

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

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# A Historical Perspective on Volunteerism in Northbrook

Over the past few months, we have heard many inspiring stories about Northbrook residents who recognized a need and stepped up to make a difference. Their good deeds and the spirit of giving back to the community strengthen our Village. Volunteers have risen to the occasion throughout history to help make Northbrook a better place.

In 1850, the first formal governance was established as Northfield Township. One hundred and seventy years later, the Township has grown from having a "Poor Master," whose job was to provide aid to neighbors needing assistance, to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Today, the pantry relies on its volunteer workers and donations to serve the people in our community.

Looking back to 1901, there were many changes in the Village. Volunteers formed the Fire Department, which continued until 1964, when the first full-time fire personnel were hired.

Also that year, volunteers worked together to incorporate the community as the Village of Shermerville. One of the goals of incorporation was to make improvements in the Village,

such as building sidewalks. When improvements did not happen quickly enough, a group of men formed the Shermerville Improvement Club in 1907. This volunteer group, now known as the Northbrook Civic Foundation, is still actively giving back to the community.

Through the years, dedicated volunteers have served as elected officials on Library, Park District, School, and Village Boards. Look around the Village and you will see that every faith group, school, community organization, and homeowner's association are also served by volunteers.

Whether through improvements to the community or in the form of donations, grants, scholarships, festivities, and events like the Farmers Market, Northbrook was built on volunteerism.

*"In this new normalcy we will continue to depend on volunteers to keep 'Northbrook Strong.' Please consider volunteering to make your mark in Northbrook's history." - Northbrook Historical Society*



WHILE DIFFERENT THAN YEARS PAST, JOIN US TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN NORTHBROOK!

**4th of July Porch Parade**  
As an alternative to the traditional 4th of July parade, Northbrook residents are invited to create their own "floats" by decorating their porch, house, front yard, or front window! Participants are encouraged to travel the parade route from 2-4pm to find special giveaways along the way. Visit [northbrook.il.us/porchparade](http://northbrook.il.us/porchparade) for more details.

**Fireworks Rescheduled**  
**Saturday, September 5 - Dusk**  
Safe viewing sites: Techny Prairie Park and Fields.  
Learn more at [nfpa.org/fireworks](http://nfpa.org/fireworks)



TWO GIRLS WALKING ON THEIR NEW SIDEWALKS NEAR THE VILLAGE GREEN (ON LEFT) AS YOU ENTER SHERMERVILLE FROM THE EAST, 1912

The all-volunteer Northbrook Historical Society is asking for your help. Please share your stories, memories, photos, and memorabilia from these trying times, so they too, can be added to historical archives for future generations. To get in touch with the Northbrook Historical Society, email [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)



## A Message from Sandy

President, Village of Northbrook

# We Get By With A Little Help...

Northbrook's July/August newsletter is usually chock-full of summertime events, outdoor gatherings, community get-togethers, and just good old-fashioned fun. We have come to expect that, but this time around, things are different.

While we're all doing our best to make the most out of the current situation, I admit that it's been hard. We've been hearing "no" and "not yet" as we try to figure out how to spend time with friends, visit our family, or simply go out to eat. We've been encouraged to do better, to reexamine ourselves. There's been a lot that hasn't gone according to plan.

But, believe it or not, there's still a lot of good to highlight right now. Our community has adjusted, adapted, and stepped up to the plate day after day. Whether it's been facing our fears and our privileges, our youth organizing a protest march, local restaurants feeding first responders, community groups donating supplies and masks, the Village Board meeting virtually to stay on target and reach important goals, or Farmers Market volunteers re-engineering this year's market, our Northbrook community is rising to the challenge.

You'll notice that this Northbrook Voice is tagged the "Helper Issue." The very least we can do for our community members who have shown up for us day in and day out, no questions asked, is shine a little light



FIRST RESPONDERS SHOWING SUPPORT FOR STAFF AT GLENBROOK HOSPITAL

**"As sung by The Beatles, 'I get by with a little help from my friends.' Being a community that cares for each other, these iconic lyrics mimic the tune of Northbrook. Give help when you can, and receive help when needed. Your Northbrook neighbors are here for you."**

on them. No, it is not enough, but it is a start.

