

# Northbrook Voice

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OF NORTHBROOK

THE  
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## Countdown to Celebrations

Every New Year's Eve begins with a countdown to welcome the coming year. The Northbrook Historical Society is preparing for multiple countdowns as four important and historical events will be taking place in the next four years.

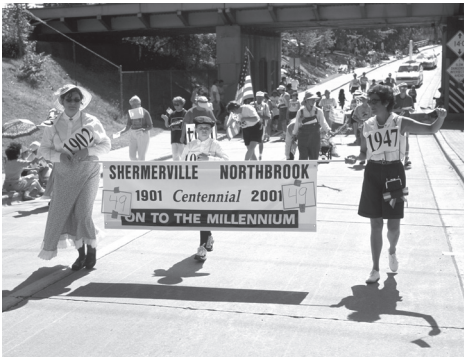
The first of these events will be the anniversary of our Village's name change from Shermer to Northbrook. Unlike today, when items changing the Village are on the board agenda, there was little public about the name change. A petition requesting the change was presented to the Village Board. The 129 men and women who signed the petition represented one half of the those who voted in the last election. The closest population count for Shermer at that time comes from the 1920 Census, which shows 129 households. For the first time women could take part in local elections, so 129 signers does not mean that only one member of each household signed the petition. The "Legal Public Acton" notice published in the Daily Herald newspaper called for a meeting at the Shermer School on January 8, 1923, to change the name of our town. There

was no public comment at the meeting, and the vote for the change passed with one no vote. The change officially took place on February 1, 1923.

The Northbrook Historical Society will celebrate its 48th Birthday on March 18, 2022. We have begun planning for our 50th Birthday countdown. Prior to incorporation, we began meeting and planning for the move of the Bartelme Inn from the corner of Waukegan and Shermer roads to the Village Green Park, which occurred in January 1975.

The last countdown is a double celebration in 2026, when Northbrook turns 125 and America turns 250 years old. A joint celebration took place on July 4, 1976, for the Village's 75th birthday and the country's bicentennial. That was also the day the Northbrook History Museum opened to the public for the first time. Village Centennial celebrations began in November 2000 and concluded on November 18, 2001, one hundred years to the day after residents went to the polls to incorporate the Village.

In addition to the celebrations, two unfamiliar words will be added to our



4TH OF JULY PARADE KICKING OFF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 2001

vocabulary. Northbrook's 125th Birthday is known as quasiquincentennial and America's 250th is a semiquincentennial. For more information on the national semiquincentennial visit [www.america250.org](http://www.america250.org). Planning will be underway soon for Northbrook's celebrations.

Please put these dates on your long-range calendars and think about ways you'd like to see us celebrate these events. To volunteer to be part of the planning, please reach out to the Northbrook Historical Society at [Northbrookhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Northbrookhistory@gmail.com).

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

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

### Black History Month: Presented by RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore)

Have you ever asked yourself why we celebrate Black History Month in February?

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard graduate, writer, and historian was a co-founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in 1915. He introduced the first celebration of Black history as Black History Week in 1926.

Each year presidents issue a proclamation honoring Black History Month extolling the contributions of Black people in America. Let's look at two of the proclamations issued during significant years:

The first official national observance of Black History Month was in 1976 when President Gerald R. Ford issued a proclamation that began:

*"In the Bicentennial year of our Independence, we can review with*

*admiration the impressive contributions of Black Americans to our national life and culture."*

The proclamation went on to say:

*"But, even more than this, we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history. I urge my fellow citizens to join me in tribute to Black History Month and the message of courage and perseverance it brings to all of us."*

The year Martin Luther King, Jr.'s January birthday became a national holiday for the first time, President Ronald Reagan said in his Black History Month proclamation:

*"The foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity. It is also a time to celebrate*

*the many achievements of blacks in every field, from science and the arts to politics and religion. It not only offers black Americans an occasion to explore their heritage, but it also offers all Americans an occasion and opportunity to gain a fuller perspective of the contributions of black Americans to our Nation. The American experience and character can never be fully grasped until the knowledge of black history assumes its rightful place in our schools and our scholarship."*

The question we should be asking is why people of the African Diaspora still have ongoing struggles for equality in all aspects of our society including full recognition of their accomplishments, contributions, and their rightful place in American history. Black History is an integral part of America's History. It should be woven into the fabric of American history because it is American history.



