

# NORTHBROOK

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## Snow, Snow, Snow!

Just last month we dealt with extreme cold, excessive snow, school and workplace closings, challenging road conditions and lots and lots of Snow!

In response to the recent weather, Village staff cleared snow, helped stranded motorists, fixed broken water mains and helped residents with frozen water meters. The Village staff are well trained and worked as a team to provide excellent services under extreme conditions. See Village President notes on page 3 for some interesting statistics.

During the weather events, the Village utilized Northbrook Notify to alert residents and businesses about delayed scavenger pick-ups, frozen water pipes and space heater safety, as well as the 2" or more of snow parking ban, which helped Public Works to clear the streets with minimal obstacles.

**Did you get an email notification from Northbrook Notify?** If not, sign-up today at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify)

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## Primary Election on March 18

The General Primary Election On March 18, 2014 will include U.S. Senator; U.S. Representatives; State Governor; Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General; Secretary of State; Comptroller; Treasurer; Some State Senators; State Representatives. Cook County: Board of Commissioners President; County Commissioners; Clerk; Treasurer; Sheriff, Assessor, Board of Review (1st And 2nd District), 3 Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and Judicial Office Vacancies.

Below are just some of the milestone dates for voters:

- February 6 is the first day for registered voters to apply for absentee ballot.
- February 18 is the last day to register to vote in the primary.
- February 19 is the first day for grace period registration and voting.
- March 3 is first day for early voting.
- March 15 is the last day for Grace Period registration and voting and last day for early voting.
- March 18 is the Primary Election Day

### New this Year

A citizen who is 17 years old on the date of the general primary election may vote provided: (1) that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following general election, and (2) the person is registered to vote.

Visit [www.voterfonet.com](http://www.voterfonet.com) or call 312/814-6440 for more information.

## President's Day - February 17

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 17. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

## Police Academy Class Begins March 20

The Northbrook Police Department will host the Citizen Police Academy for Northbrook residents and business owners age 21 and older on eleven consecutive Wednesdays, March 26 to May 28, from 7 to 9:30pm. Join this exciting, free, hands-on opportunity to learn about Northbrook's Police Department.

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will have a clearer understanding of what police officers do and be better informed citizens. Space is limited to 25 participants!

For more information about how to sign-up, contact Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka at 847/664-4427 or email [dan.petka@northbrook.il.us](mailto:dan.petka@northbrook.il.us).

Attend the Citizen Police Academy and find out about topics such as:

- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and Investigation operations
- Police K9 Unit
- Ride-along with a Northbrook Police Officer!

## Crime Prevention is the Best Defense

Review the following crime prevention safety tips in order to familiarize yourself in ways to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Always lock doors, windows and set home alarms, if you have one, before leaving the house. Always lock deadbolt locks.
- If you have an attached garage, be sure to lock the inside door between your garage and house. If you have a detached garage, keep it secured.
- Lock your car doors while at home, even if cars are stored inside your garage or parked in the driveway.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Remove valuables from vehicles.
- Install secure window well covers.

- If you have double-hung or sliding windows or doors, place a wooden rod or stick in the track.
- Use timers for your lights if you come home after dark.
- If you are going on vacation, be sure to stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they don't pile up in front of your home while you are away.
- Be on the lookout and report suspicious vehicles that look out of place. Remember, burglars can be male or female, young or old, and driving any type of vehicle.

Northbrook remains a very safe community, and we all must work together to keep it that way.

Call 911 immediately with details, descriptions and plate numbers if you see:

- Any suspicious vehicles driving slowly or repetitively through your neighborhood.
- Observe someone at a neighbor's front door, then see them walking to the side or rear of the house.
- Someone rings your doorbell "by mistake." Burglars never just break in - they always ring the bell to see if anyone is home.

If you are interested in having a home safety check, please contact Community Relations Supervisor Dan Petka at 847/664-4427 or visit the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us/PreventCrime](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PreventCrime)

## Village Board Highlights

### Recognized

- Jeff Harris on his retirement from the Fire Department
- GBN student Brian Ohr for IHSA 2013 State Golf Championship

### Authorized

- Agreement for Fire Dept. recruitment and promotional examination administration services, \$14,000
- Purchase Agreement, Cisco Smartnet Support Warranty & Equipment, \$45,163
- 3rd Annual Installment payment for Microsoft Software Licenses, \$31,408
- Change Order #1 for lining of additional sewers, \$20,000
- Agreement with IDOT for Traffic Signals at 19 Intersections, \$1,717
- Police Department Vehicle purchase through Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, \$27,089

- Digital Upgrade of Outdoor Warning Siren, \$39,361 and budget transfer of \$9,361

### Amended

- Level III Design Review Permit granted to Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Ln.
- Number of Wall Signs Permitted on the South Elevation of Northbrook Court
- Increase Class A Liquor Licenses and reduce the number of Class B and F Liquor Licenses

### Approved

- Extend Plat of Approval and Rezoning Pine Knolls Sub. 3895, 3925, 3955 Dundee Rd.
- Subdivision & Development Agreement and Final Plat, Variations, and Waivers, 2315 Catherine St.

