

# NORTHBROOK

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## Village Traditions Continue

In January 1975, the Northfield Inn was moved from the corner of Waukegan and Shermer roads, where it had stood since 1894, to the Village Green, where it became home to the Northbrook Historical Society and History Museum.

Since opening its doors at 1776 Walters Avenue, on July 4, 1976, as the Northbrook Historical Society and History Museum, the Society has worked in support of its mission: To discover, collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge, which will establish or illustrate the history of the Village, its exploration, settlement, development and progress.

Each September since 1979, the Society hosts Shermerfest, a festival described as a true celebration of community. This annual festival is named in honor of our Village's first official name. It is the Society's major fund raiser and a fun day for "children of all ages."

*See back page for details about this month's Shermerfest.*

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## Northbrook Launches GO Request

*An On-line and Smartphone-Friendly Service*

**Our new GO Request makes it easier than ever to contact the Village with your service requests, questions, and concerns.**

Residents and businesses no longer need to call the Village directly for service requests. The GO Request reporting system is available on-line and to smartphone users. No more time-consuming trips or phone calls. To access the service on line, visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and click the GOREquest logo. The new system features a simple form and is easy to use, and allows you to track the status of your request with the Village.

*To download a free app for iPhone and Android phones, please visit [www.northbrook.il.us/GOApp](http://www.northbrook.il.us/GOApp) Just open the app, select your issue, and take a picture - the app knows the location and who can fix it for you.*

No matter which way you choose to contact the Village, either by calling 847/272-5050 during business hours, going to [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) or using the Smart Phone app, our system ensures the right person is contacted and the problem is rectified quickly.



**Shop and Dine Northbrook**  
Grab your smart phone and scan the QR Code on the back page for instant access to shopping and dining options in Northbrook.

# Electric Service in Northbrook

## Electricity Aggregation

By now, eligible residents and small commercial businesses who did not opt out of the Village's electrical aggregation program should have noticed a change on the supply portion of their ComEd bills.

The three (3) line items that previously made up this section were replaced by one fixed line item, the negotiated 4.836 cents per kWh negotiated with MC Squared.

<b>Electricity Supply Services - MC Squared Energy Services</b>		<b>\$45.89</b>
Fixed Energy Charge: 949 kWh @ \$.04836		45.89
MC Squared Energy Services    1-888-808-7731    www.mc2energyservices.com Please refer to your supplier contract for details.		
<b>Delivery Services - ComEd</b>		<b>\$36.84</b>
Customer Charge		14.28
Standard Metering Charge		2.86
Distribution Facilities Charge	949 kWh    X    0.01949	18.50
IL Electricity Distribution Charge	949 kWh    X    0.00126	1.20

Northbrook, along with the seven (7) other communities that made up the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Park Ridge and Skokie) entered into a contract with MC Squared after a competitive bid process, locking in a rate of 4.836 cents per kWh through May of 2013.

### How much have customers saved?

Comparing ComEd's current rate to the Consortium's Supply Rate, customers in the Consortium's program have saved \$2,838,785 during the months of June/July, with Northbrook customers alone saving over \$600,000.

## ComEd - Our Electricity Distributor

ComEd is responsible for ensuring that electricity flows through its distribution network to all homes and businesses.

ComEd continues to be responsible for the wires, poles, and all emergencies, including outage restoration. All service issues, including power outages, should still be reported to ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1. Being a member of an electricity aggregation program does not change how ComEd responds to outages.

ComEd has several new communication tools for customers to report outages or find out the status of an outage including:

- Two-way texting
- A new Smart Phone App
- Outage Map

Information on these tools is available at <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/default.aspx>.

Using a historical comparison of electricity use of the Consortium's customers, it is anticipated that from June 2012 to May 2013 Consortium customers will save over \$25 million off the supply charge on their electric bill.

*Northbrook customers are anticipated to save over \$4.4 million with each resident, on average, saving approximately \$380 annually.*

### Beware of Alternate Energy Supplier Solicitations

Northbrook encourages its residents to stay informed about the aggregation process and any updated news will be posted to the Village's website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) Village staff have received phone calls from residents indicating that other energy suppliers have solicited their businesses and may be representing themselves as the Village's provider. The Village will only communicate with our residents and businesses through official letterhead or on our official website and will not make phone calls soliciting business. If you are concerned about phone calls that you are receiving, contact the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. The Illinois Commerce Commission is the regulating body of all electric suppliers in Illinois.