A Message from President Ciesla  
Village of Northbrook

## Northbrook's Future is Bright

### Welcome to Northbrook

Happy New Year, Northbrook! We made it to 2022 together, and I am grateful to be part of a community that cares: for its neighbors, its businesses, and Northbrook's overall wellbeing. While celebrating a new year, it is also fitting to celebrate new neighbors. Northbrook gained 2,052 residents since the 2010 Census, and we are now at a population of 35,222 per the 2020 Census. On behalf of the Village, I welcome you to Northbrook!

One thing that makes Northbrook great is the welcoming nature of those who reside here. As a community dedicated to inclusion, we implemented a Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge in 2021. Join your fellow Northbrook neighbors and take the pledge online at [northbrook.il.us/communitypledge](http://northbrook.il.us/communitypledge).

### Investing back into Northbrook

Did you know that the Village prepares a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) annually? Through the CIP process, we plan to invest nearly \$70 million back into Northbrook over the next five years! Read more about it on pages 6 and 7.

Part of having a thriving and growing community is maintaining fiscal stewardship. Each year the Village Board adopts a property tax levy to fund general Village operations, debt service payments, and employer contributions to the police and fire pension plans. The ordinance we adopted on December 14, 2021, keeps the property tax levy flat without an overall increase in property taxes for 2022!



PRESIDENT CIESLA REVEALING A NEW PUBLIC ART PIECE AT NORTHBROOK'S POLICE STATION

**"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."**

*- Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

The Village remains committed to maintaining its public assets while building an operating service model that reflects the community's standards. With this in mind, we will be investing in our public safety facilities to continue meeting the ever-changing needs of the community. Fire Station 11, the Police Station, and the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Garage will be undergoing some exciting changes in the future.

### The Heart of Northbrook

Downtown Northbrook is often referred to as the heart of the community. Much like our own hearts, we have to take care of it. On December 14, 2021, the Village Board established a new

Ad Hoc Downtown Committee to identify and implement improvements, such as upgrades to the streetscape, the addition of public art and signage, and enhancements to outdoor dining and event spaces.

As the new year reminds us, positive changes are ahead and the future is bright!

PRESIDENT, VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK



# Meet Chloe: Northbrook's Therapy K-9



In late September 2021, the Village of Northbrook welcomed a new four-legged friend to the family: Chloe, the Northbrook Police Department's first-ever therapy canine. Chloe, a four-year-old purebred golden retriever, was rescued from a shelter by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Paws and Stripes College after they noticed her happy and friendly demeanor.

Eight weeks of training later, Northbrook Police Officers Teresa Drewes and Angie Baiocchi (Chloe's handler and secondary handler)

would travel to Florida to meet their new team member! Together, Chloe and her handlers are certified as a Law Enforcement Therapy Dog Team, and Chloe holds an additional Canine Good Citizen Certification.

After being formally adopted by the Village and making her way to Northbrook, Chloe got to work! "She's a very busy girl," said Officer Drewes, who takes Chloe on patrols in her very own K-9 squad car. Some of Chloe's duties include attending public events, assisting in community outreach, victim interviews, major incident decompression, and crisis intervention. But in Chloe's short time here, they have found that her true talent lies in healing and providing comfort and relief to first responders and individuals going through trauma.

**"Therapy dogs unlock something in someone that may have stayed locked away. People just melt when they see Chloe and her sweet face."**

A very important part of Chloe's mission is helping with mental health and bridging the gap between law enforcement and people who need help but may be experiencing emotional shock. "People you didn't think you'd reach embrace her. She makes people smile and helps me better serve those in need," said Officer Drewes. "It's pure puppy magic."

This was particularly true when Chloe attended the Village's COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 5- to 11-year-olds, where she helped calm down upset children and provided relief to parents. Chloe left her mark on those she helped, and she did not leave empty-handed! After being vaccinated, one little girl colored a paper star just for Chloe (pictured). The star remains in Chloe's squad car for her to see every day.



