

NORTHBROOK

OCTOBER 2013



Open House at the Fire Department

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the Northbrook Fire Department will be hosting the 28th Annual Open House on Saturday, October 12

All are invited to the Open House at Fire Station #11, 740 Dundee Road, from 9am to noon on Saturday, October 12. The fire engines, aerial ladder truck, squad truck and ambulances will be on display for your viewing. Firefighters and Fire Prevention Inspectors will be available to answer questions that you may have.

Children will enjoy the free give-a-ways, including fire helmets, stickers, coloring books, and more!

This year's theme seeks to educate the community about fire safety in the kitchen and the dangers of fire and non-fire burns.

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Union Pacific RR Bridge Update

Reconstruction of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge on Shermer Road is proceeding on schedule.

The steel superstructure is currently being assembled on site, being constructed on temporary foundations on the south side of the existing temporary bridge. Permanent foundations and bridge abutments are also nearing completion, and near the end of October, the fully constructed bridge will slide into place onto its new foundations. This will require around the clock work during a 72-hour period, and all rail traffic will be halted while the new bridge is put in place.

All work related to the bridge itself, including other finish work and surrounding bridge abutments, is scheduled to be complete by December 31, 2013. However, Shermer Road will not reopen until the roadway can be repaired and resurfaced, likely in the spring of 2014. Village staff is working with the UPRR, IDOT and the Village of Glenview to expedite the roadway reopening.

We encourage you to continue to patronize Northbrook businesses on the south side of the bridge throughout construction!

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SENIOR RESOURCE GUIDE

This newsletter includes a special insert with information and resources for senior citizens, their families and caregivers.



Business Briefs

Business Highlight: Bernhard Woodwork

As a new series as part of the Business Briefs page, the Village is highlighting a Northbrook business with which residents may not be familiar.

Bernhard Woodwork, located at 3670 Woodhead Drive, is known for its fine custom architectural woodwork. Founded in 1965 by Pius Bernhard, a German Master-cabinetmaker, Bernhard Woodwork continues in the tradition of fine European crafted woodwork using the most modern tools. The company has conducted business in the Chicago area since 1965 and in Northbrook since 1997. In 2000, the company expanded its Northbrook facility to just under 100,000 square feet.

Using modern day technology Bernhard Woodwork craftsman produce the highest quality cabinetry and other woodwork products. This family-based business with 65 employees takes great pride in controlling all aspects of the project in-house from veneering through finishing and installation to maintain quality.

Bernhard Woodwork has grown into a national company with clients that include national companies such as Saks Fifth Avenue and BP Amoco as well as unique projects such as luxury yachts and homes featured in Architectural Digest.

More information regarding Bernhard Woodwork and its products and services can be found at www.BernhardWoodwork.com.



Live Shop Dine Northbrook

This year, the Village continues to partner with the Chamber of Commerce and Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote shopping at Northbrook businesses.

The promotional campaign branded "Live Shop Dine Northbrook" includes the following elements:

- "Live Shop Dine Northbrook" banners in downtown.
- A printed restaurant and shopping guide prepared and distributed to households in Northbrook and surrounding communities.
- A micro-website, www.shopdinenorthbrook.com, highlighting shopping and dining in Northbrook.
- A television ad campaign that will run on Comcast channels during the upcoming holiday season.

The Village encourages all Northbrook residents and businesses to continue to support local businesses by shopping and dining in Northbrook, especially this holiday season.



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New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

Maum Meditation
1275 Shermer Road

Noggin Builders
3073 Dundee Road

Mainstream Boutique
Willow Festival

LaPointe Law, P.C.
1200 Shermer Road

Only Child Brewing
3322 Commercial Ave.

Kate Spade
Northbrook Court

Halloween Express Village
Square Shopping Center

Atlas Sales & Rentals
3995 Commercial Ave.

Notable Events
5 Revere Drive

Sole Mates
2750 Dundee Road

Dailey Method
Willow Festival

Chicago Car Loft
3670 Commercial Ave.

