters, diligent caretakers, and creative problem solvers. We will go back to work and school. We will host barbecues and block parties. We will give grandma and grandpa another hug.

Just like everything else right now, you have probably noticed that this newsletter is a little bit different. Virtual events have replaced many in-person activities, uncertainty remains as we watch this crisis unfold,



**"The saying 'it takes a village' holds true, especially in challenging times. I've seen neighbors helping neighbors and how that makes our community even stronger. You can count on the Village to be here for you, your family, and our businesses."**

and business is not as usual. Rather than a springtime guide to events and local happenings, I encourage you to use this issue of Northbrook Voice as a reminder of all the good in Northbrook. We have local businesses to support, opportunities for outdoor adventures, neighbors who genuinely care about one another, and most importantly, each other.

*Until we see each other again,*

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

# Flamingos and Friends Flock Together in Northbrook!



**This year's hosts will have to get extra creative! Stay current on State and local orders, social distancing protocols, and health advisories to ensure your gathering is both safe and fun.**

When Christie Paich moved to Northbrook 15 years ago with her family, she never imagined how a flamingo would change her life!

Well, it wasn't really the flamingo, but what it represented.

While not indigenous to our area, you have probably noticed more than a few flamingos hanging around the Village. Pink plastic flamingos that is! In Northbrook, these pink-feathered friends represent community and unity, as they are the official mascot for Flamingo Fridays, a series of events that bring together neighbors.

Every year, for the past 11 years, Northbrook's Community Relations Commission hosts an event to welcome new residents to Northbrook and kick-off the Flamingo Friday neighborhood gatherings.

Christie's neighbor, Dale Duda (pictured on the cover) introduced the idea of Flamingo Fridays to her neighborhood in 2005, and then to Northbrook's Community Relations Commission in 2009, where the program took flight throughout Village.

Over the summer, neighbors take turns hosting Friday gatherings by placing a pink flamingo by their driveway to designate their home as the host.

***"It's an opportunity to get to know one another and build relationships!"***

- DALE DUDA

Christie explained, "Flamingo Friday is a meaningful event because it brings the neighborhood together. These connections have brought us closer and now we all look out for each other in our neighborhood. It's like living in Mayberry!"

The primary reason the Paichs moved from Chicago to Northbrook was for their children to experience a suburban family atmosphere and to live in a welcoming neighborhood. A simple Flamingo Friday event brought their dream to fruition. When it was the Paich's turn to host, about 30 neighbors of all ages arrived to forge new relationships.

While Christie expects this year's Flamingo Friday gatherings to be a little spread out, over a couple of driveways or from across the street, she feels this year may be one of the most meaningful. "We are all in need of conversation and socializing. The Stay-At-Home Order slowed us all down, but in doing so I think it will help bring us all together," says Christie.

Typically, Flamingo Fridays, which can actually take place any night of the week, are held from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Visit [northbrook.il.us/flamingo](http://northbrook.il.us/flamingo) for details on flamingo pickup and guidelines for this year's gatherings.



# Reflections on Community and Making Connections

**Every February, the Village Presbyterian Church hosts a pancake breakfast run by the Boy Scouts. And every February we walk over, even though we aren't Presbyterian, my sons were never Boy Scouts, and I'm not particularly fond of pancakes.**

Why?

There are people and fun – two things that often go together. Music, and prizes. The festivities only cost \$8 a head, the money goes to charity. Yes, you are expected to eat pancakes, but nothing's perfect.

You run into old friends and make new acquaintances. The Village President pours you a cup of coffee. You immerse yourself in your community, which may be the most important-yet-routinely-neglected aspect of our lives. Few people go a day without brushing their teeth, or a week without a shower. But they'll let a month slip by and never deviate between work and home, with the occasional quick detour into a store or restaurant thrown in for variety's sake. Or two months. Or six.

At least that was the case before the COVID-19 crisis seized Northbrook, along with every other place on Earth. Suddenly even those small dips into public life were off the table. We couldn't sit for 10 minutes in Starbucks and silently drink a cup of coffee and glance at the person at the next table. It's as if fate had sent us to our rooms like naughty children, to think about the importance of interconnection. A fact of life that some of us never stop thinking about.



