

NORTHBROOK

MAY 2015



Artwork by Northbrook Artist Jong McCulloch

Celebrating Asian Cultures at Taste of Asia

Annual Event Celebrates Diverse Asian Cuisines and Cultures. Experience *Taste of Asia* on Sunday, May 3

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission invites all to enjoy enticing food and exciting activities during the "Taste of Asia" festival on Sunday, May 3 from 12:30 to 3pm at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road.

The free event will feature an art exhibition, demonstrations, music, dance performances and a wide selection of delicious dishes to purchase.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment showcasing Asian culture.

See page 2 for more details

Changes to ComEd Electricity Billing

Northbrook residents and small business owners should be aware that their electricity service with MC Squared is being transitioned to ComEd.

Please note the contract with MC Squared Energy Services is set to expire following the May 2015 meter reading. The transition back to ComEd will occur with the June 2015 meter reading automatically and requires no action by residents or small business owners.

In anticipation of the expiration of the MC Squared contract in May 2015, the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium, entered into a two-year electricity supply contract with Constellation/Integrus Energy through May 2017 with the hope that a lower rate than ComEd would be secured. If a rate lower than ComEd is unavailable, residents and small business accounts will remain with ComEd.

Electricity supply and billing schedules will not be interrupted due to the transition.

Residents should be aware that representatives will not call or visit their homes as part of the transition. Residents should exercise caution if they are asked for their ComEd account numbers by any party.

Questions? Call Constellation/Integrus directly at 844/824-7627 or visit www.northbrook.il.us/electricity

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Please note, the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses Available in June

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

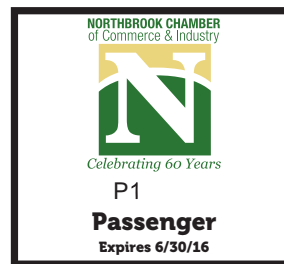
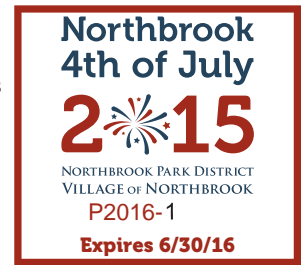
All motor vehicles registered to a Northbrook address (residential or business) are required to have Village vehicle stickers. Only persons residing within the corporate limits of the Village are allowed to purchase a Northbrook vehicle sticker.

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

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

Support 4th of July and Receive a Special Vehicle Sticker

Residents will have an option to make a donation, minimum \$20 per sticker, to help support Northbrook's 4th of July festivities. There are only 2,000 special vehicle stickers, so purchase yours early. This year's 4th of July sticker features the new 2015 4th of July logo.



The 2015/16 standard vehicle sticker celebrates the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 60 years of serving the businesses community.

A Taste of Asia - Sunday, May 3 from 12:30 to 3pm

A Variety of Entertainment for the Whole Family Awaits at the Taste of Asia



Now in its 11th year, Taste of Asia celebrates Asian American culture through a wide variety of live performances, art exhibitions, and delicious foods. The event is open to the public with free admission. Every year, Taste of Asia attracts over 1000 guests to sample

the richness of Asian culture. This year, the live performances will range from the traditional Korean drumming group *SoriBeat* to the Bollywood fusion dance group *Chicago ADAA* to Chinese stunt yo-yo artist *Ryan Shi*. Throughout the afternoon, numerous vendors will offer tasty delights from a range of national and regional cuisines, and the Y's Community Gallery will present a display of East Asian brush painting, by the *Sumi-e Midwest Society*.

New Activities for All to Enjoy!

The event will also feature arts and crafts projects for children and adults including Origami, kite decorating, Chinese and Korean calligraphy, a Sumi-e art demonstration, lessons in how to use chop sticks, martial arts demonstrations and other activities.



All the activities will take place throughout the afternoon on Sunday, May 3 from 12:30 to 3pm at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road.

Visit www.northbrook.il.us/TasteofAsia for details.

Questions? Call 847/664-4058.

Are You Prepared?

Because of the possibility of tornadoes and other disasters, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to be prepared.

Be alert during a thunderstorm watch. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes. Being prepared will give you more time should the weather turn severe. If a tornado warning is issued, get indoors and move to the center of an interior room on the lowest level, such as a basement, away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Visit www.ready.gov/Tornadoes for more weather information and safety tips.