If you have questions or suggestions about business development or know of a new business in Northbrook, please contact David Schoon, Economic Development Coordinator at 847/664-4052





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Over the past several weeks, a number of Northbrook's advisory commissions have been vetting two proposed high-profile developments; the proposed Walmart at 1000 Skokie Boulevard and the proposed Mariano's and luxury apartment complex at 770 Skokie Boulevard, near the corner of Skokie and Dundee.

Recently I have received questions asking why the members of the Village Board are not speaking out or commenting on the Walmart zoning application. I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Walmart

petition is proceeding through the Village review process. It is currently before our Plan Commission, which will make a recommendation to the Village Board after it completes all public hearings. Once the matter is officially before us, I suspect Village Board members will have a lot to say. However, while this application is pending at the Plan Commission, it would not be appropriate for any of us to comment on the specifics. No one should take the Village Board's silence as a lack of interest, or as a pre-disposition on our part one way or the other. We pride ourselves as being a Village that provides all those who file applications in our town with a fair, objective hearing process.

With that said, as of this writing, both proposed developments are still at the public hearing stage and I encourage you to visit www.northbrook.il.us for updates or to sign up for Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify and submit your email address for agenda notifications.

Technology Improves Permitting Process

Turn to page 5 to learn about some of the improvements the Development and Planning Services Department has made to its webpage to enhance customer service. Along with a new residential permit portal, the Department is now offering online inspection scheduling and interactive permit application forms.

Northbrook Nurses Club & the Lending Closet

The Northbrook Nurses Club was organized in 1956 as a professional club for Registered Nurses. Over the years the nurses serviced the community with education, first aid for Northbrook events, blood screening, blood pressure testing, CEUs, thousands of dollars in nursing scholarships, and a free lending closet of medical equipment. After 57 years of service, the Club will cease to exist as of November 1, 2013. The Lending Closet closed its door on September 1 with the hope that another organization would volunteer to operate it in the future. The Village and the Park District are currently working to reopen the Lending Closet and will have more information in the November newsletter. I'd like to send a very special thank you to the Nurses Club and its membership for 57 years of service to the Village.

Refuse and Recycling Cart Exchanges

Just a quick reminder: Each resident may exchange either their refuse or recycling cart for a different size at any time between now and December 31, 2013 at no cost. In upcoming years, with our new Advanced Disposal contract, during the month of September, residents may change cart sizes at no additional cost. If a cart size change is requested any other time of the year, there will be a cost of \$20.00/cart. If a resident wishes to swap cart sizes and avoid the \$20.00 fee, the resident can bring the cart to Advanced Disposal, 2800 Shermer Road and a different cart size will be provided at no additional cost.

Telephone Solicitors Warning

It was recently brought to my attention that telephone solicitors have been requesting donations from residents and implying that the donations will benefit local police departments, presumably in the Village of Northbrook. Our Police Department is fully supported by tax dollars. The Village, its Police and Fire Departments, and personnel are not telephone solicitors. Funds generated by these telephone solicitors do not benefit the Village of Northbrook or the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department recommends against donating money to such solicitors.



Happy Halloween!

Thursday, Oct. 31, is “Trick or Treat” day in Northbrook. Suggested trick or treat hours are 3pm to 7pm. To welcome trick-or-treaters, switch on your porch lights or any exterior lights.

Play it Safe on Halloween

Here are a few safety tips for parents to remind their trick or treaters:

- Walk in groups or with a trusted adult and stay on the sidewalks.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.
- Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers. Eat only factory-wrapped treats.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o’lanterns and luminaries out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Drivers are reminded to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

For many years, Halloween has been recognized as National UNICEF Day and children have shared the holiday for 63 years by Trick or Treating for the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). UNICEF is helping millions to better health around the world by assisting governments to develop programs for control of disease, education, maternal and child care. Please welcome young people who carry the official UNICEF collection boxes. For more information contact Georgina Winters, Sr. Rep for the US Fund for UNICEF, at 847/498-0558.