Next time you see someone coming off a long shift, volunteering their free time, making life easier for a stranger, or just trying to do the right thing, I encourage you to support them, offer a simple "thank you," and smile. Trust me, a little bit goes a long way.

From my family to yours - thank you,

*Sandy*

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

# Businesses Give Back

**When it became clear that COVID-19 wasn't going away anytime soon, Marc Malnati gathered his top managers.**

"We met as a team, our leadership team," said the owner of Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, based in Northbrook. "We started looking at what needed to happen."

At the top of that list: caring for employees and their families.

"We have 3,700 families that we feel responsible for," said Malnati, son of the founder of the beloved chain, now with 60 locations. "We thought, okay, what is the most important thing? We need to provide food for them to eat. We need to be able to stay open and provide food."

As the global health crisis took hold, and neighbors coped with everything from lost jobs to shuttered schools, Northbrook businesses large and small faced their own set of thorny challenges: how to stay open? How to help employees? How to give back?

"The Northbrook business community is always quietly involved in supporting local charities," said Carolyn Gessner, Communications Manager for the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. "But this has brought out the best in our community. People have really stepped up to support their fellow businesses in distress as well as charities like Hunger Free Northbrook and the Northfield Township Food Pantry."

Northbrook's Sunset Foods was one of the businesses to increase their donations to the pantry.



PRAIRIE GRASS CO-OWNER, SARA STEGNER

"The need has obviously increased," said Sarah Hanlon, Director of Marketing at Sunset, which also established an hour, from 7 to 8am, when seniors and other more vulnerable customers could shop exclusively, thus reducing their risk of infection.

Malnati's established an emergency relief fund to give cash to employees and a 75 percent discount for any food they order. With hospitals facing a surge of patients, the chain began feeding them too.

"We reached out to over 40 local hospitals and said, 'Hey, we'd love to supply food for you, as a treat for your workers,'" said Malnati. "Our customers heard about it, and came to us and said 'we want to send pizza to front line workers too.' We said: 'Whatever you give, we'll double it in food.' I think we raised \$50,000 in a couple weeks."

Northbrook restaurants became de facto volunteer agencies.

"A lot of people are asking: 'How can we help?'" said Sarah Stegner, co-owner of Prairie Grass, the upscale

eatery. "So what we've done is collect donations, and with the donations we have been feeding doctors and nurses at hospitals around the area."

Stegner, who co-founded Green City Market, couldn't ignore the small family farms usually supplying fresh produce to her kitchen.

"Local farms are suffering a lot," she said. "They've taken a big hit. So we are getting produce from them and having it available for people to purchase directly at the restaurant."

Ace Hardware handed out blue ribbons provided by Toffee Break Desserts, to display as thanks to first responders. Some businesses gave back to the community just by staying open, for instance, as a way to let housebound Northbrook residents decorate their yards with flowers.

"Trying to keep everything straight and safe and masked on social distancing has been a huge, huge challenge," said Jeff Sibley, manager at Red's Garden Center, which spent "a small fortune" installing Plexiglas shields between clerks and customers.

"We've had such incredible feedback," said Sibley. "Customers say, 'Thank you for being here; thank you for being open.' It's so heartwarming."

*Neil Steinberg is a columnist at the Chicago Sun-Times. He and his wife Edie have lived in Northbrook, in a century-old farmhouse near downtown, for 20 years.*

# Making Northbrook Stronger

## Safe Reopening Grant Program & Opportunities for Businesses

Visit [northbrook.il.us/businessresources](http://northbrook.il.us/businessresources) for more information on the initiatives below and additional resources.