Build a Disaster Supply Kit for Your Family

A disaster supply kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency as you may need your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supply kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages. Find valuable tips to help you prepare for severe weather and other emergencies at www.ready.gov

Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



In the past, I've written about the diversity of issues that arise in local government. Thank you for taking the time to read my President Notes, as well as the information shared in this Village newsletter. I know word-of-mouth is still one of the most effective avenues of communication, so I hope you share this material with your family and your Northbrook friends and neighbors. This month I have a variety of topics to share with you. First and foremost is the issue of Public Safety.

Incidents, either weather related or man-made, typically happen with little notice or warning. Being prepared for emergencies

is key and knowing what to do and where to turn for information may be life-saving. Just over 50% of U.S. homes have a prepared emergency evacuation kit, according to new metropolitan area-level American Housing Survey statistics released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau. The Chicago metro area had among the lowest rate of homes with an emergency preparedness kit. I encourage all residents and business to visit www.ready.gov or see the article on page 2. I also encourage you to sign up your cell phone and email address on the Village's mass notification system, *Northbrook Notify*, at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you!

May 1 Marks the Beginning of Northbrook's 2015/16 Fiscal Year

I am pleased to announce that the Village Board passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16. Please see page 6 for more information.

Ice Cream Truck Regulations

The warmer weather brings the sounds of summer; chirping birds, children playing outside and the jingle of the local ice cream truck. Ice cream trucks are required to abide by the Village's noise ordinance regulations. The Board recently had a discussion about the allegations that certain vendors seem to be exceeding the allowed noise levels. Therefore, Village staff will now be evaluating this as part of a food vendor's annual license renewal inspection. So the sounds of summer will remain, and so will the songs from our ice cream trucks, perhaps just not as loud.

Changes to your ComEd Bills

Last month the Village sent out a special notice regarding changes to the supply component of your ComEd electric bill. If you have any questions about your electric bill, please call the Village's new electricity aggregation supplier Constellation/Integrity at 844/824-7627.

Congratulations to Re-elected Board Members

Trustees Karagianis, Buehler and Israel were re-elected to 4-year terms in the April elections. I look forward to working with them as they continue their service to the Village.

ComEd Drones – Unmanned Aircraft Systems

ComEd announced that it has received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to use innovative, unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) to inspect its transmission and distribution lines. Additionally, they may also be used following significant storms to assess damage. The project is a joint effort with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). The UASs will have a camera that can provide video and still photos.

The utility is looking to launch the technology in the early summer. ComEd will work closely with municipalities before flying UASs in their areas.

Memorial Day in Northbrook

After the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, join the community at the traditional American Legion Memorial Day ceremony in Village Green Park. This is our opportunity to remember those who have served. I also encourage all Northbrook residents to fly their American Flag throughout the weekend. For details on this year's Memorial Day events, see page 4.

Comments, Suggestions, Questions

As always, your comments are welcomed. Please contact me via email at village@northbrook.il.us or call 847/509-5301.



Memorial Day Weekend Events

Don't Miss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 25

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

Show Your Patriotism – Fly Your Flag All Weekend

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

Residents Invited to the Village Hall to Kick-off Summer 2015

The Community Relations Commission will host a combined *Welcome to Northbrook* and *Flamingo Friday* event on Friday, May 15 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

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

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 at the May 15 event.

For more information on Flamingo Friday call 847/664-4010 or visit www.northbrook.il.us/Flamingo

What are Flamingo Fridays?

Flamingo Fridays are a way to connect with your neighbors in a completely casual atmosphere. Every Friday evening 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.



Infrastructure Improvements

Now that warmer weather is here, so is road construction, both locally and regionally. Motorists are reminded to use caution in construction zones and always obey posted speed limits. The Northbrook area continues to see infrastructure improvements. Below are highlights of Village projects and other regional construction projects scheduled this year.

Village of Northbrook Projects

The Village of Northbrook strives to maintain the Village's water, sewer and surface infrastructure in a safe and stable condition. There are several projects scheduled for the 2015 "construction season" and web pages have been established for each of the projects to provide residents with current information on the status of these projects. Projects include Asphalt Street Resurfacing, Water Main Replacements, Concrete Street Rehabilitation, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Stormwater Management Projects, including the Cherry Lane Underpass, Shermer Road Overflow Sewer and Shermer Road Underpass projects identified in the Master Stormwater Management Plan.

Widening of Willow Road-Two Year Project Illinois Department of Transportation

The reconstruction of Willow Road from approximately Waukegan Road to the Edens Expressway continues. The project includes widening the roadway and improving pedestrian

safety through signalized crossings and widened sidewalks. Construction began in April 2013 and is expected to be completed this summer.