"We talk about community all the time," said Rev. Spencer Lundgaard, senior pastor of Village Presbyterian Church. "The heart of the church is this notion of belonging to one another. That is so important. When we are at our best is when what we do is through relationships, when we are bound together. I'm better off because I'm with you; you're better off because you're with me. Something incredible, something beautiful takes place."

Anyone with any doubt of the incredible, beautiful role of the people around us should be convinced by the coronavirus shutdown of community life. Sure, kids took classes remotely; food was carried out and consumed at home; religious services held and music lessons taught via Zoom. But it wasn't the same. There was something missing.

The social aspect of school was sorely missed: students posted their drawings in their living room windows for classmates to walk by and admire. Neighbors held cocktail parties in their driveways, folding chairs set a safe six feet apart. The well went dry, and we missed the water.

The good news is that the crisis will end, and we will come out of it, most of us, better, sadder, wiser, with a greater understanding of just how important those ties are. Hungrier for the kind of connection we have been hungry for all along, even if we didn't know it.

Having been so isolated, people should embrace the opportunities they will now have—the classes, clubs, organizations, services, meetings, concerts, plays, fundraisers, festivals, celebrations, and, yes, pancake breakfasts that make Northbrook not just another name on the map.

If you think you're too busy, you're not. If you think you're not that kind of person, you are. Everybody is. You just may not know it yet. Here's a reminder, a new chance, a fresh start. There's a person you haven't met who could use a hand, a seat somewhere waiting for you to fill it. Get in the game.

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# 8 Ways to Get Outside in Northbrook

Explore the outdoors, right in your own neighborhood! Find some of Northbrook's treasures hidden in plain sight, and discover something you may not have noticed before.

Spending time outdoors with friends, family, or alone can relieve stress, calm your mind, and offer some healthy exercise.

## Visit the Village Green Sculptures

At the corner of Shermer and Meadow in downtown Northbrook, just beyond the water feature, you'll find three bronze statues dedicated in 2001 for Northbrook's Centennial Celebration: Skipping though Time (girl jump roping); Shermerville Sunset (boy reading "Village by a Stream"); and Celebrating Northbrook (boy with helmet with the badge number of Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Luecht, 1951-1999).



Take a walk to the other end of the park, at the far southeast side, to visit the Memorial Plaza, and you'll find a fourth bronze statue titled For Which it Stands (little boy and girl with hand on her heart). Statues are by sculptor James Hair.



## Spot the Lion Drinking Fountain

Wander along the path through Village Green Park and you'll see the iconic Leo the Lion Drinking Fountain. This is the perfect spot to stop for a selfie!



## Grow your Garden

Plant a beautiful rain garden! Grow your plants from seed or purchase plants from one of our local garden centers. Make sure to go native! Visit [northbrook.il.us/greenneighbor](http://northbrook.il.us/greenneighbor) for a guide on planting sustainable rain gardens.



## Find Ferris Bueller's Bench

An iconic stop to take a break! Have a seat on the bench overlooking Northbrook's 66-year-old water tower that once bore the words "SAVE FERRIS." While you're there, check out the plaque explaining the Northbrook connection to Producer/Director John Hughes. You'll find the bench between the Library and Village Hall.



## Bike Around Town

Northbrook's terrain and easy access to major biking and walking trails make the Village an excellent place to bike or enjoy a run. Check out the Know Your Neighborhood Bike Map to plan your route. Visit [northbrook.il.us/bikemap](http://northbrook.il.us/bikemap)



## Have a Picnic

Pack up your picnic basket with some healthy options from the Northbrook Farmers Market and your favorite Northbrook grocery store. Save room for dessert and plan a visit to one of our local ice cream stores to top off your meal!