### Tree Trimming

ComEd trims trees located near their power lines on a four year cycle. Mid-cycle trimming is done for areas that have experienced an abnormal number of vegetation related power outages. Trimming is done to enhance reliability, not necessarily for aesthetics, so a radius of approximately 10 feet is cleared by ComEd's contractor.

### Ground Conditions and Underground Cables

*Did you know that ground conditions can contribute to power outages?* During times of drought or during the freeze/thaw cycle, the ground can shift sometimes causing underground cables to break or corrode more quickly, resulting in a cable fault that can cause power outages on a sunny, windless day. For more information on common power outage causes, visit ComEd's website at: <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/common-outage-causes.aspx>.

# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



This summer Northbrook and Glenview residents, students and businesses have dealt with a variety of tragic unexpected losses in our communities. In addition to the loss of young lives in both communities, the railroad derailment and bridge collapse took the lives of two former Northbrook residents.

In July, the Village of Northbrook, along with the Village of Glenview, held a well attended panel presentation to address “Tools for Coping-Dealing with Sudden Losses.” The

event brought our communities together as we all regroup and bring normalcy back to our families and community.

## Shermer Road Bridge

The Village of Northbrook continues to work with Glenview and the Union Pacific Railroad, as well as IDOT and other agencies, to come up with a plan on how best to:

- address the temporary closure of Shermer Road, which no longer allows traffic to traverse between West Lake Avenue and Willow Road;
- provide temporary access to Patriot Boulevard to shorten the detour;
- permanently replace the railroad bridge; and
- insure that the crossing will be safe for motorists and pedestrians in the future.

I will continue to keep you informed about our progress via this newsletter and in the “Spotlight” section of the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us)

## ComEd Services Update

Village staff and I have been working closely with ComEd on a variety of service issues within our community. I’m pleased to announce ComEd has several new communication tools for customers to report outages or find out the status of an outage including two-way texting, a new Smart Phone App and access to an Outage Map. Please see the article on page 2 for details.

## GORequest Service on Village Website

As highlighted on the front page, the Village has enhanced our online service request system, which is also available as an app for your smart phone. The new system makes contacting the Village easy and enables the resident or business to “track” their request. Of course, urgent matters will be addressed by Village staff by calling 847/272-5050, or for emergencies, 9-1-1.

## Residents have asked me...

### *What happened to the mailbox that was in front of the Village Hall?*

The Village received many calls concerning the lack of a drive-up mailbox in the downtown area. In response, we worked with the USPS and the mailbox that was in front of the Village Hall was replaced with a drive-up mailbox and relocated just behind the Village Hall. It is directly adjacent to the Village’s green drive-up municipal payment box used to pay water bills and for other municipal correspondence.



### *What’s going on with the property at Dundee and Skokie?*

The owner of the property, Beal Bank, solicited bids for the property through June 8, 2012. Since that time the Bank has been reviewing the bid proposals in order to select a buyer/developer for the site. As of the date this story was written, the Bank has yet to announce a successful proposal. Any proposed development will need to be reviewed by the Plan Commission before being approved by the Village Board. Updates on this will be available on the Village website as well as in future newsletters.



## A Reminder for All Drivers

### The beginning of the school year brings to light safety concerns related to school children and traffic safety.

In a school speed zone, the speed limit is reduced to 20 mph during school days when children are present.

The Village also has streets with speed limits posted specifically at 20 mph. These 20 mph zones are constant and do not change with the school year.

It is important to remember that these speeds are reduced due to the conditions that exist with or without the presence of children in that area.

### *Both adults and children are reminded of the importance of not texting or emailing while traveling.*

This is the law in Illinois. The law states, "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to

compose, send, or read an electronic message." As a reminder it is also good practice to avoid walking or riding a bicycle on or near roadways while operating an electronic device.

If you have any questions about traffic safety, please contact the Northbrook Police Department at 847/564-2060.

## Fighting Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

### Pools of mosquitoes collected in Northbrook have tested positive for West Nile virus, making the virus a continuing concern in Illinois and Northbrook!

Remember, the fight continues until the colder weather sets in and the mosquitoes disappear until next year.

### Prevention is Still Your Best Defense!

The best way to prevent West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood.

Remember to thoroughly inspect your property and eliminate "mosquito breeding habitats" such as any standing water.

### Avoid Mosquito Bites

Repellents are an important tool to assist people in protecting themselves from mosquito-borne diseases.

To report standing water and/or unusual incidences of multiple bird deaths (especially crows), residents should call their Abatement District.

