

Northbrook!

May 2011

Weekend Events

MEMORIAL DAY

in Northbrook

Memorial Day Weekend Activities
Thursday, May 26 thru Monday, May 30

Field of Honor: Thursday thru Monday
At the Village Green Park

A Field of Honor, with 1,901 flags flying in the Village Green, will honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, those serving, those who have served, our personal heroes . . . whoever they may be, and the 110th year of our Village's history. The 1,901 flags represent the year (1901) when the Village was incorporated as Shermerville.

Take Part in this Unique Exhibition on the Village Green!

View the Field of Honor during daily open hours from 9am to 9pm and attend the nightly sunset services at 8pm. Enjoy the musical entertainment in the Gazebo on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Volunteer Your Time to Staff this Event!

Help assemble the flags on Saturday, May 21, from 9 to 11:30am and 1 to 3:30pm or on Sunday, May 22, from 1 to 3:30pm. Individuals are also needed for overnight security.

For more information, or to sponsor a flag, call 847/272-7567 or email northbrookhistory@comcast.net **Purchased Field of Honor Flags may be picked up on Tuesday, May 31, from 6 to 9pm.**

Posting of Flags on Veteran's Gravesites: Saturday 10am

The Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road, just north of Dundee Road on the east side, will have a Flag Posting of U.S. Flags on over 150 Veteran's grave sites. The Closing Ceremony for the Flag Posting will conclude with Taps. The posting of approximately 150 flags usually takes about 1 to 2 hours.

Memorial Day Parade: Monday 10:30am

The parade steps off from the corner of Cherry and Western and continues east on Cherry/Church to the Village Green. Bands from local schools will be marching and performing following the parade. Attend the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green Park immediately following the parade.

Flags Around Northbrook: All Weekend Long

Don't forget to fly old glory high in support of our F.A.N. program (Flags Around Northbrook.) *Distressed Flags will be collected at the Field of Honor Event for proper disposal.* ❁

The Village Welcomes New Board Member



Please join us in welcoming Robert P. Israel when he is sworn into office on Tues., May 3 at the 7:30pm Village Board meeting. Bob, a 14-year resident, is not a newcomer to Village government as he has served on the Village's Stormwater

Management Commission, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Task Force. He also serves on the board of the American Associates for Ben Gurion University and has previously served as a board member of Temple Beth-El in Northbrook. Bob has more than 25 years experience in the Chicagoland region as a licensed civil engineer, and is a Senior Principal Engineer for MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. Over the past six years, some of his projects included working on the reconstruction of portions of Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

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Water Tower Construction Update

See page 3 for the latest news about our new water tower.



Save the Dates!

Asian American Heritage Celebration
Saturday, May 7

Northbrook's Annual Interfaith Walk
Sunday, May 15

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Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Sandy

☞ Northbrook Budget Concerns.... Call to Community Action

As I conclude my second year as Village President, many of our struggles are easing, yet others still remain. We are beginning to see the economy recover, but we still face several unknowns moving forward. With this in mind, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget, effective May 1, at its regular meeting on April 12. It is one of the leanest budgets I have seen, cutting expenditures to below the 2007/08 levels while continuing to offer high levels of service in a way that is fiscally responsive and responsible. However, I am deeply concerned about the future and about the possibility of service reductions in Northbrook due in large part to the state budget crisis and potential cuts to local government revenues. The decrease in the Village's population from 34,419 to 33,170, based on the results of the 2010 U.S. Census, has caused us to incur a \$150,000 annual reduction in per capita funding. This reduction has been anticipated in our Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget.

What has not been anticipated is the state's possible diversion of Village revenues. In an attempt to balance the state's budget, several legislators have submitted proposals which could take away as much as 30% or more of state-collected local government revenues. By law, the state distributes several sources of revenue to local governments, most of which are allocated based on population. These sources include motor fuel tax, personal and state income tax and use taxes collected on out-of-state purchases. These monies are locally generated; the state is merely the collection agent.