## 2022 Village Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public. Most Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are cablecast live on NCTV-Cable Channel 17 (replayed Wednesday and Sunday at 9am and 7pm) and streamed live and archived at [northbrook.il.us/meetings](http://northbrook.il.us/meetings). Village Board meetings are streamed live on Facebook at [facebook.com/northbrookillinois](https://facebook.com/northbrookillinois).

- Architectural Control Commission:** 2nd Thursday, 5:30pm, monthly
- Arts Commission:** 1st Thursday, 7pm, monthly
- Board of Fire & Police Commissioners:** 1st Thursday of May, 7:30am
- Community Commission:** 4th Thursday, 7pm, monthly
- Economic Development Committee:** 2nd Wednesday, 7:30am (January, April, July, and October)

- Electrical Commission:** Meets on call
- Industrial & Commercial Development Commission:** 4th Tuesday, 7:30am, monthly
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission:** 2nd Wednesday, 7pm (February, May, August, and November)
- Plan Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm
- Rural Fire Protection District:** 2nd Thursday, 5pm (April, July, October, and December)
- Senior Services Commission:** 2nd Thursday, 7pm (alternate months)
- Stormwater Management Commission:** Meets on call
- Sustainability Commission:** 3rd Thursday, 5:30pm, monthly
- Transportation Advisory Committee:** Meets on call
- Village Board of Trustees Regular Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

- Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6pm
- Village Board Work Committees:** Meet on call
- Zoning Board of Appeals:** 4th Monday, 7pm, monthly

In addition to the above, various Boards meet from time-to-time on an unscheduled basis. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, notices for all public meetings, including Special and Rescheduled Meetings, will be posted on the Village website and the bulletin board in the lobby of Village Hall. Board of Trustees meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the Village website at [northbrook.il.us/agendas](http://northbrook.il.us/agendas).

Please note that on occasion, meetings may be canceled. Call the Village Manager's Office at 847-664-4010 to confirm dates and for any questions.

# Northfield Township Food Pantry

## 50+ Years of Making a Difference in Our Community

Food insecurity may be a modern term for lack of adequate food supply, but the issue is one the Northfield Township has been addressing since the early 1970s. From its humble beginnings of distributing bags of food from a supply closet to a full client choice pantry operation today, Northfield Township Food Pantry's mission is the same as it was then; provide assistance to residents who are unable to secure enough food for themselves and their families.

Over the decades, the food pantry has evolved to a grocery store setting with carts, categorized aisles, industrial refrigeration, and a walk-in cooler. Today, they offer perishable items such as milk, butter, eggs, bakery items, fresh fruit and vegetables, and a variety of meat choices. Their non-perishable food items include a selection of



soups, vegetables, baking items, pasta, cereals, peanut butter, jam, rice, and other staples. Additionally, they provide grocery store gift cards enabling clients to obtain additional items to supplement what they receive from the pantry. Most recently they have expanded their pantry distributions to include paper products, infant diapers and formula, personal hygiene products, and household cleaning items.

It may surprise many to learn that the number of households served by the pantry spiked to over 700 after the economic crisis of 2008. As the economy improved service numbers leveled off around 600. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought another dramatic increase in the number of households seeking assistance. Within the first two months of

the pandemic shutdown, their numbers doubled. As of this writing over 1,090 households are currently registered to visit the pantry.

COVID-19 forced the pantry to temporarily suspend their client choice distribution model and implement a contactless distribution method. Their clients call from the pantry parking lot, place their order over the phone, and a cart of perishable and non-perishable foods is wheeled out to them.



Dedicated volunteers and staff have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to ensure that pantry services remain available to all residents who need them. They hope to return to full client choice in 2022 once it is safe to do so.

The Northfield Township Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization and a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. All goods distributed by the pantry are made possible by the extreme generosity of our community members, businesses, civic organizations, the faith community, and foundation gifts. Donated funds and gifts of groceries are dropped off on a daily basis by members of the Northbrook, Glenview, and Northfield communities. They have been able to serve residents all these years because of the profound kindness of their donors and volunteers and the hard work and dedication of their staff. The difference they have made in the community is truly humbling.

To learn more about the Northfield Township Food Pantry, visit [twp.northfield.il.us/pantry](http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry) or call 847-724-8300.



**Need Help?** If you or someone you know needs help securing food, visit [twp.northfield.il.us/pantry](http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry) and complete an intake form or call the pantry at 847-724-8300.