### Mosquito Spraying Information



**Residents east of Pfingsten Road:**  
North Shore Mosquito Abatement District at 847/446-9434 or [www.nsmad.com](http://www.nsmad.com)

**Residents west of Pfingsten Road**  
Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at 847/537-2306 or [www.nwmadil.com](http://www.nwmadil.com)

## Do You Know Someone Who Volunteers?

### The Northbrook Civic Foundation salutes outstanding residents of Northbrook who serve as volunteers.

Volunteers are essential to the many non-profit organizations that enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community. If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to Northbrook, please make a nomination.

The deadline for nominations is October 30, 2012.

For more information visit [www.northbrookcivic.com](http://www.northbrookcivic.com) or e-mail [dzylzy@aol.com](mailto:dzylzy@aol.com)

## Fire Department Open House on October 13

All are invited to attend the Northbrook Fire Department's Open House at Fire Station #11, 740 Dundee Road, on Saturday, October 13 from 9am to noon.

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. Fire helmets, stickers, coloring books, and more will be available. *Save the date and plan to bring your camera!*



The Northbrook Community Relations Commission presents  
**The Community Trivia Challenge**

Saturday, October 13 from 7:00 to 10:00pm  
at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd.

This is a free event open to residents and their children 14 years and older and friends and relatives, businesses, houses of worship, non-residents working in Northbrook, and other Northbrook entities. **Form a team or come on your own. Singles welcome!** Food service available for purchase starting at 5:30pm. The Trivia Challenge will start promptly at 7pm.

The event is limited to the first 300 people. Maximum 10 people per team/table. Prizes will be presented to the 1st and 2nd Place Winning Tables.

**Interested?** Sign up on-line before October 7 at [www.northbrook.il.us/trivia](http://www.northbrook.il.us/trivia) or contact Jason Batalden at [jason.batalden@northbrook.il.us](mailto:jason.batalden@northbrook.il.us) or 847/664-4032.

*Babysitting service will be provided by the YMCA: Pre-register at 847/272-7250.*

*Please note: No alcohol is allowed.*



**Encore Performance  
Northbrook Symphony and  
New Tradition Chorus To  
Collaborate Again!**

**Given the overwhelming success of last year's joint concert to commemorate the events of September 11, the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra (NSO) and the New Tradition Chorus (TNT) are planning to join forces once again for a unique, All-American "POPS" concert.**

The special, one-time performance will take place at 4pm on Sun., September 9, at Glenbrook South High School.

Entitled "*The Glenbrook Pops - A Tribute to American Music*," the concert will focus on celebrating our country's unique musical style, history and heritage. Consisting entirely of music of American-born composers, each group will perform certain pieces individually, and then come together for several combined pieces, including an "Old Songs Medley" and "Armed Forces Medley." The concert will culminate with a rousing joint orchestral/choral finale of "Song of America," written and arranged by Jay Giallombardo, Musical Director of TNT. This all-American "Pops" concert will feature several popular musical genres, including some always-popular Broadway and Hollywood classics. Of course, there will also be some phenomenal patriotic pieces which will get the audience out of its chairs!

Tickets range from \$20-\$30. To order or for more information, please call 800/746-9246 or visit The New Tradition website at [www.newtradition.org](http://www.newtradition.org)

**For details about the NSO September 30 Concert, see page 11.**

**September: A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare**  
**This September, our nation will mark the eleventh year anniversary of 9/11. The Village of Northbrook has committed to participate in National Preparedness Month, an event founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S.**

The event is a nationwide, month-long effort hosted by the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps, encouraging households, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

One of NPM's key messages is to be prepared in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue. Preparing can start with three important steps:

- 1. Get an emergency supply kit
- 2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
- 3. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community, and identify sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency.



Northbrook is participating this year by encouraging every resident and business to register their cell phones and email address with the Village's Northbrook Notify at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) See page 10 for details.

**Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes a whole community.**

This year's National Preparedness Month focuses on turning awareness into action by encouraging all to make an emergency preparedness plan. Preparedness information and events will be posted to [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).

For more information about the Ready Campaign and National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or call 1-800/BE-READY or TTY 800/462-7585.



