

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

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# Our Sustainable Natural Resources

The natural features shaping our community are the glacial deposits that formed three Moraines, our clay-filled soil, the West and Middle Forks of the North Branch of the Chicago River and their tributaries, and a few remaining natural resources. They are all reminders of the land as it looked when the first settlers arrived. Now, highways, automobiles, subdivisions, and our beautiful tree canopy fill the Northbrook vista. Yet, you can take a step back in time and see them all by closing your eyes and visualizing a drive on Dundee Road from the western border of our Village to its eastern border.

Traveling eastward from Sanders Road, the road gently rises to the crest of the Park Ridge Moraine. Then, the road gradually falls to the valley of the river that gave our Village its name. Ahead, you see a rise to the ridge of the Deerfield Moraine at Waukegan Road. As you travel eastward, the road gently falls again to Lee Road and the valley of the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. The road slightly rises again toward the Blodgett Moraine near Skokie Boulevard.

In 1840, the first survey of what became Northbrook noted open prairies with few trees. The original natural resources you pass hint at what the area looked like when it opened for settlement.

To the north, on the first rise was a large grove of oak and hickory trees that stretched from Dundee Road to Commercial Avenue and from Sanders Road to just east of Our Lady of the Brook Church.

We can say with certainty that this grove was used by indigenous people of the region. Recollections of the children whose father first tilled the land in the 1920s tell us that where the church now stands was strewn with buried arrowheads of many sizes and shapes. Vestiges of the majestic hickories, Bebb oaks, and other varieties of oaks that grew in the grove and other locations are still seen across town. One of these trees is at the entrance to the Charlemagne Subdivision. You can also see some of these majestic trees at other places in the Village, like in Village Green Park.

The Bebb oak was named the "Official Northbrook Tree" on January 11, 2000, and the oldest tree in the Village is a Bebb oak located on Sunset Lane.

Between the Northbrook Post Office and the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River is the recently cleared land being returned to its prairie beginnings. A pristine portion of this prairie has always remained. Can you imagine standing at the edge



THE ORIGINAL SAVANNA AND PRAIRIE GRASSES AT SOMME PRAIRIE PRE-2000.

of this land and looking to the north, south, and west and seeing only this open vast prairie landscape?

To the east of Waukegan Road are wooded areas that were sold off in small lots for the early settlers. They harvested the trees to build their homes, for cooking, and for fuel to keep them warm during the cold, long winter months. Most of the smaller trees you see in these areas today were not there when the land was first sold or when it was bought in the 1920s by the Cook County Forest Preserve.

One hundred and eighty years after the land was first surveyed, a portion of the ecological balance remains. The fact that some of these trees and prairies still exist is the definition of sustainability and should be celebrated.

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

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates & Reminders

As this issue of the Northbrook Voice newsletter goes to print, the Cook County Department of Public Health is in Phase 1b of its vaccine distribution plan.

## Who is Eligible for the Vaccine?

Eligible individuals include healthcare workers and long-term care facility staff and residents (from Phase 1a) and members of the general public aged 65 and over and frontline essential workers (from Phase 1b).

## Where can I Register?

Visit [vaccine.cookcountylil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountylil.gov) or call 833-308-1988 to register for information and appointments, when available. Vaccine supply is limited, so please be patient.

## More Information

Visit [cookcountypublichealth.org/covid-vaccine](https://cookcountypublichealth.org/covid-vaccine) to learn more.

**Note:** The Cook County Department of Public Health is responsible for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration in Northbrook.



THE FDA AUTHORIZED USE OF THE PFIZER AND MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINES IN DECEMBER 2020



## A Message from Sandy

President, Village of Northbrook

# Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

As I begin my countdown to retirement and complete many 'lasts,' I have started to reflect on the past 30+ years and why this career has been such a positive, productive, and meaningful experience. At the top of my list: teamwork. It might sound cliché, but I promise it's true. There are no successes that I'd point to and say "that went well because I did it by myself." And I'm referring to many different types of teamwork: collaborating with Board Members to gain consensus, working with staff to implement or adjust Village policies, coordinating with external organizations to reach a common goal, meeting with federal, state, and local leaders to better understand one another.

