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## A Message from President Ciesla

Village of Northbrook

# Like Autumn Leaves, We Welcome Change

To the Northbrook community,

As we turn the corner into Fall, it's my pleasure to provide you with some exciting news and community updates.

**A Fond Farewell:** For the last 13 years, several Village Boards have had the pleasure of working with Village Manager, Rich Nahrstadt. Rich has spent 35 years in public service, 30 of them with Northbrook. Rich retired on August 31 and his legacy of steady leadership, fiscal responsibility, mentoring staff, and promoting a culture of first-class services to residents will be permanently etched in our staff culture. Please join me in thanking Rich for his service to Northbrook and wish him well in his retirement!

**Welcome to Northbrook:** On September 1 we welcomed Cara Pavlicek as Northbrook's fifth Village Manager. Cara has focused her 30+ year career in public service and comes to Northbrook via Oak Park, with previous work in Downers Grove, LaVista, Nebraska, and Des Moines, Iowa spanning her 30+ years of government work. Cara is an outstanding leader and has the skills, experience, and professionalism to manage a wonderful community like ours. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Cara!

**Northbrook Brewfest:** That's right Northbrook, in partnership with Northbrook's award-winning Park District, Northbrook Brewfest is a go in Village Green on Saturday, October 16. Tickets may sell out quickly, so watch social media and the Park District website, [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org), for more information. Turn to page 9 for details!

**Climate Action Plan:** After a year of hard work and input from community stakeholders, the Village Board



**"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."**

- Stanley Horowitz

adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) on August 10. On the same night, the Board created a new Sustainability Commission, which will help advance the strategic goals of the CAP. Northbrook is a leader in climate action initiatives as we are among just a few communities in our area studying and setting measurable goals to stop the direction of climate change and protect our planet and our local economy.

Apply online today at [northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo](http://northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo)!

**New Commissions:** In addition to the Sustainability Commission discussed above, on August 10, the Board approved the creation of a Community Commission. The Community Commission will include adult members and teens, promoting community initiatives and inclusion. Apply online today at [northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo](http://northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo)!

PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

## Fall in Northbrook

There is something special about the fall season. Is it the anticipation of change that sweeps in with a cooler breeze, or the magic that happens in town when the leaves reach their peak colors? For some of us it may be the memories of the first days of school, football under the lights at Lutz stadium, or the change in the air.

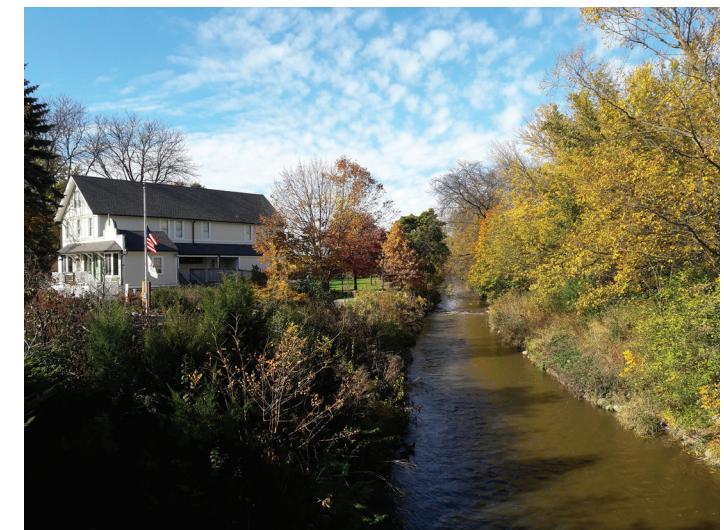
Fall is full of colors. The yellow school buses traveling the streets, the colorful costumes and pumpkins of Halloween, and the glorious colors of the trees make this a special time of the year. What is also special are the partnerships that bring you wonderful community fall events.