### "Northbrook Strong" Small Business Safe Reopening Grant Program

In response to the widespread economic disruption caused by COVID-19, and to help local businesses absorb the costs of reopening in a safe manner, the Village of Northbrook has established the "Northbrook Strong" Safe Reopening Grant Program for qualifying small businesses in the community. The aim of the program is to help defray the costs of safely reopening by reimbursing businesses for the unique expenses incurred to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders and the "Restore Illinois" phased reopening initiative:

- A total of \$250,000 has been allocated for the grant program.
- The maximum amount of the grant is \$2,000/business.
- The grants are reimbursements for the costs associated with a safe reopening, including Plexiglas shields, face masks for employees or customers, hand sanitizers, floor decals, and the purchase or rental of outdoor tables, umbrellas, fencing or other outdoor dining equipment.
- Businesses applying for the grant must submit receipts or valid orders for services or merchandise associated with reopening expenses.

Grant recipients and the awarded amounts will be posted on the Village's website. If grant funds remain, a second grant period will be established to award any remaining funds to qualifying businesses.

Questions can be directed to Tom Poupard, Director of Development & Planning Services, at 847-664-4051 or [tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us](mailto:tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us)

### Tell Us What You Need!

How can the Village of Northbrook support the business community? Business owners, managers, operators, employees, etc., the Village wants to hear from you! Fill out a brief online survey at [northbrook.il.us/businesssurvey](http://northbrook.il.us/businesssurvey) to tell us what the Village can do to help.

### Promotion Opportunities

We want to help you promote your adjusted services, menu, and offerings! For a limited time, the Village will be sharing custom business promotions on our Facebook page, reaching over 4,500 followers, at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois). Let us know some basic details and what information you'd like us to promote with our online form at [northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions](http://northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions)



# We asked 11 essential workers in the community one question: How Can Northbrook Help its Helpers?

Here's what they had to say...



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| <b>Shashi Bellam, MD</b><br>Critical Care Physician, Glenbrook Hospital & Northbrook Resident<br>The support from the community has been amazing—the encouraging signs outside the hospital, the thank you notes sent to the units, and the donations of food delivered. The one thing I would ask from the general public is to continue being safe: wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, wash your hands, and do what you can to prevent the spread of coronavirus for all of us." | <b>David Crawford</b><br>Deputy Chief, Northbrook Fire Department<br>"Think road safety! When we are out on the street is when we are most in harm's way. Please remember Scott's Law (also known as the "move over law") that requires drivers to reduce speed and switch lanes away from the scene of an emergency. This allows more safe working space for first responders. Remember, pull to the right when you see sirens and lights." | <b>Eugene Dabrowski</b><br>Water Plant Supervisor, Northbrook Public Works Department<br>"The team at the Water Plant works 24/7 to diligently provide safe (and tasty) Lake Michigan water to the community. Residents should note, if they see water coming up along the road or wet pavement on a dry day, call Public Works at 847-272-4711, or the non-emergency Police number at 847-564-2060, to report a possible water main break. The sooner you report it, the easier it may be to repair!" | <b>Jack Garibaldi</b><br>E-Grocer Team Member, Sunset Foods & Northbrook Resident<br>"I've enjoyed working at Sunset Foods during my summer and winter breaks over the past three years. I've met a lot of great people, from customers to co-workers. I always appreciate when customers are patient, especially when we are unusually busy and many are using the e-grocer service at the same time." | <b>Kati Keefe &amp; Ali Clark</b><br>Owners, Trattoria Oliverii's & Northbrook Residents<br>"As business owners, we appreciate those who shop and dine local. We also think of our customers as family, especially as the restaurant has seen kids come with their parents, some who have even worked there while in school, and now they bring their families there. Local establishments, such as ours, are the true essence of a Village as a family. With the support of the community, we can keep these traditions going for generations!" | <b>Sharon Latek</b><br>1st Grade Teacher, Wescott School & Northbrook Resident<br>"As a teacher, I feel it's important to remember that we are all in this together as a team. This includes the teacher, the student, and the parent. I think it's important for parents to empower their children to be self-advocates for themselves at an early age, as this is one of life's greatest lessons. When it comes to e-learning, I understand parents are busy, so finding a common ground with a good balance benefits all involved!" | <b>Maggie Matsas</b><br>Assistant Director of Nursing, Suncrest Home Health & Hospice<br>"I'd like everyone to stay positive and stay healthy! Folks can follow current CDC guidelines to keep themselves and loved ones safe while remembering that we're all in this together. Negative emotions are necessary. It's ok to be afraid, angry, or even feel numb. In these times it's the people around you, your loved ones, community, and professional care teams (like hospice!) that will hold us up and help us get through to more peaceful days." | <b>Mike Nicholson</b><br>9-1-1 Dispatcher, Northbrook Police Department<br>"If someone calls 9-1-1 by mistake, please stay on the phone and let us know. Doing so keeps us free to answer the next call from someone who does need Police, Fire, or medical assistance. Staying on the line saves us time from having to trace back your call to confirm it was an error. We assume all calls are emergencies!" | <b>Edward Rahaman</b><br>Postmaster, Northbrook Post Office<br>"I've found our Northbrook customers to be very nice! We certainly appreciate it when residents keep their 'friendly' dogs secure while the postal carriers are on their routes. We also do our best to serve all our customers, so if there's ever a concern, just ask for me at the front desk, and I'll work on getting your situation resolved." | <b>Nancy Vaccaro, LCSW, ACSW</b><br>Director of Counseling Services, Northbrook Police Department<br>"Having residents understand that our Counseling Services Unit offers supportive mental health and legal remedies is important to us, particularly if you or someone you know is feeling 'out of control.' Help us to help you by knowing we are just a phone call away and that we will provide support and offer information and resources. Just call 847-564-2020, press '0,' and we can help you!" | <b>Brad Walters</b><br>Residential Northbrook Driver, Advanced Disposal<br>"It's important for residents to have their garbage carts out on time with the handle facing away from the street. Please place the carts with a 3' clearance between them, as well as keeping them clear of trees on the sides and above. Doing your part helps me to be more efficient and save time. It also saves fuel, which helps our environment, and allows me to be out of your neighborhood faster, which cuts down on noise pollution." |
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# NORTHBROOK