In line with this issue's theme, 'going green' is absolutely a team effort - look at our Climate Action Planning Team, it alone has over 20 stakeholders! While every individual's actions matter, we won't see the impact of our local climate action goals and strategies if the community does not work together. Only with the participation of special interest groups, local agencies, and committed staff and residents can we move the needle.

The current COVID-19 pandemic is another perfect example of critical teamwork. From the start we've collaborated with our schools, park district, library, township, chamber, and neighbors to stay up-to-date on vital information, share resources



FIRST MEETING OF THE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE IN FEBRUARY 2020

**"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." - Henry Ford**

and ideas, and maintain an open dialogue. And a year later we are working together with health departments, private companies, and federal suppliers to distribute vaccines quickly and efficiently. We know we won't beat COVID-19 alone, but one vaccine at a time we will get closer to our goal.

Never underestimate the power of teamwork - it truly is a game changer. Throughout my career, I've been on many teams, and each

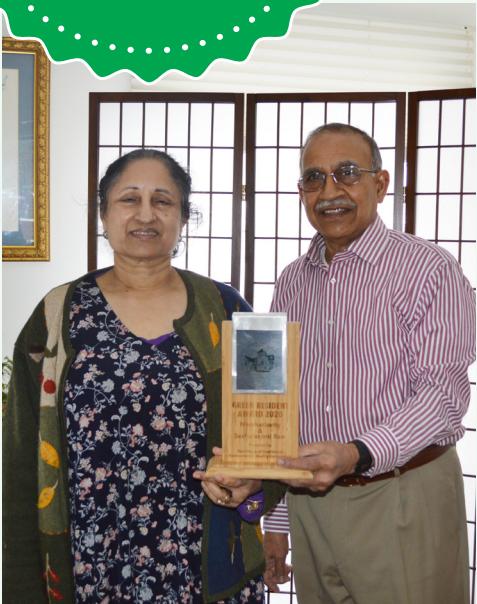
one has taught me something different. When we lean on one another, create open and honest communication, come to the table ready to collaborate, and encourage differences in opinions, we all win. I look forward to being a part of our Northbrook team for years to come.

*Sandy*  
PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK



## The Raos & The Stashes

# How to "Go Green" at Home



The Rao Family (left) and the Stash Family (right) shown with their 2020 "Green Resident Award" plaques.

Aside from living in Northbrook, the Rao and Stash families have something big in common: they both "go green" for a better future. And now, they also share the title of Northbrook's Green Residents of 2020!

"We are honored to be recognized for our green home and everyday actions we take to protect the environment," said the Stashes. "'Going green' is one thing we do to care for our shared environment and communities today, for a better tomorrow."

This same sentiment is echoed in the Rao household, where Hari and Seshu reduce, reuse, and recycle everything they can. "It has become a routine," said the Raos, who practice sustainability to benefit the next generation and generations to come.

A defining feature of the Rao's and Stash's success with sustainability

is the changes they implemented in, and to, their homes. The Raos conserve water with a rain barrel attached to the exterior of their house, and Seshu even collects water from her shower to water plants. They also limit food waste by composting at home.

Similarly, the Stash's conserve in their household through smart and responsible energy practices, like solar panels and LED lighting. They own the first LEED platinum certified home in Northbrook, which is built to take advantage of solar energy with low impact recyclable materials, high efficiency lighting, and water conserving plumbing fixtures, according to GreenBuilt Home Tour.

**"Things do not change; we change."**

- HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Though it's not just the improvements in the home itself that make these residents "green," it's also the behaviors of the people who live there.

The Raos collect styrofoam, lightbulbs, plastic bags, batteries, electronics, scrap metal, and items left by others at the curb for safe recycling and disposal. They donate clothes, coats, and eyeglasses to be reused and to help someone in need. To prevent contamination in our landfills, the Raos also recycle their prescription medicines and the bottles, separately. They limit their use of paper at home by using cloth towels only and writing on scrap paper.

"I want to serve the Earth," said Seshu, who noted that she even washes and reuses Ziploc bags.

Outside of their environmentally friendly abode, the Stashes can be seen participating in Village clean up days, driving an electric car, and tending to their landscape of all-native plantings and organic garden, which they hydrate with water from their rain barrel and fertilize with their own compost. The Stash family leads (or shall we say 'LEEDs') by example, as they even planned tours of their spectacular home for students in Northbrook to learn about sustainability.