**Want to Help?** Numerous opportunities exist to help fellow residents in need of food. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, information on shifts is available at [twp.northfield.il.us/pantry](http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry). Volunteers must be 16 years or older.



If you'd like to donate funds, grocery store gift cards, food, hygiene products, or paper goods, the pantry welcomes your support. Credit card donations can be made online by visiting [twp.northfield.il.us/pantry](http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry) or by calling the Township office at 847-724-8300. Donations of goods can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, or after hours by utilizing the bins located outside the Township office entrance (please only drop off non-perishable food items after normal operating hours). A list of most-needed items can be found on the pantry's website or on their Amazon Charity Wish List.

You can also support the pantry when you shop online! Sign up for Amazon Smile, select the Northfield Township Food Pantry as your charity of choice, and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to them. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

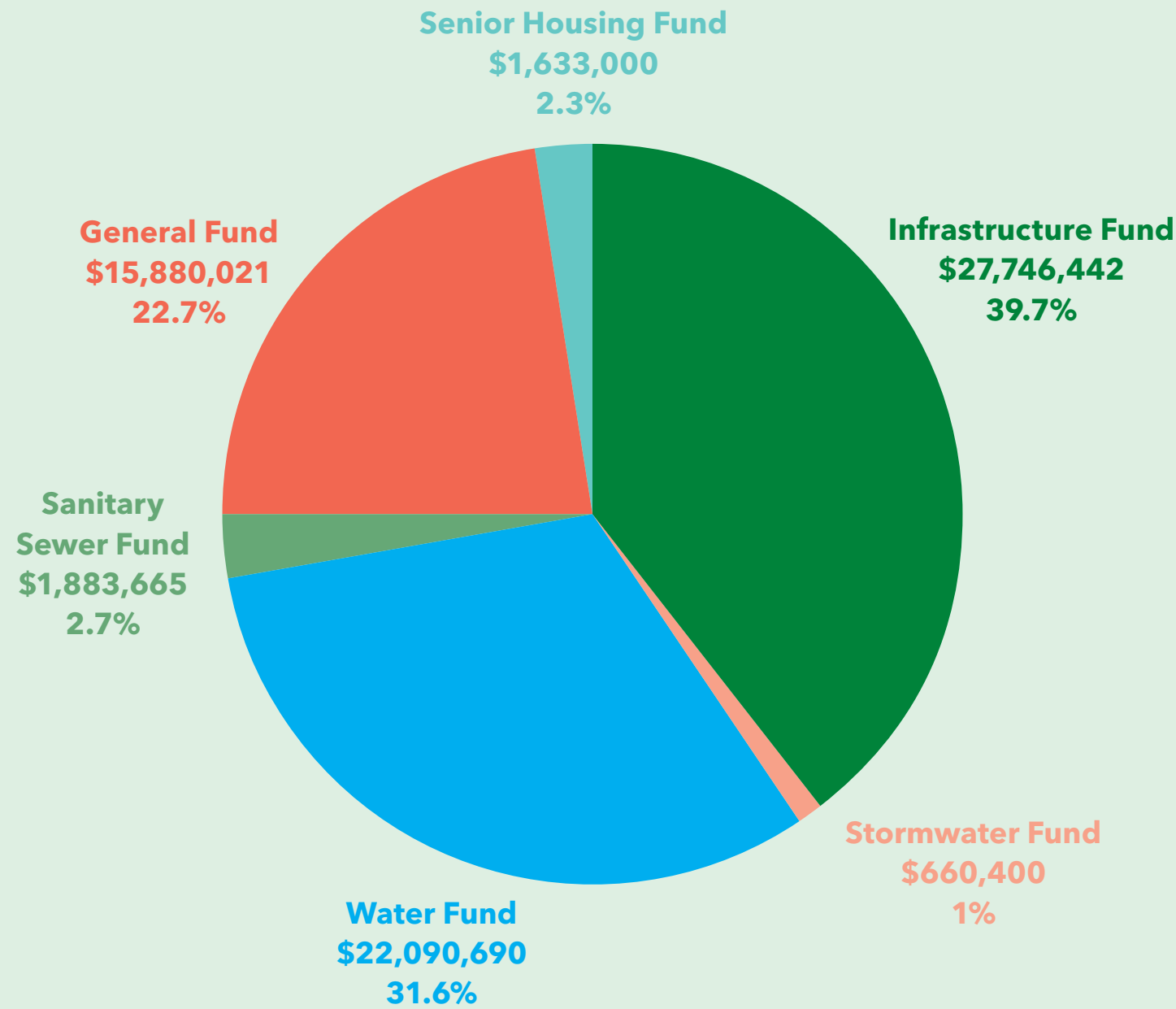


**"We are grateful to our kind and generous community for your ongoing support."**

# Northbrook's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

## FYs 2023-2027

The Village of Northbrook's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a long-range planning document designed to review the Village's anticipated capital needs for the next five fiscal years. The CIP is a roadmap used for forecasting that allows the Village to plan but maintain flexibility. The CIP is updated annually and is integral in the Village's financial planning cycle. Ultimately, the CIP's goal is to ensure that the Village's infrastructure can meet both the service demands of the public and operational needs of the organization. On these pages are summary highlights of the 2023-2027 CIP that show how the Village invests back into the community.



5-Year Total Capital Expenditures: \$69,894,218

### 5-Year Planned Financing

	2022/2023*	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	Total
Bond Proceeds	\$8,582,450	\$9,653,962	\$9,992,608	\$11,805,514	\$8,933,422	\$48,967,956
Grant Proceeds	\$2,508,937	\$1,892,457	\$286,481	\$2,017,049	\$0	\$6,704,924
Designated Revenue	\$563,468	\$292,690	\$2,274,404	\$720,433	\$2,036,700	\$5,887,695