**Are you Prepared? Sign up for FREE CERT Basic Training**  
**Classes start at the Northbrook Fire Department in October!**

The purpose of this Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course is to provide citizens with the basic skills needed during a major disaster. This 5-week training will allow graduates to respond to the immediate need of their community in the aftermath of a major disaster. By working together, CERT members can assist in saving lives and protecting property by implementing the basic hands-on techniques taught in this course. To participate, contact Lt. Crawford at [david.crawford@northbrook.il.us](mailto:david.crawford@northbrook.il.us) or 847/272-2141, ext. 7222. Class size is limited, so please sign-up soon!

# Flood Protection Information

## History of Flooding In Northbrook

The most recent storm event that flooded Northbrook was on July 22-23, 2011. The storm dealt Northbrook 5.26 inches of rain within a 24-hour time span and was exasperated by previously saturated ground conditions. The storm took place during the middle of the night, so pinpointing the path of overland flooding was very difficult for residents to follow since a majority were sleeping when this occurred. Rainfall totals in Northbrook during that July were over 11-inches, with the majority of the total falling within a relatively short 9-day time span. The impact of the rain event was exemplified with an intense rainfall which reached an average rate of roughly 3.6-inches per hour. With rainfall rates this high, it becomes very difficult for the Village's storm sewer system (or any storm sewer system) to accept the amount of stormwater runoff created. The Public Works Department responded to 110 basement and street flooding calls.

In September of 2009, Northbrook suffered through an unusual series of rain events for the month. On September 12-13, approximately 6-inches of rain, from a sequence of storms, was recorded at the Public Works Center rain gauge; added to the 2-inches of rain from storms earlier in the week, this put the Village in a vulnerable position for property flooding. Prior to the major storm event, the ground conditions were saturated and branches of the Chicago River were at high levels from upland storm water runoff. Flooding was wide-spread throughout the region with the majority of the rainfall and flooding occurring on Saturday, September 13th. This storm also produced the most rainfall ever recorded for the City of Chicago. The "storm of record" for Northbrook is 7.75 inches, which fell back on August 14, 1987.

Prior to these two rain events, the last flood event that affected the Village was the heavy rainstorm occurring on August 21-22 of 2002. The storm yielded 5.25 inches of rain in a 12-hour period, which defined a "35-year" frequency storm. This is "engineer terminology" for a storm that has a 35% chance of

occurring in any given rain event, not what many believe is a



storm to occur once every thirty-five years. It is possible to have multiple events like this in a single year. The heavy rains resulted in many flooded basements, as well as various areas of yard and street flooding. Due to a long prior period of consistent rain, saturated ground conditions allowed for little absorption of rainwater which in turn increased the extent of the flooding.

Northbrook, like every other community, has some flood risk although we have an active Storm Water Management Commission and are working toward the realization of the goals of a long term plan to reduce flood risk. All flood management plans anticipate there will be some occasions when street and low portions of yards may be inundated. Streets in particular are part of the infrastructure for temporarily storing excessive storm water.

To learn more about Northbrook's Stormwater Management Plan visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Stormwater](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Stormwater)

## Flood Insurance – Are you Protected? Check your Policy!

Keep in mind that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Property owners in Northbrook can purchase separate flood insurance policies because the Village is a participant in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Property owners can insure both their buildings and contents, while renters can insure contents only. The NFIP is administered by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that are located outside of the floodplain. The actual cost of the policy will depend upon the amount of coverage desired and the degree of flood hazard.

As of January 2010, there were approximately 143 flood insurance policies in the Village. You may contact your homeowner's insurance provider for information on purchasing a flood insurance policy. Federal Law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally-backed mortgage or loan that is secured by the building if it is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (floodplain). Additional information can be found at both FEMA's website [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and the State of Illinois Department of Insurance's website, [www.insurance.illinois.gov](http://www.insurance.illinois.gov)

# CRS Classification Reduce Your Flood Insurance Premium

The Village presently sustains a Class 7 status within the Community Rating System (CRS), which provides property owners in the Village a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and a 5% reduction for properties located outside a Special Flood Hazard Area. The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specified floodplain outreach activities and development regulations. Currently there are only 15 communities in Illinois with a Class 7 rating or better.



## Floodplain Development Permit Requirements

The Village of Northbrook Zoning Code includes development regulations in the floodplain by the passage of Ordinance No. 92-6 covering floodplain development. The purpose of the regulations is to control the alteration of natural floodplains and stream channels to prevent the increase in flood hazards in other areas. Residents in floodplains who plan to do any type of work, including new construction, building additions, sheds, decks, fences, grading and landscaping, should first contact the Public Works Department at 847/664-4119, to determine what requirements apply and to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit application, if applicable. Residents may also call this number to report possible illegal development in the floodplain.