With residents like these, Northbrook's future looks bright. For more tips and inspiration on "going green," visit [northbrook.il.us/sustainability](http://northbrook.il.us/sustainability).

Apply for the 2021 Green Resident and Green Business Awards at [northbrook.il.us/greenawards](http://northbrook.il.us/greenawards).

Applications are due on March 31.

## NORTHBROOK CARES: LOCAL AGENCIES HELPING THE COMMUNITY

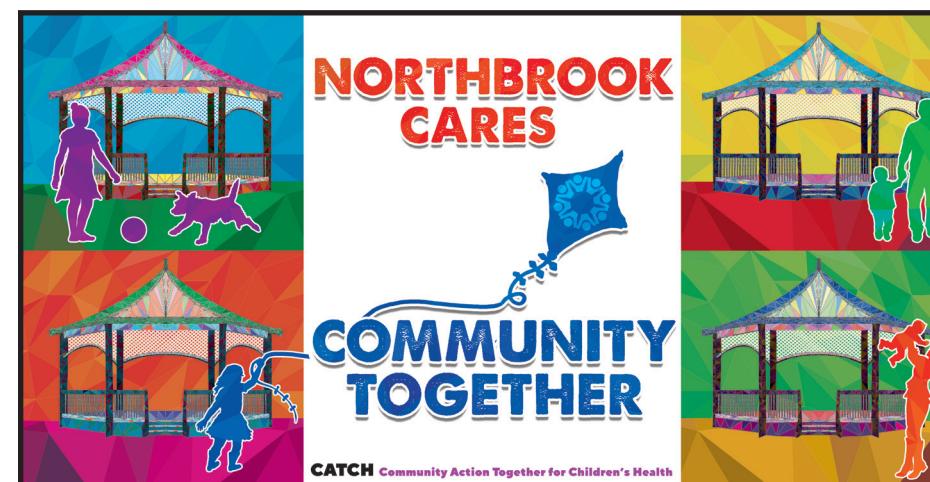
# CATCH: Community Action Together for Children's Health



CATCH is a Northbrook-based organization working to help families foster resilience and prioritize the mental health of their children through educational programming, access to resources, and peer support. By connecting with CATCH, parents find comfort and support while gaining an understanding of mental health and learning valuable skills to use in communicating with their kids.

## Northbrook Cares, Community Together: A Reminder about Connection

Have you seen the CATCH banners and posters around town? Thanks to a grant from the Village of Northbrook in response to the pandemic, CATCH delivered a beautiful reminder about the link between caring connections and mental health through public art with an uplifting message (shown below). Studies show connection is one of the key factors in psychological well-being and is even known to fend off depression and anxiety.



## About the Artists

Heather Havlicek and Kevin Fogelson are a husband and wife creative team who embraced the opportunity to create a public art display that brings joy to Northbrook. Heather, an elementary art teacher at Westmoor School in Northbrook, captures experiences and memories through narrative illustrations. Kevin, a digital artist who combines art with technology, teaches Graphic Arts at Antioch Upper Grade School in Antioch.

*"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship."*

- BRENÉ BROWN



## Connect with CATCH

**Resources:** Reach out through a confidential email address, [catchiscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:catchiscommunity@gmail.com), to receive information about local mental health resources.

**Website:** Visit [www.catchiscommunity.org](http://www.catchiscommunity.org) to learn about events and read articles with advice from area mental health professionals and blogs from parents on raising children with mental illness.

**Educational Programming:** CATCH partners with mental health experts, schools, and other organizations in the area to present programs about parenting and mental health.

**Parent Support Network (Previously Coffee Talks):** Recognizing it's often lonely and difficult to raise an anxious or depressed child, CATCH invites parents and caregivers to join small cohorts who meet regularly for sharing and peer support.

**YouTube Channel:** Watch the video series, Learn from Experts, featuring local professionals providing quick answers to big parenting questions, along with short clips on subjects most important to you and recordings of past events.

**Monthly E-Newsletter:** The e-newsletter features summaries of presentations, links to articles and blogs, community resources, and more. Subscribe by emailing [catchiscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:catchiscommunity@gmail.com) or visit [www.catchiscommunity.org](http://www.catchiscommunity.org).

