

# Northbrook Voice

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FROM THE VILLAGE  
OF NORTHBROOK

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## The Gift that Kept Giving & the People Who Made it Happen

Did you know there was once a truck manufacturing company in Northbrook?

The story begins when Pete Reiland built a family home with an auto repair garage next door at the southeast corner of Waukegan Road and Walters Avenue. The house is still standing, but the garage, which turned into a truck factory and later an International Harvester dealership, is no more. Yet, its legacy continues. In December 1923, the year that our town was renamed Northbrook, Reiland and his neighbor Nicholas Bree formed the Reiland & Bree Truck Factory (R&B), which opened with a celebratory community dance. Both of these men left their footprints on the history of Northbrook. Pete Reiland went on to serve a term as a Village Board member beginning in 1932. Nicholas Bree ran an orchard across the street from the factory. Orchard Lane, Brees Way Lane, and the streets between are now located on what was his property.

Soon, R&B was manufacturing trucks for local companies and municipalities. After-market assemblers, like R&B, used parts from other companies to build their products. They also manufactured chassis that were used by other companies. In fact, Northbrook's first Pirsch Fire Engine was built on an R&B chassis.

Today, research shows there are no known complete R&B trucks anywhere, except for the one-and-a-half-ton dump truck given to the Northbrook Historical Society by Jay Lorenz in 2011, when he closed his Northbrook Garage on Shermer Road. Jay's dream was to renovate the non-working truck he purchased in the 1980s from the Rustic Man Fence Company in Glenview. The truck's engine was stuck and missing vital parts.

When the Society received the truck, the dream of one-day having a working truck continued. Until that could be accomplished, the truck was placed in storage where it sat until October 2019, when it was towed to Wagner Farms in Glenview for a fall festival. Thanks to the generosity of the Glenview Park District, the truck was moved to the lower level garage at Wagner Farm where, for at least three days a week over the past year, volunteers worked to make the truck roadworthy again. The vintage missing parts were located, the engine was freed up, and on September 2, 2020, the engine was fired up for the first time in at least four decades. A week later, it was driven forwards and



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: THE R&B IS ROADWORTHY!

backwards a few feet, and the following week it was driven outside.

Every single step since 2011 – from storage; towing; engine, lights, wooden cab, and seat restorations; rewiring; glass installation; roof fabrication; window cranks and windshield wiper repairs; title research; and licensing all happened because of the generous gift of time, talents, physical, and monetary resources by a group of dedicated volunteers. Thank you Burton Bucher, John Meyer of Grosse Pointe Towing, Mo Anderson, Martin Cobb, Woody Hansmann, Jeph Harrison, Paul Spanier, Sam Weiss, Al Hirsch and his staff at AA Service Co. Heating & Cooling, Jim and Andy Stockinger, Clyde McFaul of McFaul Upholstery, Joe Krupinski, Jonathan Wang, Patrick Ryan, Keith Hansmann, Bill Nemmer, Todd Price and Jonathan Kuester of the Glenview Park District, and community donors.

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



THE TAXI PROGRAM OFFERS AN AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTION

### Northbrook's Subsidized Taxi Program

This program offers an affordable transportation option for senior residents of incorporated Northbrook 55 years or older and permanently disabled Village residents. Registered program participants are allowed up to 16 five dollar rides per month with American Taxi and/or 303 Taxi. Coming soon: RideX Taxi, a Northbrook based cab company & BriteLift, a wheelchair-friendly transportation option.

### Interested?

Applications are available at Northbrook Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane) or on the Village's website at [northbrook.il.us/taxi](http://northbrook.il.us/taxi). Call 847-664-4038 if you need assistance.

The program utilizes an electronic swipe card (ESC) to offset the metered fare. Ride subsidies will not roll-over from month to month.

Proof of residency in the Village of Northbrook is required to participate in the program.