In accordance with the Village's Floodplain Development Ordinance, an existing habitable structure which was constructed prior to February 12, 1992 and located within the "flood fringe" (non-floodway portion of floodplain), may be improved by fifty percent (50%) or more of the market value of the structure prior to the proposed improvement, provided that the lowest floor, including any basement or sub-basement areas, is at or above base flood elevation (BFE). That is the historic measured level to which flood waters have risen in prior events. If any basement or sub-basement areas are below the BFE, they must be filled in and the structure properly elevated. These same requirements apply to repairs for substantially damaged structures which are defined as damages that are 50% or more than the structure's pre-damaged market value. For all new construction and improvements (on or after February 12, 1992) in the floodplain, the lowest floor must be elevated to a minimum of one foot above the BFE.

## Drainage System Maintenance

If your property is located adjacent to a creek or other waterway, please try to keep the banks and channel clear of debris. Any filling or dumping of grass clippings, branches, other types of yard waste and trash can obstruct the flow of water or reduce the conveyance capacity, which could potentially cause flooding problems to upstream properties. If you observe any filling, dumping or evidence of past filling or dumping in any watercourse in the Village, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/272-4711. Causing an obstruction in any watercourse within the Village is in violation of Section 16-3 of the Northbrook Municipal Code. No filling of any waterway is allowed unless the proper state and Village permit requirements have been met. Please also check with the Public Works Department at 847/664-4119, on the permit requirements for any proposed bank stabilization work such as the installation/replacement of retaining walls. Residents are encouraged to perform routine maintenance checks of any watercourse adjacent to their property at least twice a year to ensure that no obstructions are present or unauthorized filling has occurred.

## Flood Insurance Rate Map Inquiry

The Village of Northbrook's Public Works Department will continue to provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Inquiries for all properties located within the Village limits. This is the federal document that determines if a property is within or outside the regulated flood plain. This department also maintains FEMA Elevation Certificates on file for many structures that are located in or near the floodplain. That information can help you make decisions about investing in property. Contact the Public Works Department at 847/664-4119, for more information.

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# Flood Safety

## What to do and not do during a flood event

Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local radio station and follow all instructions given. Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.

- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock the average person off their feet.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible. Floodwaters can rise very rapidly and sweep a car away. A foot of water will float many vehicles.



## Property/Structure Protection

**Before and especially in the hours prior to the threat of flooding:**

- Move important papers, jewelry, clothing, collectibles and other valuable contents to upper floors or higher elevations.
- Bring outdoor possessions (lawn furniture, garbage cans, tools and other moveable objects) indoors, or tie them down securely to prevent them from being swept away or thrown about.
- Furnaces, electrical panel boxes, washers/dryers and hot water heaters should be elevated or relocated to areas that are less likely to flood. Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

Your home may be better protected from flood damage by regrading your lot to achieve positive drainage away from the structure and/or constructing a small earth berm. These

methods may work as long as flooding is not too deep and the property is not located in a floodway. Any change in grade requires a permit and will not be allowed if it adversely impacts neighboring property. Another means of protecting your home is to waterproof walls and place watertight closures over doorways and basement or sub-basement windows. This method is not recommended if flood levels are expected to exceed two feet. The installation of a standpipe or backflow prevention device can help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up in basements or sub-basement levels during periods of heavy rains. Standpipes and backflow devices are not recommended where water levels are expected to exceed two feet.

## Participate in Leadership Northbrook!

**Learn more about the inner workings of the Village as a participant in the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce Leadership program.**

Tour landmark sites, visit area businesses, hear presentations from prominent community and business leaders and network with fellow classmates from throughout the Northbrook area. The Leadership Northbrook class meets for a half-day session on the second Friday of the month, September through April. Classes are held at various locations around town.

The cost is \$250 for the eight-session program which includes catering and all materials. For more information, call the Chamber at 847/498-5555, ext. 4. ***The first class on Friday, September 14, includes an overview of the history of Northbrook and a teams course challenge course exercise at Meadowhill Park.***





## Touch-A-Truck

Bring the children and truck on down to Techy Prairie Park and Fields on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10am to noon, to meet the fleet.

Kids can climb aboard and pretend to drive an assortment of construction equipment and emergency vehicles at the annual Touch-A-Truck event presented by the Northbrook Park District from 10am to noon. The popular event is free, and no registration is required, but children need to bring an adult. Bring your camera for this wonderful photo opportunity!