**Facebook and Instagram:** Find CATCH on social media. Follow, like, and subscribe to stay in the know about mental health events and news in our community. Search "catchiscommunity"

# A Timeline of Northbrook's Climate Action Plan



## 1. What is a climate action plan?

As we face unprecedented changes to our region's climate and environmental conditions, the Village of Northbrook is at the forefront of creating a plan that details commitments to enhancing efficiency and sustainability. The plan will serve as a customized roadmap for making informed decisions on how to achieve the largest and most cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that align with Northbrook's goals for future community development.

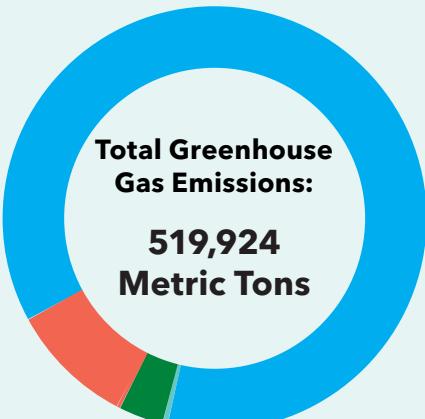


## 2. Environmental Consulting

In Northbrook, this process started with the Board of Trustees directing the Department of Development and Planning Services to oversee the selection of an environmental consultant in early 2020. The Village ultimately hired paleBLUEdot LLC and began collaborating to make baseline assessments. These reports describe inventories of current community-wide emission rates, Northbrook's overall ecological footprint, and future projections identifying local vulnerabilities to climate change.

*This chart shows Northbrook's total greenhouse gas emissions for 2018:*

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Solid Waste
- Water & Wastewater



## 3. Resident Feedback

At the same time, the Village invited Northbrook residents to participate in the Community Input Listening Sessions and survey to gain insight on priorities for perceived issues of environmental quality. In total, Northbrook received one of the highest response rates the consultant had seen. Upon review, the same climate conditions that scientists project to be a problem in Northbrook are what residents seem to be most worried about, such as air quality, extreme heat, and flooding.



## 4. Community Participation

Currently, the Climate Action Planning Team (CAPT), made up of a diverse group of community stakeholders, is meeting in a virtual setting each month to determine specific actions. The team first came to a consensus that Northbrook's emissions reduction goal should support the Paris Agreement to cap temperature rise to 2 degrees Celsius. This involves a 25-55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below Northbrook's baseline 2018 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2018 levels by 2040. To achieve this, the team is honing in on feasible strategies in subcategories that encompass many aspects of sustainability.



## 5. Improvements

The subcategories identified by the CAPT are transportation and land use; waste management; local food systems; buildings and energy; climate health and safety; water and wastewater; greenspace and tree canopy; and climate economy. Examples of possible actions the team may agree to include in the Climate Action Plan are improving bike and pedestrian safety, incentivizing building improvements, limiting plastic use, and increasing tree plantings in the Village.



## 6. The Future

The end-product will consist of an implementation schedule that identifies the required resources and funding mechanisms for each long-term goal. The Village is formalizing initiatives in the Climate Action Plan, but we will need each resident, business, and municipal entity in Northbrook to reinforce these goals with active participation in these climate programs.

**Read the reports and learn more at [northbrook.il.us/climateaction](http://northbrook.il.us/climateaction).**

# Spring CLEAN UP DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 • 7:00AM-1:00PM

HOUSEHOLD WASTE ONLY • RESIDENTS ONLY (IDS WILL BE CHECKED)

Drop off household waste  
including old furniture!

Three drop off locations:

GRAINGER  
PUBLIC WORKS  
ADVANCED DISPOSAL  
TRANSFER STATION

1657 SHERMER  
655 HUEHL  
2750 SHERMER



**DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

LANDSCAPE WASTE, ORGANICS,  
ROCKS, SAND, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS,  
HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS,  
LIGHTBULBS, PAINT, TIRES, WHITE GOODS,  
OR OTHER RESTRICTED WASTE.



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## Celebrate Earth & Arbor Day in your Garden

America celebrated Arbor Day for the first time in April of 1872 to recognize the value of trees, with an estimated one million planted on the original holiday. The first Earth Day occurred on April 22 in 1970 when 20 million Americans took to the streets in favor of environmental reform, which spurred the enactment of the Environmental Protection Agency. While climate change may feel like an abstract problem out of our control, Earth and Arbor Day serve as reminders that we can make informed decisions that have large benefits to our community's ecosystem health.

