

NORTHBROOK

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A Reminder from Police Chief Wernick: Avoid Crimes of Opportunity

Over the past few years, a crew of auto burglars has been very active in the Midwest.

Nicknamed the “Felony Lane Gang,” they break car windows to steal purses and wallets, specifically targeting cars in parking lots of schools, day care centers, golf courses, parks, and exercise facilities. Often, they use checks and/or ID’s from the purses to withdraw funds from the bank accounts of the victims. They have been active in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois.

The Northbrook Police strongly urge you to take your valuables from your car or lock them in the trunk, even if you will only be away from the car for a few minutes.

The Northbrook Police are working hard to arrest these people; your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please call 847/664-4181. If any suspicious activity is observed, call 911 immediately.

Participate in this Year’s Earth & Arbor Day Celebration!

Saturday, April 26, 8:30am–1pm, Rain or Shine on the Village Green

In addition to a variety of recycling opportunities, you’ll find fresh ideas and cost effective, earth-friendly ways to conserve energy, save money and help the environment at Northbrook’s Earth and Arbor Day Celebration!

Don’t miss this opportunity to meet over 50 exhibitors promoting earth-friendly ideas to implement in your home or business. This will include home weatherization measures, renewable energy ideas, local utilities and environmentally friendly products.

Participate in the Community Clean-up and compete for a prize! continued on page 5

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YARD WASTE PICK-UP
Yard waste pick-up resumed.
Visit www.northbrook.il.us/Green
for details about where to purchase
stickers for \$1.95 each.



Business Briefs

Introducing Business Highlights

A series as part of the Business Briefs page, Business Highlights, will feature a Northbrook business that many residents may not be aware of in the community.

STATS, one of the world's leading sports technology, data and content companies, is headquartered in Northbrook. STATS provides real-time scores, historical sports information, Associated Press editorial content, a turnkey fantasy sports operation and SportVU technology. Today, STATS' worldwide client network of media companies and professional sports leagues and teams utilize a broad spectrum of dynamic in-game broadcast presentations and virtual images, multimedia enhancements and game analysis and tactical coaching tools.

Through its SportVU player-tracking technology, STATS has introduced new analytics such as "points per touch," "rebound chances" and "secondary assists" to the sport of basketball. This season, SportVU was installed in all 29 NBA arenas. Six cameras programmed with complex character recognition algorithms are positioned in the rafters above every NBA court, recording the movement of every player and the ball at each moment of the game.



Located on 2775 Shermer Road, south of Willow Road, STATS employees 170 at that location and an additional 200 employees throughout the world. For more information regarding the company, visit its website at www.stats.com



STATS' SportVU player tracking cameras sit high atop the United Center.

New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Northbrook:

**Dr. Debra M. Block
Mindful Solutions LLC**
1300 Meadow Road

**Chicago Veterinary
Neurology and
Neurosurgery Group**
1842 Skokie Boulevard

**Health and Beauty
Concepts**
1500 Shermer, Suite 306

**McCarthy Spine and
Sports Physical Therapy**
666 Dundee, Suite 1903

Herbert Schonken CPA
1290 Shermer Road

Tasty Breads
2900 Shermer Road



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If you have questions or suggestions about business development in Northbrook, please contact David Schoon, Economic Development Coordinator, at 847/664-4052 or david.schoon@northbrook.il.us



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



This month, I invite everyone to help clean-up our Village and participate in the Earth and Arbor Day celebration and Environmental Expo on Saturday, April 26. Earth and Arbor Day is a perfect time to take advantage of the numerous recycling collection opportunities during the celebration and learn about other opportunities available throughout the year. And with over 50 exhibitors scheduled for the Environmental Expo, it's also a perfect time to learn about ways to keep our Village green. Learn more at www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay

The Village and the Park District are working together to keep

Northbrook Green too! Just last year, the Northbrook Strategic Sustainability Plan was created to provide a road map for the community to advance its current environmental programs and identify new initiatives and partnerships with the greatest opportunity to enhance resource conservation, improve public health and strengthen the local economy. All aspects of the plan are driven by a single guiding principle: sustainability. In Northbrook, letting sustainability guide the decision-making processes means seeking to balance today's needs with those of tomorrow by considering environmental, economic and social impacts.

