

# Northbrook Voice

MAY & JUNE 2022

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OF NORTHBROOK

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# The Census: A Northbrook Story of Growth

**H**urray! The Federal government recently released preliminary data contained in the 2020 Census.

Paired with the April 1, 2022 release of the 1950 Census, historians and genealogists are shouting for glee. The 2020 Census release includes demographic information about the Village, such as population. This data helps villages identify trends and plan for future needs.

Currently, complete census information is available from 1790 to the newly released 1950 Census. The one exception is the census of 1890 that burned in a fire. For privacy reasons, the personal information in the census is not available to the public for 72 years. That means the 2020 Census will not be publicly available until the year 2092.

With the 1950 data release, Northbrook researchers finally have a glimpse of our Village on the cusp of tremendous change. Even though the Village of 1,285 people had nearly doubled in size in the decade following 1940, Northbrook was still a small, semi-rural Village with a population of 3,334 in 1950. Because of the privacy release law, anyone 72 years or younger will not find themselves in this census.

By 1960, the borders of the Village had stretched to the west to welcome new residents into a community of 11,635. With that rapid growth came the "Ferris Bueller" water tower, Cherry Lane underpass, library, the two shopping centers on Cherry Lane and Church Street, new parks including the Village Green, multiple houses of worship, and schools including Glenbrook High School, which until 1962 served students in both Northbrook and Glenview.

Between 1960 and 1980 the population more than doubled from 11,635 to 30,778. The Village's growth finally slowed when there were no more cornfields available to accommodate new subdivisions, and the age demographics of the Village changed. In fact, the population growth between 1980 and 2020 is less than half the growth experienced in the two decades between 1940 and 1960.

Today, Northbrook is the bustling suburban community we are proud to call our home.

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



SHERMER ROAD IN THE 1940S. ON THE LEFT IS THE BUILDING THAT CURRENTLY HOUSES TRATTORIA OLIVERII AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST. NEXT IS THE BUILDING THAT IS NOW THE REMODELED HOME TO THE LANDMARK INN. NEXT ARE TWO BUILDINGS TORN DOWN FOR MEADOW ROAD, AND THEN THE BUILDING HOUSING LEONIDAS CHOCOLATE CAFÉ, LITTLE LOUIE'S, AND BASKIN & ROBBINS. ON THE RIGHT IS WHERE EDWARDS FLORIST IS NOW LOCATED.



CORNER OF SHERMER ROAD & CHURCH STREET IN 1961

place at Village Hall from June 13 through June 27.

## Election Day

Election Day is June 28. On Election Day, voters must vote at their precinct's voting location.

## Voting by Mail

Any registered Cook County voter may request a mail ballot from the Cook County Clerk's Office. The deadline to apply is five days before an election. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

## Questions

Call the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906 or visit [cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections) for more details on voting.

## 2022 Primary Election

If you have recently moved, changed your name, or are a new voter, you'll need to register to vote. Voter registration is available at Village Hall and other locations with a certified registrar. The deadline for in-person registration and registration by mail is May 31. The deadline to register online is June 12. Voters may also register and vote at an Early Voting site by June 27 or on Election Day (June 28) at their assigned precinct.

## Early Voting

Voting will be available at any of Cook County's early voting centers, including Northbrook Village Hall. Early Voting takes



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## A Message from President Ciesla

Village of Northbrook

# April Showers Bring May Flowers

The last two years of the pandemic have highlighted the importance of family, community, and enjoying the little things. As flowers bloom and weather warms, this sentiment is also echoed in the spring season and some of the Village's upcoming events and initiatives.

## Spring & Summer Events

Nothing brings the community together like events, and I am thrilled to share that this year we are welcoming back some classic Northbrook events and introducing some new ones.

The Village's Community Commission is continuing Flamingo Fridays, a beloved and unique Northbrook tradition! We are also excited about the return of the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July Parade, which are both inspiring shows of support for our country and those who protect it.

Get your cowbells ready, Northbrook - the Intelligentsia Cup bike race is coming to town! New this year, the Village of Northbrook is joining Intelligentsia's 10-day race series with the Northbrook Grand Prix on Thursday, July 28. This exciting series attracts elite and amateur cyclists from all over America, and even the world, and is the largest road series in the country! Keep an eye out for information and updates on the Northbrook Grand Prix.