A Message from Sandy  
President, Village of Northbrook

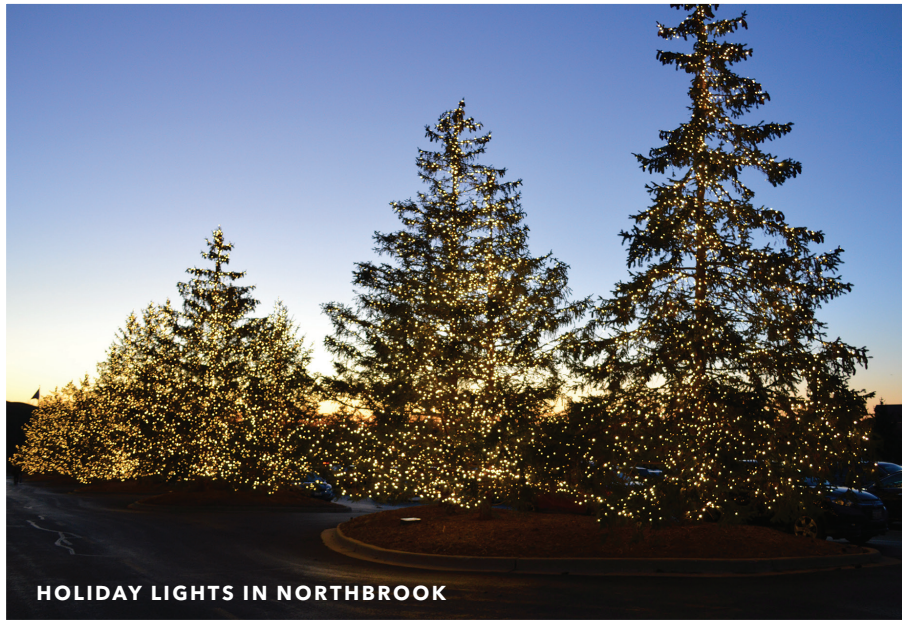
## Looking Forward with 2020 Vision

Can you believe the holiday season is already here? While I imagine this year's hustle and bustle will certainly feel different, I am still looking forward to it. There are family gatherings to prepare for, gifts to buy, decorations to put up, and (eventually) sidewalks to shovel. As I begin to strategize my shopping trips and my calendar begins to fill, I remind myself that this year is unique.

We've all been through a lot this year. We've missed out on milestones, skipped celebrations, and altered the way we do most things. I could use the rest of the page to tell you about all my canceled plans, but instead I'll use my space to look at the positive side and reflect on the opportunities still available to us, along with some new ones!

I can still walk into a variety of Northbrook stores (with a mask on, of course) to find the perfect gifts for my family. I can still enjoy my favorite go-to restaurants when I don't feel like cooking. I can still drive by the holiday lights around town and pick out my favorite displays. I can still find ways to give back to my community.

Many of the events traditionally held this time of year have been altered to protect our communities. Maybe your annual gala is going virtual or the family is staying local. Maybe you are attending services via video or spending even more time trying new recipes. It's not bad, just different.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN NORTHBROOK

**"I'd go out on a limb to say no one's 2020 has gone exactly according to plan - but there's still a lot to be thankful for and new traditions to be made!"**

I might go as far to say I'm enjoying some of the creative ways we are getting things done. I attend Board Meetings from my home. I spend less time in the car. Out-of-town family doesn't feel as far away. I even talk to my doctor through the computer!

My point is simple: while this year is unlike any other, it's made us see things differently. And the more time we spend focusing on the good, new, and improved, the better.

*Wishing you all the best of the season,*

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK



# Making an Impact on Both Those Who Give and Receive



**While we know the current climate has affected so many of us in different ways, we hope you can help to make the holidays brighter for the many local underserved families involved with Youth Services.**

With the holidays approaching, there is always talk about party plans, menu items, shopping, and gift lists, along with the joys of giving and receiving. Giving is special, not just for the recipients but also for the gift givers. Think back to when you were a child and the anticipation of opening a special gift was nothing short of magical. Perhaps it was the element of surprise, or the feeling that you’d be getting something you really wanted or actually needed. Either way, many agree the holidays bring a flurry of excitement.