- MFT appropriation for roadway improvements along Happ Road
- Development and Concept plan and Tentative Plat of Subdivision, Certain Special Permit Uses, Variations, and Waivers for Northshore 770, at 770 Skokie Blvd.
- Reconvening the Joint Review Board, Setting Date of Public Hearing Reopening Interested Parties Registry for Dundee/Road Skokie Boulevard TIF District
- Amending Code for Special Permit Uses in O-4 Blvd Office Districts, Imposing Additional Sign Regulations, Expand Permitted Exceptions and Define Mixed Use Planned Development
- Special Permit for Planned Development in the O-4 District, Northshore 770, 770 Skokie Blvd.



# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



It's only February and what a winter it's been! Whether it's receiving a total of almost 2 feet of snow this year or sub-zero temperatures and wind chills for 72 consecutive hours in January, the winter weather has tested even the most stalwart of Northbrook's residents, businesses and staff.

Here are a few things you might not have thought about before - Police and Fire Departments are routinely busy during snow storms and extreme weather

events responding to vehicle accidents, alarms, patrolling, and conducting well-being checks. Aside from plowing our roads, Public Works Department employees respond to calls about frozen meters and water main breaks. While most of us were enjoying the holidays in the warmth of our homes, the Village's first responders were working around the clock to keep us safe during these storms and frigid temperatures. I am extremely proud of the service our staff provides, regardless of the challenges Mother Nature has to offer.

To put the weather and snow storms experienced at the end of December and beginning of January into context, here are some interesting statistics:

The Public Works Department conducted plowing or salting operations 12 out of the 14 days between December 22nd and January 5th. During this time 1,150 tons of salt were used on our 537 lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets and municipal parking lots. In addition, Public Works responded to 22 frozen water meter calls, eight water main breaks and two water service line breaks.

During this same period, the Fire and Police Departments responded to 277 weather related calls for service; more than twice the average. These calls included accidents, fire alarms, broken water pipes and medical calls. While many businesses were closed, the Village Hall was open to support the departments and conduct business as usual.

With the potential of another six to eight weeks of winter weather, here are few tips to make life a little more bearable:

- Keep your home and the area where your water meter is located heated to at least 50°F to prevent your pipes and meter from freezing.
- When removing snow from the end of your driveway, place as much snow as possible to the right side of your driveway (as you are facing the street). This will help to minimize the amount of snow ending up back on your driveway.
- When driving in winter weather, reduce speeds and increase following distances to help prevent an accident.
- Also, please give our snow and ice control equipment enough room to work - as they may make frequent stops and take longer to maneuver.

## 2014/15 Village Budget

The Village's Fiscal Year begins May 1, 2014. Next month's newsletter will include specific dates and times for the Village Board budget review meetings to discuss the FY 14/15 draft budget. For more information about Village finances, visit the Village website at [www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsAtWork](http://www.northbrook.il.us/TaxDollarsAtWork)

## Tell the Village your Concern, Complaint or Compliment

Whether you want to report a pothole, express a concern about your neighborhood, ask a question, or compliment a Village employee, Northbrook's GOResult makes it easy. GOResult is available online and to smart phone users. To access the service online, visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) and click the GOResult logo. The system features a simple, easy to use form, and allows you to track the status of your request. The system also offers an app for your smartphone. ([www.northbrook.il.us/GOApp](http://www.northbrook.il.us/GOApp)) Of course, if you prefer, you may still contact the Village by calling 847/272-5050 during business hours.

If you would like to contact me directly, call the Village's General Government Department at 847/664-4010 or email me at [village@northbrook.il.us](mailto:village@northbrook.il.us)



## February is Black History Month

Celebrate by attending *Journeys - The Black Experience* in Chicago and the North Suburbs

The Northbrook Community Relations Commission (CRC) is proud of the diversity within our Village and is pleased to sponsor this free program.

All are invited to "*Journeys*" on Wednesday, February 26 from 6 to 8:30pm at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd.

Members of the Black community from the Chicago area and north suburbs will share stories of the path that led to where they are today.

