

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

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# Village History... One Hall at a Time

While the classic brick structure at 1225 Cedar Lane may be the only Northbrook Village Hall that many residents have known, long-time Northbrookians are aware that four other buildings were once home to our Village government. The first was Lorenz Hall, a two-story building that stood next to the Lorenz Wagon Shop on Shermer Road. It served as the Shermerville Village Hall (circa 1901) and fire station until it was torn down to make way for the brick Northbrook Garage that is now Graeter's Ice Cream.

According to Village Board meeting minutes, a motion passed on May 15, 1923, to rent Melzer Hall at \$40 per year for Village meetings. Melzer Hall stood next door to the grocery and hardware store of the same name. It was located in the parking lot of what is now Bank Financial on Shermer Road. It served as the second Village Hall between the time Lorenz Hall was torn down and the third Village Hall was completed.

The first Village-owned building and third Village Hall is located at Walters Avenue and First Street on property the Village acquired in 1908 for \$1,000. Construction did not begin until nearly two decades later, in 1927.

The first board meeting took place on February 3, 1928. The building, made possible by a donation of \$7,000 from the Civic Association, also eventually housed Northbrook's library and the fire and police stations. It served the Village for nearly three decades and is now home to the Northbrook Civic Foundation and the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Nestled on the site of Freedom Park between the current Northbrook Public Library and Village Hall was the fourth Village Hall, which opened in 1956. Modest in size, it at one point housed the Village government offices, the Police Department, and a warming facility for the Park District's ice rink behind the building.

Today, the land is flat with a berm surrounding the flood retention area, but at the time, the Police Department on the lower level flooded often. The impervious driveways and parking lots only added to the flooding problems that were so severe that then Police Chief Glenn Ford issued a "no wake zone" order for the paved area



VILLAGE HALL, 1956

around the building. After the Police Department moved to what at first was a public safety (police and fire) building at the southeast corner of Walters Avenue and Landwehr Road, Village government offices filled the entire building.

By the late 1980s, the need for an updated Village Hall was obvious, and the Chicago architecture firm of Decker and Kemp was hired to design a new building. The final design called for a brick structure that was to look "like it was always there." Once again, the Civic Foundation contributed to the project by donating the dais in the board room and the clock over the entrance. The 22,500-square-foot fifth Village Hall opened for the first time on November 12, 1990 - just six days short of the Village's 89th Birthday.

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



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT BY MAIL, DURING EARLY VOTING, OR ON NOVEMBER 3.

## Register to Vote

If you have recently moved, changed your name, or are a new voter, you'll need to register to vote. Register online by October 18, in person, or through the mail by October 6. If you miss these deadlines, register to vote during the Grace Period, October 7 to November 2, or on Election Day.

## Voting by Mail

Citizens are encouraged to vote by mail for the November 3 election. Voters have the option to drop off their completed mail ballots in person during early voting hours.

## Early Voting

Voting is available at Cook County's early voting centers, including Northbrook Village Hall, 7 days week, October 19 to November 2. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 7pm and Saturday-Sunday from 9am to 5pm.

## Election Day Voting

Polling place hours are 6am to 7pm on Tuesday, November 3.

## Questions?

For voting questions or to obtain a ballot by mail, visit [cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com) or call the Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906.



A Message from Sandy  
President, Village of Northbrook

# Home Sweet Home

I love Northbrook. I love dining at our diverse restaurants. I love shopping at any one of our local businesses. I love walking just to get some fresh air and take in the lovely scenery many may take for granted.

It's easy to love Northbrook, and it's just as easy to forget, or never think about, how the vibrant flower planters get downtown, how parking lots are strategically developed to provide easy access to our favorite stores, and how clean water runs through our faucets day in and day out.

There's a lot that goes on 'behind the scenes' in Northbrook, and there's a lot of teamwork and a lot of people involved. From the Board of Trustees and staff to emergency responders and countless volunteers, the Village thinks about things so you don't have to.

