

NORTHBROOK

MAY 2012



Northbrook's Balanced Budget Approved

The Village Board and staff have worked together to meet the challenge of maintaining high service levels in an environment of declining revenues.

At their regular meeting on April 10, 2012, the Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, which begins May 1, 2012.

Due to unprecedented economic turmoil, the approved budgets of the past three years have mainly been budgets of survival.

Simply put, the Village tightened its belt and reorganized shrinking resources around critical roles and functions. Sound economic policies have allowed the Village to maintain fiscal strength and flexibility by maintaining healthy reserves.

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Electricity Aggregation: The Next Step

Last month, Northbrook, along with the seven other members of the North Shore Electric Aggregation Consortium, entered into a three-year contract with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC. (mc²)—the selected alternative electricity supplier.

In mid-April, the Consortium communities locked in electricity rates of 4.836 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) through the May 2013 ComEd billing cycle. The current ComEd residential rate is 8.233* cents per kWh.

New rates through mc² are anticipated to begin in June and July. By now, all eligible customers should have received official Village of Northbrook correspondence regarding the Village's electricity aggregation program via first class mail. **In order to take advantage of the new rate, eligible ComEd customers do not need to do anything.** Transfers will take place automatically. Customers will have an ability to opt-out if they choose to do so, as long as they inform mc² within 21 days from the postmark of the official correspondence. The letter details the opt-out process.

Residents will not be contacted by mc² via phone; however residents may be called by the Village's Northbrook Notify with information about the opt-out deadline.

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Please note the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Budget Highlights

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During the past year, the Board has had in-depth discussions regarding the future of Northbrook and how best to address our long term capital and infrastructure needs. In particular, the Board focused on how best to comprehensively address two main issues in our community: funding of core services and stormwater management.

Capital Projects

The major projects planned for FY 12/13, totalling nearly \$17 million, include the following:

- Water main replacement of aging infrastructure along Dundee Road - \$4 million
- Water Plant improvements - \$1.2 million
- Stormwater Management /Roadway Reconstruction-Techny Drain Phase III - \$5 million (a majority of this expense will be reimbursed by Cook County)
- Asphalt and Concrete Street Maintenance - \$2.9 million
- Replacement Ambulance - \$275,000

The operating budget remains focused on maintaining our public infrastructure and quality essential services. The budget projects a General Fund surplus of \$32,605 for FY 12/13 and provides a sound revenue and expenditure structure for the future.

Stormwater Utility Fund

Given the breadth and magnitude of the stormwater issues throughout Northbrook, the Village is addressing this as a community-wide program through the creation of a new Stormwater Utility Fund, which will provide a dedicated revenue source and allow for a full accounting of the operating, capital, and debt service costs associated with providing ongoing stormwater management services. The fee of \$1 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed will be effective May 1, 2012. This fee will be solely dedicated to funding approximately \$20 million in stormwater management projects which were developed as a part of the Village's new Master Stormwater Management Plan and the ongoing maintenance of our stormwater management system. It is estimated this fee will add approximately \$27.00 to the average quarterly residential water bill.

Telecommunications Tax

In order to address needs related to operations, changes have also been made to the 911 Surcharge and to the Village's Telecommunications Tax.

Though the surcharge has been a flat revenue source since inception, the Village's costs of providing 911 services have increased substantially over the past 16 years.

In 1988, the Village passed a referendum implementing a 911 Surcharge at the rate of .50 cents per land line, which was increased to .75 cents per land line in 1996.

The budget eliminates the land line surcharge to customers and increases the Telecommunications Tax to 6%, effective January 1, 2013. The Telecommunications Tax is applied to the total phone bill, regardless of the number of lines on the account. This increase will add approximately \$5 for every \$100 of cell phone billings and \$2.25 to a \$60 land line bill.

Abatement of Property Tax

While the Village's property tax rate continues to be among the lowest in the area, the approved budget provides for the abatement of approximately 33% of the General Fund property tax increase, which was approved in December 2011. This was done to further reduce the Village's reliance on the property tax.

With approval of the new budget, the Village Board and staff are focused decisively on maintaining and enhancing a diverse, desirable community and local economy.

If you have questions about the Village's budget, or the budget process please contact the Village Manager's Office or Jeff Rowitz, Director of Finance, at 847/272-5050. The budget is also available online at www.northbrook.il.us.