## Stop to Smell the Peonies

As you wander around Northbrook, make sure to stop and smell the peonies! As part of the Heritage Peony Project, watch for Heritage Peonies blooming at a park near you, as well as the Historical Society (1776 Walters Avenue). Many of these peonies are heritage flowers that originated from the Northbrook Gardens, which is now home to Sky Harbor Business Park. Read about the Heritage Peony Project, brought to you by the Northbrook Park District, Northbrook Historical Society, and Northbrook Garden Club, at [northbrookgardenclub.org](http://northbrookgardenclub.org)



## Hunt for Treasure

Visit one of Northbrook's local historic cemeteries, and look for tombstones with family names that you'll recognize from our street names. Hint: St. Peter Cemetery on Shermer Road, south of Willow, for the Shermer family; Lee is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery; Kiest in North Northfield Cemetery; and Landwehr family members in St. Peter and Northfield Union Cemeteries. You'll find more interesting historical information at [northbrookhistory.org](http://northbrookhistory.org)

# Shop Local: How to Help the Business Community

Now more than ever is the time to support our local businesses. Together, our individual efforts will ensure the future of our community and keep Northbrook **strong**. As our daily lives and routines keep changing, please make an effort to patronize Northbrook restaurants and businesses.

**Here's how you can help:**

- 1** Order online or over the phone! Take advantage of pickup and delivery options. If you can, leave a generous tip. Find a list of restaurants offering dine-in alternatives at [northbrook.il.us/northbrookdine](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrookdine)
- 2** Buy gift cards to use in the future! Remember, gift cards make great gifts, but you can also use them for your own purchases down the road. If you had any events scheduled with a Northbrook business, try rescheduling instead of asking for a refund.
- 3** Practice courtesy while out shopping and running errands. Be mindful of social distancing, not only for yourself, but for others, especially those working at our businesses. This includes wearing face coverings and staying home if you're sick.
- 4** Tell your neighbors and friends in the area about our local businesses that are open and offering special services. You can help bring some much needed attention their way by posting on social media and sharing your experience in a review.
- 5** Sign up for Northbrook's free Live Shop Dine text program, which promotes Northbrook stores and restaurants by connecting local businesses to the public. The program allows shoppers to access targeted offers and incentives with just a tap on their phone. Join now by texting "NBK" to 55678.



## Northbrook Businesses Give Back to the Community

Northbrook businesses have adapted their operations to comply with social distancing rules and fill essential needs; all the while, the business community is donating their time and resources to help those in need during the COVID-19 outbreak:

- North Shore Helpers, a group of business owners from the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce, launched a "Food for the Frontlines" fundraiser that provided 50 meals from North Shore Catering to local medical staff.
- Volunteers from the Chamber have been vital to the Hunger Free Northbrook initiative, bringing food to shut-in seniors at Crestwood Place, and supplying supplemental meals to low-income students.
- Local restaurants, including Little Louie's and Josh's Hot Dogs, have delivered meals to area hospitals with the support and donations from residents and other businesses.
- Hotels like the Sheraton and Hilton Chicago/Northbrook have offered low-cost rooms to health care workers as well as discounts on day rates for individuals who need a quiet place to work alone.

**By supporting Northbrook businesses, you're supporting the Northbrook community as a whole - shop local!**

# Resources for Businesses

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## *Local Opportunities for Retailers & Restaurants*

The Northbrook Chamber of Commerce offers marketing opportunities for retailers and restaurants. Join the Live Shop Dine text program (free of charge to all restaurants and stores by contacting [ron@northshoreloyalty.com](mailto:ron@northshoreloyalty.com)) and the Northbrook Shopping Elf Facebook page at [facebook.com/NorthbrookShoppingElf](https://www.facebook.com/NorthbrookShoppingElf). Take advantage of these programs to promote your business initiatives. Send an email to [info@northbrookchamber.org](mailto:info@northbrookchamber.org) with questions.