For more information on Northbrook's Sustainability Plan, visit www.northbrook.il.us/SustainabilityPlan

Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget Public Hearing

A copy of the proposed 2014/2015 Annual Village Budget is available for public inspection at www.northbrook.il.us/Budget, at the Northbrook Public Library, and at the Village Hall during business hours. Please consider participating in the budget process by attending the public hearing and providing input on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be cablecast live on NCTV – Comcast Cable Channel 17 (AT&T customers must access channel 99 and search Northbrook in the menu), replayed the following day, and on Sunday, April 13, at 9am and 7pm. You can also watch the meeting live or “on demand” on our website at www.northbrook.il.us – Just click on Meetings and Agendas on the right hand side of the page.

Development & Planning Services New Home Page includes Property Search

The Northbrook Department of Development & Planning Services launched a new home page designed to make navigation easier and more intuitive. The page also includes a direct link to the Property Search function, which enables the public to find a wide range of information on a property, including the zoning (and direct links to the zoning district regulations and informational handouts), PREI number (and links to the Assessor's website), school districts, and congressional districts. Visit the site at www.northbrook.il.us/DPS

Internet Crimes – The Grandparent Scam

While the Internet provides exceptional resources for everyday use, it also serves as a new tool for criminals. (See Grandparent Scam article on page 6). The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). The IC3 accepts online Internet crime complaints. Visit www.ic3.gov for more information.

Now that Spring is Here...

It's time to start thinking about enjoying the variety of events planned for 2014. On May 18 the Community Relations Commission will host Taste of Asia featuring wonderful dance and music, in addition to a culture and artifacts display. The Park District and the Village are planning a traditional day of 4th of July fun and the Arts Commission promises an artful experience at Art In the Park July 13 & 14. For a complete list of Northbrook Village events, visit www.northbrook.il.us/AnnualEvents

Your Thoughts and Comments

I always welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions. Please call the Village Hall at 847/664-4010, or send an e-mail to village@northbrook.il.us



A Message for All Northbrook Pet Owners

The Northbrook Police Department's Animal Control Officer would like to remind pet owners to be considerate of their neighbors and community by obeying our local ordinances.

- Do not allow your dog to bark excessively as to cause a disturbance to your neighbors.
- Village ordinances and common sense dictate that your dog should always be walked on a leash and never be allowed off your property without restraint.
- Always pick up after your dog eliminates. These rules apply in parks, on school grounds and in open fields.

Lost Pets

It is imperative that your pet is wearing proper, up-to-date identification tags including a current Village license along with a rabies and name tag. Having your animal microchipped will further ensure recovery of your pet if their collar is lost. Contact your veterinarian for details. If your pet is lost, immediately report it to the Northbrook Police at 847/564-2060.

Bring Your Dog to the New Dog Park

Visit the Northbrook Dog Park at Coast Guard Park. Access to the park requires an annual membership; passes are available for purchase at any Park District Registration Office. The Dog Park is the only public area in Northbrook where dogs are allowed to run and play off-leash. For details call 847/291-2960 or visit www.nbparks.org

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

You can make a big difference through small acts that help protect children, strengthen families, promote traits that help protect families and, ultimately, prevent the abuse and neglect of children. Approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year.

What Constitutes Child Abuse?

The mistreatment can either result in injury or put the child at serious risk of injury. Child abuse can be physical (i.e. bruises or broken bones), sexual (i.e. fondling or incest), or mental (emotional injury or psychological illness).

Neglect is the failure of a parent or caretaker to meet "minimal parenting" standards for providing adequate supervision, food, clothing, medical care, shelter or other basic needs.

What Can I Do?

If you suspect abuse, please report it. Below are the numbers to call.

Illinois Child Abuse Hotline
800-25-ABUSE (800/252-2873)
800/358-5117 (TTY)
www.state.il.us/DCFS

Northbrook Police Department
911 Emergency

For additional information
www.preventchildabuseillinois.org

Artwork by Northbrook Artists on Display

Join us for an artful experience! The Northbrook Arts Commission in collaboration with the Northbrook Public Library is proud to present the 11th Annual Northbrook Originals Art Exhibit at the Northbrook Public Library, April 1 - 29, featuring art by 42 Northbrook resident artists. The exhibit has a wide range of mediums including photography, oil, acrylic watercolor and pastels. Stop by today!

For information about this exhibit, please contact jamarts@comcast.net or see the catalog of exhibit on www.northbrookarts.org



Earth & Arbor Day Activities

Pitch in and join the Community Clean up at 8:30am and then stay for the Green Expo. Over 50 exhibitors promoting Earth Friendly ideas and concepts to implement in your home or business will be featured. Take advantage of the Special Recycling Collection in the west commuter parking lot! See schedule below for details.