Techny Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements Project Begins Mid-May

The Village's Board of Trustees awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Techny Road, which includes the installation of a main line storm relief sewer between Second Street to west of Pfungsten Road.

The storm relief sewer is the third phase of the comprehensive (4 phase) Techny Drain stormwater management improvements. Also included in the project is an additional storm relief sewer on Pfungsten Road to reduce flooding impacts within the Willow Creek subdivision.

For information on this and other Village Construction Projects visit www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects

Traffic Flow During Techny Road Construction

Once construction begins, on or about May 15, portions of Techny Road will be reduced to one-way westbound traffic. All current street and driveway connections will be maintained during construction. The detour route for eastbound traffic will be Shermer Road to Willow Road to Pfungsten Road. Please note that Pfungsten Road traffic will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction at Techny Road intersection. Completion of this project is expected by the next year. Motorists are reminded to use caution in construction zones.

Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Since the Electrical Aggregation referendum passed in March, Northbrook selected mc² as the Village's alternate electricity supplier. I am excited to report that residents will soon be seeing substantial savings on the energy portion of their ComEd bills.

If you haven't already read the article on the front page regarding Electrical Aggregation, I encourage you to do so. If you have additional questions not addressed on the front page, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/electric or call 847/664-4012.

- Consider appropriate amendments to the Zoning Code to review and implement, if appropriate, height, bulk, and architectural standards as called for in the plan;
- Determine the cost/benefits of creating a stormwater facility and community gathering place in the area behind the Village Hall;
- Assist downtown property owners and brokers with finding desirable retail and restaurant tenants for the downtown.

The Village Manager will report back to the Village Board within the next three months with a work plan to begin consideration of these items.

Village Fiscal Year 2012/13 Budget

I am pleased to announce that the Village Board passed a balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2012/13 which begins May 1. The budget enables the Village to maintain high quality essential public services while addressing important capital and infrastructure needs. A particular emphasis is placed on mitigating storm water/flooding issues which has become a community wide concern. Resources are being directed into a new Stormwater Management Fund to pay for and account for operations and capital projects aimed at reducing storm water flooding.

Last month the Board also voted to abate 33% of the General Fund property tax levy increase that was previously approved in December 2011 and we anticipate holding that portion of the tax levy flat next year. For more budget details please see the article that starts on the front page.

Downtown Plan Accepted

This past February, the Board of Trustees reviewed the Downtown Plan as recommended by the Downtown Plan Steering Committee. At that meeting, I indicated that I would return to the Board with some initial recommendations as to how to move forward. I'd like to share some of them with you:

- Timely enforcement of existing property maintenance issues and consideration of any necessary amendments;

Asian American Heritage Celebration – A Taste of Asia

One of Northbrook's growing attributes is the diversity in our community. The Northbrook Community Relations Commission has planned a wonderful celebration full of fun and learning for the whole family. Don't miss "A Taste of Asia" on Sunday, May 6 at the North Suburban YMCA from 1-4pm. For details, please see page 5.

Memorial Day in Northbrook

After the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28 I will be speaking at the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony. I invite you and your family to take part in this brief ceremony and meet some of our local veterans. I also encourage all Northbrook residents to fly the flag throughout the weekend. For details on this year's Memorial Day events including the posting of the flags at our local Veteran's grave sites, see page 4.

Commission Vacancies

There are currently vacancies on the Arts, Environmental Quality, and Community Relations Commissions. If you are interested in serving on one of these or other Commissions (contact Debbie Ford for information on Village Commissions), please visit www.northbrook.il.us/CommissionApplication for details on how to apply. All applications will be kept on file for future consideration.



Memorial Day Weekend Events

Don't Miss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 28

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/Church to the Village Green. Bands from local schools will be marching and performing following the parade. All are encouraged to attend the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green Park immediately following the parade.

Posting Flags on Veteran's Grave Sites

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 26 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 a few hours. 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 847/421-7892 for details.

Show Your Patriotism – Fly Your Flags All Weekend

Take a few minutes and display your flag. If you don't have a flag, purchase one from one of our local hardware stores!

Don't forget to fly old glory high in support of our F.A.N. program (Flags Around Northbrook.)

Northbrook Police Alert Community to NATO Safety Concerns

With leaders from as many as 70 countries expected to attend the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit in downtown Chicago May 20-21, the Northbrook Police Department is working with other surrounding communities to be fully prepared for possible problems that could arise from protestors.