## What's Playing? On NCTV Channel 17

Northbrook Community Television - NCTV Cable Channel 17 is a Government Access Channel with programming specifically geared for Northbrook residents and businesses. Northbrook residents and businesses can tune to NCTV for Village Board and Plan Commission meetings, as well as Village information and current news during times of emergencies. (AT&T U-verse subscribers-Tune to AT&T channel 99 and search *Northbrook* to view NCTV.)

7am & 3pm  
*Trailblazers* [Sunday & Wednesday in Korean]  
chronicles the lives of four women who immigrated to the Chicago area from Korea.

8am & 4pm  
*Northbrook Symphony Feature*  
Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, performed by George Lepauw and the NSO.

9am & 5pm  
*Farm to Fork*  
Hosted by Nbk Farmers Market Pres. Dale Duda.

10am, 11am, 6pm & 11pm  
*The Emerald Ash Borer, Northbrook's Green Menace!*  
Learn more about this pesky bug!

11:30am, 7:30 & 11:30pm  
*Northbrook! The Video Newsletter*

12 & 8pm, 12am  
*Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan*  
Guest Bruce Raymon discusses AARP and the Safe Driver Program.

12:30 & 8:30pm, 12:30am  
NCDAA FOCUS  
*Straight Scoop Road Tour*  
Kids talk to Kids about Drugs.

1pm & 9pm  
"NCDAA Parenting Series" "Strategies To End Female Bullying" Psy.D., LLPC, CADC.

## Village Board Highlights

### Recognized

- Sheila Bass for her 13 Years of service on the Community Relations Commission.
- Bell Flavors of Northbrook for 100 Years of Service to the world wide community.
- Dan Kaup for 14 Years of service as a Village of Northbrook Employee.

### Authorized

- Contract with Autumn Tree Care Experts for treatment of 72 Elm Trees, \$24,000.
- Purchase of 2013 Ford Explorer through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, \$25,680.
- Membership in Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau, \$46,400.
- Purchase of uniforms for Public Works Department, \$21,445.
- Contract for lining 8,000 feet of Sanitary Sewer, \$273,000.
- Agreement for the Skokie Corridor Sanitary Sewer Evaluation, \$28,401.

- Contract for purchase and installation of Exhaust Extractor Systems for Fire Stations 10 and 11, \$126,555.
- Contract for 2012 water main improvements projects, \$1,192,072 and change order for \$59,604.

### Approved

- Extending time period for developer to acquire title to property, North Shore Sports Center.
- Special Permit for two wall signs, 1500 Skokie.
- Special Permit for wireless antennas at 400 Skokie Boulevard.
- Design review Permit for a wall sign for Sarpino's Pizzeria, 1384 Meadow Road.
- Resolution ratifying a three-year collective bargaining Agreement with the Northbrook Police Association.
- A second amendment to the monopole ground lease with SprintCom at 1401 Landwehr Road.
- Contract for police towing services with Gene's Village Towing.

- Class C classification for commercial purposes pursuant to the Cook County Classification ordinance, 1000 Skokie Boulevard.
- Required site improvements for Katsnelson Subdivision, 2893-2895 Highland Road.
- Agreement for Alarm receiving equipment with Fire & Security Systems.
- Plan review services contract agreement with Fire Safety Consultants, Inc.

### Watch Village Officials in Action!

Most Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are streamed live on our website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and cablecast live on NCTV - Cable Channel 17. AT&T U-Verse subscribers must tune to channel 99 and search *Northbrook*. All cablecast meetings are also archived on-line. To watch a Village meeting on line, visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and click on Meetings and Agendas.

# Voting Information for the November 6 Presidential Elections



**Remember Tues., October 9, is the last day to register for the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election.**

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must be registered to vote from the address where you are living or you can be turned away at the polling place. The Village Hall is open for registration of voters from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. You also must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. If you wish to check your registration, or have a question about voter registration, call 312/603-0906 or go on-line at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

## Grace Period Voting

This year Grace Period Voting has been extended to Saturday before Election Day, October 10 -November 3, 2012. Voters who register or update their registration during grace period are required to vote at that time. This convenience will be offered downtown at 69 W. Washington Street and may be offered elsewhere in Cook County. Check [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) for a final list.

## Early Voting.

The Northbrook Village Hall is once again an early voting site. The Early Voting period has changed and will now start 15 days prior to Election Day and extend to the Saturday before, Monday, October 22 through Saturday, November 3, 2012.

If you have any questions please contact Village Clerk Debbie Ford at [debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us](mailto:debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us) or 847/664-4013.

