

# NORTHBROOK

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## Severe Weather Preparedness

**Every year, lives are threatened or lost and property is destroyed by severe weather events.**

There are a variety of severe weather hazards that affect Illinois, including thunderstorms and tornadoes. Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather risk in Illinois. An average of 27 tornadoes occur in the state every year. Severe thunderstorms can also produce damaging winds, which can cause significant structural damage to buildings. It's important for you and your family to be informed and ready.

March 1-7 is *Severe Weather Preparedness Week* in Illinois. Learn how to prepare your family before a disaster strikes. Do you know the difference between a Watch and a Warning? Do you have a battery operated radio? Have you registered your contact information with Northbrook Notify? Please see page 2 for important information about preparedness including details about the Outdoor Warning Siren System and suggestions for weather monitoring.

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## Consolidated Election Information

**Register to Vote by March 10 for the April 7th Election**

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must update your voter registration or you can be turned away at the polling place. If you wish to check your registration, call 312/603-5656 or go on-line at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)

**There are four convenient methods of registering to vote:**

- Register at the Village Hall by March 10
- Apply online by March 10
- Call for an application - due March 10
- Register and vote in-person during Grace-period Registration from March 11 to April 4

**See page 6 for voter registration details.**

**Early Voting: March 23 – April 4**

Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane, is an early voting location in Cook County. The hours for early voting at the Village Hall will be Monday through Saturday, 9am to 5pm. A government-issued photo ID is required for early voting.

For more information on other Cook County suburban early voting sites, or grace-period registration and voting, contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312/603-0906 or [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections)

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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**Spring forward on March 8 and remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.**

# Severe Weather Preparedness

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March 1-7 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week – Be Informed and Be Prepared

## Do you know the terms used to describe a tornado or severe thunderstorm threat?

### Take a moment to review this information with your family.

- **WATCH** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm is possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. Please note, severe weather watches are reports of weather conditions in which severe weather could occur. The warning system is not activated for severe weather watches.
- **WARNING** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. For a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning, take shelter immediately, turn on a battery-operated radio or television and wait for the “all clear” announcement by authorities.

## What You Should Know About the Outdoor Warning Siren System

**Northbrook has an outdoor siren warning system installed throughout the community. The system consists of a series of sirens strategically located and is intended to provide warning of impending danger. The primary purpose of the warning sirens is to notify individuals who are outdoors at the time of the weather threat. You may not hear them inside your home or business.**

### Warning System Activation

The system is designed to notify the community by Alert Warning and Attack Warning signals. The signals are standardized for outdoor warning devices by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- › **Alert Warning**  
An Alert Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute steady siren. This signal is used in the event of a tornado or funnel cloud sighting. The reporting area includes a ten-mile perimeter around the Village. The Alert Warning signal shall indicate to all persons to “immediately seek shelter, turn on your radio or television, and listen for essential emergency information.”

- › **Attack Warning**  
An Attack Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute wavering siren. This signal means that an actual attack against the United States has been detected and that the Federal Emergency Broadcast System has been activated.



- › **Reactivation**  
Once it is activated, the warning sirens will not be reactivated for the same incident. The warning sirens will be reactivated only for new, confirmed incidents.
- › The Village of Northbrook will not issue the all clear announcement for any Alert or Attack signals. Please monitor commercial radio and television for further information as well as the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us)

## Things to Remember!

- Know the different signals and know what to do.
- Look for the following danger signs:
  - › Dark, often greenish sky
  - › Large hail
  - › A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
  - › Loud roar, similar to a freight train
- If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.
- Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to learn more about how to prepare, plan and stay informed.

## Severe Weather Awareness - Weather Monitoring

Monitoring the weather has never been easier thanks to a variety of tools available, including the Internet, television, mobile applications and weather radios. Check out the following websites where you can monitor the weather and/or sign up to receive weather alerts:

[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
[www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)  
[www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)  
[www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)  
[www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com)



For important information about emergencies not related to severe weather alerts, sign up for Northbrook Notify at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify)

Northbrook Notify is a notification system that is used to alert residents about storm clean-up information, road closures, water outages, meeting notices and special events.

# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



One of the highlights of local government public service is the diversity of topics and projects that cross my path every week. I find it fascinating and also educational, to learn about everything from water distribution systems and government finance to stormwater management and raising chickens. Severe weather, dealing with skunks, water bills, celebrating Earth and Arbor Day, learning about the history of subdivisions and mapping are just some of the topics covered in this month's Village newsletter.

The diversity and complexity of Village services necessitates the use of current technologies. The Village is presently operating on disparate and non-integrated computer systems. After careful analysis, the Village has recently acquired a fully integrated ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) System. The ERP system will support the Village's business processes and be regularly updated and maintained by a vendor with more than 600 municipal clients.