Enjoy informative, entertaining styles of presentation, including storytelling, dance, rap, and photography.

Food will be served during the 6-6:30pm *Meet and Greet*. An interactive question and answer session with the presenters will follow the presentations.

The annual CRC Black History Celebrations are educational and interactive, and have been well-received over the past 11 years.

Past programs include an original play, book reviews and lectures, a children's program, a discussion focused on the role of Black actors in the movie industry, and a panel discussion. Come join the 2014 celebration! The program is open to all ages and youth attendance is encouraged.

For more information about the event, email [Jason.Batalden@northbrook.il.us](mailto:Jason.Batalden@northbrook.il.us) or call 847/664-4417.

## The Village Reminds Residents and Businesses to Get Ready for Earth and Arbor Day Saturday, April 26!

**Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day celebration is just around the corner!**

Start rounding up the troops and plan to enjoy a community clean-up day complete with events, exhibits, and much more! Everyone is invited to "pitch-in" and keep the green momentum in motion! Get your clean-up team organized and stake your claim to clean-up your favorite Northbrook territory!

Residents or businesses with environmentally friendly products, ideas or projects and would like to participate in our Green Expo are asked to call 847/664-4129. Companies that promote and introduce Green Building technology are also welcome!



## What's Playing? On NCTV Channel 17

Here is the February schedule for Northbrook Community Television, Cable Channel 17.

7:00am & 3:00pm

*Edens Theater: The Life of a Beautiful Bird*. Remember the Edens Theater? Experience the birth, life and death of a very special building. Watch footage from the construction to the destruction of the Edens Theater. Produced by Frank Randall and Evie Lerner.

8:00am & 4:00pm

*Where is Northbrook Now?* A look back at our history to present.

9:30am & 5:30pm

*Spotlight on Northbrook Arts* featuring Musician and Luthier John McHugh

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

*Northbrook! The Video Newsletter* featuring news about Northbrook.

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

*Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan*

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

*NCDA FOCUS: Walking on Thin Ice: A Methamphetamine Prevention Video*

1:00pm & 9:00pm

*Parenting Series: Talking about Social Media Before Your Child Is On Facebook* presented by Devorah Heitner, Ph.D

# 2014 Parkway Tree Order Form

## The Village is offering the cost sharing Parkway Tree Planting Program to residents again this year.

New trees will be 2-diameter-inches or about 8 feet tall. A property owner's cost share will be \$175 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. Multiple trees may be ordered, providing there is adequate room within the public parkway area. Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.

The trees will be scheduled for planting during the month of May, as weather permits.

### Limitations

Trees must be planted:

- equidistant from curb and sidewalks, typically at least 35' from other parkway trees
- at least 10' from a driveway or street light
- at least 45' from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines
- at least 5' from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes

Note: Trees cannot be planted in the same spot as a recently removed parkway tree.

Ten species of trees are currently available. All trees are limited quantities on a first come, first serve basis. All trees may be viewed at [www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree).

Orders must be submitted by March 14, 2014.

- Village makes final determination on planting location.
- Orders are processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Trees may not be refused, moved or exchanged for any reason.

### Return order form to:

Terry Cichocki, Village Forester  
Northbrook Public Works  
655 Huehl Rd. Northbrook, IL 60062

Questions? Contact Terry at:  
847/272-4711 or  
[terry.cichocki@northbrook.il.us](mailto:terry.cichocki@northbrook.il.us)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of trees next to each tree description you would like to order on the reverse page.

Make checks payable to *Village of Northbrook* for \$175 per tree ordered.

Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, please check one for alternate tree instructions:

\_\_\_ *Please have forestry staff select alternate tree if first choice is not available*

\_\_\_ *Please have forestry staff call me to discuss an alternate tree if first choice is not available*

\_\_\_ *The location for my new tree is under utility wires, please contact me to discuss smaller tree species*

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Please draw a sketch in the box with an "X" indicating where you want the tree planted and an arrow pointing north. Include landmark reference points for easy field identification

# Parkway Tree Choices



## Accolade Elm (hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Vase shaped  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless



## Kentucky Coffeetree "Prairie Titan"

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Round  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless hybrid



## Bald Cypress "Shawnee Brave"

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Narrow pyramidal  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 20'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Bright green needles  
 Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown  
 Fruit: Small cones mature tree only



## Northern Catalpa

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 40'                      Width: 20'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Bright Green, large-heart shaped  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow-green  
 Flowers: Tube-bell shaped, white, 2" long  
 Fruit: Pendulous capsule



## European Beech "Rivers Purple"

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright, oval  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 35'  
 Growth Rate: Slow              Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Purple  
 Fall Foliage: Bronze  
 Fruit: Small