The City of Chicago has made extensive arrangements for peaceful protest, and law enforcement agencies at all levels

are making contingency plans for any disorderly demonstrations. There are concerns that these protests could spill into the suburbs, particularly those that are home to Fortune 500 companies. In the past, the NATO summit has attracted protestors from around the world. Many have disrupted businesses, blocked traffic and have even incited violence. The Police are asking businesses and residents to be on alert for unusual or suspicious activity such as large or disorderly gatherings of protestors in public areas or shopping

centers, parked vehicles in isolated areas, and any displays of graffiti and leafleting. Anyone witnessing anything suspicious should call 911.

To receive direct phone or e-mail communication about this and other community alerts, individuals and businesses are advised to subscribe to the Village's Northbrook Notify system. Information about how to subscribe is available at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify or call 847/664-4015.

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics:

Please consider sponsoring Northbrook Police Officers who will participate in the Torch Run on Sunday June 10.

100% of all donations go directly to the Illinois Special Olympics. All checks should be made payable to "Special Olympics Illinois" and mailed to the

Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062.

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.



Experience *Taste of Asia* on May 6

Annual Event Celebrates Diverse Asian Cuisines and Cultures

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission invites all to enjoy enticing food and exciting activities during the *Taste of Asia* festival on Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 4pm, at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road.

The event, which is open to the public with free admission, will feature art and artifacts exhibitions, demonstrations, music and dance performances. A diverse selection of delicious dishes to will be available for purchase from local vendors.



Taste of Asia will showcase the diversity of Asian culture, with participants representing Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Russia.

A Variety of Entertainment for the Whole Family

Music offerings will include a Chinese drum ensemble, a Japanese KOTO ensemble, a Filipino band and Indian music ranging from classical to Bollywood. Artisans will offer henna hand painting, colorful jewelry and artifacts, Chinese calligraphy and Chinese painting demonstrations. Storytelling, dance performances, and other activities will take place throughout the afternoon.



Students from the International Club at Maple School will participate at the event as well. There will be trivia challenges and prizes throughout the program.



Questions about the event can be directed to Jason Batalden at the Northbrook Village Hall, 847/664-4032. For details, visit www.northbrook.il.us/AsiaAmericanHeritage

Residents Invited to Open House at the Village Hall

The Community Relations Commission will host a combined *Welcome to Northbrook* and *Flamingo Friday* event on Friday, May 18th from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Representatives from the Village Hall, the Northbrook Library, the Northbrook Park District, the Northbrook Fire Department, the Northbrook Police Department and the North Suburban YMCA will be in attendance to help new and seasoned residents learn about services in the Village of Northbrook. Sunset Foods will also provide refreshments. Residents will also be encouraged

to participate in the Community Relations Commission's popular Flamingo Friday "meet your neighbors" program featured below. Flamingo Friday participants will be able to pick up their neighborhood's plastic, pink flamingo for the summer long celebration. For more information on Flamingo Friday call 847/664-4032 or visit www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo



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, designated by a Pink Flamingo. 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.

News for Northbrook Seniors

Apartments for Senior Citizens

The Village of Northbrook owns Crestwood Place Apartments for Seniors at 1000 Waukegan Road. The lovely apartments, which include remodeled eat-in kitchens, have very reasonable rental rates.

Crestwood Place provides a large variety of social activities year-round for those wishing to participate. There is a wonderful park on the north end, complete with tables, benches and beautiful flower-filled planters for when weather permits outdoor enjoyment.

Applications are available to seniors 62 and over. Because the Village of Northbrook owns the building, priorities are given to current residents of incorporated Northbrook, retired Village employees and parents of residents of incorporated Northbrook, in that order.

Please note that Seniors without a Northbrook connection are welcome and encouraged to apply, as well.

For more information, to obtain a brochure, or schedule an appointment, please call 847/272-0170, weekdays, 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Centers for Seniors

There are two senior centers that both offer classes and have volunteers to help seniors.

Northbrook Park District Senior Center

3323 Walters Avenue
847/291-2988
www.nbparks.org

North Shore Senior Center

161 Northfield Road
Northfield
847/784.6000
www.nssc.org

Senior Transportation

There are two discount taxi ride programs that offer \$5.00 coupons off of taxi fares for seniors.