Did you know that the Water Plant is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year? What about the fact that the Village owns and maintains approximately 15,000 parkway trees? Did you know that trustees, commissioners, volunteers, and staff chair over 20 Village boards and commissions?

Even after 34 years on the Village Board, I continue to be surprised by all that we do and accomplish in any



"These are just some of the reasons I love Northbrook and have chosen to call this wonderful Village home."

given day, week, month, or year. As a resident, I'm glad I don't have to worry about most of these things on a regular basis.

I am grateful to have a dedicated and caring Village team that makes Northbrook a truly wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for being a part of our community,

Sandy

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK



# A Tale of Two Chiefs



### Then and Now

**THEN:** Roger Adkins, pictured outside the police department, started his career with the Northbrook Police Department in 1987.

**NOW:** Chief Adkins has seen numerous transformations in the department over the last 33 years, from leadership and structure to equipment and technology.

Life’s twists and turns sometimes take you on an unexpected journey – just ask Police Chief Roger Adkins Jr., who as a kid loved Superman and envisioned a career as an NFL football player.

However, his career goals changed by sheer happenstance after a burglary. “The interactions with the responding officers after our family was victim to a crime made an impact on me,” explained Adkins, who grew up in Chicago. “I saw how the officers, one male and the other female, cared about helping us and provided support. It piqued my interest, and my career aspirations shifted to community service.”

In college, Roger studied criminal justice and law enforcement. He signed on with the Northbrook Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 1987.

Roger noted that from the first day on the job he felt welcome by his new “Village work family” and never left. Over the years he worked his way up through the ranks to his current position of Police Chief in 2018.

“I’m most proud of the loyalty and dedication of the

men and women in the Northbrook Police Department and their concern for our community,” said Adkins. “There’s more than meets the eye in our department as our team includes patrol officers, 911 telecommunicators, investigations, counseling services, records, community relations personnel, and administrative staff.”

Just like the Police Department, the Fire Department works 24/7/365 to keep the community safe. And similar to Chief Adkins, Fire Chief Andrew “Andy” Carlson also has a tale of an unexpected career path.

While growing up in the small town of Stillman Valley, Illinois, Andy never dreamed of being a Firefighter, let alone a Fire Chief, but his father, a

volunteer firefighter, set the stage for a rewarding career.

Following in his father’s footsteps, Fire Chief Carlson attended fire department meetings and started volunteering as a Fire Cadet at 15. Despite this, his aspirations continued in another direction as he studied engineering and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in materials science and a master’s degree in civil engineering.

While working a variety of jobs after college, Andy continued volunteering at the Stillman Valley Fire Department, eventually working his way up to Deputy Chief. In 1999, he became a full-time Northbrook Firefighter/Paramedic and was promoted up the ladder to Fire Chief in 2018.

Carlson has seen a lot of changes and learned a lot since working on Stillman Valley’s then vintage apparatus from the 50s-60s to the state-of-the-art equipment used in Northbrook today.

“My advice in life is to be prepared,” said Carlson. “You never know when an opportunity will present itself, so take advantage of education and experience to be the person to step up to the next challenge.”

### Then and Now

**THEN:** Andy Carlson, pictured at the State Fire Academy, started his career with the Northbrook Fire Department in 1999.

**NOW:** Chief Carlson and the rest of the fire department attend realistic training sessions at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy campus in Glenview.



# Public Works works for you

A water tower needs filling, having been empty for months during repainting. A parking lot, torn up to fix a ruptured main, must be resurfaced. There’s a leak somewhere in a water line turning a resident’s front lawn sodden. A storm sewer inlet must be reconstructed over in Normandy Hills. Coolant is leaking at Fire Station 11, and another balky air conditioning system waits at Fire Station 12.

Not to forget the constant quiet invasion of roots into hundreds of miles of storm sewers. There are trees to be trimmed and others cut down– five of the Village’s full-time maintenance workers are certified arborists. Plus there are 150 vehicles from tower ladder firetrucks to police cars that must be kept running.

In other words, a typical Wednesday for Northbrook’s Public Works Department.