### Native Plant Identification Guide

Although the Village will not be hosting its traditional Earth & Arbor Day Celebration this year, there are still things you can do in your own backyard!

**Incorporate native plants** into your outdoor spaces as a simple but meaningful gesture for the environment. Plants indigenous to this region are a source of food and shelter to a diverse array of animals. There are already many pollinator-friendly gardens in Northbrook, from Village Hall to Public Works to dozens of residential gardens. You may have noticed neighbors posting garden signs with the affirming message to "Make Northbrook a Monarch Waystation." These plaques are provided by the Village, free to residents who demonstrate a commitment to protecting the endangered Monarch butterfly through planting milkweed (the Monarch's exclusive host plant) and gardening without pesticides. As we continue to dedicate more space to native landscaping, Northbrook grows in functionality as a corridor for wildlife.

Use the guide to the right to learn more about which native plants may suit your outdoor space best! >>>

Native plants have benefits to our local climate beyond their provisions for wildlife. In Northbrook, we are privileged to live at the intersection of three vital ecosystem types: prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. Native prairie plants survive by growing deep roots that improve carbon storage and soil quality. Native wetland plants are adapted to frequent flooding. They improve water drainage and filtration of their surrounding environment resulting in less polluted water running off into streams and waterways during major rain events. Gardens that seek to maximize drainage using native plants and smart landscaping are called rain gardens. Blue flag iris and wild columbine, listed on the right, are examples of native wetland plants known to absorb water efficiently and are often utilized in rain gardens.

**Tip:** Residents that qualify for the Village's cost-sharing stormwater improvement program may have partial costs of rain garden installation offset. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/sustainability](http://northbrook.il.us/sustainability) or contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.



COMMON MILKWEED  
3-5 ft; July-August; Part shade- full sun; Food for: Bees, butterflies, moths, flies



NEW ENGLAND ASTER  
3-6 ft; August-October; Part shade-full sun; Food for: Bees, butterflies, flies, moths



SOLOMON'S SEAL  
6 in-2 ft; May-June; Full shade-part shade; Food for: Hummingbirds, bees



GIANT GOLDENROD  
3-4 ft; August-October; Part shade- full sun; Food for: Bees, butterflies, moths, flies



BLACK-EYED SUSAN  
2-3 ft; June-September; Part shade-full sun; Food for: Dragonflies, bees, butterflies, moths



WILD COLUMBINE  
2-3 ft; May-July; Part shade-part sun; Food for: Hummingbirds, bees



PURPLE CONEFLower  
3-4 ft; June-October; Part shade-full sun; Food for: Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, flies



BLUE FLAG IRIS  
2-3 ft; May-July; Part shade-full sun; Food for: Butterflies, skippers



BLOODROT  
6 in-1 ft; April-May; Part shade-part sun; Food for: Bees, ants



WILD BERGAMOT  
2-4 ft; June-August; Part shade-full sun; Food for: Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, moths



BLUE VIOLET  
3-8 in; April-June; Part shade-part sun; Food for: Bees, skippers, flies



FOXGLOVE BEARD TONGUE  
3-5 ft; June-July; Part shade- full sun; Food for: Bees

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Severe Weather Awareness Week March 1-5

In Illinois, we experience an array of weather events, such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, snowstorms, and flooding - make sure you're prepared! Residents are encouraged to use this week to review their severe weather safety plans. Additionally, make sure you're signed up for emergency alerts from the Village. Register at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify).

## Parkway Tree Planting Program Orders due by Thursday, March 4

Plant a new tree on the parkway in front of your home and share the cost with us! The Village will provide and install the tree(s) for \$175 each. Get more information and fill out the tree order form at [northbrook.il.us/parkwaytreeprogram](http://northbrook.il.us/parkwaytreeprogram). Note that trees may not be ordered for private property.

## Electronics Recycling March 6 & April 3 9am-noon March 2 & April 6 7am-3pm

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.

## Red Cross Blood Drive at NSYMCa Tuesday, March 9 9am-3pm

North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Village of Northbrook Budget Workshop Tuesday, March 9 6pm

## Community of Pride Event: Adventures in Candyland Friday, March 12 7-8:15pm

Virtual Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook's interactive event will allow you to work with friends and family to bring the magic of Pride to Candyland! Show your support for Youth Services, LGBTQ+ young people, and families who look to the agency for support. Visit [ysgn.org](http://ysgn.org) to learn more.



