

# NORTHBROOK

MAY 2017



## Welcome Our New Village Board Members

The Village of Northbrook Welcomes Two New Board Members

On April 4, incumbents Sandra Frum was elected as Village President, Kathryn Ciesla was elected as Trustee and Village Clerk Debra Ford was elected as Village Clerk. In addition, Muriel Collison and Jason Han were elected as new Village Trustees. All will serve four-year terms. Please join the Village in welcoming our elected officials as they are sworn into office on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30pm, during the Village Board meeting.

The meeting will be cablecast live on NCTV- Northbrook Cable Channel 17 and replayed the following day at 9am and 7pm. The meeting will also be streamed live and archived at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us)

*Please see page 2 for more information about the new trustees.*

## Meet & Greet With Your Village Officials

Meet your Village officials and other community representatives at the Flamingo Friday & Welcome to Northbrook event at the Village Hall on Friday, May 19, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Rain or Shine.

## All Invited to the Village Hall to Kick-off Summer

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The annual Flamingo Friday and Welcome to Northbrook lawn party is scheduled just in time to kick-off summer fun. Representatives from the Village, Public Library, Park District, Police and Fire Departments and North Suburban YMCA will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about services in the Village of Northbrook. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and meet your neighbors and public officials.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Community Relations Commission's popular Flamingo Friday "meet your neighbors" program. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic pink flamingo at the May 19 event.

For more information on Flamingo Friday, see page 4, visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo) or call 847-664-4017.

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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**  
Please note new Memorial Day Parade Route. See page 4 for details. The Village Hall will be closed on Memorial Day.

## Welcome to the Village Board

**Muriel Collison, a life-long fourth generation Northbrook resident, has served on the Northbrook Plan Commission since 2013.**



Muriel is an attorney and the principal of Collison Law Offices, LTD in Chicago. As a parent of three, Muriel is active in her children's schools. She is a Northbrook Rotarian since 2006 and serves as a Mentor for the Illinois Woman's Bar Association. Muriel earned a B.A. in Political Science from DePauw University in 1999, and a Doctor of Law (JD) degree from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in 2002. She is a member of the Kane County Bar Association, Worker's Compensation Lawyers Association, Women's Bar Association and Business Networking International.

**Jason Han, a fourteen-year Northbrook resident, has served on the Northbrook Community Relations Commission (CRC) since 2015.**



Jason is an attorney and a small-business owner, managing a law firm focused on employee rights. Jason volunteers for Northbrook Days and at the Glen Oaks nursing home. He is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and has a double-major in English Literature and Fine Arts. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law. Jason is a board member of the Chicago Chapter of the Korean American Bar Association, a 2016 fellow of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section and has received commendations from the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

**Leaving the Village Board... The Village of Northbrook expresses its appreciation for the professional expertise and countless hours given by the outgoing Village Board members.**

Michael Scolaro and Todd Heller are both recognized for their dedicated service on the Village board for the past 12 years, as they both served three four-year terms as Village Trustees. On behalf of the Village of Northbrook, profound thanks and appreciation are extended to these individuals for their service to the community.

## Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses Available in June

**Our easy to use renewal applications will be mailed to your home or business at the end of May.**

All motor vehicles registered to a Northbrook address (residential or business) are required to have Village vehicle stickers. Only persons residing within the corporate limits of the Village are allowed to purchase a Northbrook vehicle sticker.

Your mailing should contain all vehicle and animal applications, as applicable, to each household or business. Please review the form and return both copies to the Village. If your vehicle or pet information has changed, modifications may be made directly on the form. Your stickers/tags, along with your receipt, will be mailed to you promptly after June 1. Stickers must be displayed by midnight, Friday, June 30.

Persons living in unincorporated Northbrook must only purchase a Cook County vehicle sticker. These are available at the Northfield Township office, 847-724-8300.

**Support 4th of July and Receive a Special Vehicle Sticker**

Residents will have an option to make a donation, minimum \$20 per sticker, to help support Northbrook's 4th of July festivities. There are only 2,000 special vehicle stickers, so purchase yours early. This year's 4th of July sticker features the 2017 4th of July logo.

The 2017/18 standard vehicle sticker features the Northbrook Park District logo celebrating their 90 years of service to the Northbrook Community from generation to generation.