Resurfacing/Shoulder Stabilization of Willow Road (Waukegan-Dundee)

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Shermer Road, including paving the existing aggregate shoulder, between Waukegan Road and Dundee Road, this fall. This project is dependent upon plan readiness and available funding.

Dundee Road Intersection Improvements

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be adding a southbound & eastbound right turn lane at the Pfingsten Road intersection and eastbound & westbound right turn lanes at the Landwehr Road intersection this fall. This project is dependent upon plan readiness and available funding.

Please visit www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects for more detailed information on construction projects in Northbrook.

Northbrook's Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

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

The hydrant maintenance work will be on weekdays between the hours of 8am and 3pm.

When hydrant maintenance is being done in your area, it may cause some discoloration or rust in your water.

Should there be any rust or discoloration, the water will remain safe. Letting the cold water on your faucets run until the water is clear will help rid your lines of rust or discoloration.

If the water discoloration continues, call Northbrook Public Works Department at 847/272-4711.



Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Please consider sponsoring Northbrook Police Officers who will participate in the Torch Run on Sunday, June 7

The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. Through the power of sport, Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. All checks should be made payable to "Special Olympics Illinois" and mailed to the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. If you have any questions regarding your participation on behalf of the Northbrook Police Department, contact Celee Chavez at 847/664-4422 or Millie Gomez at 847/664-4460.

Village Board Approves Budget

At their regular meeting on April 14, 2015, the Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, which begins May 1, 2015. The total approved budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 is \$93,842,131, which represents a 3.1% increase from the total budget approved for the previous fiscal year.

The General Fund, which provides for the basic public service operations of the Village (Police, Fire, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Planning and Economic Development, among others) accounts for 48% of the total budget. The approved budget projects a General Fund surplus for next fiscal year of \$216,505 and achieves the Village Board's goal of abating the \$300,000 property tax increase approved for pensions in December 2014.

Three years ago, the Village introduced an expanded two year budget for the General Fund to further assist the Village Board in the discussion of the Village's fiscal policy. Last year, we projected total General Fund expenses for FY 2015/16 of \$44.1 million, with total operating expenses of \$39.8 million. As shown in the table below, our current projection for total General Fund expenses is 1.9% lower, and total operating expenses are within 0.13% of our projections at this time last year.

	Projected in FY12/13 for FY13/14	FY13/14 Budget	Variance	Projected in FY13/14 for FY14/15	FY14/15 Budget	Variance	Projected in FY14/15 for FY15/16	FY15/16 Budget	Variance
Operating	\$38,302,165	\$38,502,380	0.52%	\$39,756,345	\$39,965,205	0.53%	\$41,062,192	\$41,007,420	-0.13%
Capital	\$3,507,130	2,419,120	-31.02%	2,843,145	3,141,425	10.49%	3,046,870	2,255,205	-25.98%
Total	\$41,809,295	\$40,921,500	-2.12%	\$42,599,490	\$43,106,630	1.19%	\$44,109,062	\$43,262,625	-1.92%

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

Through this careful planning and analysis, the Village Board has increased their commitment to maintaining and improving the Village's significant infrastructure assets. The Village maintains 130 centerline miles of asphalt and concrete streets, 170 miles of water mains, 127 miles of sanitary sewers and 123 miles of storm sewers. The Village has invested more than \$220 million in our municipal infrastructure. Proactive annual maintenance is required in order to protect our significant investment and avoid costly failures in the future.

Significant capital projects for the coming year include:

- Street maintenance - \$2.6 million
- Water distribution system improvements - \$2.3 million
- Water plant and pump station improvements - \$2.4 million
- Storm water mitigation - \$6.1 million
- Sanitary sewer maintenance and replacement – \$1.1 million

From an external perspective, the State fiscal crisis looms as a threat to Northbrook's financial picture. In his February budget address, Governor Rauner proposed a 50% reduction to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). This would equate to a reduction of approximately \$1,600,000 annually to Northbrook. It is unclear whether the State Legislature will approve such a large diversion of LGDF away from municipalities. We are actively working with our local legislators to defeat this attempt

at pushing the State's financial problems onto local government. Given the State's financial position, it does appear likely that we will experience some reduction to our distributive revenues. It is difficult to say how much and for how long, or if there will be other offsets from the State that may mitigate these reductions. The Village Board has asked Staff to begin preparing various options to deal with this potential loss for the Village Board to consider as we gain more clarity from the State in the coming months.