One is through the Northfield Township www.nortfieldtownship.com or 847/724-8300. There are age and income eligibility requirements. The Township also has a food pantry and social services program.

The Village of Northbrook Senior Discount Taxi Program is open to residents 55 years of age and older, with no income requirements. For an application call 847/664-4010 or visit the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/seniortaxi

Zero Tolerance in Northbrook

The Village of Northbrook has a Zero Tolerance position in regard to underage drinking and possession of alcohol.

Residents are reminded that parties and teen alcohol use can have serious if not tragic consequences, not only for the teen but for parents as well. Parents must supervise parties at their home, because they are responsible for keeping it under control. If you feel the party is out of control and/or the teens have been drinking, end the party and start contacting parents to pick up their children. Teens that have been drinking should never be allowed to drive.

If you need help, call the Northbrook Police at 847/564-2060.

The State of Illinois has a Zero Tolerance position regarding underage drinking and operation of a vehicle. Anyone under the age of 21 stopped by the police and found to have been drinking alcohol will have their driving privileges suspended for six months in addition to criminal charges.

If your child is found at a party where underage drinking is taking place, but the child was not drinking, then a letter will be sent to his or her parents. If the child was drinking, then he or she will be issued citations and the parents will be contacted.

Parents – Are you aware of the Curfew for Teen Drivers under 18?

Did you know there are restrictions on the time that anyone under the age of 18 can be out driving? On Fridays and Saturdays, teens are only allowed to drive until 11pm and on Sunday through Thursday until 10pm.

The curfew laws are 11pm - 6am on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) and 12am – 6am on weekends (Friday and Saturday) for anyone under the age of 17. The nighttime driving restriction is from Sunday through Thursday, 10pm - 6am

and Friday and Saturday from 11pm - 6am. However, there are exemptions.

Teens driving to or from religious functions, employment or school activities are allowed to be out as long as they make no extra stops and head home immediately after. There are other situations that may not result in penalty.

For more information on driving laws, please visit Illinois Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com



Survey for Northbrook Seniors

Ages 65 and Older

Northbrook's Senior Services Commission and the Community Relations Commission are evaluating services needed by Seniors who want to continue living at home in Northbrook.

Why we need your information:

- Seniors often move to other living arrangements when unable to live comfortably at home.
- By understanding the types of services needed, we can begin to consider options to connect our Senior residents with services that may facilitate living at home for more years.
- This is the beginning of a process, and not a promise that services will be provided

Give us your opinion by taking a minute to complete this short survey.

- We are NOT collecting names, addresses or any other personal information.
- Information gathered will not be shared with vendors or outside agencies.
- Our goal is to understand the basic needs of Northbrook Seniors age 65 and older.

Please see the reverse side for instructions on returning this survey postage-free by June 15, 2012. Thank you.

This survey is also available online at www.northbrook.il.us/SeniorSurvey

Age 65-74 _____ 75-84 _____ 85+ _____ Male _____ Female _____

Where do you live? (Check all that apply) House _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____

Live Alone _____ With Spouse/Partner _____ Own _____ Rent _____

With other Family Members _____ With Care-Giver _____

Independent Living Apartment or House _____ Assisted Living _____

Being able to continue living in my home is:

Very important to me _____ Somewhat important to me _____ Not important to me _____

Rate services you feel you may need in order to continue living at home.

(Circle 1 to 5 1 = you do not need at all 5 = you need the most)

HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Cleaning Service	1	2	3	4	5
Lawn Mowing	1	2	3	4	5
Snow Shoveling	1	2	3	4	5
"Handyman" minor repairs & tasks	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

TRANSPORTATION FOR...

Groceries, Shopping	1	2	3	4	5
Medical appointments	1	2	3	4	5
Houses of Worship	1	2	3	4	5
Entertainment	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

INFORMATION SOURCES

Need source of information regarding vendors for bigger home projects (plumbing, painting, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Need source of information regarding Senior benefits, social services, governmental agencies	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5



FINANCIAL, LEGAL & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Understanding bills, trusts, wills, finances	1	2	3	4	5
Basic computer set-up, trouble-shooting	1	2	3	4	5
Set up TV recorder, cell phone, DVD, stereo	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

SPECIAL SERVICES

Daily check-in for Seniors who live alone	1	2	3	4	5
House checks, plant watering when on trips	1	2	3	4	5
Meal preparation or home delivered meals	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

SOCIALIZING

Would like to participate more in Senior activities	1	2	3	4	5
Willing to volunteer in a selected area of interest	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

PLEASE NOTE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS, SUGGESTIONS:

This survey may be placed in any of the green, postage-free Village drop boxes located at the Village Hall, METRA Commuter Lot, Wood Oaks Jr. High or Police Department or mailed postage-free. Please tri-fold this survey and return by June 15, 2012. No postage is necessary. *Questions?* Call 847/664-4032



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Disposal of Medical Sharps

Residents are reminded that Veolia Environmental accepts used medical sharps, such as diabetic syringes, with their weekly residential waste disposal services.