Purchase your vehicle sticker before 4:30pm on Friday, June 30, for the lower rate. Automobile stickers are \$30. After 4:30 pm on Friday, June 30, stickers are \$38.



## Northbrook's Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

**The Public Works Department will begin its regular hydrant flushing program in May and continue through the summer.**

The hydrant maintenance work will be on weekdays between the hours of 8am and 3pm. When hydrant maintenance is being done in your area, it may cause some discoloration or rust in your water. Should there be any rust or discoloration, the water will remain safe. Letting the cold water on your faucets run until the water is clear will help rid your lines of rust or discoloration. If the water discoloration continues, call the Northbrook Public Works Department at 847/272-4711.

Register your contact information with Northbrook Notify at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) to receive notifications when testing will be in your neighborhood.



# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



I want to thank you for your support and honoring me with the privilege of serving as your Village President for the next four years. At the May 9 Village Board meeting I, along with Trustees Kathryn Ciesla, Muriel Collison and Jason Han and Village Clerk Debra Ford, will officially be sworn in to office. On behalf of the Village Board, we look forward to continuing to serve the residents and businesses in Northbrook.

I encourage you to get involved in local government. Check out Village Commissions

on our website and volunteer your service. Come to a Village Board meeting or watch one on NCTV – Cable Channel 17 or streamed live or archived at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us)

## Changes in Village Government

I'd like to thank Trustees Michael Scolaro and Todd Heller for their service on the Village Board for the past 12 years. Michael Scolaro, brought his expertise in Finance and Budgeting to the Board of Trustees. During his tenure, he served as Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, Ad Hoc Labor Relations Committee and served on the Public Safety Committee and the Community & Sustainability Committee.

Todd brought his expertise as an attorney to the Board of Trustees. During his tenure, he served as Chairman on the Public Works Committee and was a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, Communications and Legislation Committee, Ad Hoc Labor Relations Committee and the Board of Local Improvements.

I wish them both well in their future endeavors. It's been a pleasure to serve with them.

## Opportunity to Meet Your Village Officials and Your Neighbors

On Friday, May 19, from 5 to 7pm, the Village is hosting a special event at the Village Hall for new residents, or current residents who would like to meet their neighbors, Village officials and Village staff. There will even be police and fire vehicles on display, so bring the kids and learn more about the Village and the various agencies, such as the Library and Park

District that serve those who call Northbrook home. It is also an opportunity to learn more about a unique Northbrook event called Flamingo Fridays. If you have never heard of Flamingo Fridays, please see the front page and page 4 for details.

## Northbrook's Fiscal Year begins May 1

I am pleased to announce that the Village Board passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18. In addition, the Board also approved abating over \$500,000 of the property tax increase for police and fire pensions. I want to thank staff, as well as my fellow Board members, for their expertise and input while working through the budgeting process. The final document is a thoughtful balance of maintaining excellent community services and infrastructure, while keeping an eye on external factors such as state government decisions that may affect our revenues. A copy of our Annual Budget is available at [www.northbrook.il.us/Budget](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Budget) Please see page 6 for more information.

## Memorial Day in Northbrook

After the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, I, along with others, will be speaking at the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony. Please join me in honoring our local veterans and take part in this brief ceremony. I also encourage all Northbrook residents to fly your American Flag throughout the weekend.

For details on this year's Memorial Day events, including the new parade route due to road improvements in downtown Northbrook, see page 4.

## Comments

As always, your comments are welcomed. Please send me an email at [village@northbrook.il.us](mailto:village@northbrook.il.us) or call 847-509-5301.



# Memorial Day Weekend Events

Don't Miss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 29

## Honor Our Local Veterans

The Northbrook Memorial Day Parade steps off from the corner of Cherry and Western at 10:30am and continues east on Cherry to Meadow, then south to Village Green Park. Bands from local schools will be marching and performing following the parade. *(Please note the new parade route due to road work on Cherry and Church.)*

All are encouraged to attend the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green Park following the parade. This year's featured speaker is BG Thomas Kittler, USAF.