Check out pages 6 and 7 for more details on Northbrook events.

## Northbrook Commissions

At the April 12 meeting, the Village Board approved a new Special Needs Inclusion Commission. The Special Needs Inclusion Commission will coordinate programs and initiatives to bring about full and



LAST JUNE, NORTHBROOK'S VILLAGE BOARD RAISED THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

equal participation in all aspects of life in Northbrook for people with disabilities. Some of the Commission's responsibilities include raising public awareness and making policy recommendations.

If you are a Northbrook resident interested in shaping our future and creating meaningful change to better our community, I encourage you to get involved with the Special Needs Inclusion Commission or one of our other Northbrook commissions. Fill out an application at [northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo](http://northbrook.il.us/commissioninfo).

## Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge

In May and June, we recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, Pride Month, and Juneteenth. These are important to acknowledge as we work to break the stigma around mental health, show support for our LGBTQ+ community, and celebrate

and educate ourselves on Black history and its importance today. Northbrook is home to residents of many different backgrounds, and you can take a pledge to support and protect your neighbors from all walks of life. Sign the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge by scanning the QR code below.



  
Kathy Ciesla  
President  
Village of Northbrook

# Q&A with Nancy Vaccaro, Northbrook's Director of Counseling Services



### How did you get into the field?

Having participated in many volunteer opportunities with all age, ethnic, and socio-economic groups in my life, I learned one important factor about myself...that I truly enjoy being helpful to others in need and knew that I wanted social work to be my life's work and passion!

**What does working in the Counseling Services Unit entail?**

We work with individuals and families referred by the Police and Fire Departments to offer support services, connect them to resources, and assist in an advocacy role for victims of crime. Our cases often involve those who have experienced domestic violence, child or elder abuse, sexual assault, geriatric

concerns, youth offenders, runaways, family disputes, missing persons, trauma and sudden death, and mental illness. We are on-call 24/7 for crisis intervention with first responders when needed within the Northbrook community. We also facilitate a Community Services Program - with deferred prosecution for youth and young adult offenders who have received local ordinance tickets.

The Counseling Services Unit and Northbrook Police staff have been working together for 40+ years as a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to service our community in the best way that we can. There is no fee or wait list!

### What's your favorite thing about your job?

I love coming to work each and every day. I have the opportunity to give hope and building blocks of empowerment to those we work with.

Every day is different, and my job responsibilities are diversified so I have the opportunity to not only work clinically with case referrals and assist with crises

but also get to participate in community networking groups and events. Having the opportunity to combine the clinical mental health perspective while teaming up with law enforcement has been our key to success and is why the Northbrook Police has the leading edge of comprehensive services with the goal of protection and safety for our residents. I feel very proud to work for the Village of Northbrook.

### What does "Northbrook Strong" mean to you?

To me, it means we work together as a community to offer assistance to those in need and are not offset by the roadblocks that appear. Northbrook cares about its residents as well as those providing support and services to the community. As a member of the police department, I have always felt the support of Northbrook. I love and embrace change... both in my personal and professional life. "Northbrook Strong" means we will help our community manage the changes needed when faced with adversity... small or large!

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Northbrook

### Gender Pronouns 101 by RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore)

Have you ever been called by the wrong name? Repeatedly? How did you feel? Overlooked? Offended? Sad?

Now imagine you are called the wrong name every day, by coworkers, neighbors, family, and people with power over you.

Have you ever forgotten someone's name? How did you feel? Embarrassed? Frustrated? Worried about offending them?

A pronoun is a kind of name. It's a way we refer to a person.

Most of us have been taught to guess a person's pronouns based on their body, clothes, name, and behavior. But, for some people, their pronoun may be hard to guess, or you might guess wrong.

Getting a pronoun wrong is a lot like getting a name wrong - uncomfortable, alienating. But it's more than that because misgendering someone can tap into deep feelings of gender dysphoria and trauma. Research has shown that using a person's correct pronoun can reduce rates of depression or even suicide, particularly for youth.