Improper management of discarded needles and other sharps can pose a health risk to the public and waste workers.

For example, discarded needles may expose waste workers to potential needle stick injuries and potential infection when containers break open inside garbage trucks or needles are mistakenly sent to recycling facilities.

Used sharps should be placed into a hard plastic container such as a detergent bottle or plastic pencil box. Secure the container with Duct tape and clearly mark it *Sharps*. Simply place the container at the curb with your garbage and recycling, and your Veolia driver will pick it up on your regular collection day.

Contact Dan Kaup at 847/664-4016 or dan.kaup@northbrook.il.us with questions..

PLEASE NOTE: If you have your sharps in a red sharps container, these containers are typically not permitted in the regular garbage or recycling because they are marked BIO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

Bio hazardous material is not allowed in the household garbage. In this case it's the actual container that is not permitted – not the sharps.



Village Board Highlights

Amended

- Northbrook Municipal Code regarding the operation of unlicensed vehicles within Northbrook.

Authorized

- Purchase of Replacement Vehicle, \$19,161.
- Purchase of Server Migration, Software Upgrade and Server Equipment, \$12,881 and installation \$27,850.
- Annual Maintenance Payment and purchase of CAD equipment with Spillman Technologies, \$52,080.
- Purchase of Dell Desktop Computers, \$83,149.
- Contract Extension for Landscaping Maintenance Central Business District, \$53,166.
- Purchase of 334 parkway trees from the Suburban Tree Consortium for the 2012 Parkway Tree Planting Program, \$102,759.

- Contract for Crestwood Place Management Services.
- Agreement with the Northbrook Park District for Sustainable Community Strategic Development Plan Services.

Annexed

- Annexing and zoning 3770 Maple Avenue.
- Annexation Agreement, 1623 Techny Road.

Approved

- Resolution rejecting all bids Meadow Road Water Service Replacements Project.
- Intergovernmental Agreement with the Villages of Glenview, Glencoe, and Kenilworth to establish a Joint Pavement Program.
- Design Review Permit for Rooftop Renovation, 1356 Shermer Road.

- Design Review Permit for signage 1927 Cherry Lane, Three Bags Full Knitting Studio.
- Contracts with Meade Electric Co. for traffic signal maintenance,\$27,650 and pedestrian signal construction at Pflugsten and Maria, Sunset Ridge and Skokie Boulevard, and Waukegan Road and Founders Drive,\$54,874.
- Amendment to the Willow Road Corridor Agreement to accommodate revisions for the Culligan site at Sanders and Willow .
- Special use permits for the operation of wireless telecommunication antennas at 500 and 899 Skokie Blvd.
- Approved a software purchase and maintenance agreement with Government Outreach Inc., \$15,900

What's Playing? On NCTV Channel 17

Here is the schedule for Northbrook Community Television, Cable Channel 17 in January:

7:00 am & 3:00 pm

The Choices We Make: Teens at the Wheel - Taped at GBN's Prom Crash Reenactment. (airs May 1-15) *2012 Student Government Day*- (airs May 15-31)

9:00am & 5:00pm

2011 Memorial Day Field of Honor

9:30am & 5:30pm

Spotlight on Northbrook Arts - Host Terry Luc presents highlights from last summer's Art in the Park.

11:00am, 7:00pm & 11:00pm

Our Environment; If Not Now, When? Highlights from Earth and Arbor Day.

11:30am, 7:30 & 11:30pm

Northbrook! The Video Newsletter

12:00pm, 8:00pm & 12:00am

Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan Assistant Village Manager Phil Kiraly and Village Management Analyst Kendal Maltas discuss Electricity Aggregation

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

NCDAA FOCUS - *Kids Talking to Kids About Drugs*.