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a nonprofit association committed to helping businesses through the unprecedented challenges from the coronavirus outbreak. Learn more about local chapter workshops and events, as well as remote mentoring. Visit [score.org](https://www.score.org)

Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CNSCVB) is the state-certified destination marketing organization promoting tourism, meetings, and leisure activities on Chicago's North Shore. You'll find more information at [visitchicagonorthshore.com](https://www.visitchicagonorthshore.com)

The Development and Planning Services Department is the municipal office to contact when an individual or business requires assistance from the Village of Northbrook regarding business activities. Visit [northbrook.il.us/dps](https://www.northbrook.il.us/dps)

Many businesses are facing an unprecedented economic disruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The resources below, ranging from Federal to local, can offer relief to businesses in need. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/coronavirus](https://www.northbrook.il.us/coronavirus)

## Federal Resources

The Federal "CARES" Act includes programs and initiatives in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES). Additionally, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) can assist small businesses with maintaining their operations through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Act's Payroll Protection Program (PPP) enables eligible businesses to receive a forgivable loan to use for payroll purposes, utilities, rent, mortgage interest payments, and more. You'll find a variety of resources from the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship at [sbc.senate.gov](https://www.sbc.senate.gov)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers multiple funding options including low-interest loans for those seeking relief. Visit [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov) for more information.

## State of Illinois Resources

The State of Illinois has extensive websites dedicated to each of its departments with many resources to help businesses. Visit [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov)

For the Illinois State Treasurer's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Program, visit [illinoistreasurer.gov](https://www.illinoistreasurer.gov)

The Illinois Restaurant Association offers a variety of resources and information at [illinoisrestaurants.org](https://www.illinoisrestaurants.org)

## Cook County Resources

Cook County is offering the Community Recovery Initiative. Learn about it at [cookcountylil.gov/recovery](https://www.cookcountylil.gov/recovery)

## Other Resources

Facebook is offering a Small Business Grants Program to award cash grants and credits to help businesses. Visit [facebook.com/business/boost/grants](https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants)

Google's Grant Program is also offering aid to small businesses. Visit [google.com/grants](https://www.google.com/grants)

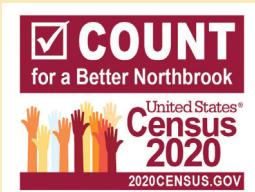
# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Watch Village Board Meetings Online

To watch archived meetings or to stream scheduled meetings live, visit [northbrook.il.us/meetings](http://northbrook.il.us/meetings) or tune-in to Cable Channel 17 (AT&T U-verse customers tune to channel 99 and search for Northbrook).

## Count for a Better Northbrook!

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census has been extended. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to respond. Census takers may visit your home later this year if you have not responded.



## Memorial Day Remembrance Monday, May 25

Plans for a Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who have died while serving in the military are underway. Visit [northbrook.il.us/events](http://northbrook.il.us/events) for details.

## Northbrook Public Library Virtual Resources

You'll find everything from story-time and music presentations for children to content for adults about current events, lectures, film screenings, and book discussions at [northbrook.info](http://northbrook.info). Use your Northbrook library card to take the Library home with you!

## One Book, One Northbrook Returns October 2021

Submit a book with wide appeal for the next community-wide read. Email the suggested book title and author to [onebook@northbrook.info](mailto:onebook@northbrook.info)

## Take Time for Fun with the Northbrook Park District!

Find virtual events and activities with a new theme every day at [nbparks.org/connect-2-play](http://nbparks.org/connect-2-play). Visit [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) for information on how to safely enjoy the District's parks and open spaces. Direct questions to [info@nbparks.org](mailto:info@nbparks.org) or 847-291-2993.

## Activities for Seniors at the North Shore Senior Center

While on-site classes are canceled through May 29, find a variety of Lifelong Learning classes, clubs, therapeutic and other specialized programs, support groups, and service offerings free online at [nssc.org](http://nssc.org) or call 847-784-6000 for details.

## North Suburban YMCA

Virtual classes include fitness, yoga, cycle, dance, art, S.T.E.A.M., walking group, adult ed, and more. Stay in touch with senior activities, Community Check-In, social activities, and a virtual forum. Much more for all ages and free to all members! Visit [nsymca.org](http://nsymca.org).