For Absentee Voting information, call 312/603-0946 or visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)



## If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Notify You!

**Northbrook currently uses a mass call-out notification to alert residents and businesses with timely information by calling our database of landline phones. Now there is an option to add your cell phone number and email address so you don't miss important information unique to Northbrook**

When you register your cell phone on-line at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) for notifications, you'll also have an option to register your email address to receive other timely notices such as road closings, meeting agendas and special events.

**Please visit [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) and sign up today!**

*If you do not have Internet access and want to register your home and/or cell phone only, please use the form below.*

**Questions? Call 847/664-4015**

**Northbrook Notify – Cell & Home Phone Registration Form for those that do not use email.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone text alerts are available. Please check if you would like to have text alerts \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed form to the Village Hall, attn: Northbrook Notify, 1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062.

**If you have Internet access, there is no need to use this form.**

**Instead, register on-line today at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) if you haven't already.**

# Village Happenings

The **Northbrook Garden Club** presents **Bulbs Through the Seasons** and show gardeners how to plant bulbs now for beauty in the spring, on Tues., Sept. 4, 12:30 p.m., the Northbrook Civic Center, 2002 Walters Ave. Registration at 12:30pm, program at 1pm.

**Fine Arts Fall begins on Sept. 9 at the Northbrook Library.** The season events include a stellar array of instrumentalists. Stop in at the Library to pick up a Fine Arts Fall brochure for a full listing of this season's concerts.

Lake Forest College Professor Benjamin Goluboff will lead an informal discussion of **Shakespeare's Hamlet** on Wed., Sept. 12, 10am, Library Civic Room. The discussion ties in with the Writers' Theatre production of Hamlet which is being performed from Sept. 4 to November 11. Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Financial Skills for Women** will be held on Thurs., Sept. 13, 7pm, Library Pollak Room. If you have questions on how to make your financial situation work or wonder if you will have enough income for the future, this seminar is designed for you. Register at 224/425-4328.

What do Northbrook gardeners do with their extra tomatoes? They donate them to **the Tomato Project** to make spaghetti sauce for a special dinner to raise money to help local food banks and soup kitchens. This year's dinner will be on Sat., Sept. 15 from 5 until 7pm on the grounds of Northbrook United Methodist Church at the corner of Cherry and Western. Ticket prices: \$10 adults/\$5 kids. The meal will include spaghetti, homemade sauce, bread, salad, and a drink. Come hungry. It's all you can eat!

The Northbrook Woman's Club will meet on Thurs., Sept. 6 at noon the Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. Jean Merczak from The Art Institute of Chicago who will share a fascinating slide show presentation on **the relationship between Van Gogh and Gauguin**. Call 847/498-8992 or visit [www.northbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomansclub.org).

**Sharpen your driving skills** with a two-day class on Sept. 10 and 11 from 9am-1pm. The instructor will review rules of the road, vehicle operation, and age-related physical changes. Drivers who complete the course may qualify for a discount on car insurance. The fee is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Call 847/291-2988 to register.

The **Northbrook Community Art Associates** of the Chicago Art Institute will have a Kickoff Brunch at Francesca's on Tues., Sept. 11 from 9 to 11:30am. Topic: **Leisure Culture in American Art from Post Civil War days to the Depression era**. Call 847/564-2686 for the lecture and brunch reservation. The fee is \$18.

**Glenbrook Meals at Home** needs drivers. If you can give the hours between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. twice a month on week days to deliver hot meals to elderly shut-ins in the Glenview/Northbrook area, Glenbrook Meals at Home needs you! Call 847/441-6272 to learn how you can become a volunteer.

**Classic car and truck display at Shermerfest** on Sun., Sept. 16 from noon-4pm! Register your vehicle today: fee is \$12/advance or \$15/day of event. Call 847/498-2319 or email [classicnorthbrook@gmail.com](mailto:classicnorthbrook@gmail.com) or visit [www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org) See the back page for more details.

**Squash, Gourds, Pumpkins & More!** The fall bounty has arrived at Northbrook Farmers Market! The market runs Wednesdays through Oct. 10 from 7am-1pm. in the parking lot of Northbrook United Methodist Church, Cherry & Western. For information, visit [www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org](http://www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org).