Clean-up teams will be assigned specific areas to collect debris and windblown trash. Clean-up volunteers should meet at Village Green Park, at the corner of Shermer and Meadow, at 8:30am to sign up and receive supplies. Between 9:30am and 1:00pm, after the clean-up, the Northbrook Village Green will be bustling with excitement as everyone enjoys the exhibits, food and entertainment. For more information, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay or call 847/664-4129.

Earth Day Sponsors: Village of Northbrook, Northbrook Park District and Northfield Township Road District

Earth & Arbor Day Schedule of Events for Saturday, April 26 Free Fun for Everyone on the Village Green from 8:30am to 1pm

8:30am:

- Registration for Clean-up Begins:
Clean-up teams collect debris in designated areas

9:30am - 1pm:

- Free Tree Seedlings & a Chance to Win a Tree
- Environmental Exhibits highlighting new “green” services, products and ideas
- Children’s Activities including Pony Rides
- Music by local performers!

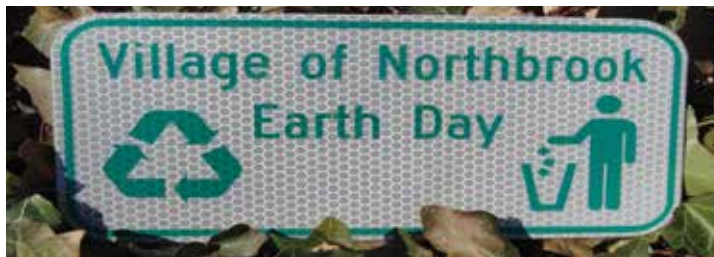


Earth Day Recycling Opens at 8:30am

Recycling Drop-off at the **west side** commuter lot by the Northbrook METRA station. Just drive-through and drop-off.

- › Paint (Oil and Latex Only. Sorry, no thinners or solvents)
- › Molded Styrofoam
- › Tires
- › CFL and Tube Fluorescent Bulbs
- › Printer Cartridges
- › Household Batteries
- › Computers, TVs, & other Electronics
- › New & Used Household Goods to donate to Goodwill
- › Residential On-site Document Shredding

In six of the designated clean-up areas, look for the hidden the 8x4” sign pictured below. If you find it during the clean-up, bring it back to the Village Green for the chance to win a prize!



Dispose of Unwanted Medications at the Northbrook Police Department

The Village continues to be a sponsor of the *Save-A-Star* program, whose purpose is to collect and safely dispose of unwanted and unused medications. The *Save-A-Star* collection box, located in the lobby of the Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, is accessible 24 hours a day throughout the year.

The Police Department will be hosting a Special Drop off at the Police Station, corner of Landwehr and Walters Ave., as part of the National Take Back Initiative on April 26. See page 6 for details.

The Grandparent Scam

Don't Let It Happen to You

You're a grandparent, and you get a phone call or an email from someone who identifies himself as your grandson and indicates he needs money.

He's identified himself by name and explains he needs money loaded on to a prepaid gift card and asks for the account number. This is an example of what's come to be known as The Grandparent Scam.

The Grandparent Scam has been around for a few years and the Northbrook Police Department frequently gets calls from residents who either followed through on the request or had questions about such calls. Recently it seems the scam and scam artists have become more sophisticated. Thanks to the Internet and social networking sites, a criminal can sometimes uncover personal information about their targets, which makes the impersonations more believable. For example, the actual grandson may mention on his social networking site that he's a photographer who often travels to Mexico. When contacting the grandparents, the phony grandson will say he's calling from Mexico, where someone stole his camera equipment and passport.

Common scenarios include:

- A grandparent receives a phone call (or sometimes an e-mail) from a "grandchild." If it is a phone call, it's often late at night or early in the morning when most people aren't thinking that clearly. Usually, the person claims to be traveling in a foreign country and has gotten into a bad situation, like being arrested, getting in a car accident, or being mugged...and needs money wired ASAP. And the caller doesn't want his or her parents told.
- Sometimes, instead of the "grandchild" making the phone call, the criminal pretends to be an arresting police officer, a lawyer, a doctor at a hospital, or some other person. Other scenarios involve the phony grandchild talking first and then handing the phone over to an accomplice...to further spin the fake tale.



- There have been reports of military families victimized: after perusing a soldier's social networking site, a con artist will contact the soldier's grandparents, sometimes claiming that a problem came up during military leave that requires sending money to an address.
- While it's commonly called The Grandparent Scam, criminals may also claim to be a family friend, a niece or nephew, or another family member.

What to do if you have been scammed.

The financial losses in these cases—while they can be substantial for an individual, usually several thousand dollars per victim—typically don't meet the FBI's financial thresholds for opening an investigation.