As usual, there is something for everyone brought to you by the Village, the Northbrook Arts Commission, Northbrook Park District, Northbrook Public Library, Rotary Club of Northbrook, and the Historical Society. Please mark your calendars for the following events!

- Shermerfest:** The second longest running outdoor family event will take place on Sunday, September

19, from noon-4pm on the Village Green; the event will include cars, music, Cow Pie Moollette, and Northbrook Rotary's Rubber Ducky Race.

- Autumfest:** Saturday, October 9, from 2-5pm at Meadowhill Park
- Fire Department Open House:** Saturday, October 9, from 9am-noon at Fire Station 12
- One Book, One Northbrook Programs at the Northbrook Public Library:** Taking place the entire month of October
- Halloween House Decorating Contest:** Week of October 24; presented by the Northbrook Park District and the Northbrook Arts Commission



- Halloween Fun Run:** Friday, October 22, from 6-7:30pm at Techney Prairie Parks and Fields

Open your eyes and celebrate the glory of this season as you enjoy these events with your neighbors in the beautiful, crisp fall air.

For more details on some of these events and for additional events in Northbrook, see pages 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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



### Sign up for Emergency Alerts

How do you hear about things in Northbrook? The Village strongly encourages community members to sign up for our mass notification systems! Visit [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify) to register for emergency alerts and 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. If you need to update your information or need assistance getting signed up, email [notify@northbrook.il.us](mailto:notify@northbrook.il.us) or call 847-664-4040. Remember, if we can't reach you, we can't notify you!

On Tuesday, September 28, at 10am, there will be a Village-wide Northbrook Notify Test. When the test is activated, residents who are 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." This test is performed on an annual basis in September.

**Create an Emergency Plan**  
Do you have 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.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. ONE OF THE KEYS TO BEING PREPARED IS HAVING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT. HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR KIT: A BATTERY-POWERED WEATHER RADIO, WATER, CLOTHING, A FIRST AID KIT, SOME CASH, A FLASHLIGHT, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, AND PET FOOD IF YOU HAVE ANIMALS. VISIT READY.GOV FOR MORE DETAILS.

# Northbrook Resident Awarded by Illinois Library Association



Marketing & Communications Manager at the Northbrook Public Library. And now, three years later, she has done the Library and Northbrook proud by winning the 2021 Illinois Library Association Deborah Dowley Preiser Marketing Award! This award recognizes a library employee who has performed excellent work in public relations and programming over a period of several years. When asked about this accomplishment, Linda exclaims that it was only possible through the hard work of her team and everyone at the Library, including Executive Director Kate Hall, who was awarded 2021 Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Library Association.

Teamwork and collaboration are not only common threads within the Library but throughout the community as well. Through the support of partner organizations, friends, and neighbors, Northbrook is made stronger.

Why did you move to Northbrook? For Linda Vering, 16-year resident, one of her deciding factors for moving to town was the Northbrook Public Library. On her first visit to Northbrook, she couldn't help but notice the vibrant and bustling building. As it turns out, Linda would soon come to work at the library she fell in love with at first sight.

In 2018, Linda started a new job as

**"I think the community is really special in that way – we all work together," said Linda.**

Working towards a common good, for the benefit of Northbrook, is one of the things Linda enjoys so much about her role. As a place in the community where people can gather, learn, and explore curiosities, the Northbrook Public Library is the perfect fit for Linda's skills and passions. "Every voice is heard here," she said while reflecting on the unique environment at the Library.

When she's not at the Library, Linda enjoys traveling and reading, particularly mysteries. A testament to her love of the craft, she is known to visit the library of each new place to where she travels. However, there is no place quite like home and no place quite like Northbrook.

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

### Presented by RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore)

One hundred seventy-one years ago, the first census recorded 175 households in what would become the Villages of Northbrook and Glenview. There were 61 heads of households born in America, 62 born in Germany, 43 born in England, Ireland, or Wales, and 9 born in France or Canada. It wasn't until 51 years later that Northbrook became a Village called Shermerville.