## Northfield Township Support

In addition to the Northfield Township Food Pantry, which provides food to those in need, Northfield Township offers financial assistance, and connections to social service agencies, as well as volunteer opportunities. Call 847-724-8300 or visit [twp.northfield.il.us](http://twp.northfield.il.us)

## Northbrook Police Raise Funds for Special Olympics

Fundraising efforts include Cop on a Rooftop and the Police Torch Run. Support the Department's efforts by sending a check payable to Special Olympics Illinois to the Northbrook Police Department Attn: Torch Run (1401 Landwehr Road). Questions? Call 847-664-4460.

## Use Auto Pay for Your Village Water & Sewer Bill

To sign up for auto pay, simply visit [northbrook.il.us/autopay](http://northbrook.il.us/autopay), fill out the form, and send it to the Village of Northbrook Attn: Auto Pay (1225 Cedar Lane) or drop it in one of our convenient postage-free drop boxes. If you have any questions, call the Village at 847-664-4171.

## Looking for Assistance or to Volunteer during the COVID-19 Outbreak?

The Village of Northbrook has compiled a list of organizations that help support or are seeking support for those in need. If you need assistance or have volunteer services to offer, visit [northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach](http://northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach) or call 847-664-4010.

## Hunger Resource Network Needs Volunteers

Volunteers help distribute food to food insecure Northbrook families with school-age children. Visit [hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://hungerresourcenetwork.org) for details.

## Feeling Stressed?

### It's important to know you are not alone.

If you have feelings of anxiety, stress, or loneliness, know that help is available. Visit [northbrook.il.us/mentalhealth](http://northbrook.il.us/mentalhealth) to find mentalhealth resources and tips for taking care of yourself.

## Fire Hydrant Testing Begins

The hydrant testing program begins mid-May and continues through the summer on weekdays between 8am - 3pm. Hydrant testing may cause some discoloration/rust in your water. While this discoloration is harmless for drinking, it may stain your laundry. Run your cold water faucets until the water is clear. If discoloration continues, call Northbrook Public Works at 847-272-4711.

## Before You Dig in Your Yard...

Call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) at 800-892-0123 or 8-1-1 before you dig. It's free, it's required, and it's for your safety.

## Annual Spring Clean-Up Event

**Saturday, June 13**  
**7am - 1pm**

Bring unlimited household waste to the Advanced Disposal Transfer Station or 1657 Shermer Road (formerly Grainger) for free disposal.

This drop-off event does not include landscape waste, organics, construction debris, rocks, sand, hazardous waste, electronics, tires, or other restricted waste. Residents only, IDs will be checked.

## Working on Home or Yard Improvements?

Permits are required for most home and yard improvements, including landscaping that changes elevation, retaining walls, driveways, patios, sheds, fences, pools, and spas. Most general home repairs, such as painting and siding do not require a permit. For more information and permit applications, visit [northbrook.il.us/permit](http://northbrook.il.us/permit) or call 847-664-4050.

## Show the Community that You're #NorthbrookStrong!

Join the Northbrook Strong campaign to show that we support each other. You'll find the Northbrook Strong Toolkit, complete with coloring sheets, window signs, and social media tools at [northbrook.il.us/northbrookstrong](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrookstrong)



## If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Notify You

Sign up for Northbrook's weekly e-newsletter and emergency notifications at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify)

# Spreading Joy in Northbrook!

**Northbrook community members of all ages have been performing acts of kindness to spread joy during the COVID-19 outbreak. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/spreadjoy](http://northbrook.il.us/spreadjoy)**



**The Roberts were one of the first families to receive a special drive-by** from Northbrook's Fire and Police Departments for daughter Savannah's 3rd birthday. Jackie Roberts, mother, said the event brought her to tears. Savannah talked about it for days and had a birthday she'll never forget!



**Alexis Friedman and her 5-year-old daughter Haley** have been creating fun window displays at their home every night. Some of the Friedman's neighbors reported that they go out for walks just to see the displays!

*"It makes people smile, and making people happy is my favorite thing!" - Haley*



**Jocelyn Garner, a self-proclaimed 'hardcore Northbrookian,'** hosted a surprise parade for her mother's 79th birthday. About 15 cars lined up to celebrate with balloons, signs, window markers, and bubbles!