- Please call the Northbrook Police Non-Emergency number at 847/564-2060.
- Also, file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center www.ic3.gov (IC3), which not only forwards complaints to the appropriate agencies, but also collates and analyzes the data—looking for common threads that link complaints and help identify the culprits.
- The best advice is to avoid being victimized in the first place: Resist the pressure to act quickly.
- Try to contact your grandchild or another family member to determine whether or not the call is legitimate.
- Never wire money based on a request made over the phone or in an email...especially overseas. Wiring money is like giving cash—once you send it, you can't get it back.

Dispose of Unused Medications

The Northbrook Police Invite All to Participate in the National Take Back Initiative by Disposing of Unused Prescription Drugs on Saturday, April 26, from 10am to 2pm at the Northbrook Police Department.

In the four previous Take-Back events, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in conjunction law enforcement partners, has collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal. Please participate in this event by bringing your unwanted, unused medications to the Northbrook Police Station front lot at 1401 Landwehr Road.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Please note: The Village continues to be a sponsor of the *Save-A-Star* program, whose purpose is to collect and safely dispose of unwanted and unused medications. The *Save-A-Star* collection box, located in the lobby of the Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, is accessible 24 hours a day throughout the year.

Village Happenings

The **Youth Film Festival** will be held on June 9. Honoring the talents of young, local filmmakers, this Festival will feature short films, created by regional students. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/YouthFilmFest for details. Entries are due by April 30, 2014. Prizes!

The Village has made **Kill-a-Watt devices** available for complementary lending from the Northbrook Public Library, 3rd floor MultiMedia desk to check one out. Using this simple device, a homeowner can determine which household appliances consume the most energy and shift usage habits or replace devices with energy-efficient models. Check it out!

Join the **Northbrook Woman's Club** on Thurs. April 3, noon at Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, 3080 West Lake Ave., for a presentation by Jessica Sheehan. Jessica is a personal and editorial wardrobe stylist seen on the Oprah Show and Project Runway. For more info call 847/205-7931 or visit www.northbrookwomensclub.org

Adults can learn basic computer skills in a four-week session at the Leisure Center, beginning on April 3. The program runs from 10-11:30am on Thursdays. For details, call 847/291-2988.

The **Skate Park in Techny Prairie Park and Fields** will open on April 1, weather permitting. Call 847/291-2985 or visit www.nbparks.org to confirm park status. Saturday morning skateboard instruction begins on April 26 with classes divided by age.

A Parisian Salon Concert will be held on Fri., Apr. 4, 7:30pm, by the 3rd floor MultiMedia Dept., Northbrook Public Library.

Like yoga? Meditation? Try Gentle Yoga, Fridays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:30am. Try Meditation on Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30am in the Village Hall Board Room. These events are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The annual **Spring Bunny Trail** hops to a new location at Indian Ridge Park (next to the Leisure Center) on Saturday, April 5 from 2:30-4:30pm. The free family event from the Northbrook Park District offers an egg hunt, games, music and a magic show. Bring a basket! For more info visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

AARP Driver Safety Programs: April 7 & 8 at the Park District Leisure Center. Call 847/291-2988 for details. Another class will be held Saturdays, April 19 & 26, at Covenant Village, 2625 Techny Rd. Call 847/272-2958 for details. The fee for AARP members is \$15; nonmembers \$20.

A musical based on **Flat Stanley**, a popular children's book, opens on April 5 at the Northbrook Theatre with performances on Saturdays at 10am and 1pm. Visit www.northbrooktheatre.org or call 847/291-2367.

Prom Fashion Show Fundraiser for NCDAA at the Y features high school students modeling the latest styles in formal wear on Sun., April 6 at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information email sglazebrook@nsymca.org.

How to Safely Surf the Internet and Find Almost Anything. Abby Stokes will be at Covenant Village of Northbrook on April 8 at 10:30am to share crucial tips to protect your identity, as well as how to get the most from your web searches. To RSVP call 877/518-2473.

On April 8, the **Northbrook Art Associates** invite all to attend a program celebrating the artistic achievements of the Golden Age of Spain which will include performances of music from the period Transportation to the Art Institute of Chicago and lunch are included. Call 847/564-0915 for information. Guests welcome.

The **Antique Sight Appraisal Program** is Back by Popular Demand, at the Historical Society on Sunday, April 13 at 2pm at the Northbrook Historical Society. Pre register on first come, first serve basis, \$5 fee. Visit www.northbrookhistory.org Conducted by Karl Gates Appraisals.

The Bright Star Theatre Company, designed for teens and young adults with special needs, will perform **Cinderella** on Sat., Apr. 12 at 5pm and Sun., Apr. 13 at 1pm at the Northbrook Theatre. For more information, call 847/291-2367.