## Ornamental Pear

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval, upright  
 Height: 35'                      Width: 35'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy green  
 Fall Foliage: Red/Maroon  
 Fruit: Seed orbs



## Ginkgo

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright, pyramidal  
 Height: 70'                      Width: 30'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Fan shaped, bright green  
 Flowers: Yellow Spikes          Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless (male tree)



## Sweetgum 'Slender Silhouette'

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Slender column  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 3'  
 Growth Rate: Medium  
 Size: Long (excellent for narrow parkway)  
 Summer Foliage: Green, star shape  
 Fall Foliage: Crimson with yellow accents  
 Fruit: cultivar-very few star shaped orbs



## Ironwood

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval, round  
 Height: 25'                      Width: 20'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange  
 Fruit: Small papery cluster



## Triumph Elm

Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless

# Village Happenings

**Concerts on 3** – Sundays, 2pm, 3rd floor Northbrook Public Library. Feb. 2 – Consuelo Lepauw – violin, works by J.S. Bach; Feb. 9 - Calumet Chamber Musicians – flute, cello, piano, works by Chopin, Liebermann; Feb. 16 - Er-Gene Kahng & David Gerstein – violin & cello, works by Martinu, Kodaly, Schulhoff; Feb. 23 – Vienna Waltz Ensemble – violin, viola, bass, works by Johann Strauss, Jr., Beethoven, Haydn, Rossini. Performances will include small group and solo works in a relaxed concert setting with a spectacular winter view. Concerts are sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, with the help of the Northbrook and Glenview Fire Departments, will host their second **Firefighter Chili Cook Off**. This year's event includes a Trivia Contest. Enjoy an evening of chili tasting, raffles, trivia and just an all-around fun night out on Sat., Feb 8 at 5pm at Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, 2080 West Lake Ave. Admission is \$10 for Chili Tasting. For details visit [www.ysgn.org](http://www.ysgn.org) or call 847/724-2620.

**Four Seasons of Landscaping – Winter** on Mon., Feb. 3, 1pm, Library Auditorium. Michael Brouillard, Northbrook Park District Grounds Operation Manager shares tips and ideas for your yard this winter including snow removal and deicing, monitoring your plants, planning summer displays and spring preparations! This event is co-sponsored by the Northbrook Park District.

**First Thurs. Program –Elder Abuse** on Thurs., Feb. 6, 1pm, Library Pollak Room. Elder abuse topics within an ethical and legal framework will be presented.

**Love Your Library Week** Celebrate on Saturday, Feb. 8. An all-day event is planned with raffle prizes to celebrate the Northbrook Public Library services. End the week with a Valentine's Day Jazz Concert. Week-long Celebration Feb. 8-14.

**Those Were the Days Radio Players** on Mon., Feb. 10, 7pm, Library Auditorium. Radio Players perform the radio shows you loved best from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Whether it be comedy (Jack Benny, Burns and Allen) or mystery (Inner Sanctum, Lights Out) the Radio Players are sure to entertain you with golden memories.

The **Northbrook Art Associates** will hear a richly illustrated lecture by Mary Erbach of the Department of Museum Education at the Art Institute on Feb. 13. Fee includes bus and lunch at a local restaurant. Call 847/564-0915 for details.

**Adoption Process from A-Z** –on Sat., Feb. 22, 2:30pm, Library Pollak Room –Space is limited. Register online at [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info) or call 847/272-2958.

A musical version of **Goodnight Moon** runs through Feb. 22 at the Northbrook Theatre. Performances are on Saturdays at 10am and 1pm, presented by the Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences. Tickets are \$12. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2367 for more information.

**Academy Awards Film Discussion** on Sun., Feb. 23, 2pm, Library Auditorium. Join independent film maker Reid Schultz in his 22nd pre-Oscar night film discussion. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The **Northbrook Symphony presents *Divine Genius, All Mozart – All Glorious!*** at 4pm, Sun., Feb. 23, at the Sheely Center for Performing Arts at GBN. Guest artist, Roger Shen, Northbrook's remarkable young pianist returns to the stage. Pre-concert lecture with Jim Kendros, at 2:30pm. For tickets visit [www.TheNSO.org](http://www.TheNSO.org) or call 847/272-0755.

**An Intimate Evening with Emily Dickinson** on Tues., Feb. 25, 7pm, Northbrook Public Library Auditorium. In a one-woman performance, Betsey Means of WomanLore portrays the enigmatic poet.