The ERP will be implemented in phases over the next eighteen months. Upon completion, the system will provide residents and businesses greater ability to interact with the Village online by providing improvements such as an interactive portal to apply for and view status of permits, request inspections online and pay utility bills online. Please watch future newsletters for additional information as these new features become available.

## Preparing for Severe Weather

March 1 – 7 is Severe Weather Preparedness week in Illinois. While, there is nothing we can do to stop severe weather, there are actions that everyone can take to minimize its impact on our lives. Please review the severe weather information in this newsletter to prepare your family and home for emergencies.

## Melting Snow and Spring Rains – Stormwater Management Plan

The Village of Northbrook's Master Stormwater Management Plan (MSMP) is comprised of two documents: an executive report and an appendix that provides in depth history and

analysis on stormwater in the Village of Northbrook, as well as detailed information on the projects included in the plan. The projects, programs, and recommendations included in the plan were created around the Village's four goals for managing stormwater. The goals in order of priority are:

- Reduce structure flooding/damage as a result of stormwater.
- Reduce street and front yard flooding to maintain access for emergency responders.
- Manage property flooding (rear and side yard).
- Manage development/redevelopment.

If you would like to learn more about the Village's stormwater initiatives, please visit the Village's website at: [www.northbrook.il.us/stormwater](http://www.northbrook.il.us/stormwater) For important tips during heavy rainfall or flooding conditions, see page 6.

## Northbrook Notify

All residents and businesses are encouraged to register contact information with the Village, not only to receive emergency notifications, but for non-emergency communications, such as meeting notices, special events and major road closings, via email. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you! Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) and sign-up today. If you don't have Internet access, please call 847/664-4040 to sign-up.

## Comments, Concerns and Suggestions

As always, I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions. Please email me at [frum@northbrook.il.us](mailto:frum@northbrook.il.us) or call the Village at 847/509-5301



## Northbrook Wildlife

### Discounted Nuisance Wildlife Trapping Services

The Village has negotiated discounted nuisance wildlife trapping services of skunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossums and chipmunks for Northbrook single family home residents. Northwest Suburban Animal Control will perform an initial inspection, setting of the trap and daily monitoring Monday through Friday for \$95. The animal pick up/removal fee is \$45 per animal. To schedule nuisance wildlife trapping services with Northwest Suburban Animal Control, call 847/934-1900 .

They are available Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm or send a text message to 847/502-3518. For more information, please visit [www.northbrook.il.us/skunks](http://www.northbrook.il.us/skunks)

### Skunks Around Northbrook

Residents may notice skunk activity around this time of the year as skunks begin their mating season. Residents who encounter a skunk den on their property are encouraged to call Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470 for information on how to keep skunks out of their yard.

### Coyotes

Once again, residents are reminded that winter weather may make our resident coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Visit [www.urbancoyotersearch.com](http://www.urbancoyotersearch.com) for information on coyotes. Sightings can be reported to Northbrook's Animal Control Officer at 847/664-4470.

## New Address for Your Water Bill Payments

**Please take a moment to review this important information about paying your water bill**



Effective immediately, the Village's new address for water bill payments is:

**Village of Northbrook  
PO Box 7760  
Carol Stream, IL 60197-7760**

There may be a delay in processing your water bill payment if you are using the old PO Box address in Chicago.

Please update your online banking information now so that your water bill payment is sent to the proper address.

Please call the Northbrook Water Billing Department at 847/664-4171 if you have any questions.

## Earth & Arbor Day

**Saturday, April 25, 9am-noon,  
Rain or Shine, on the Village Green**

Start organizing your Earth Day Team by gathering your friends, family, organization members and scout troops to help clean up Northbrook.

There will be six cleaning sites in which there will be a hidden item. If you find one, bring it back to the Expo for a special prize.

Look for more event details in next month's newsletter.

### Join our Earth & Arbor Day Expo

We are also looking for groups and businesses to showcase environmentally friendly products and ideas at our Earth and Arbor Day Expo. For more information, please call 847/664-4017 or email [rob.sabo@northbrook.il.us](mailto:rob.sabo@northbrook.il.us)



# Northbrook Welcomes New Fire Chief

The Village of Northbrook is pleased to announce the appointment of Jose M. Torres as the new Fire Chief of the Northbrook Fire Department. Jose Torres was selected following a nationwide search.