## New Library App

The Northbrook Public Library has a new app! You can find it on the App Store or Google Play by searching "Northbrook Public Library" or by visiting [northbrook.info/library-app](http://northbrook.info/library-app). The app features the ability to check out items, place holds, register for events, and much more.

## Discover New Activities This Spring

Visit [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) to check out the Northbrook Park District's current guide with activities for all ages, including events, fitness classes, sports, art, theatre, dance, and senior programs.

## Daylight Saving Time Sunday, March 14

Spring forward and move your clocks ahead one hour for the start of Daylight Saving Time. The Northbrook Fire Department reminds residents to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and CO detectors.



## Know Your Rights with NSLAC

The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC) provides Know Your Rights information to individuals and groups at [www.nslegalaid.org](http://www.nslegalaid.org). If you or your organization would like to know more or host a Know Your Rights presentation, email [info@NSLegalAid.org](mailto:info@NSLegalAid.org).



## Community Scavenger Hunt

## Sunday, March 14 1-3pm

North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road Get a team together, follow a map, find clues, and explore our community through this creative scavenger hunt (must have a means of transportation). Tickets and details are available at [nsymca.org/scavengerhunt](http://nsymca.org/scavengerhunt) or call 847-272-6224.

## Join Techny Prairie Activity Center-Your Place to Play

## 180 Anets Drive

Take your workout to a new level at Techny Prairie Activity Center, featuring a fitness floor with cardio, strength, and functional fitness equipment, an indoor track, a gymnasium, and two group fitness studios. Learn more at [nbfitness.org](http://nbfitness.org).

## 30-Day Make-a-thon (Age 13+)

## Wednesday, March 31 4-5pm

Explore your creative side and connect with other makers and artists. Join the Library's month-long Make-a-thon Challenge and create something new every day. To register for the kickoff event, visit [northbrook.info/events](http://northbrook.info/events) or call 847-272-6224.



## Northbrook Restaurant Gift Card Giveaway

## Through March 31

Support Northbrook restaurants and get a chance to win a \$50 gift card! The Village's gift card giveaway has been extended through March. Submit a copy of your receipts from Northbrook restaurants to [business@northbrook.il.us](mailto:business@northbrook.il.us) showing the order total (\$25 or more) and date of purchase. Each receipt counts as one entry.

## Northbrook Garden Club April Program

## Tuesday, April 6

## 10am

## Virtual

Sunset Foods has partnered with Hunger Resource Network on their "Buy a Bag of Groceries" program for food insecure students and their families. As you check out, tell the cashier you'd like to donate a bag(s) of groceries to help feed students. The cost is \$30/bag. Learn more about Hunger Resource Network at [hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://hungerresourcenetwork.org). To register, email [nbkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkgardenclub@gmail.com).

## Text-A-Tip for Students

Text-A-Tip provides students with safe and anonymous access to trained counselors, 24/7. Students who have concerns about themselves or a friend can text a code to 844-823-5323. The codes are specific to schools, but any student from any school can use one: District 27 - Wildcat, District 28 - NBJH, District 30 - NBHelp, District 31 - Field, District 225 - GBN Help

## Conserve Water with a Rain Barrel

Protect the Village's stormwater infrastructure by installing one or two rain barrels on your property. This eco-friendly solution helps conserve water, reduce your water bill, and prevent localized flooding. The Village offers a subsidized rain barrel program for residents to purchase up to two barrels for \$25 each. Visit [northbrook.il.us/rainbarrels](http://northbrook.il.us/rainbarrels) for more details or call 847-272-5050.



## Northbrook Garden Club May Program

## Tuesday, May 4 10am

## Virtual

Join the Seed Keeper Company for a special presentation on the history of seed saving and how to identify and save seeds from plants in your garden. The speakers, Carol Nieg and Kerrie Rosenthal, have developed a seed pack storage system designed to save time and money and to maximize the longevity of seeds. Learn how to grow next year's plants from your own seeds! To register, email [nbkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkgardenclub@gmail.com).