☞ Take Action and Let Officials Know that the Village Depends on the Funds Due to our Community!

Currently, there are various proposals in Springfield which, if implemented, would reduce our revenues by anywhere from 1.2 to 4 million dollars per year. The Village has worked hard to manage our budget in order to maintain high level services and at the same time effectively control our expenses. The state legislature cannot reasonably pass their fiscal problems onto us by diverting funds to which we are entitled. Such an action would have a profound negative impact on the Village's ability to provide essential public services. Our constituents expect and deserve nothing less. I appreciate the efforts of our legislators in keeping our interests in mind; however, I will be keeping a close eye on Springfield to make sure that these revenues are distributed as they were intended. I encourage you to do so as well. **Please contact our state legislators and let them know that Northbrook opposes cuts in state-collected local government revenues and these cuts must be avoided. These funds are vitally important to our community so that we can maintain basic community services. Immediate action is necessary. Share your position on these proposals with our State Senators and Representatives. For a list of public officials and their contact information, visit www.northbrook.il.us/PublicOfficials or call 847 272-5050, ext. 4227.**

☞ Changes in Village Government

I'd like to thank Trustee Kati Spaniak for her service on the Board for the past two years. Kati brought new ideas and a fresh approach to the Board of Trustees. During her tenure, she helped us complete the Comprehensive Plan and increase communication with our residents and businesses through the redesign of our website and the use of social media and web streaming. (*Like us on Facebook –Village of Northbrook, Illinois*). Kati also led our "Strive for 35" Complete Counts U.S. Census Committee. I wish Kati well in all her future endeavors as I know she cares deeply about our Village and will continue to be a very active member of our community.

Congratulations to Bob Israel on his election to a four-year term as Trustee. He will be officially sworn in at the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, May 3. The meeting will be cablecast on NCTV- Cable Channel 17 and streamed live at www.northbrook.il.us



Northbrook Resident Daniel Jariabka Honored

At a recent Village Board meeting, Northbrook resident Daniel Jariabka, the founder and director of Hunger Resource Network, was presented with the 2011 Northbrook Community Relations Award. The Hunger Resource Network's (www.hungerresourcenetwork.org) mission is to maintain a non-denominational network dedicated to the alleviation of hunger by linking businesses, food providers, soup kitchens, Houses of Worship, shelters, pantries and volunteers. Congratulations to Daniel on his outstanding accomplishments in alleviating hunger and meeting other community needs for those deserving individuals both in Northbrook and the wider community.

Pictured left to right: Village President Sandy Frum; Daniel Jariabka; Community Relations Commission Awards Chair Rochelle Singer; and Community Relations Commission Chairman Ray Wehr. ☘

Celebrate 26 Years of the “Just Say No” Parade

Just Say “No” to Drugs and “Yes” to Healthy Choices

Everyone Is Invited to Participate in this Community Event!

On Friday, May 6, Northbrook Citizens for Drug and Alcohol Awareness (NCDAA) will be sponsoring its 26th Annual “JUST SAY NO” Walk and Rally. Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate in the Pre-Walk activities from 3:30-4:15pm. The Walk will begin at 4:15pm at the United Methodist Church on the corner of Cherry and Western, to Meadow.



A Rally will be held at St. Norbert School across from the Village Green at 4:45pm. Registration is not required to participate, so all are welcome to join in the fun. Please call 847/272-7870 for details or check out the website at www.ncdaa.org

In case of inclement weather, all activities will take place at the St. Norbert School Gym from 4:15-5:00pm. ❁

Water Tower Construction Update

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Have you noticed the Village’s new water tower being constructed in the Sky Harbor Business Park? When the new 145 foot tall, 1,000,000 gallon water



tower is complete and online, it will provide additional water storage and pressure to our water system. It will also provide relief to customers in the central and western portions of the Village who experience low

water pressure, especially on peak usage days in the summer. Follow the construction of this and other Village projects on the Village’s website at www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects ❁

Water Rate Increase

To continue to produce high quality drinking water, maintain the Village’s current water distribution system in a safe and stable condition and provide sufficient funds for future capital improvements, the Village will be increasing its water rate, effective May 1, from \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.08 per 1,000 gallons of water. Residents can expect to see the new rates applied to their water bills after May. The impact on the average customer’s quarterly bill will be an increase of \$18.36 per quarter, or \$73.44 annually.