## Posting Flags on Veteran's Grave Sites

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 27, at 10am, for the Posting of Flags on Veteran's grave sites at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road, just north of Dundee Road. The posting of approximately 150 flags takes about an hour. All residents are welcome to participate and any organization that wants to adopt a cemetery is encouraged to do so. American Legion Post 791 has an ample supply of flags for this purpose. Please call 847-564-9558 for details.

## Show Your Patriotism – Fly Your Flag All Weekend

Take a few minutes and display your flag. If you don't have a flag, purchase one at a local hardware store! On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon, when it should be raised to the top of the staff. Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reason we celebrate Memorial Day each year.

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services in the Village of Northbrook. Stop by and enjoy free refreshments and meet your neighbors.

Residents will also be encouraged to participate in the Community Relations Commission's popular Flamingo Friday program featured below.

Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic pink flamingo at the May 19 event.

For more information on Flamingo Friday, please call 847-664-4010 or visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo)

## What are Flamingo Fridays?

Flamingo Fridays are a way to connect with your neighbors in a completely casual atmosphere. Every Friday evening (or chose another night) starting around 6pm, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, a neighborhood gathering will be held in someone's driveway, designated by a Pink Flamingo perched in the lawn. The host provides the driveway. No effort needed! Everyone brings their own lawn chairs, beverages, kids, snacks, etc. Gatherings may last 30 minutes or a couple hours, depending on the group assembled on any given evening.



# Infrastructure & Road Improvements

Motorists are reminded to use caution in construction zones and always obey posted speed limits.

Below are highlights of Village projects and other regional construction projects scheduled this year.

## Central Business District Improvements

The Village of Northbrook is undertaking improvements to the infrastructure and streetscape in the Central Business District (CBD). The areas where work will be done include Shermer Road between Maple Avenue and Waukegan Road, Meadow Road between Walters Avenue and Cherry Lane, Cherry Lane between the railroad underpass and Keystone Avenue and Church Street between Keystone Avenue and Shermer Road. Construction is scheduled to be complete by late October. This work will include:

- Resurfacing/replacement of portions of streets and sidewalks
- Replacement of failed curbs and gutters
- Replacement of existing plantings and the addition of new landscaped areas within the rights-of-way
- Narrowing of Shermer Road
- Replacement of street lighting on Shermer Road between Church Street and Angle Avenue

- Intersection improvements and replacement of the traffic signals at Shermer Road and Church Street
- Reconfiguration of lanes on Shermer Road between Waukegan Road and Church Street to accommodate on-street parking

While the CBD and all businesses will be accessible during construction, please note there may be traffic delays and intermittent lane closures. A highlight of the project includes lane reconfigurations within two segments of Shermer Road.

- Shermer Road, between Church Street and Waukegan Road, will be reconfigured with two lanes of traffic, a center turn lane, mid-block pedestrian crossing, and on-street parking on the south/east side of the road. (See rendering below.)
- Shermer Road, between Walters and Maple Avenues, will have a segment of roadway curb line extended into the striped area of the pavement to create additional parkway and green space.

Questions about the CBD project may be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711. Updates will be posted at [www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects)



## Other Village Projects

The Village will also be undertaking water, sewer, sidewalk and other roadway improvements.

Projects include reconstruction of Lee Road between Williamsburg Drive and Lake-Cook Road, asphalt resurfacing, water main replacements, concrete street rehabilitation and sanitary sewer rehabilitation.

Stormwater Management projects that will be constructed this year include Sunset Lane and the Dundee Road/Skokie Boulevard Intersection and the Keystone/Chartres Stormwater Project.

## Other Agency Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is completing the addition of southbound & eastbound right turn lanes at the Pfingsten Road intersection and eastbound & westbound right turn lanes at the Landwehr Road intersections. IDOT will also be replacing the bridge structure at Lee Road and Dundee Road in the spring of 2018. This work will necessitate a closure of Dundee Road for approximately six months during construction.

Please visit [www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects) for more information on construction projects in and around the Village.



## Northbrook Officers to Raise Funds for Special Olympics

### On Friday, May 19, Stop by Northbrook Dunkin Donuts to see Cop on the Rooftop

On Friday, May 19, from 5am to 2pm, you'll see some of Northbrook's Finest on the rooftop at Dunkin Donuts, at the corner of Dundee and Pfingsten Roads. Stop by and support the fundraising efforts for Illinois Special Olympics.