*"My mom threw her hands in the air and just couldn't believe it. She clapped and cried!" - Jocelyn*



**Local teens and members of the Glenbrook Chinese American Community**, Huanrui Mei and Jingtian (Jimmy) Yu, donated over 600 protective facemasks to the Northbrook Police and Fire Departments. The group has donated over 5,000 masks to local hospitals and senior centers!



**Leslie Pinto and her 6-year-old daughter Ava** organized a fundraiser with her kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. Basque, at Westmoor Elementary. They raised \$385 to buy tacos from Eataco, granola bars, hand lotions, and lip balm for Glenbrook Hospital staff!

*"The doctors and nurses are working so hard and deserve something special." - Ava*

## Be a Good Neighbor



**Keep your home and neighborhood looking great!**

### Maintain your Lawn

A well-maintained lawn not only beautifies the neighborhood but keeps your neighbors happy. Residents and businesses are responsible for controlling weeds and other vegetation from growing taller than eight inches. Report concerns at [northbrook.il.us/GONorthbrook](http://northbrook.il.us/GONorthbrook) or call 847-664-4055.

### Compost and Yard Waste Options

Residents can dispose of compost and/or yard waste with a year-round subscription or single-use disposal stickers. Subscriptions are available for 35- and 95-gallon containers for \$125/year and \$140/year respectively.

Disposal stickers are available at Village Hall and local grocery and garden stores for \$2.08 each. If using kraft-type bags or your own container, pick up a free "Yard Waste Only" label at Village Hall or Advanced Disposal's Transfer Station (2800 Shermer Road) to help identify your container.

With both the subscription and sticker option, collection occurs weekly April-November. The subscription service also includes bi-weekly collection November-March. Call Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145 to set up subscription service.

Acceptable compost items include: yard waste, fruits, vegetables, breads, grains, pasta, coffee grounds and filters, teabags, paper bags and towels, and uncoated paper plates. Unacceptable items include: liquids, meats, animal bones, and pet waste.

### Dispose of Pet Waste, Gloves, and Masks Properly

Everyone is reminded to be respectful of our neighborhoods and public areas by picking up and disposing of dog waste while out and about.

It's important to dispose of single-use gloves and masks properly. It's unsanitary to leave these items on the ground for others to pick up. In addition, these items could potentially block a storm drain or disturb wildlife.

# Northbrook Voice

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## p6-7 Things to do Outside in Northbrook

## p10 Village Happenings

Postal Customer  
Northbrook, IL 60062

**Village of Northbrook**  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm  
[northbrook.il.us](http://northbrook.il.us)

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Village Hall Fax ..... 847-272-1892  
Police/Fire Emergency..... 911  
Police Non-Emergency ..... 847-564-2060  
Fire Non-Emergency ..... 847-272-2141  
Public Works..... 847-272-4711

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## News You Can Use

### Annual Village Vehicle Stickers

All motor vehicles registered to a Northbrook residential or business address are required to have a Village vehicle sticker. Renewal notices are mailed at the end of May. Sales begin June 1 online, by mail, or via our postage free dropboxes. Stickers are \$30 and will be mailed after June 1.

Residents who donate \$20+ to help the community recover from the COVID-19 outbreak will receive a special 'Northbrook Strong' sticker.

Stickers must be purchased and displayed by September 1. Purchases can be made at Village Hall beginning July 1, subject to physical distancing orders in place at that time.

*Unincorporated Cook County residents need to comply with the Stickerless Wheel Tax. Learn more at [cookcountyl.gov](http://cookcountyl.gov)*

### Pet Licenses

Annual licenses are required for all cats and dogs six months and older. Purchase your pet's 2020 license before September 1.

### Northbrook Water Consumer Confidence Report

Northbrook's water supply meets all Illinois Environmental Protection Agency standards and has consistently met these standards for many years. You'll find more information at [northbrook.il.us/waterquality](http://northbrook.il.us/waterquality) and Northbrook's Water Consumer Confidence Report at [northbrook.il.us/waterqualityreport](http://northbrook.il.us/waterqualityreport) as required by U. S. Environmental Protection Agency & Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus survives in drinking water. The Center for Disease Control notes that the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water.