# Farmers Market

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 14

7:00AM TO 1:00PM • CHERRY & MEADOW



The volunteer-run Northbrook Farmers Market Association is taking every precaution to provide a safe shopping experience during these unusual times.

Even though this year's Market may look and feel a little different, you can count on the same quality experience with a great selection of farm-fresh and artisan foods. While some programs are on hold this season, Market volunteers continue to work very hard to serve the community and give back to our neighbors in need!

## DO

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Sanitize your hands often
- Maintain a 6 ft. distance between yourself and others
- Shop in one direction
- Place payment on trays then step back
- Limit interactions with others
- Leave kids at home if possible
- Be grateful!



## DON'T

- Linger or congregate
- Hand payments directly to vendors
- Bring pets
- Pick up or touch any products until they are bagged for you
- Give up hope!

For more information, visit:

[northbrookfarmersmarket.org](http://northbrookfarmersmarket.org)

northbrookfarmersmarket@gmail.com



Northfield Township - Founded 1850

## Northfield Township Food Pantry



Northfield Township Supervisor Jill Brickman, pictured left with volunteer Eric Shin, is hands-on when assisting Northfield Township residents in need of food and supplies.

One of our country's oldest forms of government, the Township, has shifted direction to provide state of the art services to the community and, as a result, is changing lives.

Representing most of Northbrook, Glenview, and part of Northfield, Northfield Township was established April 2, 1850. Just as the issues managed by the Township have progressively changed over the past 170 years, services took a major shift as the nation responded to the changing dynamics due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food pantry has been the Township's most prominent service affected, as they were suddenly tasked with taking on an additional 200 households and are now supporting over 800 households in need of food. To adapt to the community's needs, the qualifying guidelines for food pantry services were relaxed to service any Township resident.

Another effect of the pandemic, many of the older-aged, long-time volunteers were considered "high-risk" for COVID-19 and opted to stay home. But new food pantry volunteers stepped in, without hesitation, to fill the empty spots.