### On Sunday, June 4, Northbrook Officers will participate in the Torch Run

Officers will be running to raise funds for Special Olympics. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

**Donate!** Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceTorch](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceTorch) or send a check payable to *Special Olympics Illinois* to the Northbrook Police, Attn: Torch Run, 1401 Landwehr Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062. Questions? Call 847-664-4422 or 847-664-4460.

# Village Board Approves Budget

At their regular meeting on April 25, 2017, the Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, which begins May 1, 2017.

**The total approved budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is \$100,625,028.**

The General Fund, which provides for the basic public service operations of the Village (Police, Fire, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Planning and Economic Development, among others) accounts for 45% of the total budget. The approved budget for the General Fund is balanced for next fiscal year and allowed the Village Board to abate \$508,429 of the property tax increase approved in December 2015 for police and fire pensions.

Five years ago, the Village introduced an expanded two-year budget for the General Fund to further assist the Village Board in developing fiscal policy. Last year, we projected total General Fund expenses for FY 2017/18 of \$44.1 million, with total operating expenses of \$41.8 million. Our current projection for total General Fund expenses is 1.97% lower, with total operating expenses 2.93% lower than our projections at this time last year.

The two-year operating budget and the Village's five-year Capital Improvement Plan provide the basis for meaningful planning and the capacity to adjust our resource allocations as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community.

Through this careful planning and analysis, the Village Board has increased their commitment to maintaining and improving the Village's significant infrastructure assets. The Village maintains 130 center line miles of asphalt and concrete streets, 170 miles of water mains, 127 miles of sanitary sewers and 123 miles of storm sewers. The Village has invested more than \$250 million in our municipal infrastructure. Proactive annual maintenance is required in order to protect our significant investment and avoid costly failures in the future.

## Significant capital projects for the coming year include:

- Street maintenance and improvements – \$7.6 million
- Water distribution system improvements – \$6.4 million
- Water plant and pump station improvements – \$1.9 million
- Storm water mitigation – \$3.1 million
- Public building improvements – \$1.1 million

From an external perspective, the State fiscal crisis continues to loom as a threat to Northbrook's financial picture. The State has been without a budget for nearly two years. Given the State's financial position, some further reduction to our distributive revenues seems likely. It is difficult to say how much and for how long, or if there will be other offsets from the State that may mitigate these reductions.



## There are two proposals in particular which would significantly impact our revenues.

- Local Government Distributive Fund

Local governments in Illinois are not allowed to levy income taxes. Instead, they receive a share of State income tax proceeds from the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Currently, 8% of personal income taxes and 9.14% of corporate taxes are deposited to the LGDF and distributed to local governments on a per capita basis. Governor Rauner has proposed reducing the local share by 50%. This would equate to a reduction of approximately \$1,675,000 annually to Northbrook.

- Property Tax Freeze

The Governor has also proposed a permanent property tax freeze. There have been several versions of this in draft legislation during the past two years. Currently proposed is SB 13, which is part of the Senate budget plan referred to as the "grand bargain." SB 13 would freeze the property taxes for 2017 and 2018 at the 2016 extension, however levies made for debt service, pensions or public safety would be allowed to increase by the lesser of 5% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI increase used by the Illinois Department of Revenue for 2016 was 2.1%.

It is important to note that SB 13 would impose the tax limitations based on the 2016 extension. Should this ultimately become law, the Village levy, net of abatements, would be used for calculating the caps.

Together, the Village Board and staff have responded to the realities of the last several years with policies and processes that have focused our efforts to meaningfully and appropriately address the short- and long-term financial health of our Village government.

This careful management by the Village Board and staff has provided the flexibility to adjust our resources as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community. Constraining costs without diminishing quality services, steady growth in certain revenue streams and strong legislative and management oversight will keep the Village in an enviable position moving into the coming fiscal years.

## Questions?

If you have questions about the Village's budget or the budget process, please contact Jeff Rowitz, Deputy Village Manager/Chief Financial Officer, at 847-272-5050. The budget is also available at the Northbrook Library Reference Desk and online at [www.northbrook.il.us/budget](http://www.northbrook.il.us/budget)

# Village Happenings

The Northbrook Garden Club hosts **Backyard Butterflies: Beyond Milkweed** - Patrick Sbordone, Horticulturist for the Chicago Botanic Garden's Butterflies & Blooms exhibit, will present a comprehensive view of the role of butterflies and other pollinators at the United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave., on Tues., May 2, at 7pm. Email [nbkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbk gardenclub@gmail.com) or visit Facebook page.