While water rates have remained static since 2005, the increased costs for chemicals used to treat water, replacement parts for components of the distribution system, capital improvements and personnel costs have caused operational costs of the utility to increase. The rate increase is needed to generate a minimum level of revenue to support the water utility and continue to provide high quality drinking water to the residents and businesses of Northbrook. Despite this increase, Northbrook continues to have among the lowest water rates on the north shore. Residents with questions on their bills can contact the Village of Northbrook’s Finance Department at 847/272-5050, ext. 4233. ❁

New Board Member Robert Israel

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He has also worked on the Tri-State Tollway Reconstruction and several other municipal engineering projects.

Bob is professionally active on the committee developing the Illinois Livable and Sustainable Transportation (I-LAST) program, and also currently active in the American Council of Engineering Companies - Illinois, and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association. He will be a great asset to our Village! ❁

NCTV Cable Channel 17 May Programming

7am & 3pm - "The Choices We Make: Teens at the Wheel" - Taped at GBN's Prom Crash Reenactment. [May 1-15]; "2011 Student Government Day" [May 15-31]

9am & 5pm - Join us for a special Encore Presentation of "Talk Around Town with Jack and Susan" featuring guests Judy Hughes and Pete Stockslager, as they discuss Memorial Day Weekend's Field of Honor at the Village Green.

9:30am & 5:30pm "Spotlight on Northbrook Arts" - You'll want to save the date for July 9 & 10 for Art in the Park 2011 after seeing Terry Luc host Spotlight on Northbrook Arts with highlights from last summer's Art in the Park.

10am & 6pm "NCTV Video Bulletin Board"

11am, 7pm & 11pm "Our Environment; If Not Now, When?" Dr. Lewis Cohen discusses local green buildings with Environmental Education Supervisor Judy Ksiazek.

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

12pm, 8pm & 12am "Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan" - Featuring Kevin Frangiamore, Director of Fire Prevention for the Northbrook Fire Dept.

12:30 & 8:30pm, 12:30am "NCDAA FOCUS" - Straight Scoop Road Tour 'Kids Talking to Kids About Drugs.'

1pm & 9pm "NCDAA Parenting Series" - Parent University, 'The Price of Popularity' with Lynn Zakeri, LCSW, MSW. Popularity: What is it? Is it important to be popular? How can parents help their children put being popular in a healthy perspective? Learn how to help the "unpopular" child deal with his feelings.

AT&T customers can access NCTV-17 on channel 99 - search Northbrook. 🌸

Village Board Highlights

Highlights of Recent Village Board Actions

◆ Proclaimed

- Daniel Jariabka recipient of the 2011 Community Relations Commission Award.
- May 1-8, 2011, as "Days of Remembrance" in Northbrook in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.
- May 15-21, 2011, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Northbrook.
- May 15-21, 2011, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Week" in Northbrook.

◆ Amended

- Annual Fee Ordinance to increase the number of class F liquor license.
- Annual Fee Ordinance to increase the number of class G-1 liquor licenses.
- Zoning Code regarding the placement and maintenance of political signs on private property.
- Municipal Code regarding the Annual Fee Ordinance.
- Municipal Code to adopt new animal regulations.

◆ Authorized

- Purchase and installation of air conditioning system at Village's Public Safety Building, \$10,079.
- Purchase of Police Replacement Vehicle, \$22,957.
- Improvements and five year maintenance contract for Village Hall Server Room, \$49,125.
- Landscape maintenance contract renewal for Central Business District, \$52,619.
- Purchase of laptop and desktop computers, \$56,555.
- Contract for 2011/12 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program, \$129,590.
- MFT Asphalt Street Rehabilitation Program, \$933,451.
- Replacement of stormwater drainage structures, 2700 Canterbury Drive, \$48,900.
- 2011 Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, \$1,328,414.
- Purchase of phone equipment and software for Village phone system and budget transfer of \$59,873.