“That’s the short list,” said Paul Risinger, General Operations Superintendent.

Also on the list is the Village’s water plant, which functions by bringing water in or sending it out. Unlike many suburbs, Northbrook doesn’t buy water from Chicago.

“We’ve had our own pump station on Lake Michigan since 1963,” said Eugene Dabrowski, Water Production Supervisor. “We bring in Lake Michigan water, we chlorinate it for disinfection, we add fluoride, filter it, store it on-site at our water plant, our two water towers, and our West Side reservoir pump station and pump it out to residents.”

As Dabrowski and his team consider the controls at the base of the older, smaller water tower, a crew is in the parking lot of an industrial park at



Commercial Avenue and Huehl Road, spreading 48 tons of hot asphalt.

A Volvo roller compacts the shiny black material. What’s the trick of driving a 7,000-pound roller?

“Nothing to it,” said operator Dan Coleman. “Always keep your eyes peeled.”

Spend time with Public Works crews and their enthusiasm is unmistakable. People use words like “family.”

“It’s awesome,” said Coleman. “I’m always doing something new, always learning something.”

Or trying to. Learning things is not always easy. Over on Dauphine Avenue, another crew has removed part of the sidewalk, dug a big hole, trying to discover where a leak is.

Scott Schroeder takes what looks like the handset from an antique telephone—a tulip-shaped earpiece with a spike coming out of it—and presses it against a fire hydrant, eyes closed, concentrating intensely.

“Most of the time it’s pretty clear,” said Sewer Supervisor Jim Frantz. “The leaks are usually visible.”

This one isn’t. Eventually they find it and fix it.

Meanwhile, over at Constance and Applewood Lanes, sewer crew member Brandon Seveska is using a “wart hog”—a stainless steel head attached to a hose that uses water pressure to cut roots—to rout out a section of pipe.

Sewers fill with mats of vegetation in summer unless cleared regularly, then clog with ice in winter.

Staying ahead of it all is a never-ending challenge that requires both hard work and savvy.

“We take a pride in the knowledge and skills of our employees at Public Works,” said Director Kelly Hamill.

Residents might be surprised at their role in this. If Public Works has a message for Northbrook, it is this: **complain more.** Sometimes people are reluctant to bother officials. They shouldn’t be.

“If residents see unusual water coming out of the ground, notify Public Works or the Police Department,” said Dabrowski. “It might be the beginning of a water main break. If it could be addressed earlier, before a major eruption, that would really help out.”

“We can’t be everywhere all the time,” said Hamill. “So we rely on residents for information and to be our eyes on the street.”

In other words, Public Works looks out for you. You should also look out for them.

Neil Steinberg is a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times who lives in Northbrook. His interest in infrastructure has led him down the Deep Tunnel and up the masts of the John Hancock Building to see the light bulbs changed.



# Preparing for an Emergency

Match up the safety tips with the items in the house!

## ① Pack an Emergency Kit

Having an emergency supply kit is key to being prepared! Work with everyone in your family to pack one. Make sure to include a change of clothing for each family member, toiletries, medicine, some cash, and other essentials. Be sure to include a battery-powered weather radio so you can receive emergency information and updates. Keep at least a half a tank of gas in your vehicle. Don't forget about your pets! Gather food, water, and medicine for at least three days.