1pm & 9pm

NCDAA Parenting Series - *The Price of Popularity - 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 or her feelings.

Electricity Aggregation: The Next Step

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Residents and small businesses that have already switched to an alternative provider will not receive any correspondence from the Village on the new program. However, those residents and business will be able to "opt-in" to the municipal aggregation program; contact mc² directly at 888/808-7731 or email at NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com for more information about registration.

Be aware that there may be a fee from your current alternate provider that may apply if you switch to the Village's program.

As part of the agreement with mc², the Consortium communities will review electricity rates annually within the three-year time period to ensure that customers are receiving the best possible rate.

Residents will also have the opportunity to support renewable energy resources through a Green Power Program that purchases renewable energy certificates (RECs). More information regarding RECs will be mailed out to all program participants in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/electric or contact Assistant Village Manager Philip Kiraly (847/664-4012) or Management Analyst Kendal Maltas (847/664-4017).

* *The current ComEd Basic Electric Service Rate in effect from October 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012, including the Purchased Electricity Supply Charge, Transmission Services Charge and the April 2012 Purchased Electricity Adjustment Charge.*



2012 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.

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

Help Wanted: Minute Takers Needed

The Village of Northbrook is seeking individuals who are available evenings to record summary minutes of Commission, Committee and Board Meetings.

Generally requires a commitment to record minutes from one to two meetings per month, but could be more if interested. Hourly rate is \$20.00. Contact Village Clerk Debbie Ford at 847/664-4013 for further information.

Village Happenings

The 3rd Annual Youth Film Festival Call for Film and Video Entries! All students from Jr. High through college (NEW THIS YEAR: nonresidents can enter as well) are encouraged to participate. Deadline is May 31. Call 847/664-4017 for full details. All chosen films and videos will be presented at the Festival on Mon., Jun. 11, at 7pm at the Northbrook Public Library.

Northbrook Public Library announces **Call to Artists for 10th Annual Juried Art Exhibition**, "Journeys," to be held Oct. 12 - Nov. 30. Application deadline: May 31. Call 847/272-7074 or visit www.northbrook.info/journeys

100th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Titanic – Tues., May 8, 7pm, Library Auditorium – Historical dramatist R. J. Lindsey portrays New York Times Managing Editor Carr Van Anda, the individual who broke the story. Program is co-sponsored by the Friends and the Northbrook Historical Society.

The **Northbrook Community Art Associates** will tour three of Chicago's historic hotels: The Palmer House, The Blackstone Hotel, and The Drake Hotel on May 8 and on May 10. Transportation and lunch are included with the reservation. Call 847/564-1051. Guests welcome.

Growing Edibles for Fun and Flavor – Thurs., May 10, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium. Join Laura Erickson, Market Coordinator for the Youth Farm of the Chicago Botanic Garden, for a presentation on how to grow nutritious and delicious organic fruits and vegetables. Program is co-sponsored by the Friends.

How to Live to Be 100 – Tues., May 15, 7pm at the Library Auditorium. Dr. Bruno Cortis presents the secrets of longevity. Dr. Bruno Cortis is a cardiologist, Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center, a leading authority on stress management and the author of several best-selling books.

It's the **6th Annual Strong Kids Dinner** at Allgauer's on Wed., May 16, 5:30pm. Enjoy food, entertainment, auctions, raffles and more. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 847/272-7250 or visit www.nsymca.org

Farm to Fork – Why Local is Better – Wed., May 16, 10am, Library Auditorium. A panel discussion on why locally grown food is beneficial to your family, the community, the economy, and the environment. Representatives from the Northbrook Farmers Market, the Northbrook Community Gardens and a health supportive chef will offer information.

Looking for a place to be creative? Art studio time is free to Northbrook residents on Wed., May 3 and 10 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. For more information, call 847/291-2995.

Find treasures at the Friends of Glenview Northbrook Youth Services Rummage Sale on May 18 & 19 – 9am – 4pm, at 1825 Glenview Road – Glenview. Visit www.ysgn.org or call 847/724.2620 for more information.

Performances of "No Dogs Allowed!" continue through May 19, presented by the Northbrook Musical Theatre for Young Audiences. Shows are at 10:30am and 1pm on Saturdays at the Northbrook Theatre. Tickets are \$8 and \$10, visit www.northbrooktheatre.org or call 847/291-2367.