Holidays, for those in need, may bring different emotions. Parents who are not in a financial situation to make the holidays magical may not feel the same joy and excitement. This is where local organization Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook (YSGN) can help. Founded in 1972 in Glenview and 1974 in Northbrook to respond to the needs of children, the agencies merged in 1992 to become YSGN. Today, YSGN has grown to offer a variety of

programs focused on everything from early intervention and crisis response to after-school study buddy groups and relationship education.

One of the seasonal programs offered by YSGN is the Holiday Gift Program, which helps underserved families looking for support. What was once a small St. Nick program grew into a community winter holiday gift giving event - an event that brings as much joy to those who give, as to those who receive! Just ask Amy O’Leary, Executive Director of Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook, who explained that the mission of YSGN is “to promote social and emotional well-being of children and youth.”

Volunteers play a major role, especially in the Holiday Gift Program. YSGN receives wish lists from about 200 families, this amounts to basically thousands of gifts, all donated by generous volunteers. The volunteers include members of houses of worship, schools, businesses, and other families

and individuals. Participating parents, who qualify based on financial need, submit their child’s wants/needs list to the agency, and then it is shared with the volunteer givers.

“It’s up to the volunteers to shop and drop off gifts,” explained Amy. “Thanks to the Village of Northbrook, just as we did last year, we are utilizing the building at 1657 Shermer Road to coordinate the gift drop off and distribution.”

Typically, the gifts are wrapped by volunteers over five days in December, but this year isn’t typical, so YSGN is seeking, not only donations of gifts and gift cards, but donations of gift wrapping paper, bows, and tape so participants can wrap their family’s gifts.

“Sponsors and donors may be in a different place this year,” said Amy, “so we are asking those who are able to step up and give a little to help fill the voids.”

Visit [ysgn.org](http://ysgn.org) for details or call 847-724-2620 to learn how you can make the holidays brighter for those in need.



***“If you can give back, this is a great program to get involved in, as you’ll see sometimes it’s better to give, than to receive.”***

# Do your share; give gifts

**Babies don’t know there’s a pandemic. Little Eli arrived despite all the world’s woes. Because I’ve known his mother since she was a newborn herself, and her parents since we were all teens, a gift was in order, crisis or no.**

But what? An infinity of merchandise is available online. But the Internet wouldn’t help me pick a present the way Holly Schulz did, waiting behind the counter at Hip Hip Hooray, a jam-packed toy and game emporium at Northbrook’s Willow Festival shopping mall.

“I’m looking for something for a baby...” I ventured.

“Babies are this way,” she said, cutting to the chase. “Boy or girl?”

The holidays are approaching, and while dinner and celebrations may be up in the air, presents are not. In fact, presents are almost mandatory.

“Right now, we are more isolated than we ever have been before,” said Lise Schleicher, owner of BasketWorks, a Northbrook based gift basket company. “Because we can’t actually go somewhere and be someplace, sending a gift is a physical way of reaching out and touching someone and saying ‘I’m with you, even though I’m not there.’”

My gift-selection strategy for my wife is constant vigilance. Something she admires in November has a way of finding its way into her hands at her birthday in May. Forethought is itself a present.



But sometimes a person is caught napping. Gift selection can be a challenge, and here the pros are useful. Wedding registries linger for years, Mike Fisher, area manager for Crate & Barrel, points out, on the second floor of their store at Northbrook Court. They can give you the solution for housewarming or holiday gifts for a new couple. Givers are adjusting their presents to the current crisis.

“We may have been doing an eight-place dinner setting, now that gift might look like a four-piece, for someone entertaining with their spouse and another couple,” he said.

While there are traditionally two beneficiaries to giving: the recipient, reminded that they are loved, and the giver, who enjoys the pleasure of adding a little kindness to the world.