Take A Mom/Kid Mountain Biking Day, Saturday October 5th!

Hosted by the Northbrook Bicycle Task Force & Northbrook Garner Bicycle Club

Join the fun on Sat., Oct. 5, at 3pm for Take a Mom/Kid Mountain Biking Day. The organized bicycle ride will meet at George Garner Cyclery, 1111 Waukegan Road, at 3 pm and ride to the trails off Lee Rd. and Dundee Rd. Expect the entire ride to last about an hour to an hour and a half. The group ride will return to George Garner Cyclery. For more information on the International Mountain Biking Association, visit, www.IMBA.com



Free Gun Locks for Residents

The Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, has a supply of gun locks available free to Northbrook residents.

Up to two gun locks, along with written instructions will be provided to residents 18 years or older. Residents must present a valid Driver’s License or State ID and sign a waiver.

Please call the Northbrook Police Community Relations Department between 7am and 7pm, Monday through Friday, at 847/664-4182 to verify availability and to make an appointment. Please note that residents are not allowed to bring firearms into the Police Station. For more information about gun safety, visit www.isp.state.il.us

Got Leaves? Here’s How to Handle Them

Before you begin to rake your lawn, residents are reminded that there are three landscape disposal options: composting, mulching and collection. Collection reminders: Yard waste must be in bio-degradable bags with yard waste stickers attached or in a 32 gallon can marked **Yard Waste** with the sticker attached on the handle.

Stickers are \$1.95 each and are available from Advanced Disposal (847/272-4145), the Village Hall and Dominick’s. Bags/Stickers are available at Northbrook Ace Hardware stores, Jewel, Red’s Garden Center, Sunset and Walgreens in Glenview. Ferraro Garden Spot sells bags only. Landscape waste pick-up runs through the end of November.



Fire Safety Tips to Review with Everyone in Your Family

Northbrook's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention, protection, and education.

Fire safety is enhanced when family and friends actively join together with firefighters as a fire safety team. The reality is that when fire strikes, your home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in minutes.

This year's theme aims to educate the community on how important it is for your family to know about fire safety in the kitchen. Did you know that two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen? And that microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associate with scald burns not related to fires? Make sure your family knows the dangers of fire and non-

fire burns in the kitchen.

Visit www.nfpa.org for more information about fire safety in the kitchen and your home or come to the Northbrook Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 12, from 9am to noon at 740 Dundee Road.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6-12, 2013 

PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

GO TO **FPW.ORG** AND GET COOKIN' WITH FIRE SAFETY!

Village Board Highlights

Recognized

- Richard Kelly for his Years of Dedicated Service to Northbrook

Authorized

- Contract with Emerald Tree Care for treatment of 94 Parkway Elm Trees, \$23,686
- FY 2013/14 Stormwater Improvement Projects, \$183,795
- Purchase of Emergency Notification System, \$17,215
- Contribution to Youth Services of Glenview and Northbrook, \$7,000
- Contribution to Northbrook Citizens for Drug and Alcohol Awareness (NCDA) \$10,780
- Water Valve Maintenance & Leak Detection Services, \$70,000

- Contract for Ash Tree Removal Services, \$113,973
- Contract for Design of the Skokie Corridor Sanitary Sewer, \$124,200
- Administrative Hybrid Vehicle Purchase through State of Illinois Contract, \$23,555

Approved

- Support letter for the Grant Application related to the Skokie Valley Trail
- Support letter for the Grant Application for On-Street Bicycle Signage and Pavement Markings

What's Playing? On NCTV Channel 17

Here is the schedule for Northbrook Community Television, Cable Channel 17.

8am & 4pm

North Shore Senior Center
"The Future of Education"

9am & 5pm

Northbrook: The Fabric of Our History
A must-see for all Northbrook Residents

10am, 11am, 6pm & 11pm

The Emerald Ash Borer - Learn more about this pesky bug!