Chief Torres comes to Northbrook with over 34 years of experience. He began his firefighting career with the United States Air Force serving as a Firefighter and Assistant Chief for Training. Torres served as a Firefighter, Fire Engineer and Acting Captain for the City of Ventura, California for seven years. Most recently, Torres served as the Training Division Chief with the Santa Monica, California Fire Department, where he served from 1997 to 2015, when he left to come to the Village of Northbrook. There, Jose was hired as a lateral Firefighter and promoted to Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief and eventually to Division Chief where

he also assumed the duties of Acting Fire Chief on a regular basis. Torres was also a Clinical Instructor for the UCLA Medical School Paramedic Training program for over three years during his tenure with the Santa Monica Fire Department.

Torres earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Fire and Safety Engineering and Technology, with an emphasis in Fire Protection Administration, graduating Cum Laude. He also holds two Associates Degrees and numerous certifications from the Office of the California State Fire Marshal's Office, California State Fire Service Training, FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as multiple service awards and recognitions including Firefighter of the Year with the Ventura City Fire Department and distinguished service during the Los Angeles Civil unrest of April 1992.

With an extensive background in management, leadership, administration, education, emergency incident management and training, in addition to multiple professional certifications, Torres will be a great leader for the Northbrook Fire Department and a valuable asset for the Village of Northbrook.

Torres and his wife, Leanna, relocated from California. He began his duties as Fire Chief for the Village of Northbrook on February 16. Please join us in welcoming Chief Jose M. Torres.

## Illinois Premise Alert Program

The Illinois Premise Alert Program is a state program aimed to provide first responders with vital information for people with special needs.

The Premise Alert Program allows people to notify local police and fire departments about a family member who may require special assistance or treatment in an emergency at home. That could be a lifesaver for people who have autism, Alzheimer's, are blind or paralyzed. Operators at 911 call centers will have access to the information and will share it with first responders.

Northbrook has computer-aided dispatch technology necessary to make use of this program.

Will this program help? Definitely! If police and/or fire personnel responding to a call know they may encounter someone with autism, they can ease the situation by speaking more softly and avoiding physical contact. Firefighters who respond to a call at the home of a disabled person can plan for a more complicated rescue.

If you have a family member or relative that you would like to enroll in the Illinois Premise Alert Program, visit the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PremiseAlert) or call 847/564-2060.



### It's Tax Season... Beware of the IRS Impostor

In this scam, the IRS impostor calls the victim pretending to represent the IRS and claims that taxes are owed to the IRS. The impostor often demands immediate payment and threatens that the police will make an arrest if payment is not made.

Please note, the IRS does not call without first sending correspondence in the mail. If you owe taxes, you have a right to request specific details and discuss payment options. Never engage or share information with someone who calls you saying they are from the IRS. Hang up and call the IRS directly at 800/829-1040 to see if you owe taxes. If you believe you have been the target of an IRS scam, please notify the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Fraud Section at 877/382-4357.

# Using Village Maps On-line

## Easily look up your polling location for the April 7 Election on the Village website

The *Property Information Online* search box located on the Village homepage allows you to gain quick access to a wide range of information specific to a property through an address search. Easily discover your polling location, current government representatives, garbage/recycling collection day, school district, zoning information and much more using the Property Information Online tool.

Begin your search by visiting [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and entering your home address into the *Property Information Online* search box in the upper right hand corner of the homepage.



When you press the *GO* button you will be redirected to a landing page showing general information about your property. Next click on the tab labeled *Government Representatives* on the blue ribbon to locate your polling locations, find out what precinct you live in and information about your government representatives.



## Investigate the Village's Subdivision Maps to Explore Your Neighborhood!

Take a close look at the interactive Village Subdivision Map at [www.northbrook.il.us/SubdivisionMaps](http://www.northbrook.il.us/SubdivisionMaps) and enter your address in the *Find* search box at the top left and press *Go* to zoom in to your neighborhood. After reading the *Historian's Corner* on the back page of this newsletter, you'll have a better understanding about the history of your property and the homes in your subdivision and surrounding neighborhoods.

# Register to Vote for the April 7th Election

Make sure you are registered to vote. Remember, if you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must update your registration.

## Register at the Village Hall

The Northbrook Village Hall will be open for voter registration Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, until March 10. You must provide two forms of identification – one showing your address and the other must be a state identification with photo.

## Apply Online

You can also apply online to register to vote by using an online application provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections. You must have a printer or provide an email to complete your online application. Visit [www.elections.il.gov/InfoForVoters](http://www.elections.il.gov/InfoForVoters)

## Call for an Application

The Cook County Clerk's office can also mail you an application form. Call 312/603-0906 to request one. First-time voters who register by mail no longer have to vote in person the first time they vote. They can either vote in person or vote absentee by mail.