Meet one of the newest volunteers, 20-year-old Northbrook resident Eric Shin, a pre-med junior at Baylor University. When Eric's summer plans were canceled, he decided to find a way to contribute to the community. Eric noted, "While I'm one of the

*"The Township answered the call and has been able to assist everyone who has turned to us when looking for food."* - JILL BRICKMAN, SUPERVISOR



youngest volunteers, I enjoy the workout of heavy lifting, interacting with the other volunteers and listening to their stories about their kids and grandkids, and helping others." Volunteering can change your life, and for this volunteer, the experience of working at the food pantry was just what the doctor ordered.

"The outpouring of support through volunteers, donations of food and money, and non-stop energy, is unprecedented," explained Township Supervisor Jill Brickman. "In my 30 years of serving our communities, I've been deeply touched by the collaboration between all the volunteers, local entities, and government organizations who have provided a silver lining, as so much good has come out of the community."

One of the new volunteers, a Glenbrook North student, offered to pick up and deliver food for the pantry to complete her driver's education hours. The Northbrook Fire Department performed "birthday parades" with a request that a monetary donation be made to the pantry, resulting in thousands of dollars. A Northbrook Public Works employee discovered an anonymous \$100 bill in his work truck and donated the funds to the pantry. From all walks of life, and some unexpected places, the community has shown up to help the Northfield Township Food Pantry and all who it serves.

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Purchase Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags at Village Hall

### July 1

Starting July 1, vehicle stickers and pet tags can be purchased in-person at Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane) Mondays through Fridays between 8:30am and 4:30pm, in addition to online, mail, and drop-box options. In-person sales are subject to physical distancing and face covering requirements. The deadline for vehicle stickers and pet tags has been extended to September 1. Visit [northbrook.il.us/vehicle](http://northbrook.il.us/vehicle) for more details.

## Resources for Having Thoughtful Conversations About Race and Fighting Racism

Librarians from the Northbrook Public Library have put together a list of titles to help you navigate through topics of race and racism from different perspectives and for different reading levels at [northbrook.info/fighting-racism](http://northbrook.info/fighting-racism). If you have a book, audiobook, or movie that you think should be on this list, let the Library know at [feedback@northbrook.info](mailto:feedback@northbrook.info)

## Electronics Recycling

**July 7 & August 4, 7am-3pm**

**July 11 & August 1, 9am-noon**

Fleet Garage, 1227 Cedar Lane

Electronics should never go in the trash. Bring your old and unused electronics for safe disposal. Residents will be responsible for removing items from their vehicle to promote contactless disposal.



## Student Food Packs

### Hunger Free Northbrook

Provide food for local students in need. Sign up for a specific contribution day and touchless nearby drop off. Go to [hungerfreenorthbrook.org](http://hungerfreenorthbrook.org) or call 847-272-1700.



## Northbrook Family Trivia Night

**Wednesday, July 8 6:30-8pm**

*Virtual*

Join the Park District for a night of friendly competition as you test your Disney knowledge to win an awesome prize! Play individually or with a team. Visit [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) to participate.

## Caregiver Support Group

**Fridays starting July 10 10:30am**

*Virtual*

The Caregiver Support Group brings together people who are caring for loved ones, providing them with opportunities to share their challenges, frustrations, and successes and to receive support from one another. Hosted by Karen Brownlee of the North Suburban YMCA and Maureen Kafkis of MKCoach, LLC. Go to [facebook.com/nsymca](http://facebook.com/nsymca) or contact [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org)

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## Summer Reading Through August 31

The Northbrook Public Library's all-ages Summer Reading Program is here! Starting July 1, you can sign up and track your reading online or call 847-272-6224 to sign up by phone. Learn more and sign up at [northbrook.info/summer-reading](http://northbrook.info/summer-reading).