## ② Create an Emergency Plan

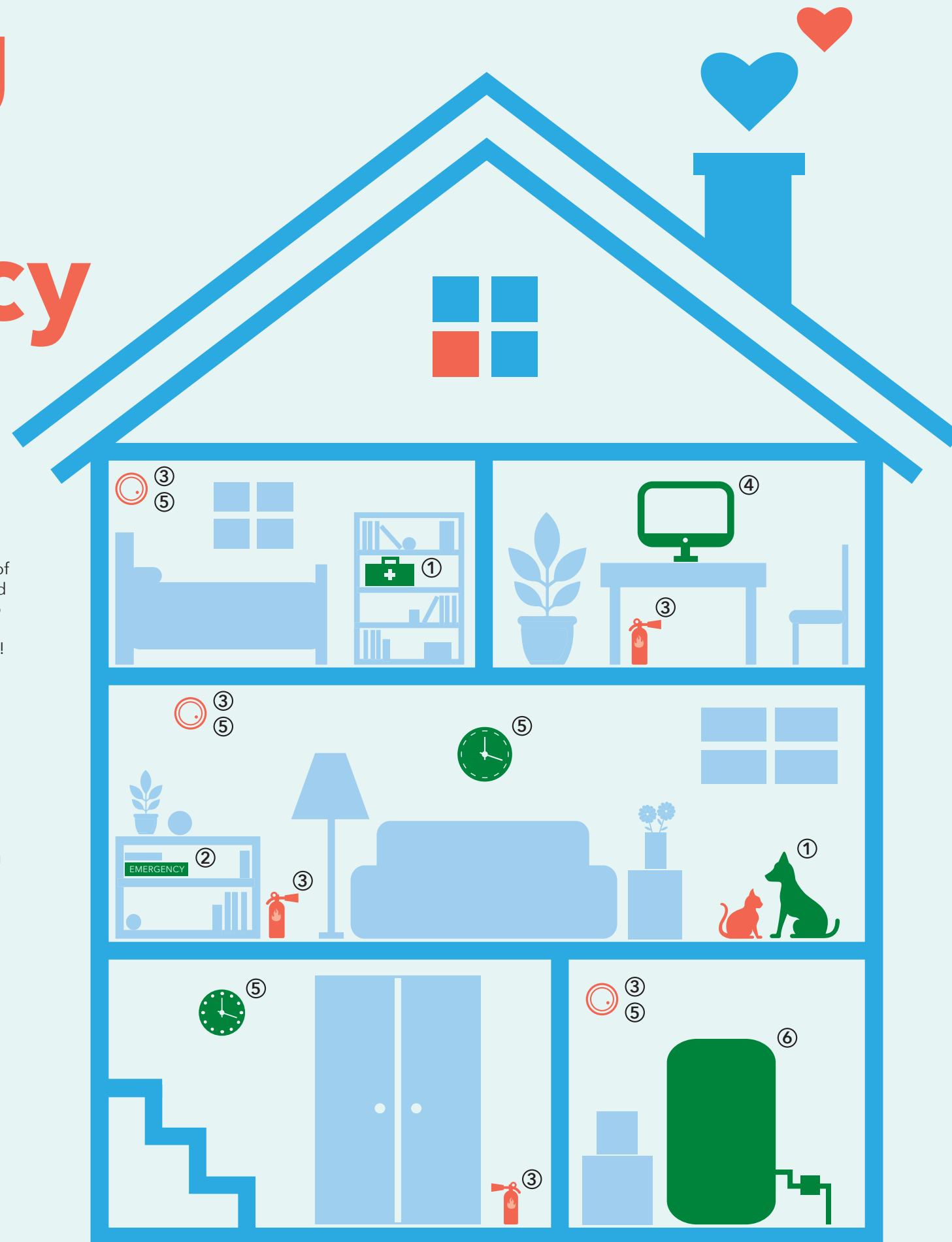
Create an emergency plan or a family plan coordinated with your loved ones. Know where to meet up if your home is damaged, and make sure you know the phone numbers of important parties and family members. When planning, make a list of your valuable belongings. Keep records (written, photo, or even video) of what you have in case your home is ever damaged or destroyed. Don't forget about important documents!

## ③ Learn about Fire Prevention

October 4-10 is national Fire Prevention Week, so be sure to prepare your home in case of a fire! Have a fire extinguisher on every level of your home and know how to use it.

Install smoke alarms and CO detectors in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test your alarms and detectors monthly, and replace the entire alarm/detector every ten years.

Make a fire escape plan for your home, and make sure all tenants have it memorized. To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org).



September is Emergency Preparedness Month. Make sure you're ready with these tips and reminders.