Today, that immigrant settlement is a robust suburban community with over 13,500 housing units and a very diverse population. Among our residents are people from across the world and from within the United States who may, or may not, look and sound the same as you. This is called

diversity. Exactly what does diversity mean to you?

On the surface, many people may not be aware of the diversity in our community. That Northbrook is ethnically diverse is proven by the more than 30 native languages spoken in the homes of our elementary students. Some of the many ways we are diverse include: age, culture, cognitive ability, education, language, mobility, religion, and wealth.

People sometimes make snap judgements about our residents based on skin tone, facial features, or accents. What is not often recognized is that new residents from varying countries bring with them different languages,

traditions, foods, cultures, and histories.

From at least 1961 through 1987, Northbrook was known as the "Village of Friendly Living." Today the slogan is "Northbrook Strong." Together, we can make our Village more than a slogan. Some of the ways we can accomplish this is to reach out to our neighbors, invite them to attend local events with you or to share a meal with your family.

We can ensure we are a community where all residents feel valued, safe, and welcome.

To learn more about RAIN, visit [www.rain.community](http://www.rain.community).

# Family Service Center

Family Service Center (FSC) has quietly and expertly served the needs of individuals and families for more than 100 years; Northbrook residents since 1953. This local not-for-profit community mental health agency's **mission** is to strengthen and empower families and communities by providing accessible evidence-based counseling, crisis response, and outreach and education. FSC's passionate staff, clinicians, and Board are working tirelessly towards a **vision** of a community united in actively supporting emotional and mental wellbeing. They welcome support from all towards achieving this goal.

#### FSC believes:

- everyone is deserving of emotional and mental wellbeing
- everyone is capable of change
- their work has the power to improve lives and radiate wellness
- collaboration is the bedrock of a healthy community

#### Family Service Center's Story

Research consistently demonstrates the effectiveness of evidence-based mental health treatments. Counseling and psychological skill-building should be available to all. FSC strives to limit barriers to accessing these services through welcoming clinicians, education, options of in-person or telehealth sessions, accepting a wide range of insurance, and offering sliding scale fees for those who demonstrate need. Even families with health insurance can experience significant costs through high deductibles and co-pays or "out of network" clinicians. Most of FSC's clients receive a subsidy that is only made possible thanks to the support and generosity of neighbors, local businesses, and private and local government grants.



FSC's experienced, licensed clinicians provide outpatient counseling to children, adolescents, adults, and families who are experiencing a wide range of mental health challenges including depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress, and substance abusing behaviors. They also support individuals facing major life challenges such as divorce, death of a loved one, birth of a child, job loss, COVID-19 impacts, and illness. Treatment is designed using evidenced-based models to support clients in resolving their symptoms and developing the skills needed to adaptively cope with the stressors they face.



Life is hard. We are all asked to do hard things. It's better when you have support, and FSC's trained caring therapists are here to help you.

Recognizing the challenges parents face in raising emotionally healthy and independently functioning children in a digitally driven, highly competitive environment – even without a pandemic – FSC partners with school districts to provide outreach and education. Topics include parenting in the digital era, managing stress and anxiety, adjusting to COVID-19, and developing resiliency. Over the course of COVID-19, FSC also partnered with local agencies to develop customized programs for municipal and front-line workers to support their adjustment to this pandemic and to bolster adaptive coping.

Local schools also depend upon FSC to provide crisis intervention for students identified as "at risk" for self-injury or death by suicide by providing same-day access to Health and Safety Assessments. An active community partner on the Crisis Response Network (CRN) of the North Shore, FSC is readily available to respond with crisis support in the community when tragedies arise, which has been far too frequent in our community of late.

COVID-19 response meant dynamically shifting how FSC provided, and how people accessed, all agency services. Committed to continue and expand on this important work – not only traditionally and in-person, as evidenced with newly expanded office space (see photo caption), but FSC has a growth plan to expand its new digital options, offering more ways of interacting with their clients and enabling us to find new inroads to impact the lives of those they serve.