But during this crisis, there is a third beneficiary to keep in mind: the community. Supporting Northbrook is more important than ever, to help keep our Village a place of thriving small businesses, and not boarded

up storefronts. Buying local is the difference between staying Bedford Falls and becoming Pottersville.

At Hip Hip Hooray, buying my newborn gift, I made Holly Schulz earn her money. She first showed me a wooden rocking horse ... no, no, too big, and something that has to be put together. His parents might hate me for that. How about a large bear blanket the baby can sprawl on? She brought one down and I examined it closely. No... the nose ... the nose just isn’t right. My eyes fell on a very attractive goat doll.

“Goat Boy!” she said. “Good choice. He’s organic.”

I paired him with a newborn set—hat, shirt, blanket, socks—the same shade of grey. But I had a qualm. Those socks...

“They seem awful small,” I said, hesitating.

“Have you seen a baby?” she asked. “The socks stretch.”

The deal closed, I strode out while she wrapped and packed, texting me a photo of the finished present before she shipped it. I felt great, imagining Goat Boy, much loved, slipped into a trunk and packed off to college with a member of the class of 2042. These are troubling times, but we can beat them back with kindness.

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.



# Snow & Ice Control

When winter weather comes about, our Public Works Department will clear the route!



## Plowing Operations

The Village's snow removal operations begin with seven or more trucks spreading de-icing materials on main and secondary streets. As snow begins to accumulate, standby personnel are called in to plow the 539 lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, municipal parking lots, and designated sidewalks. After the snow stops, a complete plow-cycle can take at least 4-6 hours, depending on weather and traffic.

## Snow Clearing Routes

Snow and ice control efforts give priority to higher traffic Village roadways, such as Walters Avenue, Cherry Lane, Pfingsten Road, Techny Road, and Shermer Road. Arterial roads, such as Lake Cook, Dundee, Willow, Sanders, Landwehr, and Waukegan are plowed by either the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Cook County Highway Department.



## Who's Plowing your Street?

### Meet Steve!



Public Works Maintenance Worker Steve Wolfe prides himself on what he feels is one of the most visible things we do Village-wide as a safety measure...plow snow! With over 29 years of service, Steve has a few tips for Northbrook residents to help him and the other team members clear our streets safely and efficiently:

- 1 Avoid placing trash bins in the street.**  
"If we have to go around a trash bin, we can't clear the road curb to curb. We may not have time to circle back for a day or two to clean up missed areas."
- 2 Be mindful when shoveling or snow blowing your driveway.**  
"Safety is number one, so I'm always concerned when I see a distracted homeowner snow blowing or shoveling and stepping into the street during plowing operations."
- 3 Keep an eye on children.**  
"Remind your children to stay away from the street and the parkways during a snowstorm and plowing operations."

## Snow Parking Ordinance

When two or more inches of snow falls, it is illegal (by Village Ordinance) to park on Northbrook streets until plowing is complete. Remember, if you park on the street after two or more inches of snow, you may be ticketed and towed.

To find out if the parking ban is in effect or to report if your vehicle is disabled in the street, call the Northbrook Police Department at 847-564-2060. The Village will also use Northbrook Notify to alert residents of snow emergencies when the parking ban is in effect. Sign up for notifications at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](https://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify).



## Clear Snow Around Fire Hydrants

In the event of an emergency, every second counts! Look for the nearest fire hydrants by your home or office. Work with neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access. In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant itself, it is recommended to clear a 3-foot area around the hydrant for easier access.