## Grace-period Registration: March 11 – April 4

Grace period registration and voting is conducted only at the Clerk's downtown office: 69 W. Washington, 5th Floor, Chicago. (You must vote the same time you register.)

## Springtime Weather Tips

As the seasons begin to transition from winter to spring, snow storms will begin to give way to melting snow and rainfall. During heavy rain events, here are some important tips that can help keep you safe:

- Do not walk or wade through flooded streets or waterways.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Do not touch electrical equipment or appliances if you are wet or standing in water.
- Do not drive your vehicle into standing water on the roadway. It may be deeper than you think and result in your vehicle becoming stalled.

- If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible. Floodwaters can rise rapidly and sweep a car away.
- Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) to register for Northbrook's mass notification system to receive messages via phone, text, and/or email.

You can help minimize localized flooding by clearing leaves and other debris off of storm sewer inlets adjacent to your property so that they function properly. Residents that live next to creeks or have drainage ditches next to their properties are asked to keep them free of grass clippings, branches, yard waste, and trash which can affect the flow of stormwater.

# Village Happenings

**Planning a party or event in the park?** Apply for a Park District outdoor facility permit. For more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2995.

**Come and meet the Library's new Executive Director, Kate Hall.** Library Reference Dept., 2nd floor. Tues., Mar. 3, 9-11am; Mon., Mar. 9, 11am-1pm; Thurs., Mar. 12, 4:30-6:30pm; & Wed., Mar. 25, 9-11am.

**Looking for a place away from home to create art?** Residents can bring artwork for free studio time on Wednesdays in Mar., 6:15-8:30pm. Tables, stools and easels are available. The non-resident fee is \$5 with sign-up at the Leisure Center or [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Melanie Benjamin, author of The Aviator's Wife,** will discuss her novel at the Northbrook Woman's Club Boutique & Luncheon on Sat., Mar. 7th, 10:30am-2:00pm at The Glen Club in Glenview. For information or to make a reservation, contact 847/753-9200.

**59th Annual Village Pancake Festival,** Sat., Mar. 7, 7:30am-2pm, at the Village Presbyterian Church at Shermer & Church. All you can eat/\$8, children/\$4 & under 5/free. Entertainment, door prizes and more!

An **AARP driving program** on Mar. 9 & 10 can sharpen driving skills and help to adjust for age-related changes. The 2-day program runs 9am-1pm at the Leisure Center. The fee is \$15/AARP members & \$20/non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or stop by the Senior Center to register.

The award-winning Northbrook Theatre Children's Company will present **Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.** on Mar. 8, 14 & 15 at 12:30pm & 4pm. Tickets are on sale at the Leisure Center Box Office, 847/291-2367 or visit [www.northbrooktheatre.org](http://www.northbrooktheatre.org)

**See it on Pinterest and make it at the Library** on Wed., Mar. 11, 7:30-8:30pm. Create Marvelous Magnetic Memo Boards! All supplies provided. Ages 13+ can register online, in person or by calling 847/272-4873.

On Thurs., Mar. 12, adults can watch **The Theory of Everything** at the Leisure Center and enjoy sandwiches from Potbelly. The program runs from 12-3pm; the fee is \$5/Senior Center members & \$9/non-members. Register at the Senior Center or call 847/291-2988 by Mar. 9.

Mar. 13 is the deadline for an early registration discount for **Park District Summer Camps and Workshops.** Camp details are featured in the Park District Spring Guide, which is online at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org). For more information, call 847/291-2995.

The **Park Larks** will perform on Thurs., Mar. 19 at Gidwitz Place in Deerfield at 2pm. The Park District choir rehearses on Thurs. mornings and welcomes new members. For more info, call 847/291-2988.

The **Senior Center will host a Spring Party** on Fri., Mar. 20 from 11:30am-2pm with an Irish and Italian lunch (corned beef and Italian beef sandwiches & sides) and entertainment by singer Patti Ecker. The fee is \$13/Senior Center members & \$18/non. Register at the Senior Center or call 847/291-2988.

**The Trains are Back!** The Mid-America Modular Rail Club will set up a HO gauge modular railroad layout in the lower level of the Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave. on Saturdays, Mar. 21 & 28, 12-4pm and Sundays, Mar. 22 & 29, 12-3pm. Bring your camera!

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Mar. 25 at 7pm in the Leisure Center's Little Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave. 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.

**Books on Tap** - A book club in a pub at the Landmark Inn on Shermer Road. Wed., Mar. 25 at 7pm - Escape from Camp 14 by Blaine Harden. Sponsored by the Library.