#### Connect with FSC

- Call 847-251-7350
- Visit their website at [www.FamilyServiceCenter.com](http://www.FamilyServiceCenter.com)
- Visit their new offices at 191 Waukegan Road, Suite 206

■ For missed pickups, service requests, container swaps, or other issues, contact Waste Management at 847-272-4145 or WM.com.

Residents may also submit concerns to the Village online at northbrook.il.us/gonorthbrook or via phone at 847-664-4015. Visit northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling for more.



The Village contracts with Waste Management for refuse and recycling services. Waste Management acquired Advanced Disposal, the Village's former service provider, in late 2020.

# Northbrook's Refuse & Recycling Guide

## ■ Volume-Based Refuse Program

Residents can select a 35-, 65-, or 95-gallon refuse container to best suit their household's needs. Residents 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 a 2% increase in service rates that began September 1, 2021.

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/community portal. Simply type your address in the search bar and click the magnifying glass icon. Your pickup days will be under "Local Services." Waste Management conducts refuse and recycling pickups throughout the day. Under the current contract, they may collect any time between the hours of 6:30am and 5pm and beyond these hours with the Village's permission (on a limited basis).

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 will be delayed one day that week for all customers who receive their service Tuesday through Friday.

## ■ Assistance Programs

**Senior Discount:** Waste Management offers a 10% discount to customers over 65. The senior citizen discount is available to qualifying customers who put in a request. Contact Waste Management at 847-272-4145 or go to **WM.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 for refuse and recycling at the weekly curbside rate. To apply, call the Village Manager's Office at 847-664-4010. Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## ■ Recycling

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 \$2.10/month. Waste Management's single stream recycling program accepts common household items like paper, metal, most plastics, and glass.

## ■ Compost & Yard Waste Collection

**Subscription Program:** Residents can select a year-round subscription for a 35-gallon (\$124.85/year) or 95-gallon (\$145.66/year) container. With the subscription, Waste Management will collect unlimited yard waste and compost weekly from April 1-November 30 and every other week from December 1-March 31. Collections take place on the same day as normal refuse collection. Subscribers can place overflow yard waste and organics in plastic/metal containers or Kraft-type bags for no extra charge. No prepaid disposal stickers are required for subscribers.

**Sticker Program:** Residents not interested in the subscription service can dispose of compost and yard waste from April 1-November 30 using plastic/metal containers or Kraft-type bags and prepaid disposal stickers. Stickers are \$2.12 each and available at Village Hall and local grocery and home/garden stores. Residents using plastic/metal containers must label each container as 'YARD WASTE ONLY.' Free labels are available at Village Hall.

**Acceptable Compost Items:** fruits and vegetables (cooked or raw and including unpainted holiday pumpkins); dairy and eggs including egg shells (no liquids); breads, grains, pasta, and cereal (cooked or raw, non-meat sauce is okay); coffee grounds and filters and teabags; food-soiled paper bags, newspaper, paper towels, pizza boxes, and uncoated paper plates.

**Unacceptable Compost Items:** meat, poultry, and seafood; bones and seafood shells; fats, grease, and oil; serviceware (even if marked compostable); liquids; pet waste and litter; packaging; plastics, styrofoam, glass, metal, diapers, and other garbage.

## ■ Bulk Item Collection

Residents receive one free bulk item collection each week along with their regularly trash collection service. Any additional bulk items will require a collection sticker. Stickers are \$2.12 each and available at Village Hall and local grocery and home/garden stores. Please note that mattresses or box springs must be wrapped in plastic in order to be collected.



# Northbrook Fire Department Open House

Join the Northbrook Fire Department (and Sparky the Fire Dog) for the annual Northbrook Fire Department Open House! Kids of all ages can climb in fire trucks, talk to firefighters, and pet therapy dogs, all while learning about fire safety. This year's Open House will have a variety of outdoor activities including live displays of fire apparatus and equipment and demonstrations by the Northbrook Fire Department Special Teams. Bring the whole family to enjoy this safety event. Parking is available across the street at Maurice Sporting Goods, 1825 Shermer Road.