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

This careful management by the Village Board and staff has provided the flexibility to adjust our resources as necessary in order to meet the changing service needs of the community. There is a reason Northbrook is one of only five communities in Illinois to carry triple-A ratings from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's. Constraining costs without diminishing quality services, steady growth in certain revenue streams and strong legislative and management oversight will keep the Village in an enviable position moving into the coming fiscal years.

Questions?

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

Village Happenings

Park District parks and shelters are available for rent from May 1 – Oct. 25 from 8am to dusk with a two-hour minimum. Wood Oaks Green Park and Techny Prairie Park and Fields provide grills. Visit www.nbparks.org for details or call 847/291-2980.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents Franco-Prussian Fresco, German Epic & French Reverie on Sun., May 3, at 4pm at GBN's Sheely Center for Performing Arts. There will be a free pre-concert lecture by Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For tickets, please visit www.northbrooksymphony.org

The Library is accepting applications to its annual **juried art show**, Flights of Fancy: Unexpected Works of Whimsy through May 31. Questions? Visit www.northbrook.info or call 847/272-6224.

Gentle Yoga returns to the Library each Fri. this month from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Pollack room. Sessions involve sitting and standing exercises for improved physical strength and mental clarity. Limited seating.

Sportsman's Country Club begins **adult golf instruction** in May, with a choice of three classes that start at 6pm. For info, www.sportsmansgolf.com or call 847/291-2351, ext. 3.

See it on Pinterest and make it at the Library on Wed., May 6, 7:30-8:30pm. Make softening sugar scrub. Supplies provided. Ages 13+ can register online, in person or by calling 847/272-4873.

On Thurs., May 7, adults can enjoy lunch and a showing of **Interstellar**, a film that follows a team of explorers looking to find out if mankind has a future among the stars. The Park District program begins at noon at the Leisure Center. The fee is \$6/members, \$9/non-members. Call 847/291-2988.

Fri., May 8 is the deadline for local bands to apply for **Rock the Green, Battle of the North Shore Youth Bands**. The annual Showcase and Competition takes place on Fri., June 5 from 6-9pm at Village Green Park. Applications are available at www.nbparks.org, the Park District Sports Center and the Leisure Center. For more details, please call 847/291-2995.

Tickets are still available for **Roll the Dice: It's Northbrook-On-Ice** at the Sports May 8-10. Tickets are \$8-12 at the Sports Center & online at www.nbparks.org. For more info, call 847/291-2993.

Kick off the summer tennis season with a free clinic and evaluation from the Park District and Northbrook Racquet Club. Ages 4+ can attend a clinic on Sat., May 9 at 10am. All levels are welcome. For more info, call 847/291-2995.

An AARP driving program on Mon., May 11 and Tues., May 12 can sharpen driving skills and help develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes. The two-day program runs from 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 Historical Society's current exhibit, **Celebrating Families: Roads from Settlement to Today**, is on display at the Northbrook History Museum. All are welcome to stop by on Thursdays, 10am-2pm and Sundays, 2-4pm. Visit www.northbrookhistory.org

Thursday night bicycle races begin on May 14 at the Ed Rudolph Velodrome in Meadowhill Park. Races begin at 6:45pm. Spectator fee is \$2, children under 12 are free. **Friday night races for amateur riders** begin on June 5.

Northbrook Garden Club's Perennial Plant Sale will be held 9am-4pm, Fri., May 15 and Sat., May 16 at the Village Green Center. The annual sale features perennial favorites from members' gardens. **Experienced gardeners** will be on hand to help and answer questions. For more details about the sale, visit www.NorthbrookGardenClub.org

The annual **Kids' Fishing Derby** from the Park District returns to Wood Oaks Green Park on Sat., May 16 from 10am-noon. Fishing rods, bait & prizes will be supplied. Fishing licenses are not needed during the derby.

School District 28's **Homer O. Harvey 5K Run/Walk** kicks off at 8am on Sat., May 16 at Northbrook Jr. High School. Online registration is available at www.hoh5k.com

All are invited to participate in the **American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of North Shore** on Sunday, May 17, from 3-9pm at Gallery Park in Glenview. Visit www.RelayForLife.org/NorthShoreIL

The **Northbrook Community Choir** will perform on Sun., May 17 at 5pm at the Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave. Admission is free and donations will be accepted to offset costs.

Hear Ahmad Sadri, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Lake Forest College, discuss his experiences in Iran, including his imprisonment, on Mon., May 18, 6:30pm at Covenant Village of Northbrook. Please call 847/480-6380 for more info.