**Calling All Bands!** Fri., May 5, is the deadline for local bands to apply for Rock the Green, Battle of the North Shore Youth Bands. The showcase and competition takes place on Fri., June 2, from 6 to 9pm at Village Green Park. All ages welcome to attend and vote for the Audience Favorite. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for applications. The event is sponsored by the Northbrook Park District and Northbrook Arts Commission. For information, call 847-291-2995.

**Immediately following Rock the Green, about 9pm, (listed above) is a free showing of the first film in the Star Wars Anthology Series—Rogue One** at Village Green Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be canceled. Free!

The Community Associates of the Art Institute will take a Bus Tour to Kankakee to **visit the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Frank Lloyd Wright home** on Wed., May 10, between 8am and 4:30pm. Fee \$80/members and \$90/non. Reserve by May 3, at 847-498-2742.

**Recycle electronics, light bulbs and batteries.** Bins for bulbs and batteries are behind the Village Hall at the Garage from 7am to 3pm, Mon. through Fri. Household Electronics for residents is available on the first Tuesday of every month from 7am to 3pm (May 3) and the first Sat., (May 6) from 9am to noon.

**Looking for a Mother's Day gift?** Great one-of-a-kind gifts are for sale at the Inn Shop located at the Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Ave. Hours are Thurs.- Sat. from 10am to 4pm, and on Sun., from 2 to 4pm. Consignments received Wed., 11am to 2pm. Call 847-498-0884. A portion of every sale helps support the Northbrook History Museum.

**Celebrate Free Comic Book Day** by visiting the Library's Youth Services Department on Sat., May 6, and picking up a free comic book!

**Dave Rudolf performs a special Beach Party concert** for families on Sat., May 6, at 10am in the Library's auditorium! Between the Limbo and a Conga Line, it's sure to be a rockin' good time!

**Saving for college?** Come to the Library on Wed., May 10, at 7pm, to learn about College Illinois, a state program that lets you pay for your child's college tuition at today's rate.

**Go fish!** The annual Kids' Fishing Derby from the Northbrook Park District returns to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 20, from 10am-noon. The District will supply fishing rods, bait and prizes.

Stop by the Village Hall Board Room during business hours and visit the Village Gallery, featuring beautiful watercolors by **Northbrook Artist Karen Bonner**.

The Library's annual **Low Vision Fair** will take place on Fri., May 12 from 1-4pm at the Glenview Senior Center. All are welcome to attend. Diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma screenings will be available. Please visit the Library's website for more information.

**Honor your mother and Mother Earth by planting a tree this Mother's Day!** The Library is giving away free oak saplings (while supplies last) on Fri., May 12 - Sun., May 14, courtesy of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

The Northbrook Park District is celebrating the **48th year of the award-winning ice production**, which features toddlers through high-level soloists, May 12-14. Tickets are \$12 at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2993 or visit the Sports Center Office (1730 Pfcngsten Rd.).

The call for film submissions for the **2017 Youth Film Festival** is now open! Teens (grades 7-12) should enter their short film by Mon., May 15, to be considered for the Mon., May 22, Film Festival. Cash prizes are up for grabs! Find more information at [www.northbrook.info/youth-film](http://www.northbrook.info/youth-film)

At Northbrook's Heritage Trees, a panel of experts, including **Northbrook Village Forester Terry Cichocki**, will discuss the value of trees and how to protect them for the future. Mon., May 15, 7pm, Library's Pollak Room.

**The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings** Author Patrick Cannon and photographer Jim Caufield will present the interiors of great Chicago buildings. Tues., May 16, 7-8:30pm at the Library.