The Fire Department Open House is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." Visit [nfpd.org](http://nfpd.org) for more.

**Saturday,  
October 9  
from 9am-noon**

**Fire Station 12,  
1840 Shermer  
Road**



## Autumn Calender of Events

### SEPTEMBER

**09** **Trivia Nights at the Pop-Up Patch**  
Test your love of random knowledge at one of the Village's remaining family trivia nights, September 9, 23, and 30! Registration is required for this free outdoor event that will be taking place from 6:30-7:30pm at the Pop-Up Patch at the southwest corner of Meadow Road and Cherry Lane.

Sign up as an individual or a team (maximum of 6 people). Winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Marcello's (and gloating rights). Participants are encouraged to enjoy a meal or treat from a local restaurant before or after trivia, and each night will feature a special offer from a different Northbrook restaurant.

Do you like trivia but don't want to participate? Bring your own chairs and blankets to watch the fun!

**Sign up and get more details at [nfparks.org/trivia](http://nfparks.org/trivia).**

**19** **Shermerfest**  
Join the Northbrook Historical Society for Shermerfest on September 19 from noon-4pm at Village Green Park. The event includes the following:

- "Classic Northbrook" Classic Car and Truck Display
- Music in the Gazebo
- Mums for Sale
- Popcorn, Soda and Water for Sale
- Downtown Tours: 12:15pm & 3:15pm
- Cow Pie Moo-lette: 1:30pm
- Northbrook Rotary Rubber Ducky Race: 2:30pm

**Visit [nfparks.org/trivia](http://nfparks.org/trivia) for more details.**

### OCTOBER

**16** **Northbrook Brewfest**  
The Northbrook Park District and the Village of Northbrook present Northbrook Brewfest! 15 breweries will be on-site at Village Green Park on Saturday, October 16 from 2-6pm for tasting. Entertainment will be provided by the band Maggie Speaks, and food will be available for purchase from Little Louie's Food Truck. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, September 9 at noon at [nfparks.org](http://nfparks.org). \$45 ticket includes tasting tickets, entertainment, games, and fun. This event is for adults 21+; those under 21 will not be admitted. For any questions, contact Mary Mucci at [mmucci@nfparks.org](mailto:mmucci@nfparks.org).

**24** **Northbrook House Decorating Contest**  
In cooperation with the

Northbrook Arts Commission, the Northbrook Park District invites you to enter to win the Best Decorated Home in Northbrook! Staff and volunteers will serve as judges; displays will be rated on creativity, originality and overall appearance. All entries will have their address published on [nfparks.org](http://nfparks.org) the week of October 24 for the community to drive by and view the week of Halloween. Displays must be fully decorated by dusk on Sunday, October 24.

### NOVEMBER

**06** **Northbrook Artists Studio Tour**  
This annual event will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 11am-4pm. Come out and support your local artists. Visit [nfparks.org/studiotor](http://nfparks.org/studiotor) for more details.



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

**Electronics Recycling**  
**1st Tuesday of the month, 7am-3pm**  
**1st Saturday of the month, 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. Please do not leave items at the Village's facility outside of the recycling events.



## Sign up to Receive Meeting Agendas

Stay informed on what will be discussed at upcoming Village Board and Plan Commission meetings by signing up to receive agendas via email. Visit [northbrook.il.us/list.aspx](http://northbrook.il.us/list.aspx), type your email address in the box at the top of the page, and select "Sign In." Find "Agenda Center" (second section on the page). Click the envelope icon next to "Village Board of Trustees" and/or "Plan Commission." You will receive a confirmation email from [listserv@civicplus.com](mailto:listserv@civicplus.com). Click the confirmation link to complete your subscription. Agendas will be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

## Library Card Signup Month September

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a great time to get a Northbrook Public Library card if you're a new resident, or to renew your card if it expired. Visit [www.northbrook.info/get-a-card](http://www.northbrook.info/get-a-card)

**September 11 Remembrance**  
**Saturday, September 11 7:45am**

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

**Let's Talk: Asian American Experiences**  
**Tuesday, September 21 7-8:30pm**

**Virtual**  
 Panelists will discuss racism, anti-Asian sentiment, and other critical issues affecting the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).