◆ Approved

- Twenty-eight month contract for purchase of electricity for various Village facilities.
- Highway Authority Agreement for 1200 Meadow Road.
- Disposal of surplus equipment at the Northwest Municipal Conference Auction.
- Special permit for chiropractor office, 105 Revere Drive.
- Annual Fee Ordinance establishing fees, charges, rates and regulatory measures for Fiscal Year 11/12.
- Resolution rejecting bids for energy efficient lighting at Village Public Works Facilities.
- Village of Northbrook membership in Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) Health Insurance Pool.
- Ordinance abating the 2010 Property Tax Levy for Debt Service.

◆ Adopted

- Municipal Budget of the Village of Northbrook, County of Cook, State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012. 🌸



Community Bulletin Board

Kick off the Summer with Rock, Run & Reel – three awesome events on June 10-13. Rock the Green-Battle of the Northbrook Youth Bands on Fri., June 10; the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Sat., June 11, 6pm at GBN; and the Northbrook Youth Film Festival on Mon., June 13, 7pm, at the Northbrook Library. For details, visit www.northbrook.il.us/RockRunReel

Join the American Cancer Society in the fight against Cancer through the 2011 Walk & Roll North Shore! Come out to Harms Woods in Skokie on May 15 for a 5-mile walk or a 10 or 30 mile bike ride! For more information, please visit walkroll.org or call 847/328-5147.

Northbrook Garden Club hosts its annual Plant Sale, Fri. and Sat., May 21-22, 10am-4pm, 1500 Maple Ave., (next to Meadowhill Park's velodrome at the Chalet, just west of Waukegan Rd.) Find a huge assortment of perennials directly from members' gardens along with helpful advice. Proceeds support local programs. Call 847/272-6812.

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Garden Group Plant Sale on Fri., May 14, from 3-6pm and Sat., May 15, from 9am-2pm at corner of Cherry and Pfingsten. Plant lovers/experts will be on hand to help you select great plants for your home. Container planting available. All proceeds benefit the Northfield Food Pantry. Call 847/272-0400.

Northbrook Public Library announces its Call to Artists for 9th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, "Catawampus," to be held Oct.-Nov. Application deadline: May 31. Call 847/272-7074 or visit www.northbrook.info/catawampus

The North Suburban Career and Networking Center presents Networking Tips for Job Seekers, on Wed., May 4, from 6-7:30pm at the Northbrook Chamber office, 2002 Walters Ave. To register, call 847/945-4660 or go to info@nbrchamber.com Free of charge and open to the public.

The Friends of Youth Services will be hosting a Spring Boutique at Youth Services, 3080 W. Lake Ave. in Glenview, on Thurs., May 5, 9am-3pm & 6-9pm. Also included is a cooking demo and book signing by Chef Gale Gand. Call 847/509-8170.

Where is Northbrook Now? Discover the past, present and future of the Village from its beginnings to its place of prominence on the North Shore. NCTV hosts Jack Coombe and Susan Carington interview special guests and share their contributions to the remarkable growth of the Village on Mon., May 16, at 7pm at the Library.

The Northbrook Musical Theatre for Young Audiences performs Rumpelstiltskin at 10:30am and 1pm on Saturdays through May 21. Call 847/291-2367 or visit northbrooktheatre.com

A free Fishing Derby and Kite Festival welcomes families to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 21. The Park District provides fishing rods, bait and prizes. On the other side of the park, the Kite Festival runs from noon to 4pm, with free kites for the first 500 children. Call 847/291-2985 on the day of the event for weather updates.