## Apply for Building Permits Online

Homeowners and design professionals can now apply online for fences, driveway removal & replacement, and water heater replacement permits. Apply and get more information at [northbrook.il.us/onlinepermits](http://northbrook.il.us/onlinepermits). Upon approval, the applicant will be able to pay for permit fees via the Village's online payment system. All permit documentation will be sent electronically.

## Senior's Food Program

Hunger Free Northbrook is offering programs for seniors and people with disabilities who are having trouble putting enough food on their table and getting out to shop. The programs provide access to food and delivery, if required, at no cost. Go to [hungerfreenorthbrook.org](http://hungerfreenorthbrook.org) or call 847-272-1700.

## Virtual Brain Games

**Mondays at 11am**

**Wednesdays at 2pm**

**Fridays at 9:15am**

Join others in a Zoom chat room and play virtual Brain Games led by Karen Brownlee of the North Suburban YMCA and Maureen Kafkis of MKCoach, LLC. Go to [facebook.com/nsymca](http://facebook.com/nsymca) or contact [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org)

## TEDxNorthbrookLibrary

**Saturday, August 1 1-2:30pm**

TEDxNorthbrookLibrary is a local, independently organized event. The goal is to spread great ideas and touch upon themes that impact our local community directly, while also being of interest to a global audience. The presentations will be streamed live from the Library's auditorium. Visit [northbrook.info/tedx](http://northbrook.info/tedx) for more information or to register.

## North Suburban YMCA Adds Drop-Off Collection for Food Pantry

*North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road*

North Suburban YMCA, in partnership with Northfield Township Food Pantry and Hunger Free Northbrook, is helping put food on the table for local families in need. Donations of new, packaged foods and cleaning items are being collected in a large yellow bin outside NSYMCA's front door.

## Northbrook Park District July 2020 Online Guide

Check out the Northbrook Park District's July 2020 Online Guide at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org). The guide features in-person and virtual activities, including fitness, athletics, senior programs, early childhood and youth classes, and special events. In-person and virtual summer camps are also included!

## Help the Community with "Northbrook Strong" Vehicle Stickers

To help the community recover from the COVID-19 outbreak, residents can purchase a special "Northbrook Strong" sticker for \$20 more and/or donate an additional sum during online checkout. Funds will go to support the Northfield Township Food Pantry, Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook, Family Services, The Josselyn Center, and North Shore Legal Aid Clinic.



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

Stay informed on Northbrook news, alerts, and events via email, text message, and/or by phone. Sign up for the Village's weekly e-newsletter and emergency notifications at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify)

## Recycle Plastic Bags & Film Packaging

*Village Hall*

Drop off clean, dry plastic bags & film packaging in one of the Village's collection boxes, currently housed behind Village Hall. With this program, the raw materials are re-purposed into durable outdoor furniture.



## Count for a Better Northbrook

It's not too late to fill out the 2020 Census! 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.

## Social Networking Tuesdays at 10:30am Thursdays at 2pm

*Virtual*

Join members of our community to discuss and discover ways in which we can help others and each other. Led by North Suburban YMCA Adult Program Coordinator, Karen Brownlee. Go to [facebook.com/nsymca](http://facebook.com/nsymca) or contact [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org)

## Dispose of Yard Waste & Compost with Advanced Disposal

Residents can sign up for a year-round subscription for unlimited yard waste and compost collection. Collections take place on the same day as normal refuse collection each week. Residents not interested in the subscription service can dispose of compost and yard waste from April 1-November 30 using plastic/metal containers and prepaid disposal stickers. Stickers are \$2.08 each and available at Village Hall and local grocery and home/garden stores.

Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling](http://northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling)

Stay informed on Northbrook news, alerts, and events via email, text message, and/or by phone. Sign up for the Village's weekly e-newsletter and emergency notifications at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify)

## Wear a Helmet

In 2018, the Village passed an ordinance requiring anyone under the age of 16 to wear a certified bike helmet when riding a bike. As a safety reminder, please talk to your children about the importance of wearing a helmet.