Unfortunately, many people intentionally mispronoun trans, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming people as a way to express disapproval or even hatred. So, if a person is misgendered, they wonder if it was accidental or intentional, and they have to wonder what other mistreatment might follow.

In English, we don't need to know a person's gender to speak to them - I, you, we - these are all ungendered. For most interactions, you don't need to know the

details about a person's gender, but you do need to know a person's gendered pronoun to speak about them - she, they, him, theirs, hers - these are all gendered pronouns.

To make it easier to know and use each person's correct pronoun, many people are including pronouns along with names in introductions, email signatures, and elsewhere. People whose pronouns are easily guessable are including their pronouns too, to normalize this practice. Sharing pronouns regularly makes it a habit, so that it feels easy and natural when you run into a person whose pronouns you're unsure of. And, sharing pronouns has become a small signal and act of allyship.

If you want to learn more, check out [mypronouns.org](http://mypronouns.org).

# Hunger Resource Network

**Have you ever experienced real hunger?** We have all felt hungry, but have you ever waited days, weeks, or months without enough food? Have you ever watched a loved one go without adequate nourishment for an extended period of time?

Some 12% of American households are food insecure, and that impacts an estimated 6.5 million children. And, if you think that those people only live in poverty-stricken neighborhoods, you'll be surprised to hear that even in Northbrook, and communities like ours, it is estimated that 10% of our households are food insecure.

It is known that we have approximately 400 children in Northbrook school districts that are on free or reduced-fee government food programs.

Hunger Resource Network (HRN), is an all-volunteer, registered 501c3 non-profit organization based in Northbrook. HRN has been helping to eliminate hunger across Chicagoland since 2009.

Twice a year, HRN provides more than 126,000 pounds of quality protein, found in frozen chicken, to more than 100 Chicago-area organizations including food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, synagogues, and churches. That adds up to more than 4 million pounds of food...given away absolutely free to worthy organizations and provided to hungry families since the start of HRN.

As HRN has grown, they have also added new services, including programs to feed students in need at Northbrook schools. They have also reduced the number of hungry seniors in the community by providing transportation and assistance at the Northfield Township Food Pantry and even delivering food to their homes...all at no cost.

Hunger Resource Network also provides educational information to the community to encourage and provide tips on healthy, sustainable eating. Information is also made available on how to contact and support the Northfield Township Food Pantry to ensure everyone knows that, at least in our community, food is available to anyone in need.

Since the pandemic began, the needs in our community have profoundly increased. "You don't have to go to a third world country to see real hunger. Hunger is here! It is in our communities and in our neighborhoods today—and it will continue to be here tomorrow, and even after the pandemic, unless we choose to make a difference," said Dan Jariabka, HRN founder and president.

And as the acting director of Northwest Compass explained after receiving a truck load of food for his organization, "on behalf of your neighbors in our community who depend on our program, thank you for showing compassion. Your gifts change lives."



**Connect with Hunger Resource Network: Learn more, Volunteer, or Donate**

[hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://hungerresourcenetwork.org) 847-272-1700 3025 Walters Avenue, Northbrook

Hunger Resource Network

# Upcoming Events in Northbrook

SAVE  
THE DATE!



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH | MAY

Turn Northbrook green this May! Paws for Patrick, a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting young people living with mental illness to emotional support animals, will "Turn Our Towns Green" in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Green ribbons will be displayed on trees in Northbrook and surrounding communities for the month of May to bring attention to the stigma surrounding mental health. Northbrook residents and local businesses are encouraged to tie green ribbons on trees around their homes and stores/offices and display lawn signs on their property to show continual community support and awareness of mental health. Ribbons are available for pickup at the back entrance to Village Hall. For more information, visit [www.pawsforpatrick.org](http://www.pawsforpatrick.org). See page 10 for more mental health initiatives from CATCH.



## PRIDE MONTH | JUNE

For the month of June, the Village of Northbrook is proud to fly the progress pride flag at Freedom Park next to Village Hall and on streetlight banners in downtown Northbrook. These flags show support for our LGBTQ+ neighbors and represent the inclusive, welcoming, and diverse community that is Northbrook.