Go fish! The annual **Kids' Fishing Derby** returns to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 19 from 11am-1pm. The District will supply fishing rods and prizes at the free family event.

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center**, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a wide variety of programs for adults, age 55 and over. Events include Line Dance Workshops, local trips, movies, discussions and more. For info and reservations, call 847/291-2988, visit www.nbparks.org or stop by the Senior Center.

The **Park Board of Commissioners meets on Wed., May 23 at 7pm at the Leisure Center**, 3323 Walters Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are posted at www.nbparks.org in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

Spartan FC competitive soccer club will hold its Youth (U8-U12, Boys and Girls) team tryouts May 29- June 2. Visit www.spartanfc.org for details and the Spartan FC/Glenview Soccer Club U13-U18 affiliate, FC-1 Academy. Call 224/425-1006.

The **Northbrook 4th of July Association** is getting ready for another great community holiday this year. The 4th of July 2012 events will all be held on Wed., July 4. The **Pancakes in the Park** will once again kick off the events of the day. The theme for this year's parade is 'Imagine'. At dusk enjoy another fantastic fireworks display. Full schedule of events can be found at www.northbrookjuly4th.org.

Unbelievable local deals are yours when you purchase a \$35 BoosterShot Gift Checkbook. Don't miss out - visit www.northbrookjuly4th.org or call 773/339-9694. Support the 4th of July Assoc.

The **Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run/Walk** welcomes all on Sat., June 2! USTFA and CARA registered. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Register at www.district30.org or 847/400-8900.

GBN Grad Night party Sun, June 3. This is an all-night lock-in party to keep graduates safe. Volunteers needed to decorate or work at the party. Also looking for donations of food & prizes. Call. 847/732-7345, gbngradnight2012@gmail.com

Honor Graduating Seniors from GBN by purchasing Grad Cards. Your donation of \$5 for each card supports Grad Night. June 1st deadline. joanne.hasmonek@gmail.com or call 847/559-1094.

Northbrook Garden Club hosts its annual Plant Sale, Fri. and Sat., May 18 & 19, 1479 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 including a large selection of Native Woodland plants as well as helpful advice. Come early for the best selection. Proceeds support local programs. For exact times watch for signs or check the local papers or email nbkgardenclub@gmail.com

A **"Teen Safe Driver Clinic"** will be held at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy on Sun., May 20. The clinic is open to all licensed drivers 16-18 years old as an opportunity to improve their skills in a safe, controlled environment. Advanced registration required; See www.AudiChicago.org or e-mail mark@AudiChicago.org

In honor of the Girl Scouts Centennial, the **Northbrook Historical Museum**, 1776 Walters Ave., is featuring display of Girl Scout historical uniforms and books dating back to the 1930's. All are welcome to stop by and visit on Thursdays, 10am – 2pm and Sundays, 2pm – 4pm. You may also find some treasures at the Historical Society Inn shop! Visit www.northbrookhistory.org

This year's **"Art in the Park – A Northbrook Fine Arts Festival"** will be held **July 14 and 15** on the Village Green! Interested in volunteering? Please contact kendal.maltas@northbrook.il.us

Stop by the Village Hall to see beautiful photography by Michael Greenberg in the Board Room and artwork by local artists in the lobby display case. **Photo below by Michael Greenberg**



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Capturing our History for Future Generations

Background

In August of 1962, a special tribute to the Village of Northbrook was broadcast over radio station WIND in recognition of the community's growth and development from a rural village of 1,300 in 1950 to a thriving suburban community with a population estimated to be 13,600 in 1962. Twenty Northbrook School, Park, Village and Civic leaders were interviewed during the week long series. Sadly, no record of the event has been located beside the brief stories and announcement in newspaper articles. Because of the scope of the interviews, and the number of

organizations represented we have lost a treasure trove of information about the Village through the first-hand accounts of some of those who helped shape the direction of the town during a period of rapid growth.

Your Participation

The Northbrook Historical Society is the "keeper of the stories." As such, we have formed a partnership with the Northbrook Public Library, which is our community's center for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment, to present and preserve your stories for future generations.

Recording these friendly conversations is another way to keep the stories of Northbrook for the enjoyment, education and enrichment of future generations.

To hear the stories, or to schedule an interview please go to the Library web site at: www.northbrook.info/voices

If you are interested in helping transcribe the interviews, please call the Northbrook Historical Society at 847/498-3404. Leave your name and phone number, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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