**Get ready to share your talent for fun and prizes at Northbrook's Talent Showdown.** Sept. 7 is the deadline to apply for the Park District contest. The audition categories are: Music, Singing, Dance, Comedy and Unusual Talent. For details visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** begins its 33rd season on Sun., Sept. 30 with a wide-sweeping and delightful review of French music. All in all, this is a celebration of Joie de Vivre, French style—one which is truly not to be missed! Visit [www.TheNSO.org](http://www.TheNSO.org) or call 847/272-0755 for details.

**Inspired by the Olympics to get in shape?** Fitness classes at the Park District begin the week of Sept. 10 with early morning, lunchtime and evening options. The choices include Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Nia and Boot Camp. Call 847/291-2995 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

The **Northbrook Community Choir** invites adults to join for the fall season, which begins on Sept. 10. There are no auditions, and the choir practices on Mon. nights from 7:30-9pm. A highlight this year is a combined concert with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra on December 2. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2367.

Thurs., Sept. 13 is the last night of the **2012 bicycle racing season at the Ed Rudolph Velodrome** in Meadowhill Park. Races begin at 7pm, featuring top cyclists from the Midwest. The spectator fee is \$2 for ages 12-adult; children under 12 are free.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold a monthly meeting on Wed., Sept. 19 at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas for meetings are posted at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) in the *About Us* section, under Board of Commissioners.

A **Teen Safe Driver Clinic** will be held at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) on Sun., Sept. 23. The clinic is open to all licensed drivers 16-18 years old as an opportunity to improve their skills in a safe, controlled environment. Advanced registration required; a parent must accompany all participants. For details visit [www.AudiChicago.org](http://www.AudiChicago.org) or e-mail [Mark@AudiChicago.org](mailto:Mark@AudiChicago.org)

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a wide variety of programs for adults, age 55 and over. **Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in group exercise** such as Zumba, learn a new sport or a new skill, watch a movie or go on a field trip. For info, call 847/291-2988, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or stop by the Senior Center.

All are welcome to the **North Suburban YMCA's annual meeting on September 20**, beginning at 6pm. The highlight of the evening will be the **official ribbon cutting ceremony** for the beautifully renovated facility. Tour the new building spaces, meet with Y leadership, and enjoy refreshments. The Y is located at 2705 Techny Rd. For details, call 847/272-7250.

Unique gifts and treasures are at the **Inn Shop of the Northbrook Historical Society**, 1776 Walters Ave. Hours are Thurs.-Sat., 10am-4pm, and Sun., 2pm-4pm. Consignments: Wed., 11am-2pm. Call 847/498-0884.

Save the date for free family fun at Northbrook **Autumnfest on Sat., October 13** from 3-7pm at Meadowhill Park.

**Parent University 2012** – Parents with school-aged children: Save the date, Sat., Nov. 3, at GBN. Details in the Oct. issue of Northbrook! Call NCDAA at 847/272-7870 for more information.

Stop by the **Village Gallery at the Village Hall to see paintings by Northbrook Artist Shelia Day**. The Lobby Display case features artwork promoting the November Junior High School Juried art show.



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# The Northbrook Historical Society Cordially Invites You to the 34th Annual Shermerfest

Sunday, September 16 from Noon to 4pm ↪ Village Green Park, 1776 Walters Ave.

## Food and Fun for all Ages!

- Lunch is Served! Dine Outdoors: Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda – *Sponsor Sunset Foods*
- Homemade Bake Sale & Soup Lunch Indoors at the Inn – Donate your favorite dessert or purchase one
- Beautiful fall mums for sale
- “Classic Northbrook” Antique and Classic Car and Truck Display – *Sponsored by KZF Development*
- Silent Auction: Bid on great items donated by local businesses, featuring sports memorabilia and baskets for all occasions
- Music (1 to 4pm): Legacy Girls sing Boogie Woogie hits and Jukebox Favorites–*Partially sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission grant*
- Children’s Entertainment:
  - ▶ Make a Scarecrow (\$5) Bring scarecrow clothing –the rest will be provided –*Sponsored by Wagner Fram & Glenview CLOvers 4-H Club*
  - ▶ Balloon Twister • Variety/Magic Show Sponsored by Northbrook Bank & Trust Co.
- ▶ Trackless Train Rides
- ▶ Face Painters – *Partial sponsors E.nopi Learning Center & Glenview State Bank*
- ▶ Make Old Fashioned Games – *Sponsored by the North Suburban YMCA*
- ▶ Variety/Magic Show (3pm) and Balloon Twister –*sponsored by Northbrook Bank & Trust Co.*



Shermerfest is presented by the Northbrook Historical Society and the Northbrook Park District.