## ④ Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Visit [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](https://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify) to sign up for not only emergency alerts, but also weekly e-newsletters from the Village. Include your current home address and phone numbers for emergency notifications such as tornado warnings, police activity, missing persons, and road closures. Call 847-664-4040 if you don't have internet access or need assistance getting signed up. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you!

On Tuesday, September 29, at 10am, there will be a Village-wide Northbrook Notify Test. When the test is activated, residents who have signed up for emergency alerts will receive a notification via email, text, and/or phone call with a message indicating "This is a test of the Northbrook Notify system. No further action is needed."

## ⑤ Change your Clocks – Change your Batteries

When you change your clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, November 1, take the opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

## ⑥ Protect your Home from Flooding

Keep your sump pump in working condition and check/replace batteries on a regular basis. Sump pumps are designed to remove water from around the foundation of a building and can help prevent basement flooding. Move important papers and other valuables to upper floors.

Have your downspouts deposit water from your gutters right at ground level instead of going to an underground pipe, which reduces the chances of inundating the system and causing flooding. Also keep storm drains near your home clear of debris.

Install a standpipe, backflow prevention device, or overhead sanitary sewer to help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up. The Village has an overhead sanitary sewer cost-sharing program. For information, visit [northbrook.il.us/5050program](https://northbrook.il.us/5050program) or call 847-664-4050.

Proper maintenance of your property's grading can help prevent and manage flooding issues, such as stormwater runoff, for both your neighbors and yourself.

Learn more about flood prevention and protection at [ready.gov/floods](https://ready.gov/floods).

# Fall Composting

LEAVES • YARD WASTE • FOOD SCRAPS

This fall, compost your leaves, yard waste, and food scraps with Advanced Disposal's Composting Program. Residents may subscribe to a year-round program which runs weekly from April 1 to November 30 and every other week from December 1 to March 31.

Alternatively, residents may purchase disposal stickers at Jewel, Walgreens, ACE Hardware, and Village Hall for \$2.08 each. Stickers can be used from April 1 to November 30.

Acceptable items may be placed in paper lawn bags or metal/plastic cans and put out on your regular collection day for pick up.

## INCLUDE:

- Leaves
- Lawn Clippings
- Unpainted Pumpkins
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Breads, Grains, Pasta & Cereal
- Dairy & Eggs
- Coffee Filters & Tea Bags
- Newspapers
- Food-Soiled Paper Products

## AVOID:

- Meat, Poultry, Seafood & Bones
- Grease, Oils & Liquids
- Pet Waste
- Cutlery & Dishes
- Diapers
- Styrofoam
- Plastic
- Metal
- Glass



## REFUSE & RECYCLING REMINDERS

# Let's Talk Trash!



## Volume-Based Refuse Program

Residents can select a 35-, 65-, or 95-gallon refuse container to best suite their household's needs. Residents who select a 95-gallon container can dispose of one bulk item, one yard of building material, four rolls of carpet, or four extra refuse bags per week for no additional cost. Residents who select a 35- or 65-gallon container can dispose of one bulk item per week at no additional cost; all other items (including extra refuse) require stickers. Residents are billed for services quarterly.

*Note that there is no increase in service rates this year.*

## Options for Refuse & Recycling Containers

Residents are not required to change their refuse containers unless they wish to adjust their container size. Residents can switch container sizes once every twelve months free of charge. Additional container swaps will cost \$25.

## Collection Days & Times

Each household is assigned a primary collection day (as well as a secondary collection day for 2x/week services). To find your primary and secondary collection days, use the Know Your Neighborhood Tool at [northbrook.il.us/communityportal](http://northbrook.il.us/communityportal). Simply type your address in the search bar and click the magnifying glass icon. Your pickup days will be under "Local Services."

Advanced Disposal conducts refuse and recycling pickups throughout the day. Under the current contract, Advanced may collect refuse and recycling any time between the hours of 6:30am and 5pm and beyond these hours with the Village's permission (on a limited basis).