**Northbrook Garden Club Plant Sale** featuring plants from member's gardens, potted and ready to plant. Knowledgeable members available on Fri., May 19, and Sat. May 20, 9-4pm, at the Village Green Park Community Center, 1810 Walters Ave. For info visit [www.northbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.northbrookgardenclub.org)

Sign up for the **17th Annual Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run/Walk ALS Fundraiser**, which will be held at 8 a.m., Sat., May 20, at Maple School. For details, call 847-400-8900 or visit [www.lewblondrun.org](http://www.lewblondrun.org)

The Library's live TEDx event, **Embracing the Unexpected**, features four local speakers giving their unique TEDx Talks on stage! Come to the Library on Sat., May 20, from 12:30 - 4pm. Call 847-272-6224 to register for this event.

**Armchair Tour of the Solar System** Adler Planetarium Master Educator Michelle Nichols will showcase NASA's latest images of our solar system on Tues., May 23, 7-8:30pm, in the Library Auditorium.

**Lunch and a Movie - The Secret Life of Bees**, Tues., May 23, at the Northbrook Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Members \$6/Non-Members \$9

**Planning a party or outdoor celebration?** Northbrook Park District parks and shelters are available for rent from May 1 through October 30 from 8am to dusk with a two-hour minimum. Wood Oaks Green Park and Techny Prairie Park and Fields provide grills. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for details or call 847-291-2980.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., May 24, at 7pm at the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Dr. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas for the monthly meetings are posted online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

The **Northbrook Symphony announces its 2017-18 season** filled with exciting masterworks both familiar and rare, selected by Music Director Lawrence Rapchak. "Early Bird" pricing available for a limited time. Call the NSO office at 847-272-0722 for details.

Join the Library for a day of conversation at the first ever **Engaged Citizenship Unconference** on Sun., May 7 at 1pm, where participants decide on the conference's topics. Call 847-272-6224.

**Be in the 4th of July parade.** Application deadline is Fri., May 26 for community groups, politicians and businesses to sign up. Participants may enter floats or they can walk along the route or ride in a car. Applications are available at [www.northbrook4thofjuly.com](http://www.northbrook4thofjuly.com) or call 847-897-6119.

**Memorial Day Parent/Child Mini-Golf Tournament** - Compete for prizes at Sportsman's Country Club on Mon., May 29. Call 847-291-2351, ext. 2, to reserve your tee time or drop in and play.

**Registration continues for Northbrook Park District Summer Camps and Workshops.** For more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

Save the date for **The New Tradition Chorus' spring show Celebration of Singing!** on Sat., June 3 and Sun., June 4. Matinees at 2pm and an evening show Sat., at 7:30pm. Enjoy the great a cappella classics at GBS Watson Auditorium, Glenview. Order tickets at [www.newtradition.org](http://www.newtradition.org) or call 800-746-9246.

The **North Shore Chamber Music Festival** will take place on June 7, 9 & 10 at the Village Presbyterian Church. For more info and tickets, call 847-370-3984 or visit [www.nscmf.org](http://www.nscmf.org)

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Avenue, offers a wide variety of programs, trips and classes for adults age 55 and over. For more information, call 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Membership passes are available for the Northbrook Dog Park & renewals begin on June 1.** Details are available at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2980



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# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

## A Look Back at Downtown Northbrook

As you travel through the road construction in and around town, remember that the underpass, Cherry Lane from the underpass to Shermer Road, and Meadow Road from Cherry Lane to Walters, did not exist until 1959 and that streets in town were not paved until the mid-1920s.

This photo shows Shermer Road, from Waukegan Road looking toward town, before the road was paved. Notice the dirt street and concrete sidewalks with children roller skating. Bank America is now where the houses on the right are located. c. 1918 (*Below*)



One lonely car is crossing the bridge heading toward town on the newly paved Shermer Road. On the left is the intersection with Church Street and on the right is now the site of the Village Church. c. 1925 (*Right*)



The photographer who took this photo was at the intersection of Walters Avenue and Shermer Road, looking east toward the railroad tracks. The building on the left now houses Bank Financial. The triangle in the middle of the intersection was Northbrook's first park. c. 1930s (*Above*)



This view of downtown Northbrook is Shermer Road, at the tracks, looking east toward Waukegan Road. The first building on the right now houses Edwards Florist. The second building on the left is now the Landmark Inn and the next building, to the right of Landmark Inn, will soon house Bar Jar restaurant. Notice the gas pump on the right side of the street along Shermer Road, in front of the new Lucky Fish restaurant. c. early 1950s. (*Above*)