## Keep Vehicles Off the Streets

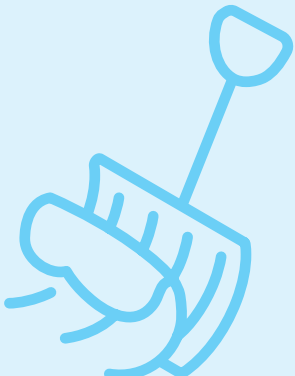
You can help Public Works crews clear our roadways as quickly as possible by keeping vehicles off the street until plowing operations are complete. The Village's number one concern is the safety of those using our streets. Having to drive around a car parked in the street is not only a hazard for the plow driver; it creates an unplowed curb line stretching up to 45', as the plow needs some distance to maneuver around the vehicle. Since clearing the streets from curb to curb is the goal, it is essential to have parked vehicles moved off the street when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground.

Here's another good reason: moving your vehicle off the street will avoid having your car hit by a slushy snow wave that may hamper accessing your vehicle once the slush freezes.



## Prevent Plowed Snow in Shoveled Driveways

Residents can help keep their driveway clear by shoveling snow to the right side of their driveway (as viewed from the home, looking at the street). Note that the Public Works Department does not clear private driveway entrances.



Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/snow](https://northbrook.il.us/snow).



# SHOP LOCAL NORTHBROOK

**Shop in Northbrook.  
Support our businesses.  
Keep Northbrook strong.**



Every time you spend locally, you are directly supporting our businesses and the community. For every dollar spent on general merchandise in our Village, two cents of the sales tax benefits Northbrook. Think local for your holiday shopping needs!

**#NorthbrookStrong**

Learn about Northbrook businesses at [liveshopdinenorthbrook.com](https://liveshopdinenorthbrook.com).

**#MAKINGNORTHBROOKSTRONGER**

## Resources for Businesses

### Facebook Business Promotions

The Village wants to help you promote your business! For a limited time, we are sharing custom business promotions on our Facebook page, reaching over 5,000 followers, at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois). Let us know some basic details about your business (adjusted services, hours, etc.) and any additional information you'd like to promote to the community.

To participate, fill out an online form at [northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions](https://northbrook.il.us/businesspromotions). For more details, send an email to [pr@northbrook.il.us](mailto:pr@northbrook.il.us).

### Live Shop Dine Text Program

Northbrook residents and visitors can access information and special offers from over 90 local businesses through a free community texting program that promotes shopping and dining in the Village. The Live Shop Dine Northbrook opt-in text service sends one to two text messages each month, linked to an organized list of offers from local restaurants, stores, and personal service providers. The community-wide program, presented by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Northbrook, is free of charge to subscribers and participating businesses.

The user-friendly service makes it easy for new subscribers to sign up: text NBK to 55678 or visit <http://bit.ly/JoinNBK>.

### Nicki, The Northbrook Shopping Elf

Nicki, the Northbrook Shopping Elf, is a Facebook campaign that announces fresh shopping ideas and special retail promotions to shoppers and diners from Northbrook-based businesses. The Shopping Elf is a joint project of the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Northbrook designed to promote local shopping with fun, interactive social media connections to the community. Merchants' posts are free of charge. Contact the Northbrook Chamber at 847-498-5555 to participate.

Follow Nicki and stay up-to-date on Northbrook businesses at [facebook.com/northbrookshoppingelf](https://facebook.com/northbrookshoppingelf).

### Small Business Saturday

On Saturday, November 28, be a part of the 11th annual shopping tradition that brings together communities in support of their favorite small businesses.



## 2020: Welcome New Businesses!

**Basu Coffee Bar & Vietnamese Eatery** – 1361 Shermer Road

**Black Onion, LLC** – 1881 Techny Road

**Culver's of Northbrook** – 4105 Dundee Road

**Greenhouse Group** – 755 Skokie Boulevard

**How About Learning** – 1346 Shermer Road

**MA Fitness** – 1946 Raymond Drive

**Maharaj Indian Grill** – 3111 Dundee Road

**Michaels on Main Café** – 1101 Skokie Boulevard

**Mural Funeral Group** – 3100 Dundee Road #801

**Northbrook Barber Shop** – 1519 Shermer Road

**PRM3 Staffing Agency** – 770 Skokie Boulevard #437

**Ride Shack Inc** – 3160 Commercial Avenue

**School of Rock Glenbrook** – 3139 Dundee Road

**Wax on Wax Off** – 1881 Techny Road

**Yogibo Illinois** – Northbrook Court

*If you know of other businesses that have recently opened, forward their names and locations to Tom Poupard, Director of Development & Planning Services, at [tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us](mailto:tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us).*