## Holiday Collection

During the weeks of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day, service will be delayed by one day for residents with normal collections following the holiday. For example, if New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, collections be delayed one day that week for all customers who receive their service Tuesday through Friday.

## Recycle Right

Residents can use their current container or select a 65- or 95-gallon recycling container, regardless of the selected refuse cart size. Additional recycling carts are available to rent for \$2.06/month.

Advanced Disposal's single stream recycling program accepts common household items like paper, metal, most plastics, and glass. Additional recycling options include electronics recycling the first Tuesday and Saturday of each month (see page 10).

## Assistance Programs

**Senior Discount:** Advanced Disposal offers a 10% discount to customers over the age of 65. The senior citizen discount is available to qualifying customers who put in a request. Contact Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145 or email [northbrookil@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:northbrookil@advanceddisposal.com) to sign up.

**Hardship Program:** Residents who are physically unable to bring containers to the curb and do not live with someone who can help may apply for the hardship program. Hardship customers receive weekly backdoor service at the weekly curbside rate. The program applies to both refuse and recycling. To apply, residents can contact the Village Manager's office at 847-664-4010. The Village will review each request on a case-by-case basis.

## Contact Information

For missed pickups, service requests, container swaps, or other issues, contact Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145 or [northbrookil@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:northbrookil@advanceddisposal.com). Residents may also submit concerns or issues to the Village online at [northbrook.il.us/gonorthbrook](http://northbrook.il.us/gonorthbrook) or via phone at 847-664-4017.

For more information, visit [northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling](http://northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling).



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

**Electronics Recycling**  
**September 1 & October 6, 7am-3pm**  
**September 5 & October 3, 9am-noon**  
*Fleet Garage behind Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Lane*  
 Electronics should never go in the trash. Bring your old and unused electronics to be recycled. Residents are responsible for removing items from their vehicle for contactless disposal. Batteries, incandescent lightbulbs, and fluorescent lightbulbs are also accepted weekdays from 7am-3pm and during e-recycling events.

**Northbrook Farmers Market**  
**Wednesdays through October 14**  
**7am-1pm**  
*Meadow Plaza, Cherry Lane & Meadow Road*  
 Remember the “3 Ws” when you visit the Market every Wednesday for the freshest produce and artisan foods. Wear your mask; Watch your distance; and Wash your hands (hand sanitizer provided). We’re in this together!



**Job Skills Series: Resume Writing**  
**Wednesday, September 2 4-5pm**  
*Virtual*  
 Learn how to write or update your resume to get an interview in the current job market. Advance registration is required. To register, visit [northbrook.info/job-help](http://northbrook.info/job-help) or call the library at 847-272-6224.

**Northbrook Park District Autumn Program Guide available at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org)**  
 Discover a wonderful selection of activities this fall at the Northbrook Park District. From special events and fitness classes to athletics and senior programming, the District offers a variety of ways to have fun and connect!

**North Suburban YMCA Offers Help with Remote Learning Days**  
 As schools finalize plans for hybrid and remote learning this fall, North Suburban YMCA is available to help support our community as we move through the next few months together. Supervised remote learning days for grades 2-5 will take place at the Y this fall from 8:15am to 3:15pm each day, allowing for A/B schedules. For more information and to sign up, please contact Shannon Cartier at [scartier@nsymca.org](mailto:scartier@nsymca.org).

**Be Counted in the 2020 Census**  
 If you haven’t completed the Census questionnaire for your household, you can expect a visit from an official Census interviewer. Door-to-door field operations for the U.S. Census will conclude on September 30. If you’d like to avoid an in-person interview, fill out the Census online, by phone, or by mail. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for more information.

**Food for Seniors**  
**Hunger Free Northbrook**  
 An estimated 10% of Northbrook residents are having trouble putting enough food on their tables. Hunger Free Northbrook, a 501c3 certified non-profit organization, can help. To secure food, to donate, to volunteer your time, or to provide food, visit [hungerfreenorthbrook.org](http://hungerfreenorthbrook.org) or call 847-272-1700.