All are welcome to the **Citizens Forum programs at Covenant Village of Northbrook**, 2625 Techny Road, on Feb. 25 at 6:30pm. The speaker will discuss how the Supreme Court's interpretation of the equal protection clause is changing. Call 847/412-7016 to register.

The **Park Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Feb. 26 at 7pm in the Little Theatre of the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Agendas are posted at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Urban Forest Presentation** on Thurs., Feb. 27, 7pm, Library Auditorium. Stephen Packard will help explore the Summe Nature Preserves' 410 acre area with three ecosystems - prairie, savannah, and oak woodland – and explain how controlled burns and harvesting invasive plants have brought back native plants and animals to our neighborhood.

**Up for Discussion** – Thurs., Feb. 27, 7pm, Library Civic Room. Join what's sure to be a lively discussion of **The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way** by Amanda Ripley, led by librarian Kara Giles.

**Dog Park Membership passes** are available for the Northbrook Dog Park, Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847/291-2980. Residents need to submit proof of a current Northbrook dog license, a completed Dog Park Application, and completed Dog Park Veterinarian Verification Form.

**Northbrook Days Celebrates 90th year** July 30 through August 3. Visit [www.northbrookdays.com](http://www.northbrookdays.com) or call 847/513-6362 to volunteer.

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Ave. offers a wide variety of programs for adults age 55 and over, including drop-in tennis, AARP Driver Safety program, Diabetes Workshop, intro to iPhone and iPad and Valentine's lunch, and much more. For reservations, call 847/291-2988 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Society of Active Single Seniors** meets monthly on the 3rd Tues. of the month at St. Norbert Grace Hall, 1809 Walters Ave., at 7pm. The non-denominational club offers a variety of social events. New members are welcome. Call 847/498-5231.

The **Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation** grants scholarships to Northbrook residents that are high school seniors or current college students. For application visit [www.northbrookwomensclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomensclub.org).

The **Park District offers outdoor ice rinks and sled hills** for active winter fun, open daily from dawn until 9pm as weather permits. For current conditions, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call the weather hotline at 847/291-2985.

**Art Displays at the Village Hall.** Enjoy beautiful paintings by Northbrook Artist Karina Llergo featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room. Open during business hours.

**Attention photographers:** Submit your scenic seasonal shots of Northbrook for use in this newsletter, email [cheryl.fayne@northbrook.il.us](mailto:cheryl.fayne@northbrook.il.us)

**Summer Help Wanted.** The Village has a limited number of summer employment opportunities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications available at [www.northbrook.il.us/Jobs](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Jobs)

Northbrook Artists are invited to apply for the **11th annual Northbrook Originals Juried Art Exhibit** at the Northbrook Public Library. Visit [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) to apply.

**Attention Artists! 2-day Workshops at the Village Green!** Tom Nachreiner, award winning oil painter will present on Mar. 29/30. Bridget Austin, well known watercolorist will present on Apr. 26/27. Sign-up today. Visit [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) for details or call 847/498-1929.



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Fire Non-Emergency 847/272-2141  
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Check out *The Gems of Northbrook, A Guide to our Beautiful Trees*. Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to learn more about the trees in our Village. You may also visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Gems](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Gems)

# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

## A Look Back at Northbrook Winters

As we've dealt with a winter of snow and bone-chilling cold, it's interesting to think about what life must have been like for the people who settled this town. No central heat, electricity or motorized vehicles. Just candles and lanterns for light. Wood-burning fireplaces and stoves filled with logs you cut down, hauled, cured and then split to size to keep the house warm. A horse and sleigh, open to the elements, was required for every trip.

There is a story in the Northbrook Historical Society collection that tells how Herman Bubert regularly hauled fresh eggs, butter and butchered hogs to Chicago in his wagon. On his return trip, he brought back sugar, sundries, and dry goods for his brother's store. One winter, it was reported that the snow

was so deep in Northbrook, that roads were impassable and fences were covered with snow. So, people made their own roads, driving their sleighs over the fence rails. Since Herman couldn't get the butchered hogs to market, they buried the hogs in a snow bank until the roads cleared enough to make the trip to Chicago.



Early snow plowing equipment on Shermer Road looking west at the intersection of Shermer and Walters Ave. In the center of the photo is the old Triangle with its flag pole and small evergreen. Circa 1930.



This recently acquired photo from the February 17, 1944 snow storm features the Meier home, located approximately where 1500 Shermer Road is today. Photo courtesy of Gregg Melzer.

The winter of 1978-1979 dumped enough snow to almost cover the fence rails in this Northbrook backyard.



Send your snow storm memories and photos to [northbrookhistory@comcast.net](mailto:northbrookhistory@comcast.net)