Undesignated Revenue	\$1,723,062	\$1,673,005	\$1,491,768	\$1,796,095	\$1,649,713	\$8,333,643
Totals	\$13,377,917	\$13,512,114	\$14,045,261	\$16,339,091	\$12,619,835	\$69,894,218

\*Upcoming fiscal year - starts May 1, 2022

#### Infrastructure Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$6,110,551 into infrastructure-related projects, such as the asphalt and concrete street programs and sidewalk and intersection improvements. Most notably, the Village earmarked \$2,932,421 for bicycle and pedestrian improvements and \$592,500 for downtown improvements.

#### Stormwater Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$660,400 into stormwater management projects.



#### Water Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$2,715,900 into water-related projects including improvements to the water distribution and water production systems and water meter replacements. \$2,319,900 of the fund amount is allocated for water main replacements.

#### Sanitary Sewer Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$289,500 into sanitary sewer system maintenance.



#### General Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$2,636,566 into the following projects: computer and mobile device replacements, facility improvements, information technology projects, police equipment and projects, public works equipment replacements, and vehicle replacements.

#### Senior Housing Fund

This next fiscal year, the Village plans to invest \$965,000 into facility improvements at Crestwood Place.





Let's plant trees!

# 2022 SPRING PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to offer again to residents an opportunity to participate in planting a tree on the parkway in front of their home.

The Village works with the Suburban Tree Consortium to purchase landscape sized trees in various species that will be a great addition to your property. Some of the benefits that you will receive when planting a tree are:

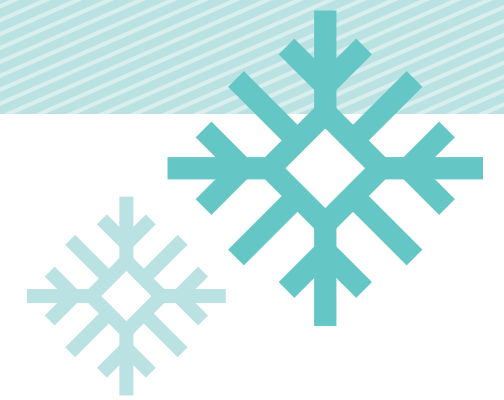
- Improved energy costs because trees provide shade and cool your home
- Improved air quality because trees filter air pollution
- Better sound quality around your home because trees buffer noise
- Increased property values by 12-20%
- Increased psychological benefits (trees make us feel better!)

The Village will provide and install the tree on your parkway after you discuss what tree you may want with the Village Forester. The cost share is \$175, which is a fraction of the retail price for a full planted landscape tree. The Parkway Tree Planting Program is an excellent value for Northbrook residents!