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

**Election Day Reminder**  
**Tuesday, November 3**  
**Voting hours from 6am-7pm**  
Those who vote on Election Day must vote at their precinct's polling place. Note that some Election Day voting precincts have changed, and **Northbrook Village Hall is not a polling place this Election Day.** Find your polling place and other election information at [cookcountyclerk.com/electionday](http://cookcountyclerk.com/electionday).



**Rotary Club of Northbrook**  
**“Coat Off Your Back” Drive**  
**Through December 30**  
Participate in the Rotary Club of Northbrook’s annual “Coat Off Your Back” drive. Donate new winter gear including jackets, coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and boots. Donations are going to the homeless population served by PADS. For drop-off locations, visit [facebook.com/northbrookrotary](https://facebook.com/northbrookrotary).

**Electronics Recycling**  
**November 3 & December 1**  
**7am-3pm**  
**November 7 & December 5**  
**9am-noon**  
*Fleet Maintenance Garage behind Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Lane*  
Bring your old and unused electronics to be recycled. Residents are responsible for removing items from their vehicle for contactless disposal. Do not leave items at the Village’s facility outside of the recycling events. Items may also be dropped off at Advanced Disposal, 2800 Shermer Road, weekdays from 8am-4pm.

**Freedom Park**  
Do you know any Northbrook residents currently serving in the military? Please call 847-664-4038, with their name, rank, and station. The information will be used to update the plaque honoring those serving at Freedom Park under the flagpole between Village Hall and the Northbrook Library.

**Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries**  
**Sunday, November 1**  
Change your clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time. The Northbrook Fire Department reminds residents to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

**TotalLink2 Community iRevelry**  
**Thursday, November 5**  
**7pm**  
*Virtual*  
Join in for TotalLink2 Community’s major fundraiser of the year, the iRevelry, at [totalink2.org/iRevelry](http://totalink2.org/iRevelry). The event will feature a silent auction and raffles to support TotalLink’s programming for young adults with disabilities.



**Virtual Children’s Film Fest**  
**Saturday, November 7**  
**2-4pm**  
The Northbrook International Children’s Film Festival is going virtual, featuring 10 captivating short films from eight countries. We invite you to watch the films at home with your child, cast your vote for the “Best of the Fest,” and then join us for a virtual after party with directors! Register at [northbrook.info/film-fest](http://northbrook.info/film-fest).

**Techny Prairie Activity Center Charter Memberships Now Available**  
*180 Anets Drive (Membership Office is currently located at Anetsberger Golf Shop, 1750 Techny Road)*  
Northbrook Park District’s Techny Prairie Activity Center is set to open January 2021! This amazing new facility includes a fitness floor, group fitness studios, an indoor track, and a gymnasium. Join now for the best value. For more information, visit [nbfitness.org](http://nbfitness.org).



**An Evening with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi**  
**Monday, November 9**  
**6pm**  
*Virtual*  
Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, one of the country’s leading anti-racist voices, and the #1 New York Times bestselling author, National Book Award winner, and historian, will discuss his book, *How To Be an Antiracist*, at a special live online event moderated by Natalie Moore of WBEZ. This event is held in partnership with the Northbrook Public Library and other area libraries. Learn more and sign up to attend this Zoom event at [northbrook.info/Kendi](http://northbrook.info/Kendi).

**Northbrook Garden Club November Program**  
**Tuesday, November 10**  
**10am**  
*Virtual*  
Presenter Kim White will give a talk titled “Biomimicry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today’s Problems.” The presentation will feature many examples of when science and technology looked to nature to solve complex problems. Learn what a Kingfisher has in common with a high-speed train and many other fascinating ideas taken from studying nature. To register, email [nbkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkgardenclub@gmail.com).