On Wednesday, June 8, at 7pm, the Northbrook Public Library will have an in-person screening of the 2014 film *Pride*. *Pride* is the true story of a group of LGBTQ+ activists who formed an unlikely alliance with striking miners in Wales. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).



## MEMORIAL DAY | MAY 30

On Monday, May 30, at 10:30am, the Northbrook American Legion Post 791 will be holding Northbrook's Memorial Day Parade. The new parade route will start at Western Avenue and Cherry Lane, turn right onto Meadow Road, turn left onto Shermer Road, and end at Village Green Park.

The parade will feature veterans, first responders, essential workers, and local school bands among others. Gather at the end of the parade for the national anthem, a welcome from Post 791's Commander, and guest speaker retired Major General James Mukoyama.

Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reason we observe Memorial Day each year.



## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY | JUNE 11

Waste Management is hosting Northbrook's annual Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 11, from 7am-1pm. This event offers residents the chance to dispose of unlimited household waste for free! IDs will be checked to confirm residency.

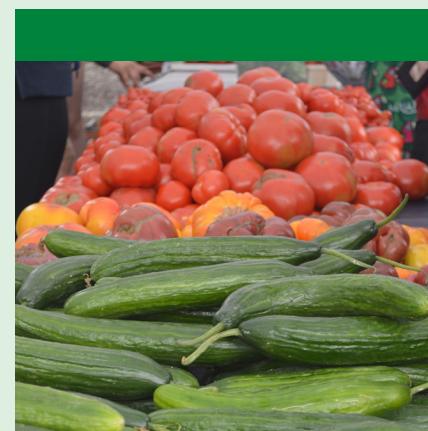
The following items will not be accepted at this event: electronics, landscape waste, organics, construction debris, rocks, sand, lightbulbs, paint, hazardous waste, tires, white goods, or other restricted waste.

Visit [northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling](http://northbrook.il.us/refuse-recycling) for updates and locations.



## FLAMINGO FRIDAYS | MAY 30-SEP 5

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, residents are invited to host a Flamingo Friday party in their neighborhood. Despite the name, they do not need to take place on a Friday! These gatherings are the perfect opportunity for residents - both new and old - to make new friends, meet new people, or just reconnect with their neighbors. Whoever volunteers to host their neighborhood's next Flamingo Friday obtains the flamingo from the previous host or from Village Hall and displays it on their lawn a few days before the party, signaling to the neighborhood where the next Flamingo Friday event will be. The host only needs to provide the driveway or lawn space for the party. No effort needed! Everyone provides their own drinks, snacks, and chairs. The Northbrook Community Commission is excited to be continuing this unique Northbrook tradition! See page 8 for details on the Flamingo Friday Kickoff event.



## NORTHBROOK FARMERS MARKET | JUNE 22-OCT 12

Support local farmers and artisans at Northbrook's volunteer-operated farmers market! The Northbrook Farmers Market runs every Wednesday from June 22 through October 12, 7am to 1pm. Rain or shine, visit the Market to shop for fresh, high-quality produce and locally made goods. Don't forget reusable shopping bags!

Stop by on June 22 for the start of the season and enjoy the inaugural watermelon cutting, live music, and free native plants at the Village's tent.

Visit [northbrookfarmersmarket.org](http://northbrookfarmersmarket.org) for more details on this year's market.

Find more event information at [northbrook.il.us/events](http://northbrook.il.us/events).



THE NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY  
COMMISSION PRESENTS

# FLAMINGO FRIDAY KICKOFF

## LET'S FLAMINGLE!

MAY 13, 5-7PM  
BEHIND VILLAGE HALL,  
1225 CEDAR LANE  
FOOD, MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, AND  
- OF COURSE - FLAMINGOS!

[NORTHBROOK.IL.US/FLAMINGO](http://NORTHBROOK.IL.US/FLAMINGO)

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Community  
Commission

## Northbrook Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags

All motor vehicles owned by a Village resident or by a person or entity (including associations, clubs, societies, firms, partnerships, and bodies politic and corporate) having its principle place of business in the Village requires a Village vehicle sticker.