**Adults can learn to use an iPad/iPhone** at a Park District workshop on Thurs., Mar. 26. Instruction covers the use of preloaded apps. The program meets at the Leisure Center, 1-3pm; the fee is \$49/Senior Center members & \$59/non-members. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

Based on the popular children's books by Richard Scarry, **Busytown** brings colorful characters to life in a zany musical beginning Sat., Mar. 28. Presented by the **Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences** on Saturdays at 10am & 1pm through May 2. Tickets are available at the Leisure Center Box Office, [www.northbrooktheatre.org](http://www.northbrooktheatre.org) and 847/291-2367.

The **Arts Commission is proud to announce two art workshops:** Watercolorist Gordon France will present a 2-day workshop Mar. 28 & 29 (fee \$150) and watercolorist Peggi Habets will present a 2-day workshop May 2 & 3 (fee \$175). Workshops are held at the Village Green Center, 9am-4pm. For more info, contact [jamarts@comcast.net](mailto:jamarts@comcast.net) or call 847/212-1460.

On Tues., Mar. 31, the Senior Center offers a **trip to Starved Rock Lodge** for a performance of Rock Around the Clock with Patty Waszak. The

fee is \$79/Senior Center members & \$89/non-members, which includes a hot buffet lunch and transportation. Register by Tues., Mar. 24. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center Office.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra presents, In Mahler's Shadow** (Part 3), Bohemian Revelry and the Path to Resurrection, at 4pm, Sun., Apr. 12 at GBN's Sheely Center. There will be a free pre-concert lecture given by popular lecturer, Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For Symphony tickets, please call 847/272-0755 or visit online at [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org)

Thurs., Mar. 26 is the sign-up deadline to see **Billy Elliot at Drury Lane**, Oakbrook on Wed., Apr. 15 with the Park District Senior Center. The fee is \$75/Senior Center members & \$85/non-members, which includes lunch and transportation. Call 847/291-2988 or visit the Senior Center to register.

**Come to the April Farmers Market!** Temple Beth-El is holding an Indoor Farmers Market on Sun., Apr. 26 from 8am-1pm. Look for your favorite vendors! For more information, contact [adriennecooks@gmail.com](mailto:adriennecooks@gmail.com)

**Art Displays at the Village Hall.** Enjoy Northbrook Artist Elaine Friedman's beautiful acrylic paintings featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room during March and April. Stop by the Village Hall during business hours to enjoy the artwork. The Village Gallery is presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

Mark your calendar for the **Northbrook Farmers Market 2015!** Wednesdays, Jun. 17-Oct. 14, Meadow Plaza at the corner of Cherry & Meadow, in downtown Northbrook. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [NorthbrookFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:NorthbrookFarmersMarket@gmail.com)

**Green in 15 - Northbrook Days is Aug. 5 -9. Save the date!** The Northbrook Days committee is looking for Festival sponsors, Grand Prize sponsors and volunteers to work the festival. If you know of anyone or if you would like to sponsor the festival please call 847/513-6362 or email [info@northbrookcivic.com](mailto:info@northbrookcivic.com).



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Fire Non-Emergency 847/272-2141  
Public Works 847/272-4711

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## Historian's Corner presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Watching the Village grow through documents, maps and aerial photographs fascinates many people coming to the Historical Society to research the history of a piece of property or their personal family history.

Recently, while spending time researching the Village's geographic information system maps at [www.northbrook.il.us/Map](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Map), I was struck by the correlation of subdivision names to eras in Northbrook history. Most of the very early ones were simply named for the owner who filed the plans for subdividing their land. Many of these subdivisions bear the same names seen on Village streets and founding documents.

Jacob Kiest subdivided his land into the Kiest Subdivision at what is now Shermer Road and Church Street, prior to the Village's incorporation in 1901. Church Street was originally named Midway because it was approximately in the center of the two-square-mile Village limits. The Walter's Subdivision to Shermerville is the only subdivision bearing the Village's original name.

Beginning in the late 1940s through the 1960s, large tracts of land were subdivided and given names that often described the land, or images of wide-open spaces and places to raise happy young families – images designed to attract potential buyers to purchase a home in this far north, rural community. Many of them contain such names as country, estates, fields, grove, garden, heights, knolls, meadows, manor, orchard, park, view and woodlands. Still others incorporated the four directional compass points in their names or used historical references.



As the empty land filled up, the subdivisions became isolated re-subdivisions of small parcels. The smaller the re-subdivisions are, the more likely that the name of the sellers, developers or project name became the new subdivision's name. Among my personal favorite subdivision names are Fair Meadows, Heart O' Northbrook and Sunny Acres.

*Judy Hughes, Historical Society President*

To learn more about Northbrook history, visit [www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org)