## Village of Northbrook Budget Public Hearing

## Tuesday, April 13 7:30pm

## Pre-Academy Awards Lecture & Discussion

## Tuesday, April 20

## 2-3pm

## Virtual

What will this year's Oscar ceremony look like? Join film critic Zbigniew Banas for his take on this year's Academy Awards. This Library event will take place live on Zoom. To register, visit [northbrook.info/events](http://northbrook.info/events) or call 847-272-6224.

## Save with Community Solar

Are you interested in saving on your electric bill while supporting renewable solar power? Join the waitlist for community solar! Community solar allows "subscribers" to receive net metering credits on their electricity bill without needing to install solar equipment on their property. The Village of Northbrook joined forces with five other North Shore communities to create this program, which is the largest in Illinois. Visit [northbrook.il.us/communitysolar](http://northbrook.il.us/communitysolar) for more information and to join.

# Talk Around Town:

## Voting Facts & Information



The Village often receives questions about meetings and events conducted by the Northbrook Caucus. The Northbrook Caucus is an independent political organization that recruits, vets, and fields slates of candidates for local public office in the Village. The Caucus is not a part of, or affiliated with, the Village of Northbrook and is not the only way to be nominated for a Village elected office. Information on how to run for local offices can be found on the Cook County Clerk's website at [cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections)

The Cook County Clerk's office is the chief election authority for more than 120 towns and villages in suburban Cook County, including Northbrook. Elections are not under the jurisdiction of the Village of Northbrook. The Clerk's Office is responsible for administering elections in the County, which entails voter registration, election judge recruitment and training, early voting, polling place identification, election security, and mapping and management. *The next election is the April 6, 2021, Consolidated General Election.*

## Voter Registration

Village, city, and township clerks and deputy registrars may register eligible suburban Cook County residents in person. Voter registration is available at Village Hall. The deadline for in-person registration and registration by mail is March 9. Cook County encourages voters to register online. The deadline to register online is March 21. Voters may also register and vote at an Early Voting site until the Monday before an election or on Election Day - only at their assigned precinct.

## Early Voting

Northbrook Village Hall is an Early Voting site, as designated by the Cook County Clerk. Voting at Village Hall is staffed and run by the Cook County Clerk's Office. Early Voting is taking place at Village Hall from March 22 through April 5.

## Voting by Mail

Any registered Cook County voter may request a mail ballot from the Cook County Clerk's Office. April 1 is the final day that voters can request a mail ballot, and ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Village staff members are not authorized to accept ballots. For information on mail ballot drop boxes, visit [cookcountyclerkil.gov/service/mail-ballot-drop-box-locations](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/service/mail-ballot-drop-box-locations)

## Election Day

Election Day is April 6. On Election Day, voters must vote at their precinct's voting location. Some locations of the voting precincts for Election Day have changed - Northbrook Village Hall is not an Election Day polling place for this election.

Visit [cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections) for more details.

# Northbrook Voice

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Northbrook Information Association  
1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

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Information

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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

### Prescribed Burn Program to Begin in Spring

In late March or early April, the Village and Northbrook Park District will both conduct prescribed burns of native landscapes throughout the community, weather permitting. These low-intensity burns enhance soil quality, help germinate desirable native plants, eliminate invasive species, and support pollinator species dependent on native landscapes for food and shelter. All impacted residents will be notified by postcard prior to the burns beginning.

In April, the Village and Park District will begin releasing a series of programming materials on native landscapes, prescribed burns, and how you can help pollinator species. You can get updates on the 2021 burn schedule and access the upcoming programming at [northbrook.il.us/burns](http://northbrook.il.us/burns). The joint prescribed burn program and programming materials are supported by generous grant funding from ComEd and Openlands.

### Weekly Landscape Waste & Compost Pickup Resumes

From April 1-November 30, Advanced Disposal will resume weekly landscape waste and compost pickup. Stickers are \$2.08 each and can be purchased at Ace Hardware (1941 Cherry Lane), Jewel (2775 Pfingsten Road), Red's Garden Center (3460 Dundee Road), and Village Hall. With a subscription, Advanced Disposal will collect landscape waste and compost year-round. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling](http://northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling) or call 847-272-4145.

### Tree City USA

On an annual basis, the Arbor Day Foundation awards communities around the country with a Tree City USA designation for their commitment to tree care. Northbrook's roughly 15,000 parkway trees are one reason why the Village has been recognized as a Tree City USA community every year since 1994! Get more information on the Tree City USA program at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

