

NORTHBROOK

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Going Green Before it was Cool!

Northbrook's parkway tree planting program was established in 1976. Administered by Public Works and the Northbrook Civic Foundation, 338 trees were planted the first year.

In the early 1970s, over 500 majestic American elm trees died from Dutch elm disease. Village leaders saw the importance of reforestation to offset losses and promote a healthy, expanding urban forest.

Over the next 40 years, the Village planted nearly 10,000 trees! Early in the program Maple, Ash and Locust trees were heavily planted throughout the Village.

Today there is an average of 16 tree varieties each planting program. Avoiding monoculture tree selections creates a resilient urban forest to help prevent devastating tree loss from exotic invasive pests, such as the recent Emerald Ash Borer.

The resident cost share of \$175/tree provides you an excellent value for quality trees planted and mulched by the Village. Find our latest program information and order form on pages 5-6 in this newsletter.

See page 5 for details.

Voter Registration

Remember, Tuesday, March 7, is the last day to register for the April 4 Consolidated General Election. The Consolidated General Election is held for the election of Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials.

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must be registered to vote from the address where you are living or you may be turned away at the polling place.

Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or download registration forms and register through the mail.

You can register to vote when you obtain or renew your driver's license or state identification card at any of the license facilities.

The Northbrook Village Hall is open for voter registration from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. You must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. If you wish to check your registration, or if you have a question about voter registration, call 312-603-0906 or visit the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com

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President's Day - February 20

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 20. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

Crime Prevention is the Best Defense

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



- Always lock your doors, windows and set your home alarm, if you have one, before leaving the house. Also secure 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, stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they do not 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 drive 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 past your house 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

Residents and Businesses Urged to be Aware of Scam Artists

Scam artists use different types of fraud techniques to try to trick people out of their money or belongings.



Common types of fraud are banking scams, investment scams, prize scams, family emergency scams, property maintenance scams, tax payment scams and charity scams. Scam victims may be contacted via the phone or email, or in person by a "door to door" solicitor or as a worker in your neighborhood. A Ruse burglar will try to get you out of the house to look at a fence or something in your backyard, while his or her partners enter your home and take valuables and cash.

Here are a few situations to be mindful about:

Contacted out of the blue? An unsolicited interaction can be a sign of being contacted by a company you don't want to deal with. However, companies do sometimes call their customers out of the blue for a legitimate reason. If you are called by a company, make sure you do all you can to verify the identity of the caller. If you're not 100% convinced of the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company from the number listed on your bill.

Is the deal too good to be true? Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. Use your common sense, if a deal is too good to be true, it inevitably is.

Do you need to pay today? The scammer may instruct the individual to wire funds or buy a prepaid credit card and call them back with the personal identification number (PIN). Variations of the scam include stories that the customer's billing cycle has changed and payment is needed immediately, the account is past due and immediate payment is required to avoid disconnection of service, they owe back taxes to the IRS or a loved one needs financial help immediately.

Asked to share personal details? Never share your personal details with anyone you don't know. Phishing emails or phone scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, which they can use this to steal your identity or your money. Be aware of emails with look-a-like logos or pop-ups that request passwords or personal data.

Pressured to respond quickly? Never proceed unless you are absolutely certain your money will be safe. Once you transfer, it may be too late. Scammers will often try to hurry your decision making. Always take a breath and think things through.

Are the contact details vague? If anything goes wrong, it's important you can contact those involved. This will be difficult if you don't have accurate contact information.



Grammatical or spelling mistakes in their email or correspondence? Legitimate organizations will rarely, if ever, make glaring grammatical or spelling mistakes, and if so they will usually be an isolated incident. Scammers often use bad grammar and spelling to ensure only the most vulnerable people will respond to their messages.

Are you asked to keep it quiet? Being asked to keep something quiet should be a red flag. It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or independent advisors. Often asking you to stay silent is used to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.

Learn more about Scams

Visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts for more information.

Have you been a target of a scam?

Contact the Illinois Attorney General 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on the link *Protecting Consumers*.



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Strong civic stewardship is as important to maintaining a well-run community today as it was in the days when Northbrook was still known as Shermerville. The Village Board sets policy for the Village. All policy decisions, including the use of the Village's financial resources, infrastructure and property happen at this level.

Continued prudent management requires that the Board and staff work together to monitor the Village's revenue, expenditures, debt and other critical financial

information. The Board makes appropriate adjustments as necessary in response to changing dynamics, including local, state and Federal legislation. Policymaking is a balancing act. The Village Board relies not just on the unique point of view of each Board member, but also on the advice of Commissioners, as well as staff expertise and input from other agencies.