12pm, 8pm & 12am

Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan
Glenkirk representatives featured.

12:30pm, 8:30pm & 12:30am

NCDA FOCUS - Toxic Chemicals

1pm & 9pm

Parent University

Dr. Susan Kuczarski presents "The Four R's of Parenting"

11th Annual Juried Art Show Opens at the Library

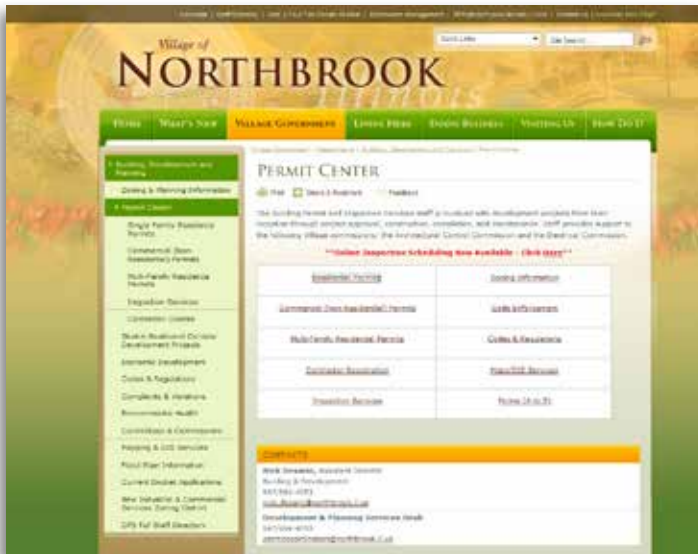
Opening Reception, Friday, October 4, at 7:30pm

The Northbrook Public Library presents *The Social Media Show*, Oct. 4 through Nov. 30. Come to the public preview and reception at 7:30pm on Fri., Oct. 4. The opening event includes music, refreshments, viewer's choice, poetry readings and the opportunity to speak with the artists. The 33 works chosen for the show include drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, photography and mixed media.

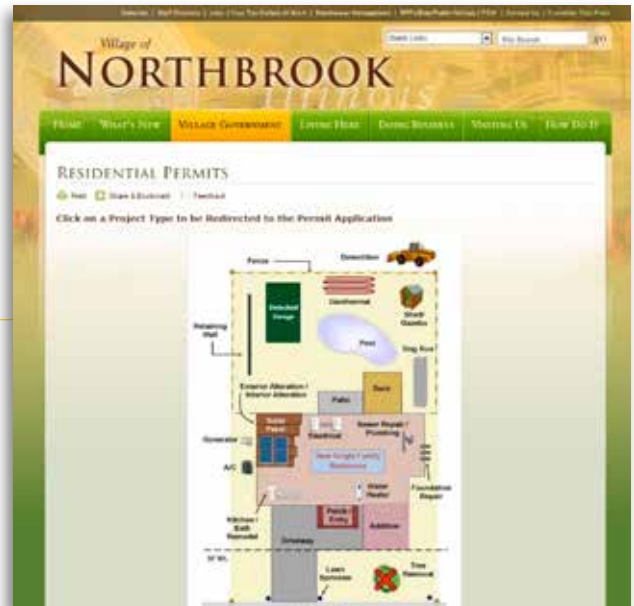
Exhibit catalogs are available at the Library and on its website at www.northbrook.info. Admission is free. For more information call 847/272-7074 or email artshow@northbrook.info

Northbrook Permitting Just Got Easier

This summer the Development and Planning Services Department launched several new enhancements to its website. These new elements include a new Permit Center interface, online inspection scheduling, and interactive permit applications. Below are screenshots from the Department's new and improved webpage at www.northbrook.il.us/PermitCenter



The Permit Center, pictured left, has been enhanced to provide easier navigation to Department webpages



The Residential Permits section, pictured right, now provides an interactive model where visitors can select on a project they'd like to get started on. Each project opens a separate page that includes information about application requirements, fees, inspections, and other useful information to help plan a successful project.