**Hunger Doesn’t Wait**  
Hunger Resource Network (HRN) launched its annual “Hunger Doesn’t Wait” campaign to raise funds to help those who are hungry in Chicagoland and Northbrook. Since 2009, HRN has donated more than 3 million pounds of food to local soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters. Their work depends on your support. Visit [hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://hungerresourcenetwork.org) to donate or volunteer.

**Northbrook Village Hall Turns 30!**  
Our timeless brick Village Hall opened to the public on November 12, 1990. Look closely to the left of the clock tower on the front of the Village Hall and you’ll see MCMXC – the Roman numerals for 1990.

**Fine Arts Fall**  
**Through December 13**  
*Virtual*  
The Northbrook Public Library’s annual Fine Arts Fall series will be livestreamed from the auditorium, unless noted otherwise. Advance registration is required for all virtual programs. Learn more at [northbrook.info/visit/events/fine-arts-fall](http://northbrook.info/visit/events/fine-arts-fall).

**Northbrook Symphony 2020/2021 Season**  
*Virtual*  
As the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra (NSO) starts its 41st season, their promise is that the music will never stop. Prerecorded live performances are being presented virtually, and the second program will be presented in late fall. Visit the NSO website at [northbrooksymphony.org](http://northbrooksymphony.org) or call 847-272-0755 for upcoming performance information.

**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://facebook.com/northbrookillinois), or tune-in to Cable Channel 17 (AT&T customers tune to channel 99 and search for Northbrook).

**Celebrate Northbrook’s 119th Birthday**  
**Sunday, November 15**  
**2-4pm**  
The Board of Directors of the Northbrook Historical Society invite all to drive by the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Avenue, to view the historic R&B Truck (see page 2) on display, weather permitting. Afterwards, all are encouraged to visit a Northbrook establishment to enjoy a meal in celebration.

**TotalLink2 Community Virtual Pop-Up Shops**  
**Sunday, November 15**  
*Virtual*  
Looking for creative gifts for the holidays? TotalLink2 Community will be hosting a Virtual Pop-up Shop featuring products from their Total Goodness products made in their Maker’s Lab. All proceeds support TotalLink’s programs for young adults with disabilities. Visit [totalink2.org/shop](http://totalink2.org/shop) for more.

**Let It Shine Lightshow**  
**November 15-January 9**  
**4:30-11pm**  
*Northbrook Court, 1515 Lake Cook Road*  
Experience the North Shore’s largest drive through world of lights at Northbrook Court from the safety of your vehicle. Let It Shine is proud to partner with NorthShore University Health System Kellogg Cancer Center this holiday season. At checkout, you will be able to select a donation amount for the Kellogg Cancer Center. Visit [shinelightshow.com](http://shinelightshow.com).

**Hunger Free Northbrook**  
Hunger Resource Network has expanded its Hunger Free Northbrook Student Program to provide supplemental meals to students in Northbrook public schools. The program provides nutritious food to children who qualify for free or reduced cost lunch programs. Go to [hungerressourcenetwork.org](http://hungerressourcenetwork.org) and click on Hunger Free Northbrook to help our local students.

**Village Treasurer’s Report**  
The Annual Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020, is now available for viewing. Find the report online at [northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork](http://northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork) or visit Village Hall during regular business hours.

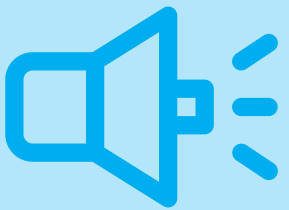
**Community Solar Opportunity**  
Residents and small businesses are invited to participate in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program (CS2). ‘Claim’ a portion of Illinois’ community solar developments. Subscribers receive on-bill credits. Visit [northbrook.il.us/communitysolar](http://northbrook.il.us/communitysolar) to join the waitlist. Residents will receive a postcard in the mail inviting them to participate.