The Friends of Youth Services will be hosting a Kid's Rummage Sale at Best Hardware, Glenview, on Fri. and Sat., May 13-14. Donated items needed. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please contact ddwittenstein@yahoo.com

The Northbrook Historical Society is sponsoring a time capsule to commemorate the 110th birthday of the Village. The public is encouraged to suggest items that are in common use and/or unique to our age to be put into the capsule. Suggestions can be sent to the Historical Society, PO Box 2021, Northbrook, Illinois 60065-2021 or northbrookhistory@comcast.net The time capsule will be stored at the Northbrook History Museum and opened in 2036.

It's the 5th Annual Strong Kids Dinner at All-gauer's on Wed., May 25, 5:30pm. Enjoy food, entertainment, auctions, raffles and more. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 847/272-7250.

The Northbrook Garden Club presents a Floral Design Workshop on Tue., May 3, 12:30pm, at the Library. Learn how to create beautiful and charming floral displays. Guests welcome.

Spartan FC soccer tryouts are May 31-Jun. 4 for u8-u14 players. Spartan FC is a competitive, community-based travel soccer club. For details, visit www.spartanfc.org

Update Your Landscaping. E-mail a photo of your front yard to landscape architect Amy Malter (amymalter@gmail.com). Photos will be shown and discussed on Tues., May 10, 7pm, at the Library.

Beginners' Genealogy Workshop. Learn how to research your family on Sun., May 15, 1:30-4pm at the Northbrook Public Library.

Northbrook's Y'All Come Choir will sing works by American composers on Mon., May 23, at 7pm at the Northbrook Public Library.

The Low Vision Study Group meets Tues., May 10, at 10am at the Northbrook Public Library.

The Essential Tremor Support Group meets Sat., May 14, at 10am at the Northbrook Public Library.

Honor Graduating Seniors from GBN by purchasing Grad Cards. Your donation of \$5 for each card supports Grad Night at GBN. Deadline June 1. Call 847/559-1094.

The Northbrook Symphony presents Folk Tales and Legends, a musical journey into the realm of fantasy featuring Philip Krause, baritone, on Sun., May 15, 4pm at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at GBN. As is customary, Maestro Rapchak will introduce the works from the stage. Pre-concert lecture by audience favorite, Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For tickets and more information, call 847/272-0755 or visit www.TheNSO.org

Safety Town, a nine-day program for ages 4-6, is accepting registration for classes that begin on May 31. Children learn how to avoid danger in everyday situations and enjoy a visit from a Northbrook firefighter. Visit nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

Northbrook Community Nursery School now offers an afternoon class for 3 year olds. The class meets Tues./Wed./Thurs. from 12:45-3pm. Call 847/272-5430.

Memory Loss Support Group at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Rd., meets the 3rd Thurs. of each month, 7-8pm. 847/412-7303.

Antique Appraisals by Frederick Dosé on May 15, 2-4pm, at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave. Mr. Dosé will discuss ALL the items brought for appraisal such as porcelain, artwork, antiques and collectibles. Pre-register with name, address, phone number and a \$5 fee, (check payable to the Northbrook Historical Society) and mail to NBHS, PO Box 2021, Northbrook, IL 60065-2021. The program is limited to 50 participants-one item per participant.

Treasurer Needed for NCDAA. Northbrook Citizens For Drug & Alcohol Awareness, an all-volunteer 501c(3) not-for-profit drug prevention organization, is seeking a volunteer with accounting expertise. Call 847/272-7870 for details.

Register now for the 11th Annual Lew Blond 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Run at 8am, Sat., May 21 at Maple School! Volunteers and sponsors needed. Call 847/400-8900, or go to www.district30.org

Bicycle racing at the Ed Rudolph Velodrome begins on May 12! Come to the Thurs. night races at 7pm. The spectator fee is \$2 for ages 12 and up. Children under 12 –free. Friday night open for racing for riders of all ages. Call 847/291-2980.

Batter up! The batting cages at Techny Prairie Park and Fields are open daily, weather permitting. For more information, call 847/291-2980.