## Northbrook Police Department's "Operation Chill"

The Police Department is participating in a new community outreach project in conjunction with 7-11 called "Operation Chill." Operation Chill provides an opportunity to make a positive connection with kids through free Slurpee coupons. The coupons are given to kids as a reward for observing safety rules, participating in positive activities, or performing good deeds and acts of kindness. Officers will distribute coupons during their routine patrol duties.

## Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge

On May 25, 2021, Village President Kathryn Ciesla and the Village Board of Trustees adopted a resolution endorsing the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge. Recognizing that Northbrook is home to over 35,000 residents of diverse histories and identities, the Village of Northbrook pledges to support and serve all residents and families regardless of their backgrounds. Join us in taking the pledge to speak out against any and all discrimination, xenophobia, and hatred. Sign your name at [northbrook.il.us/communitypledge](http://northbrook.il.us/communitypledge).

## Chabad Northbrook Jewish Art Calendar

Chabad of Northbrook published a new edition of the Jewish Art Calendar, including artwork by Yoram Lukav, Michoel Muchnik, Baruch Nachshon, Chenoch Lieberman, and Zalman Kleinman. To receive your free copy (one per person, while supplies last), email [info@ChabadNorthbrook.com](mailto:info@ChabadNorthbrook.com).



## Parenting & Pivoting in a Pandemic

**Monday, September 20 7pm**

**Virtual**  
 CATCH - Community Action Together For Children's Health presents this virtual event in partnership with the Northbrook Woman's Club. As the pandemic continues, parents are worried about their children's mental health and long-term development. During this presentation, parenting expert Dr. Tina Payne Bryson will teach about "The Power of Showing Up" for your kids, answer questions, and help families thrive and prepare for whatever comes next. Visit <https://bit.ly/3jxB2Hc> to register.

## Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight

Do you know any community members who contribute to our Village or have a unique story to tell? Nominate them for a Northbrook Strong Neighbor Spotlight! Find all the details at [northbrook.il.us/neighborspotlight](http://northbrook.il.us/neighborspotlight).

## Northbrook Farmers Market

**Wednesdays, 7am to 1pm Through October 13**

**Cherry Lane & Meadow Road**  
 Support local farmers, producers, and artisans at Northbrook's volunteer-operated market! Rain or shine, visit the Market to shop for fresh, high-quality produce and locally made goods. Don't forget your reusable shopping bags! Visit [northbrookfarmersmarket.org](http://northbrookfarmersmarket.org) for more information.



## Seniorpalooza Health & Fun Fair

**Wednesday, September 22 11:30am-2:30pm**

**North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road**  
 All are welcome at this free event focused on seniors at the Y in Northbrook. Come for a presentation and lunch at 11:30am by Illinois Bone & Joint Institute, then stay for demonstrations, health screenings, entertainment, vendors, and much more. For registration and more information, go to [www.nsymca.org/seniorpalooza](http://www.nsymca.org/seniorpalooza) or call 847-272-7250.

## Nature's Best Hope: Conversation with Conservationist Doug Tallamy

**Thursday, September 23 6:30-8:30pm**

**Virtual**  
 Renowned author and professor Doug Tallamy who will talk about his latest book and explain why humans are nature's best hope in saving the planet. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).

## 9PM Routine

Avoid becoming a victim of crime by completing the 9PM Routine safety checklist. 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).