In addition to these pages, the Department now offers online inspection scheduling. A screen shot from the online inspection scheduling page is shown left. Users can request a permit inspection for their project by completing this form; whether you're at home or on the go, scheduling inspections just got easier!

For a quick link to the Permit Center, use your smartphone to scan this QR Code!



Village Offers GIS Technology on Website

Northbrook is now offering an online interactive map powered by an application known as MapOffice.

MapOffice offers detailed property information and other customized tools through the Village's Geographic Information System (GIS) software. GIS is a map-based program that can be used to locate, mark and present different types of geographic information including polling places, school district boundaries, population information, county and municipal borders, income and education levels, and flood plain areas.

Northbrook is a member of the GIS Consortium, a 23 member organization that unites local government to share the cost and benefits of GIS technology. To see your property in MapOffice, visit www.northbrook.il.us/MapOffice and click on the GIS link, from there start exploring Northbrook.



Editor's Correction

Please note the following clarification to the article on page 6 of the Sept. 2013 newsletter - Flood Protection Information.

A 35-year frequency rain storm has a 1 in 35 chance of occurring in any given year, not a 35% chance in any year, as indicated in the article.

Village Happenings

The Village of Northbrook seeks a qualified individual to fill a **part-time Water Meter Reader position**. Position paid on a piece work basis with flexible hours between 9am to 3pm. Interested individuals should send a cover letter, resume and application to: Village of Northbrook, Human Resources, 1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062 or email at hr@northbrook.il.us with "Water Meter Reader" in the subject field.

It's All About Trees at Northbrook Garden Club featuring Village Arborist Terry Cichocki at 7pm, Tues., Oct. 1, at the Northbrook Public Library. The program is open to the public. For information visit www.NorthbrookGardenClub or contact 224/365-5828.

The **YMCA welcomes the public to its annual meeting and party** celebrating 45 years of service on Oct. 2, beginning at 6:00pm. For information, call 847/272-7250 or visit www.nsymca.org.

The Four Seasons of Landscaping, Thurs., Oct. 3, 1pm, Library Auditorium. Join Northbrook Park District Grounds Operation Mgr. Michael Brouillard, as he shares tips and ideas for this fall. Call 847/291-2988 to save a place.

Eating Healthy with Chef Dave Esau, Sat., Oct. 5, 10am, Library Auditorium. Tastings will be included. Program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Northbrook Autumnfest! Free Family Fun on Sat., Oct. 5 from 2-6pm at Meadowhill Park. Enjoy musical entertainment, the Talent Showdown, petting zoo, I-Spy Trail Ride, costume contest, pumpkin chuckin', a bonfire, games, food vendors, and more. Get ready for the pumpkin-carving contest! Visit www.nbparks.org for details.

Library Fine Arts Fall, on Sundays at 2pm, Library Auditorium. Oct. 6 - Susan Merdinger, piano; Oct. 20 - George Radosavljevic, piano; Oct. 27 - Lunae Duo - Stephanie Pedretti, flute & Sarah LaFleur, piano.

Appy Hour on Tues., Oct. 8, 6pm, Library Civic Room. Join Reference Librarians to discuss the latest quality travel apps to help you prepare for upcoming trips. Refreshments will be provided.

The Northbrook Art Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago present **A Day in the Gardens of Rockford**. Tours on Tues., Oct. 8 and Thurs., Oct. 10 and will include the four acre La Paloma Gardens and the rose garden and sculpture walk at the Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens of Rockford. The \$60 fee includes a box lunch and bus transportation. For reservations, call 847/564-0915. Non members welcome.

Farmer's Market Closing Day on Wed., Oct. 9, 7am to 1pm. The last market will feature free pumpkin & decorating for kids aged 3-6 from, 9am to 1pm closing day. Children of all ages in costume receive a free treat at the Hospitality Booth. Market at the corner of Cherry Ln. and Meadow Rd. Visit www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org.