Current residents who have previously purchased Village vehicle stickers will automatically receive renewal applications in the mail towards the end of May.

Vehicle sticker and pet tag sales will begin **online and by mail on June 1**. In-person sales at Village Hall will begin on June 8. The deadline to purchase and display stickers and pet tags is September 1.



### How to Purchase

#### Online

Visit the Village's online payment system at [northbrook.il.us/stickers](http://northbrook.il.us/stickers) or scan this QR code with your smartphone. Through the online platform, you can purchase sticker and pet tag renewals, purchase for new vehicles and pets, or delete ones you no longer own. If you are renewing your sticker and/or tag, you will need your license plate number and vehicle ID and/or rabies certificate number and pet ID from the application(s) you received in the mail.



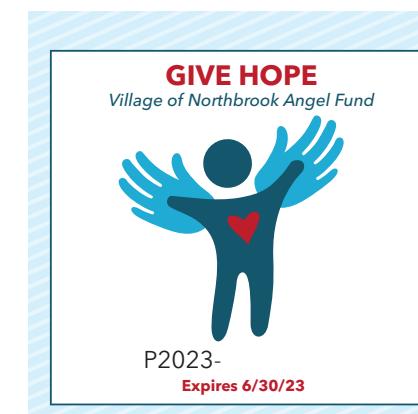
#### By Mail or Dropbox

Mail the completed application, rabies certificate (if purchasing a pet tag), and payment in the return envelope you received with your application to: Village of Northbrook, ATTN: Finance Department, 1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

Postage-free dropboxes are located behind Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane), at the Northbrook Police Station (1401 Landwehr Road), and at Wood Oaks Junior High (1250 Sanders Road).

#### In Person

Starting June 8, purchases can be made at the Village Hall front counter during business hours, weekdays from 8:30am-4:30pm.



#### Special Vehicle Sticker: Support the Village of Northbrook Angel Fund

A benevolent fund was established by the Village of Northbrook in the mid-1990s to address the emergency financial needs of Northbrook residents in need. The Angel Fund is used for several types of assistance, such as holiday meals, groceries, rent/mortgage, medical expenses, and other emergency needs.

Northbrook residents and businesses who donate \$20+ will receive a special Angel Fund vehicle sticker. Include your donation (minimum \$20) on the vehicle sticker order form or select the special sticker option when paying online.

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

## CATCH: Mental Health

### Matters

### May

CATCH (Community Action Together for Children's Health) is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with a community-wide campaign: Mental Health Matters. Look for free Mental Health Tool Bags at Northbrook Village Hall and local retailers. When dining out at local restaurants, check out Table Talk cards to help you start the conversation about mental health. Learn more at [catchiscommunity.org](http://catchiscommunity.org).



## Northbrook Arts Commission Spring Chamber Music Series

**Sundays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22, 3pm**

Northbrook Public Library Auditorium, 1201 Cedar Lane The Northbrook Arts Commission's Spring Chamber Music Series features four in-person programs ranging from classical to flamenco music. Register at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events). Admission is free. These events are co-sponsored by the Northbrook Public Library.

## Electronics Recycling

**May 3 & June 7, 7am-3pm**

**May 7 & June 4, 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.

## Northbrook Garden Club "From Our Gardens to Yours" Plant Sale

**May 13 & 14, 9am-3pm**

Village Green Center, 1810 Walters Avenue

The Northbrook Garden Club is excited to be once again holding their annual Plant Sale! Along with tried-and-true plants from the members' own gardens, this year the Garden Club will also be offering a selection of native plants from local nursery Rebecca Native. For more information, visit [northbrookgardenclub.org](http://northbrookgardenclub.org).

## Northfield Township Recycling Program

**Weekdays through October 28, 7am-3pm**

Township Road District Garage, 237 Melvin Drive

Northfield Township residents can bring accepted items to be recycled. Visit [northfieldtownship.com/recycling-program.html](http://northfieldtownship.com/recycling-program.html) for a list of what can be recycled and dates for paper shredding and hazardous household waste collection events.