Stop by the Village Hall to see the art display in the lobby of the Village Hall featuring clay and fusible glass by Northbrook Artist Leslie Pomerance and photography by Jerry Block in the Village Gallery, Board Room, both through the end of the month. 🌻

The Northbrook Arts Commission (NAC) encourages you and your family to enjoy the arts events highlighted in color.



Recycling Opportunities

Northfield Township Road District Recycling Program

From now until Nov. 4, the Northfield Township Road District, 1928 Lehigh Rd., Glenview, is open as a recycling center Mon. – Fri., between 7am-3pm. Recycling materials include a multitude of items. The Township is also hosting a paper shredding on Sat., May 14, at the Village of Northfield. For details on these Township recycling events, call 847/724-7055 or click on the recycling icon at www.northfieldtownship.com

First Tuesday Recycling in Northbrook

The Village of Northbrook continues its First Tuesday of the Month Recycling Event at the Public Works Garage, behind the Village Hall, between 8am-3pm. Items accepted include household electronics, CFL's (light bulbs) and latex and oil based paint. For more information visit www.northbrook.il.us/Green 🌸

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics: Sunday, June 5



Please consider sponsoring Northbrook Officers who will participate in the Torch Run. 100% of all donations go directly

to the Illinois Special Olympics. All checks must be made payable to "Special Olympics Illinois" and mailed to the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Rd., Northbrook. If you have any questions as to your participation on behalf of the Northbrook Police Department, contact Crime Analyst Mary Carlyon at 847/564-2060. 🌸

Zero Tolerance in Northbrook

The Village of Northbrook and the Police Department have a Zero Tolerance position in regard to underage drinking and possession of alcohol. If a child is found drinking at a party, then he or she will be issued a citation and the parents will be contacted. 🌸

Commissioners Needed to Serve

The Village Board is looking for residents to serve on Northbrook Commissions. Presently, there is an opening on the Stormwater Management Commission (*Engineering experience preferred*), the Environmental Quality Commission (*Community & environmentally-minded*) and the Arts Commission (*Non-artists welcome; especially individuals with marketing and/or business experience.*) These volunteer positions entail attending monthly evening meetings. Interested residents can apply online at www.northbrook.il.us or call Village Clerk Debbie Ford at 847/272-5050, ext. 4221. 🌸

How to Appeal Property Tax Assessments

The office of Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Dan Patlak, along with Village of Northbrook President Sandra Frum and Northfield Township Assessor Patty Damisch, will be holding an hour-long seminar to educate taxpayers on the overall Property Tax Assessment Appeal process, explaining how to file and present evidence for a successful appeal. The seminar will be held on Monday, May 2, 7:00pm at the Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane. For more information, taxpayers are invited to call 312/603-3644 or visit www.cookcountyboardofreview.com 🌸

Flamingo Fridays are Back!

What are Flamingo Fridays?

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



Flamingo Fridays Lawn Party Set for May 20 at the Village Hall!

Learn all about Flamingo Fridays at the season kick-off Flamingo Friday party. Just bring your lawn chair to the front lawn of Village Hall from 6 to 8pm on Friday, May 20. For more details, go to www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo 🌸

Asian American Heritage Celebration

Saturday, May 7 at the Northbrook Public Library



Join the Community Relations Commission for an afternoon of free fun at the Northbrook Library on Sat., May 7, for the 7th annual Asian American Heritage Celebration. Enjoy live music, dance, Japanese storytelling and Korean singing in the auditorium from 1-3pm. There will be a Chinese painting and artifact display from 11am-3pm in the Pollak Room. Free Admission and

“Taste of Asia” appetizers! For details, be sure to visit www.northbrook.il.us/AsiaAmericanHeritage ❀

Northbrook’s Annual Interfaith Walk

Sunday, May 15, Eleven Houses of Worship Open Their Doors

Each year, Northbrook’s Clergy Association, along with the Northbrook Community Relations Commission, sponsors an Interfaith Walk. This year, eleven houses of worship will open their doors to the community for a fun and educational afternoon. Start out the afternoon by picking up a passport book, complete with map and a trivia game, at the Village Green at 12:30pm or at any of the participating houses of worship starting at 1pm. Then drive, bike or walk to visit as many participating institutions as you wish. After your visits, all are welcome to the Northbrook Village Hall at 4pm to meet new friends and gather for discussion and pizza. The Northbrook’s Clergy Association and the Northbrook Community Relations Commission are proud to sponsor this event. ❀