The Northbrook Woman's Club annual benefit on Oct. 12, **Roll Out The Barrel-Octoberfest** at Chicago's Dank Haus. Proceeds fund community scholarships and grants. For details and reservations visit www.northbrookwomensclub.org.

Lyric Opera Lectures - Sun., Oct. 13, 2 pm, Library Auditorium - Madame Butterfly by Puccini, lecture by David Blecher.

Medicare/Medigap Presentation. Adults can learn about insurance options on Oct. 17 at 1pm during a free presentation at the Leisure Center. A licensed agent from NMG Benefit Solutions will compare plans and answer questions while Open Enrollment is underway. Call 847/291-2988 or stop by the Senior Center to save a place.

The delightful **Pinkalicious the Musical** opens on Sat., Oct. 19, at the Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Avenue, presented by the Northbrook Musical Theatre for Young Audiences. Professional performances are on Saturdays at 10am and 1pm through November 23 and run approximately one hour. For more information, visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2367.

Free Fall Festival at River Trail Nature Center, 3120 N. Milwaukee, on Sun, Oct. 20, 10am to 4pm. Celebrate a special day of autumn fun with beekeeping, honey, hay rides and much more!

Get into the Halloween spirit at the **YMCA's Annual Spooky Halloween Party** on Sun., Oct. 20 from 2 to 5pm. Party admission is free to Y members or \$10/family for non-members. Visit www.nsymca.org or call 847/272 7250.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Oct. 23 at 7pm in the Little Theatre of the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas for meetings are posted at www.nbparks.org in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

Halloween Lunch and Bingo! The Senior Center offers a Halloween lunch on Fri., Oct. 25 from 11am to 1:30pm at the Leisure Center. The program includes bingo and a prize for the best costume. The fee is \$10 for Senior Center members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP at the Senior Center or by calling 847/291-2988.

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio on Tues., Oct. 29 at 7pm, Library Auditorium. Join "Those Were the Days" host Steve Darnall for an evening of scary sounds from some of radio's best known mystery and horror programs.

Parkinson's Support Group for those with Parkinson's, their care-partners, caregivers, and families, meets from 10am to noon at Covenant Village of Northbrook, on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Call 847/509-0927 to register.

Looking for a place away from home to create art? Northbrook residents can bring artwork to the Leisure Center on Wednesday nights and enjoy free studio time from 6:15-8:30pm. Non-residents can use the studio for \$5 after signing up at the Leisure Center or on www.nbparks.org.

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, at 3323 Walters Avenue, offers a wide variety of programs for adults, age 55 and over. Enjoy fall trips, movies, lectures, computer classes, driver safety classes and more. For details call 847/291-2988, or visit www.nbparks.org

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course** provides citizens with the basic skills needed during a major disaster. **Free classes for CERT training** are held at the Northbrook Fire Department. Sign-up today as classes begin soon. Call 847/272-2141, ext. 7222, or contact david.crawford@northbrook.il.us

Northbrook Community Nursery School Open House on Sat., Nov. 2, from 10am to 11am at 2700 Willow Rd. Children are invited to explore the classrooms and meet the teachers! For more information, visit www.ncnskids.org

The **NSO presents a special concert featuring the New Tradition Chorus in honor of those who have served their country** on Sun., Nov. 17 at 4pm at the Sheely Center for Performing Arts at GBN. Visit www.NSO.org or call 847/272-0755 for details and ticket information.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society



Little Louie's "A Part of Growing Up..."

Little Louie's, a staple in Northbrook's business district since 1967, was first housed in this building at 1330 Shermer Road. Notice the bikes out front. Photo circa 1984.



Crestwood Place for Seniors

Crestwood Place opened in 1985 in a former school building that served elementary age children from 1911 until it closed in 1979. From 1930 to 1952 the building also housed students as Northbrook High School. See insert in this newsletter for information on Senior Housing. Photo circa 1990.



Bicycles have been a popular mode of travel, fitness and fun for more than a century. See page 4 for information on Mountain Biking Day.

Photo circa 1910