## Chicago River Day Cleanup

**Saturday, May 14, 9am-noon**

Chipilly Woods, Midway and Sunset Ridge Roads in Northbrook (Park on Dell & Midway) Northbrook is one of over 60 sites coming together to celebrate the Chicago River this year with a litter pickup event. Bring gloves, dress appropriately: t-shirts and snacks will be provided.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3qS6rse>

## 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 and download an application at [northbrook.il.us/jobs](http://northbrook.il.us/jobs).

## Cooking Demonstration for Domestic Violence Victims

**Second Thursday of every month**

**Virtual**

Join the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic for a virtual cooking demo with professional chefs every month to ask questions about domestic violence to Clinic attorneys discreetly in the chat. The demos include a live chat via RingCentral. Guests can ask questions anonymously and seek help. No registration is needed. Visit [www.nslegalaid.org](http://www.nslegalaid.org) for more.

## Youth Services of Glenview-Northbrook Spring Gala

**Saturday, May 14, 6-11pm**

Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling

Join Youth Services of Glenview-Northbrook for their Spring Gala and 50th anniversary celebration! The funds raised through the gala are invested in important Youth Services programming, such as crisis response and student safety assessments, group and individual therapy sponsorships, and education programs for families who are most at-risk for social and emotional disorders, in addition to other life-changing services. Visit [ysgn.org/springgala](http://ysgn.org/springgala) for more details.



## No Mow May

**Through June 1**

Have you heard the buzz about No Mow May? Northbrook encourages community members to avoid mowing their lawn - or a portion of their lawn - to help support our local ecology. By leaving your property unmowed for the month of May, you're creating habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Because early-blooming grasses and flowers are able to establish, rabbits, birds, and bees all benefit from a reduction in mowing.

Plus a less frequently-mowed lawn requires less water, fuel, and fertilizer, so you can save money while saving the planet! No action is required to participate, but residents who wish to receive recognition for their sustainable landscaping efforts can receive a free pollinator garden sign from the Village by emailing [tessa.murray@northbrook.il.us](mailto:tessa.murray@northbrook.il.us).



## American Flag Recycling at Village Hall

Thanks to Eagle Scout Troop 64 and the Northbrook American Legion Post 791, Northbrook Village Hall is now an American flag recycling location! A weather-proof drop box can be found outside the front door to Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane). The drop box is for worn, damaged, or old American flags that are no longer fit to fly. Flags will be collected by the Legion and Eagle Scouts to be retired respectfully.

## Northfield Township Paper Shredding Event

**Saturday, June 11, 9am-1pm**

237 Melvin Drive

Northfield Township residents can bring up to three containers of sensitive documents to be shredded. IDs will be checked to confirm residency. Remove all paper clips, metal binders, or any other metal or plastic.

## Artist Workshop

**June 25 & 26, 9am-4pm**

Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue

The Northbrook Arts Commission is proud to present the Watercolor In-The Studio Workshop by award-winning artist Spencer Meagher. Space is limited. Download the registration form at [northbrook.il.us/arts](http://northbrook.il.us/arts).

## Northbrook Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff

**Sunday, June 5, 1-4pm**

Northbrook Public Library parking lot, 1201 Cedar Lane Pfingsten Road

Native plants hold importance for ecology of birds, bees, butterflies, and soil. A Native Plant Fest will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. 12 varieties of native plants will be available to give away to the community. For questions, call the church office at 847-272-0400. Visit [www.gloriadeinorthbrook.org](http://www.gloriadeinorthbrook.org) for more information.

## Free Legal Aid Clinic

The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic offers free, confidential, trusted, virtual legal aid clinics to low-income individuals and families. Legal counselors offer assistance in the areas of domestic violence, housing, and immigration. Make an appointment at 847-737-4042 or [info@NSLegalAid.org](mailto:info@NSLegalAid.org).

## Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund

**Applications Due May 31**

The Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund is available to help homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments and related housing expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households will be able to apply for up to \$30,000 in free assistance to pay past due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, and delinquent homeowner and/or condo association fees. Apply at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org).