**The Power of Meditation Parts I & II**  
**Tuesday, September 8 & Tuesday, October 13 11:15am-12:15pm**  
 Hosted by Dr. Paul Nevin, relax with this five-part meditation series. To register, contact Karen Brownlee, NSYMCA Adult Program Coordinator, at [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org).

**Play Golf this Fall at Anetsberger**  
**1750 Techny Road**  
 Sign up now and save 30% off a season membership at the gorgeous par 3 golf course! Visit [anetsbergergolf.com](http://anetsbergergolf.com) or call 847-291-2971 for information.



**Job Skills: No-Stress Skype & Phone Interviews**  
**Wednesday, September 16 4-5pm**  
*Virtual*  
 Learn how to prepare for and conduct a successful virtual interview. Advance registration is required. To register, visit [northbrook.info/job-help](http://northbrook.info/job-help) or call the library at 847-272-6224.

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

**Blood Drive at Village Hall**  
**Wednesday, September 30 8am-2pm**  
**1225 Cedar Lane**  
 Schedule an appointment in advance by visiting [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org). Register online by group code 670A or call 877-258-4825. Testing for COVID-19 antibodies is included but not a way to find out if you are currently infected with the virus.

**Practice Bike Safety**  
 Many residents are enjoying time outside by biking. With an increase in cyclists, it’s important to remember the rules of the road, including riding in the same direction as traffic, following all traffic signals and signs, and watching out for pedestrians. In addition, please wear a helmet and educate your children on bike and helmet safety. Read the State of Illinois “Rules of the Road” at [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com).

**Students in Need**  
**Hunger Free Northbrook**  
 Sign up to provide food for the 400 students in need in Northbrook. A list of items needed can be found at [hungerfreenorthbrook.org](http://hungerfreenorthbrook.org). Take advantage of touch-free local drop off, make a financial donation, or volunteer to help. Learn more by calling 847-272-1700.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
 Domestic violence includes behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, and prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want. If you or someone you know needs support, call 800-799-7233 or visit [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org).

**Northbrook Garden Club October Program**  
**Tuesday, October 6 10am**  
*Virtual*  
 TV and radio personality Mike Nowak will present a virtual program for the public and members of the Northbrook Garden Club. Mike will go through some common misconceptions about plants, gardening remedies, insects, and why you need to check your sources. To take part in this presentation, RSVP at [nbgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbgardenclub@gmail.com).



**Textile Recycling**  
 It’s time to put away your summer wardrobe and bring out the fall sweaters! While transitioning your closet, consider recycling your old, worn, and unused textiles. The Village provides free year-round textile recycling to single family homes through Simple Recycling. Sign up at [simplerecycling.com](http://simplerecycling.com) or call 866-835-5068 to request a collection bag.

**Northbrook Business Promotions**  
 We want to help you promote your business to the community! For a limited time, the Village will be sharing custom promotions on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois). Let us know some basic details and what you’d like us to promote through our online form at [northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions](http://northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions).



**October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**  
 All devices including computers, tablets, phones, and TVs, are vulnerable. Make sure you have strong passwords for your accounts, devices, and even your home wireless network. Be aware of phishing scams, and make sure your home systems, like thermostats and security systems, are updated. For more cybersecurity tips, visit [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org).

**Discussing Important Documents: Powers of Attorney, HIPAA, Living Will, etc.**  
**Wednesday, October 7 9:15-10:15am**  
 Hosted by Elder Law Attorney Matt Margolis. To register, contact Karen Brownlee, NSYMCA Adult Program Coordinator, at [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org).

**Job Skills Series: Ace Your In-Person Interviews**  
**Thursday, October 8 4-5pm**  
*Virtual*  
 Learn what to do before, during, and after an in-person interview to make it a success. Advance registration is required. To register, visit [northbrook.info/job-help](http://northbrook.info/job-help) or call the library at 847-272-6224.