CONTACT TERRY CICHOCKI, VILLAGE FORESTER, AT 847-664-4125 OR  
TERRY.CICHOCKI@NORTHBROOK.IL.US TO DISCUSS TREE SELECTIONS AND THE ORDER FORM.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [NORTHBROOK.IL.US/PARKWAYTREEPROGRAM](https://northbrook.il.us/parkwaytreeprogram)

## COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

# Winter Reminders



## Snow Clearing 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.

### Snow Parking Ordinance

Remember to move your vehicle from the street when plows are out. Per Village ordinance, it is illegal to park on Northbrook streets when two or more inches of snow fall, until plowing is complete. Offending vehicles may be ticketed and towed. The Village will use its Northbrook Notify system to alert residents via text and email when the parking ban is in effect and when it has cleared. Sign up at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](https://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify).

Having to drive around a car parked in the street is not only a hazard for the plow driver, but it can also create an unplowed curb line stretching up to 45', as the plow needs some distance to maneuver around the vehicle. Since clearing from curb to curb is the goal, it is essential to have parked vehicles moved off the street until plowing operations are complete. A curb-to-curb clearance enables melting snow to find its way to the drains and inlets.

## Prevent Frozen Pipes

When temperatures drop below freezing, unprotected pipes can freeze and burst. To prevent damage to your pipes, try these tips: insulate your pipes properly; periodically open your bathroom and kitchen cabinets to keep warm air circulating around the plumbing; keep your thermostat setting consistent, and leave heat on when you're away; seal off crawl spaces, cracks, and openings, especially around pipes; and let faucets drip during particularly cold weather.

## Clear the Snow Around Fire Hydrants

In case of an emergency, every second counts! Work with neighbors to keep the fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow. In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant, clear a three-foot area around the hydrant for easier access.

## Keep Vents Clear

Clear outside furnace, stove, fireplace, and gas dryer vents of snow and other debris to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Have your furnace, heating system, and chimney serviced each year by a qualified professional to prevent fires.

## Shovel a Snow Pocket

When clearing snow from your driveway, shovel snow in the direction of traffic and try to make a pocket on the opposite side of the driveway. By doing so, snow plowed by our trucks will be dumped into that pocket and less snow will end up in your driveway.

Learn about snow and ice control at [northbrook.il.us/snow](https://northbrook.il.us/snow).



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## Electronics Recycling January 4 & February 1, 7am-3pm

January 8 & February 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.

## Bulk Item Collection Expanded

As a reminder, refuse and bulk item dropoff is no longer available at the transfer station at 2800 Shermer Road. Due to this change in service, residents can dispose of up to two bulk items per week at no additional charge! Bulk items can be placed at the curb for collection on your regular pickup day. **Examples of Bulk Items:** bicycles, mattresses, couches, chairs, and other furniture

## Sign up for Email Notifications from the Village

Get Village news and notifications by signing up for our e-newsletter at [northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify](http://northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify). The Village uses this system to update subscribers weekly and as needed when something is happening around town. Keep an eye out for a confirmation email to complete your sign-up! If you need assistance signing up, call 847-664-4016.

## Northbrook E-Newsletter



## Live Shop Dine Text Program

Northbrook residents and visitors can access special offers from over 90 local businesses through this free community texting program. The opt-in service sends text messages linked to a list of promotions from local restaurants, stores, and personal service providers. This community-wide program, presented by the Northbrook Chamber and the Village, is free of charge to subscribers and participating businesses. Sign up by texting NBK to 55678 or visit <http://bit.ly/JoinNBK>.

## Finals Care Packages January 4-7

**2300 Shermer Road**  
Courtesy of the Northbrook Public Library, Glenbrook North High School students are invited to pick up a Finals Care Package from the GBN school library the week before their exams.

## Properly Dispose of Waste

Please be respectful of our neighborhoods and public areas by properly disposing of pet waste, single-use gloves, and disposable masks while out and about.

## NSYMCA Camp Open House

**Saturday, January 8  
10am-noon**  
**North Suburban YMCA, 2705  
Techny Road**  
Families are invited to enjoy a preschool bounce house, craft station, and sports equipment as they learn all about camp at the NSYMCA. Everyone can take a tour of the facilities, ask questions, and meet the camp leadership team. Additionally, a raffle will be held for one free week of camp. For more information call 847-272-7250.