Concerns about Grills on Balconies

The Northbrook Fire Department would like to remind residents residing in multi-family buildings about the dangers of using grills on balconies. The International Fire Code, which is enforced locally by the Fire Department, addresses this issue in respect to grills on combustible balconies or on balconies on combustible buildings.

LP-gas grills: If your building or balcony on your multi-family building is constructed of wood, the only grills allowed within 10 feet of that building or balcony is an LP-gas grill containing no more than 1 pound of LP-gas in no larger than a 2.5 pound container. (For reference, a typical container contains 18-20 pounds of LP-gas.)



Charcoal or wood burning grills: These are prohibited on or within 10 feet of combustible balconies or combustible buildings in multi-family homes. If you have any questions, please contact Fire Prevention Director Kevin Frangiamore at 847/272-2141, ext.7131. ❀

2011 Village Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses Available in June

Our easy to use renewal applications will be mailed to your home or business at the end of May. Your mailing should contain all vehicle and animal applications as applicable to each household or business. Please take a moment to review the form and return both copies to the Village. Your stickers/tags, along with your receipt, will be mailed to you promptly after June 1. Stickers must be displayed by midnight, June 30.

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

Construction Season Begins

Now that warmer weather is here, so is road construction. Drivers are reminded not to use their cell phones in construction zones (or school zones) and to drive carefully. Remember: These short term disruptions provide long term benefits to the community.

Lake-Cook Road from Wilmot Rd. to Pfingsten Rd. will be under construction and reduced to one lane in each direction through November. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes to avoid traffic delays.

Water main and Sanitary Sewer work will start this month on the following roads: Edgewood Lane, Holly Lane, Wildwood Lane, Red Haw Lane and Surrey Lane.



For more information on construction projects in Northbrook, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects Please use caution in construction zones and keep our workers safe! ❀

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Northbrook!

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The Historian's Corner

"Flags Tell the Story"

As we embark on the celebration of our Village's 110th birthday with American flags standing tall in the Village Green, another event is being commemorated across the land – The Civil War Sesquicentennial. Flags tell stories of the times.

■ There were thirty-three stars on the American Flag when Abraham Lincoln was elected president. Shortly before he took office in March of 1861, the thirty-four star flag debuted when Kansas was admitted to the Union and another star was added when West Virginia joined the Union in 1863. The Confederate states were represented on the American flag throughout the war.

■ By the time the Village of Shermerville was incorporated in 1901, there were forty-five states in the Union and a corresponding number of stars on the American flag. In 1923, the name of our town was changed to Northbrook and the American flag at that time contained 48 stars. In 1959, two more states were added to the Union and two more stars were added to the flag.

■ Much has changed since 1861, when the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Ft. Sumter.

Here in what is now Northbrook, there were fewer than 300 households and a total population of less than 1,600 people town-wide when 72 Northfield Township men enrolled to serve their country. In total, more than 120 Civil War veterans lived in our Village at one time. Sixteen of these men gave the ultimate sacrifice and are honored in memorial at Village Green Park. Thirty-five of these men are buried in the seven cemeteries in town.

To learn more about the men of Northfield Township who answered their country's call to service during the Civil War, go to www.northbrookhistory.org 🌸

Two of the 14 soldiers from this area who gave their lives in the war are buried at Northfield Oakwoods Cemetery on Milwaukee Ave. Others, like Fredric Kiest pictured here, are buried in unmarked graves on or near the battlefields where they died.



North Northfield Cemetery on Dundee Road is the burial place of seven of the Civil War soldiers buried in town. Not all their graves are marked with a military headstone like that of Corporal Peter Lowe.