**Village Hall & Public Works Center Holiday Closures**  
Non-emergency Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving; Friday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day; and Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day.

**Gratitude at Thanksgiving**  
**Wednesday, November 26**  
**7pm**  
*Virtual*  
Celebrate the season and give thanks during the Northbrook Clergy Association’s Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will be held virtually at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois).

**Toys for Tots**  
The Village is partnering with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots program. Donate a new unwrapped toy at the Police Department, Fire Department (Station 11), or behind Village Hall by Friday, December 18. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

# Talk Around Town: Affordable Housing



**What is Affordable Housing?**  
The State Affordable Housing Act defines “affordable housing” as housing whose sale or rental price is within the means of a household that may occupy moderate-income housing (households with income that is between 50% and 80% of the area median household income) or low-income housing (less than 50% of the area median household income). For Northbrook and other Chicago area communities, the Chicago Metropolitan area median income is used. Income levels are adjusted based on family size. In 2020, the area median income for a family of four is \$91,000/year. An “affordable” rent for a one-bedroom apartment would be \$1,456/month, including utilities.

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**What is Northbrook’s role?**  
Northbrook has long been an area leader for fair and affordable housing, having adopted one of the first fair real estate practices ordinances in the northern suburbs in 1968. In the early 1980’s, the Village issued bonds to finance and establish an affordable housing complex for seniors in an unused public school building. Owned and operated by the Village, Crestwood Place contains 118 rental apartments that include studios, one bedroom, and two bedroom units at below market rental rates. In recent years, the Village has also approved a larger number of multi-family housing units than in the past in an effort to offer a wide range of housing choices. Despite these efforts, the State of Illinois estimates that only 5.7% of existing housing in the Village is “affordable”.

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In June 2019, the Board of Trustees identified affordable housing as one of the primary policy goals of the Village. Over the past year or so, the Board discussed various ways to implement affordable housing, received policy input from representatives of affordable housing specific agencies, conducted a joint meeting with the Plan Commission, and provided policy direction for drafting an affordable housing amendment to our Zoning Code.

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**What Happens Next?**  
This fall, the Plan Commission held two public hearings on the topic and reviewed draft amendments to the Zoning Code and the 2010 Northbrook Comprehensive Plan regarding the implementation of the affordable housing initiatives. The Plan Commission discussed suggested thresholds for when affordable housing units are required, income level requirements for rental and for sale units, calculations for determining affordability, design flexibility with developers, and how to review future affordable housing site plans. For updates on Affordable Housing, call 847-664-4050.



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## News You Can Use

### Veterans Day

Remember our veterans and those currently serving our country on Wednesday, November 11. In lieu of an in-person ceremony, the American Legion Post #791 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars invite all to attend a virtual service at 11am to honor those who served in the armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Visit [northbrook.il.us/events](http://northbrook.il.us/events) for more details.

### Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight

An active, engaged, and diverse community is what truly makes Northbrook strong - and we want to celebrate that! Do you know any community members who contribute to our Village, inspire others, or have a unique story to tell? Nominate them for a Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight! You'll find all the details at [northbrook.il.us/neighborspotlight](http://northbrook.il.us/neighborspotlight).

### Advanced Disposal Holiday Reminders

During the week of Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday pickups will be delayed one day. On Christmas and New Year's Day, pickups will take place the following Saturday (pickups will occur on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve).

For two weeks, beginning December 24, Advanced Disposal will collect extra household refuse free of charge.

### Holiday Recycling Opportunities

Recycle old or broken holiday lights at the Fleet Maintenance Garage (behind the Village Hall) weekdays from 7am to 3pm through Friday, January 29.

Recycle your fresh holiday tree by Friday, January 29, by placing it at the curb on your recycling day. Remove all lights, garland, and decorations. Make sure your tree is easily accessible at the curb.