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the nation. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about what domestic violence looks like, the availability of services, and the very real costs to families and communities. Domestic violence is a prevalent issue facing every community and it takes courage for a survivor to seek help.

Organizations, like the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic, are dedicated to keeping individuals and families safe. For more information visit [www.NSLegalAid.org](http://www.NSLegalAid.org) or call 847-737-4042 for confidential assistance.

## Northfield Township Recycling Program

**Weekdays through October 29 7am-3pm**

**237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook**  
 Northfield Township residents can bring accepted items to be recycled. A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is taking place Saturday, October 23, from 9am-1pm at the same location as the regular recycling program.

For registration and more information, go to [www.nsymca.org/recycling-program](http://www.nsymca.org/recycling-program) or call 847-272-7250 for a list of what can be recycled and dates for paper shredding events.

## National Cybersecurity Awareness Month October

The 2021 theme for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is 'Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.' Learning to be cyber smart is the best line of defense when trying to stay safe online and protect your personal information from hackers and scammers.

Being wary of phishing emails, creating strong passwords, using multi-factor authentication, backing up your data, and updating your software are great places to start. For cybersecurity tips and information, visit [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org).

## Talking with Children About Race & Racism

**Thursday, October 7 7-8:30pm**

**Virtual**

Dr. Jean Robbins and Lauren Bondy, LCSW, will help you start conversations about racism, injustice, racial identity, and equity in a way children will understand. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

This Halloween, please welcome trick-or-treaters who carry official UNICEF collection boxes. Halloween has been recognized as National UNICEF Day, and children have shared the holiday for 71 years by Trick-or-Treating for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). This year, UNICEF is celebrating 75 years since its founding!

For more information, contact Georgina Winters, Senior Representative for the US Fund for UNICEF and Coordinator for Northbrook/Glenview, at 847-498-0558.

## One Book, One Northbrook Community Read October

Join the Northbrook Public Library in reading Brit Bennett's The Vanishing Half. Also, participate in the community-wide initiative featuring a virtual conversation with Bennett and a live outdoor kickoff event with live music, movies, book discussions, lectures, and more. Visit [www.northbrook.info/onebook](http://www.northbrook.info/onebook).

## 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.

# 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 6 status within the Community Rating System (CRS) that provides property owners in the Village a 20% reduction in flood insurance premiums for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and a 10% 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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Police Non-Emergency ..... 847-564-2060  
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## News You Can Use

### Electrical Aggregation Program

The Village of Northbrook is a member of an electrical aggregation consortium with six other towns in the North Shore, making it the largest in Illinois. To help our community, we partnered with our neighbors to buy power at the best market rates through an electrical aggregation program, which is restarting in October. When there are savings, Northbrook gets those dollars and puts them right back into the community. We use the money for sustainability initiatives like planting trees and installing electric car charging stations. MC Squared Energy Services administers the program.

Letters were mailed to residents in August. Depending on your current electric service, you may have received a different letter than your neighbors with the option that is most beneficial to the program. For ComEd customers, whether you choose to participate or not, you will continue to pay the same rate and receive the same power. Read more at [northbrook.il.us/aggregation](http://northbrook.il.us/aggregation).

### Share your Comments Online

The Village Board likes hearing from you and encourages you to provide our boards, committees, and commissions with your thoughts and ideas. Because we know you can't always get to a meeting, we've created a new way for you to share your comments via online form at [northbrook.il.us/publiccomments](http://northbrook.il.us/publiccomments).

**Comments** will be automatically submitted to the appropriate staff liaison and forwarded to all members of your selected board, committee, or commission.

### Textile Recycling

Did you know that the Village contracts with Simple Recycling to provide year-round textile recycling to single-family homes? With this free curbside service, residents no longer need special Simple Recycling bags to participate. Simply fill any bags or boxes, label them, and place them outside your front door. Simple Recycling follows the same route and holiday schedule as Waste Management. Visit [simplerecycling.com](http://simplerecycling.com) for more.