## Let's Talk: Black American Experiences

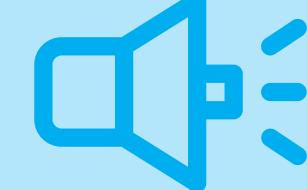
**Virtual**

A diverse group of Black panelists will share personal experiences with racism and their thoughts on anti-Black sentiment and other issues that pertain to the Black community. Register in advance at [www.northbrook.info/events](http://www.northbrook.info/events).

## NSMAD Tire Collection

Tires, when improperly discarded or stored, can be significant sources for mosquito breeding. To better serve residents in the District, the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) will collect unused and discarded tires. Go to [nsmad.org](http://nsmad.org) to fill out the tire collection request form. For more information, call 847-446-9434.

# Talk Around Town:



## Attached Accessory Dwelling Units

At the March 8, 2022, meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Northbrook Zoning Code was amended to allow for Attached Accessory Dwelling Units (AADUs) to be built in residential zoning districts.

**What is an AADU?** An AADU is an independent dwelling unit containing a kitchen, bathroom, and areas for living and sleeping that is located on the same zoning lot as, and is attached to, a standard sized single-family home.

**Is a special permit required to build an AADU?** Yes. AADUs may only be constructed through a special permit application that includes the public review process.

**Do AADUs have to comply with my neighborhood's space requirements?** Yes. AADUs are required to comply with all bulk, space, setback, and yard requirements for the Single-Family Residential Zoning District where it is located.

**Are there any size restrictions?** Yes. AADUs may not exceed 600 square feet, or 25% of the total floor area of the principal structure it is attached to, whichever is less.

**Is there a residency requirement to construct AADUs?** The owner of the zoning lot on which the AADU is located must be the owner's principal place of residence at least six months out of the year.

**I have an aging parent or a family member with a disability. Can I construct an AADU to keep them in my home?** Yes. The occupant of the principal single-family home or the AADU must either be at least 55 years of age or have a disability as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The owner of the zoning lot must file an annual affidavit with the Village attesting to their compliance with this requirement.



**How many AADUs can I build on my lot?** No more than one AADU may be constructed or maintained on any zoning lot.

**Can AADUs be used as short-term rentals?** No. AADUs may not be used for short-term rentals.

**Will AADUs be able to use my neighborhood's overnight parking?** All overnight parking for an AADU must be provided on the same zoning lot as the AADU and must be located on a driveway or hard surface.

**I have a question that was not addressed. Where can I get more information?** If you have additional questions regarding AADUs in Northbrook, the Development and Planning Services Department can be reached at 847-664-4050. View the Zoning Code online at [northbrook.il.us/zoningcode](http://northbrook.il.us/zoningcode).

# Northbrook Voice

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Permit 1243

Northbrook Information Association  
1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

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Village Hall ..... 847-272-5050  
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## News You Can Use

### 4th of July in Northbrook

The Village of Northbrook and Northbrook Park District are thrilled to announce the return of Northbrook's classic 4th of July events, including the Mile-Long Parade, a community favorite!

Local businesses, community organizations, specialty groups, performers, political groups, and sponsors are all invited to participate and help make this year's parade the best Northbrook has seen. Parade applications and sponsorship information are available at [northbrook4thofjuly.com](http://northbrook4thofjuly.com). The deadline to apply is May 31.

Some other returning festivities include Northbrook Rotary's 4th of July Breakfast, the Police vs. Fire Softball Game, the Bike Parade, and fireworks at dusk.

Visit [northbrook4thofjuly.com](http://northbrook4thofjuly.com) for updates and more information on Northbrook's 4th of July events.

### FY 2022/2023 Annual Budget

The budget for fiscal year 2022/2023, which begins on May 1, 2022, was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on April 12, 2022. The FY 2022/2023 Draft Annual Budget can be viewed at [northbrook.il.us/budget](http://northbrook.il.us/budget). Keep an eye out for the adopted FY 2022/2023 Annual Budget in early June.

### Northbrook Water Consumer Confidence Report

Northbrook's water supply meets all Illinois Environmental Protection Agency standards and has consistently met these standards for many years. You'll find more information at [northbrook.il.us/waterquality](http://northbrook.il.us/waterquality) and Northbrook's Water Consumer Confidence Report at <https://www.northbrook.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/5416/Consumer-Confidence-Report-2021> as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.