On Mon., May 18, teens & adults can learn how to defend themselves with the **Brave Way Self-Defense System**. Fee is \$29/residents, \$39/non. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

Support Group for people with Parkinson's, their caregivers and families, meets at 6:30pm, Mon., May 18 at Covenant Village of Northbrook.

Men's summer hockey league begins with a mandatory meeting on Tues., May 19 at 7pm at the Sports Center; games begin on Mon., June 8. A **women's mixer league** begins with an evaluation night on Tues., June 16 at 8pm; games begin on Wed., June 24. For more info, call 847/291-2993.

On Thurs., May 21, adults can enjoy lunch & literary entertainment as Barbara Rinella dramatizes **The News Sorority** at 11:30am. The fee is \$35/Senior Center members, \$45/non-members. Register at the Senior Center or call 847/291-2988.

Northbrook Days 2015! August 5-9th "Green in '15" Visit www.northbrookdays.com

Test your skill and compete for prizes during the annual **Mini-Golf Tournament at Sportsman's Country Club on Mon., May 25**. The fee is \$6/child (12 & under), \$7/adult. Call 847/291-2351, ext. 2 to reserve your tee time or drop in and play.

Buckle up for Safety Town, a nine-day program that begins on Tues., May 26 for children who are 4-6 years old. Sessions are from 10am-noon & 1-3pm. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., May 27 at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas are posted online at www.nbparks.org in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

The **Park District offers Girls' Golf Socials** on select Friday afternoons, beginning on May 29. Call the Golf Shop at 847/291-2971 to sign up.

The **New Tradition Chorus' spring show, Oh, What a Feeling!** is on Sat., May 30 & Sun., May 31 at 2pm at Watson Auditorium on the GBS campus. Let the crooners and swooners take you on a sentimental journey! Tickets online at www.newtradition.org or call 800/746-9246.

Membership passes are available for the **Northbrook Dog Park** at Coast Guard Park & renewals begin on Mon., June 1. Details are online at www.nbparks.org and at all Registration Offices. For more info, call 847/291-2980.

The **North Shore Chamber Music Festival** will take place on June 3, 5 & 6 at the Village Presbyterian Church. For more info and tickets, call 847/370-3984 or visit www.nscmf.org

June is Make It! Month at the Library. Inspire your DIY side with a variety of lo- and hi-tech "maker" programs, such as pinhole cameras, 3D printing, intro to knitting & more. For details visit www.northbrook.info

Mark your calendar for **Opening Day of the Northbrook Farmers Market** on Wed., June 17. The market will run Wednesdays through Oct. 14, 7am-1pm, at the corner of Cherry and Meadow. Visit www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org

Stop by the Village Gallery in the Village Hall Board Room in May and June to see beautiful **Asian Art by Northbrook Artist Jong McCulloch** featured on the front page.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Looking Skyward Over Northbrook – Then and Now

Soon you may see drones in the skies over Northbrook as they check power lines. Some Northbrookians saw their first drone near the beginning of the July 4th parade last year. Flying over the parade route, the drone captured video images of the parade.

While drones are a fairly new technology, they certainly are not the first motorized machines flying over town. The sound of airplane motors was a familiar one between 1923 and 1995 when the flight pattern for the Glenview Naval Air Station crossed a portion of town. During the summer, Northbrookians looked skyward as the Thunderbirds, Blue Angels or other aerial acrobat teams streaked through the sky on the way to or from GNAS. The overpass hillside on Willow Road was filled with people watching the planes landing and taking off during the annual Chicago Air and Water Show.

In the summer of 1930, all Northbrookians looked skyward as the Hunter brothers lifted off from Sky Harbor Airport in their Stinson SM-1 Detroit airplane named *The City of Chicago* in an attempt to set a flight endurance record. The five Hunter siblings worked together to make the flight endurance record happen. John and Kenneth shared flying and repair duties while brothers Albert and Walter handled the mid-air refueling. Irene Hunter, sister



of the pilots, cooked the meals which were lowered to the pilots by bucket from the refueling plane.

By continuously staying aloft from June 11 to July 4, 1930, the brothers set the endurance record by flying for 23 days, one hour and 41 minutes (553 hours and 41 minutes) in the skies over Northbrook. The flight came to an abrupt end when a broken oil pressure gauge spewed oil all over the cockpit. Unfortunately, they held

the record for just a short time.

Visit the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., to learn more about the Hunter Brothers or visit www.northbrookhistory.org Visit www.criticalpast.com and enter *Hunter Brothers* in the search box to view two news reel reports on the flight.