## Village of Northbrook Job Openings

Join our team! The Village of Northbrook is currently hiring for a variety of jobs in different departments. Check out job openings or download an application at [northbrook.il.us/jobs](http://northbrook.il.us/jobs).

## Northbrook Park District Senior Center TGIF Bingo January 14 & February 11 1:30pm-3pm

**Leisure Center, 3323 Walters  
Avenue**

Come to Bingo for your chance to win prizes! Register at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 17

Honor civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. on this federal holiday. Consider participating in a "Day of Service" by volunteering or giving to those in need.



## Public Skating

Public Skating has new times throughout the week! Drop in and skate at the Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Road. For the complete schedule and fees, visit [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).

## Living with Wildlife in Northbrook - Coyotes

Coyotes are part of the natural wildlife that surrounds our community. Generally, coyotes are non-aggressive and spend the vast majority of time in the forest preserves. Winter weather may make coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Remember to always keep pets leashed and in your sight when outside, seal your garbage cans, and do not leave food outside for other animals. Learn more at [urbancoyoteresearch.com](http://urbancoyoteresearch.com).

## Plastic Bag Recycling Behind Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane

Plastic bag recycling is available in the bins behind Village Hall. Accepted items are clean and dry bags made of lightweight plastic, like grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, and Ziploc bags. Cereal bags, bubble wrap, and plastic film will not be accepted. Excessive contamination from unacceptable items will result in discontinuation of the service. Thank you to local Northbrook business Aargus Plastics, Inc. for partnering with the Village on this program! Aargus will reuse the plastic collected to make 100% recycled plastic bags.

## Water Bill Assistance

The Village of Northbrook recently became part of Cook County's LIHWAP Program to provide water bill assistance to residents in need. Apply at [CEDAorg.net/pre-app](http://CEDAorg.net/pre-app) or visit the Northfield Township office for help signing up.

## Northbrook Park District Cosmic Skating January 22 & February 19 7-9pm

**Northbrook Sports Center,  
1730 Pfingsten Road**

All ages are invited to these indoor skate nights with DJ music, games and activities!



## Be Aware of Ruse Entry Burglaries

The Northbrook Police encourage residents to be on the lookout for ruse entry burglaries. Offenders will often target elderly victims and try to draw them out of the house or to another area of the house while a second offender burglarizes the residence. If someone you do not know comes to your residence unexpectedly, do not open the door; call 911 to contact the police. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/ruseburglaries](http://northbrook.il.us/ruseburglaries).

## Lunar New Year Tuesday, February 1

Happy Lunar New Year to all who celebrate! Lunar New Year is observed by people all over the world, including many Asian cultures. In the Chinese zodiac, 2022 is "Year of the Tiger." Those born in a year of the Tiger are said to have the characteristics of being independent, ambitious, enthusiastic, and self-confident.



## Trivia Night FUNdraiser Saturday, February 5 7-9pm

**North Suburban YMCA, 2705  
Techny Road**

Have a fun night while supporting our community! Sign up as a team or individual. Tickets include trivia, beer/wine, and snacks. Babysitting will be available. Register at [nsymca.org](http://nsymca.org).

## Financial Planning for Family Members With Disabilities

**Wednesday, February 9  
7-8pm**

**Virtual**  
A financial planner with over 25 years of helping special needs families will explain how you can plan for an emergency and ensure future care and support of your family member with a disability. Register in advance at [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info).

## Senior Center Valentine's Day Luncheon

**Monday, February 14  
11:30am-1:30pm**

**Leisure Center, 3323 Walters  
Avenue**

Join Northbrook Senior Center for a lovely lunch and entertainment that will warm you heart! Register at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

## Presidents' Day Tuesday, February 15

In observance of Presidents' Day, Village Hall will be closed to the public. The Village's Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments will remain open.

## Black Television Comedy: From Beulah to Black-ish Tuesday, February 22 7-8:15pm

**Virtual**

Assistant Professor Adrien Sebros examines the history of Black representation in television sitcoms and discusses how shows like *Amon's 'n' Andy*, *Sanford and Son*, *Good Times*, *The Jeffersons*, *Martin*, and *Living Single* have addressed social issues. Register in advance at [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info).