**October is OAKtober**  
 OAKtober is the perfect month to maintain your trees! After November 1, you can safely have your Oaks and American Elm trees trimmed without concern. If you would like to plant an Oak on your parkway, learn about the Village’s Spring Cost-Share Tree Planting Program at [northbrook.il.us](http://northbrook.il.us) or contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.

**Family Halloween 3K Fun Run**  
**Friday, October 23 5pm, 6pm & 7pm**  
*Techny Prairie Park and Fields, 1750 Techny Road*  
 Join the Northbrook Park District for a Halloween Fun Run! Come dressed in costume and run through a Halloween-themed course. There will be multiple race start times at 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm to ensure physical distancing. Halloween activities including a costume contest will take place after the race. Sign up at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).

**Get with the 9PM Routine**  
 Criminals look for easy targets, so make it difficult for them by completing the 9PM Routine safety checklist! To avoid becoming a victim, remember to lock and secure your homes, vehicles, and valuables every night by 9pm. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/9pmroutine](http://northbrook.il.us/9pmroutine).



# Flood Protection



## Is Your Property in a Flood Zone?

**Ask About Flood Insurance Rate Maps**  
 The Village of Northbrook’s Public Works Department assists property owners with Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) inquiries for all properties located within the Village limits. Flood Insurance Rate Maps are the official community maps that show special flood hazard areas.

The Public Works Department also maintains the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Elevation Certificates on file for many structures that are located in or near the floodplain. FEMA information can help you make decisions about investing in property. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-664-4119.

**Is Your Property Protected Following a Flood? Check Your Insurance Policy**  
 Keep in mind that standard homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Because the Village is in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Northbrook property owners are eligible to purchase flood insurance for both their buildings and contents, while renters can insure contents only. The NFIP is available to everyone, even for properties that are located outside of the floodplain.

Contact your insurance provider for details. Additional information can be found at [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) and [insurance.illinois.gov](http://insurance.illinois.gov).

**CRS Classification Reduces Your Flood Insurance Premium**  
 The Village presently has a Class 7 status within the Community Rating System (CRS) that provides property owners in the Village a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and a 5% reduction for properties located outside a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specified floodplain outreach activities and development regulations.

Get more information on flooding and stormwater management at [northbrook.il.us/stormwater](http://northbrook.il.us/stormwater).

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## News You Can Use

### Fireworks Display Canceled

The 4th of July fireworks display, which was tentatively rescheduled for September 5, has been canceled.

### Remembrance of September 11

All are invited to join us as we remember the victims of the September 11, 2001, attack on America. At 7:30am, Police and Fire personnel will assemble at each of the Northbrook Fire Stations for a solemn remembrance of the victims and to honor heroes of the attacks on America.

### Shermerfest 2020 Festivities

For Shermerfest this year, residents can enjoy some of the classic festivities, like Cow Pie Moo-lette, with safety in mind. On Sunday, September 13, a classic Northbrook CARavan will travel through parts of the Village. Watch live at [facebook.com/northbrookhistory/](https://facebook.com/northbrookhistory/) as they start their engines at 1pm. Visit [northbrookhistory.org](https://northbrookhistory.org) for the CARavan route, viewing times, and Cow Pie Moo-lette raffle tickets.

### Fire Department Open House

Meet our firefighters, enjoy a virtual tour of the fire station, "climb" aboard a firetruck, and much more at this year's Virtual Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 10, from 9-11:30am. Participants can watch a series of educational videos followed by a Facebook live meet n' greet where staff will answer questions. You'll find all the details at [northbrook.il.us/fireopenhouse](https://northbrook.il.us/fireopenhouse).

### Somme Prairie Project Resumes

The Cook County Forest Preserve's Somme Prairie Nature Preserve restoration project along Dundee Road resumes this fall. For details, visit [fpdcc.com](https://fpdcc.com) or call 708-771-1180.

### Halloween Activities

Have fun on the Halloween Spooky Trail presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission and the Northbrook Park District. Follow the Halloween trail through Northbrook to see some creative and spooky holiday displays. Visit [northbrook.il.us/spookytrail](https://northbrook.il.us/spookytrail) for details.