The **Northbrook Symphony Orchestra** presents, European Folk Fest, on Sun., Apr. 13, at 4 pm at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at GBN. Featured is young violinist, Rachel Stenzel. Free pre-concert lecture by Jim Kendros, at 2:30. Please visit www.TheNSO.org or call 847/272-0755 and enjoy a concert that promises to be as much fun as last season's Folk Fest. Don't miss it!

The **Northbrook Art Associates** will hold their annual Spring luncheon on Wed., April 16, at Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield. Jeffrey Mishur, an art historian, will discuss Art and Fashion of the Roaring 20s. Fee includes lunch and lecture. Nonmembers are welcome. Call 847/564-0915.

Looking for ways to talk to your preteen daughter? The Northbrook Park District offers a new speaker series on April 17 and 24 to educate and empower moms and daughters while encouraging positive choices and healthy behavior. The program runs from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995 to register or learn more.

On Monday, April 21, teens and adults can learn how to defend themselves with the **Brave Way Self-Defense System** at the Northbrook Park District from 6:30-8:30pm at the Leisure Center. The fee is \$29 for residents. Visit www.nbparks.org or call 847/291-2995.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., April 23 at 7pm at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas for the meetings are posted at www.nbparks.org in the About Us section, under Board of Commissioners.

Meet the 3D Printer on Mon., April 28, 7pm, Library Youth Services Activity Room. Learn how objects are made, what software is used to generate the proper files, and how Northbrook residents can have their files printed by the Library. No registration is necessary.

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

Northfield Township Food Pantry's 2nd Annual **Big Kid Bingo Night!** Featuring Bingo, surprise games, prizes, Unique Silent & Live Auction Items Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar on Fri., April 25 at Park Center in Glenview. Call 847/724-8300 for details.

Stop by the Village Hall during business hours and visit the **Village Gallery featuring creative artwork by Northbrook Artist Erin Kaya.**

Antiques, Collectibles & Treasures at the North Shore Senior Center Vintage Marketplace on Fri., April 25 from 8:30am to 3pm & Sat., April 26 from 8:30am to 1pm at 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. For more info or to make a merchandise donation, call 847/784-6035. Proceeds benefit North Shore Senior Center.

Calling All Bands! May 5 is the deadline for local bands to apply to be part of **Rock the Green**, Battle of the North Shore Youth Bands on Friday, June 6. For details, call 847/291-2995.

The **8th Annual Ken and Alta Thiel Strong Kids Dinner** on Wed., April 30, at Allgauer's Restaurant in the Hilton-Northbrook. Join the community for delicious food, exciting live and silent auctions, and entertainment at the annual fund raiser in support of the Y's Strong Kids Financial Assistance Program. Tickets are \$125. Visit www.nsymca.org or call 847/272-7250.

SAVE THE DATE. The Taste of Asia festival will be held on Sunday, May 18 to celebrate the Year of the Horse. Look for details in next month's newsletter.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

The Northbrook Historical Society is the Keeper of the Stories and the Window to our Past

The Northbrook Historical Society is much more than a building or a repository for information about the area. Sometimes, we act as a resource for local groups or individuals by gathering information about people and places in our Village and searching for confirmation of local lore. Other times, we help people or groups gather resources and information about previous generations or special memories of living in Northbrook.

One of the subjects we get lots of questions about is former restaurants along Skokie Boulevard. Do you remember The Pickle Barrel, Victoria Station, Pat Patterson's or Olive Garden as part of the Northbrook restaurant scene, or the very large Miller High-Light Beer bottle at the SE corner of

Lake Cook Road and Skokie Boulevard? Do you remember the variety of businesses that used to call Skokie Boulevard home? Strike n' Spare? The Edens Theaters? Peacock Palace? If so, you can help us by sharing any memories or photos you have. Send them to northbrookhistory@comcast.net or bring them to the Historical Society.

For 40 years, the Society has acted as a resource for the community and used our resources to share the story of the Village with its residents. Last fall, the Society was delighted to connect the St. Peter Church and Cemetery Board with companies that do cemetery restoration. Because of the information we provided, they are beginning a three-year cemetery restoration project.



As a 40th Anniversary project and gift to the community, the Northbrook Historical Society is joining the efforts to restore the cemetery by undertaking the restoration of the off-center Friederich Schermer obelisk. The monument overlooks the road named for him. In October, we'll tell his story as part of a Cemetery Walk at St. Peter Cemetery.

To learn more about Northbrook History visit www.northbrookhistory.org