## Northbrook Symphony Concerts

**February, April & May  
4-5:30pm**

**2300 Shermer Road**

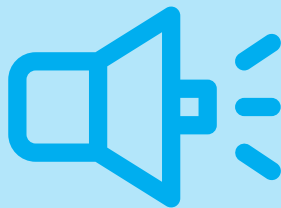
The Northbrook Symphony and conductor Mina Zikri present the 2021-2022 season concerts: February 27 Classical Treasures; April 3 Happy (Belated) Birthday Beethoven; and May 29 Russian Music Royalty. Subscriptions, single tickets, and complimentary subscriptions/tickets for children 6-17 years old are available. Visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org) for more information.



## Say 'No' to Plastic Cutlery & Straws

Many single-use plastic items end up in landfills or cannot be recycled, which causes harm to our ecosystem. When ordering takeout or delivery, ask the restaurant to leave out the plastic cutlery and straws. Alternatively, opt for reusable cutlery at home or carry biodegradable options.

# Talk Around Town:



## Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

On November 30, 2021, the Village Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting to discuss the purchase of five automated license plate reader cameras for the Village of Northbrook. The resolution was approved unanimously.

## What are automated license plate reader cameras and why do we need them?

Police Department staff researched automated license plate reader camera (ALPR) systems for the purpose of capturing license plate information from passing vehicles and comparing them to 'hot lists' created by local police departments or other public safety agencies. ALPRs are another tool to aid in the deterrence of crime and the efficient resolution of cases where vehicle identification is of utmost importance, specifically cases of residential and vehicle burglary, stolen automobiles, and missing persons. At this time, the Police Department seeks to install ALPR cameras at Northbrook Court, our regional shopping mall. Due to recent trends in the occurrence of thefts in area shopping centers, Police Department staff believes this equipment will serve as an appropriate tool to assist in both the prevention and resolution of these crimes.

## How will the ALPRs be used?

Only law enforcement agencies will have access to the license plate information captured by the ALPRs. Law enforcement will use the information in relation to ongoing investigations.

The ALPRs do not contain facial recognition technology and will not be used to identify and stop a vehicle for expired Village stickers or expired license plate tags. The ALPRs may flag a vehicle as stolen or used in a crime; if there is a visible Village sticker or license plate tag (or absence of), it may be used to support vehicle identification.

The ALPRs will not be used to issue tickets/citations for moving violations or parking violations. Information not associated with a 'hot list' designation and/or ongoing criminal investigation is not retained after 30 days.

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*Watch the meeting video or read more at  
[northbrook.il.us/alpr](http://northbrook.il.us/alpr)*

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Police Non-Emergency .....	847-564-2060
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## News You Can Use

### Apply for a Village Commission

Are you interested in getting involved with local government? Help shape the future of Northbrook by applying for a commission! By joining a commission, you will take part in making recommendations and creating change in Northbrook. Appointments are on a volunteer-basis. Learn more and fill out the application at [northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo](http://northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo).

### Alarm System Registration Renewals

As a reminder, all residential and commercial alarm systems must be registered to provide the Police Department with accurate information. A renewal occurs each January with a \$20 renewal fee. Renewal notices for 2022 have been sent by mail or email. Visit [northbrook.alarmreg.com](http://northbrook.alarmreg.com) to update your information and pay. Renewals received after January 31 may be subject to a \$75 reinstatement fee. Learn more at [northbrook.il.us/alarms](http://northbrook.il.us/alarms).

### Northbrook Police Department Facebook Page

Coming this January, the Northbrook Police Department is launching its own Facebook page. Through this new social media account, the Police Department will have a chance to further engage with residents and share timely information. Keep an eye on [northbrook.il.us/communications](http://northbrook.il.us/communications) for a link to the Facebook page.

### Holiday Recycling

Through the end of January, residents can recycle old or broken holiday lights in the marked bins outside the Fleet Maintenance Garage (weekdays, 7am-3pm) and in the Village Hall lobby (weekdays, 8:30am-4:30pm). Holiday lights will also be accepted at this month's Electronics Recycling events (see page 10). Also through January, residents can recycle their organic holiday tree by placing it at the curb on their recycling day. Remove all lights, garland, and decorations. Make sure your tree is easily accessible at the curb.