## Watch Village Board Meetings Online

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

## Lock your Car Doors

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; lock your car doors to prevent becoming a target! Take your keys and key fob whenever you leave the vehicle, even in your driveway or if you will just be out of the car for a minute. Also be sure to remove all valuables from your vehicle, including your garage door opener.

## Flamingo Fridays Recommended on Fridays through Labor Day

Flamingo Fridays offer neighbors an opportunity to get together during the summer. The host provides the driveway – everyone else brings their lawn chairs, beverages, and snacks. Gatherings should strictly adhere to State guidelines for physical distancing and regulations pertaining to gathering size. Visit [northbrook.il.us/flamingo](http://northbrook.il.us/flamingo)

## Construction Updates

Get updates on construction projects in Northbrook at [northbrook.il.us/notifyme](http://northbrook.il.us/notifyme). Sign up for individual projects with your email address.

## Cybersecurity Training

Find a list of resources at [northbrook.il.us/cybersecurity](http://northbrook.il.us/cybersecurity) for home users and students, small businesses, and for classrooms. These trainings can help you avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime.

## Additional volunteer opportunities are available at [northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach](http://northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach)

# How to Get Involved



## 5 ways you can help the community!

### 1. Sign up for the Village's Community Outreach Program

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Village is offering a Community Outreach Program to connect volunteers with residents in need. You can help your neighbors with grocery shopping, errands, wellness checks, and other services. Sign up at [northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach](http://northbrook.il.us/communityoutreach)

### 2. Volunteer at the Northfield Township Food Pantry

Help feed the community by volunteering for a shift at the Northfield Township Food Pantry (ages 16 and older). Duties include sorting food, stocking shelves, packing bags for distribution, and cleaning and disinfecting. Volunteer or donate at [twp.northfield.il.us/pantry/](http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry/)

### 3. Give Blood

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, organizations are in urgent need of blood donations. Give blood with Vitalant on **Sunday, July 19, from 8am-2pm** at Congregation Beth Shalom (3433 Walters Avenue). This blood drive is by reservation only at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) (group code NBO5).

### 4. Donate to NorthShore University HealthSystem

There are many ways to assist healthcare workers at NorthShore, from small personal donations to large commercial ones. See how you can help at [northshore.org/covid-19-information-resources/donations/](http://northshore.org/covid-19-information-resources/donations/)

### 5. Serve Illinois

Visit [serve.illinois.gov](http://serve.illinois.gov) for state-organized volunteer opportunities including meal deliveries and assisting seniors or housebound residents.

# Northbrook Voice

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Essential Workers?

Postal Customer  
Northbrook, IL 60062

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

Village Hall ..... 847-272-5050  
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

### Door-to-Door Solicitors

During the spring and summer months, the Northbrook Police Department receives concerns from residents about solicitors going door-to-door.

The law guarantees solicitors the right to solicit in the Village; however, they must abide by the regulations. The Police Department screens all solicitor permit requests before a permit is issued, and solicitors must present this permit when asked. Some door-to-door solicitors do not require permits, such as charitable organizations, not-for-profits, political candidates, and certain religious organizations.

"No Solicitors" signs can be made at home or obtained at local hardware stores and the Police Department. With this notice on your property, a solicitor should not ring your doorbell or hang any type of flyer on your door handle. If a solicitor violates these regulations, call the Northbrook Police non-emergency line at 847-564-2060.

### Mosquito Abatement

To help limit West Nile Virus concerns in our area, thoroughly inspect your property for items that may contain stagnant water. If it can hold water, it can breed mosquitoes! Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/mosquito](http://northbrook.il.us/mosquito)

For more information about mosquito spraying or to report dead birds, contact the following:

- North Shore Mosquito Abatement, 847-446-9434 (Residents east of Pfingsten Road)
- Northwest Mosquito Abatement, 847-537-2306 (Residents west of Pfingsten Road)

### Water Consumer Confidence Report

In case you missed it, read Northbrook's Water Consumer Confidence Report at <https://www.northbrook.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/3487/Consumer-Confidence-Report-2019>