While the Village Board sets policy, Village Administration – including the General Government, Finance and Development and Planning Departments – provide valuable input and implement those policies. The Village Manager serves as the direct connection between the Village Board and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Village. The General Government Department assists in the formulation and development of policies. It also provides centralized services, such as Human Resources and Communications, to the other Departments and gives them administrative direction.

The Finance Department manages our financial operations, including the budget and Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) processes, as well as assists with monitoring our financial position, developing fiscal policies and administering our day-to-day cash flows.

The Development and Planning Services Department (DPS) oversees a variety of development functions, including zoning applications and building permits. DPS also manages the economic development functions of the Village.

Together, these three Departments provide a critical link between the Village Board, the public, the operations of the Village and its policies and regulations.

Northbrook is an economically vibrant and diverse town, with many great and attractive features for residents and businesses. Our goal as a Village Board is always to make prudent, informed decisions, based on input from a variety of sources, which create a welcoming environment for residents, businesses and visitors alike. Whether the Board is tasked with routine decisions, such as purchasing public safety vehicles or maintaining our infrastructure, or long-term objectives such as land development, there are two primary goals. One, is to preserve and maintain our strong financial position and the other is to build upon our successes for a better tomorrow.

Despite the on-going concerns about the State's budget crisis, the Village remains a financially stable and robust community because of our solid economic base, strong reserves and the methodical approach the Village uses to look at expenditures and revenues. Our finances are our lifeblood. A strong local economy provides the resources necessary to fund the exceptional services our Village needs and expects.

Get involved!

I've been engaged in local government in a variety of capacities, starting with the League of Women Voters in 1978. I encourage you to get involved, whether watching or attending a meeting or volunteering with one of our commissions. Visit our website at www.northbrook.il.us/Agendas for more information about the Village's various Board's and Commission's meeting dates and times.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

If you would like to contact me, please call 847-509-5301 or email sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us



The Citizen Police Academy Class begins April 4 - Sign up Today

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Police Officer or what a traffic stop is like from the Officer's point of view?



The Northbrook Police Department will host the Citizen Police Academy for residents and business owners, age 21 and older, on eight consecutive Tuesdays, April 4 to May 23, from 7:00 to 9:30pm.

Join this exciting, free, hands-on opportunity to learn about the Northbrook Police Department.

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will have a better understanding of how area police departments function, officers training and job responsibilities and leave a more informed citizen. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

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

- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and investigative operations
- Police canine unit
- Mutual Aid agencies

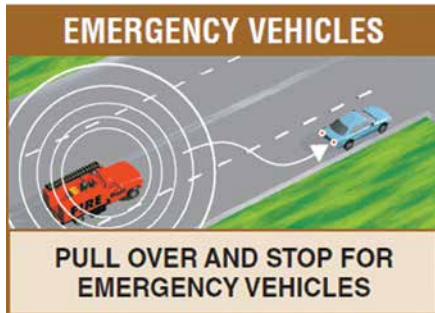
For more information about the Citizen Police Academy and to sign up for the class, stop by the Records Department at the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road and pick up an application or visit www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceAcademy

Remember to Always Pull to the Right for Sirens and Lights

Pull as close as possible to the curb or edge of the roadway and stop when you see emergency vehicles approaching.

Do not stop in an intersection or block a roadway.

Remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed. This applies to those



approaching from behind, as well as those coming toward you.

Emergency personnel understand the sudden surge of surprise motorists normally experience at the sound and sight of a fire truck, ambulance

or police car rapidly approaching with sirens and flashing lights.

But it's important to think ahead — Train yourself to instinctively pull to the right at the sound/sight of emergency vehicles.

When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, yield, change to a lane away from the vehicle(s) and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Get Ready for the Earth and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 22

It's not too early to start thinking about Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day celebration!

Start rounding up the troops and plan to enjoy a community clean-up day complete with fun activities, exhibits and a community recycling event. 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 that would like to participate in our Green Expo on Earth and Arbor Day are asked to call 847-664-4017 during business hours. Companies that promote and introduce Green Building technology are also welcome!



2017 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 inch diameter 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 feet from other parkway trees
- At least 10 feet from a driveway or street light
- At least 45 feet from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines
- At least 5 feet from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes

Note: Trees cannot be planted in the same spot as a recently removed parkway tree due to old root mass.

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

Orders must be submitted by Friday, March 10, 2017.

Please note:

- The Village makes the 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 by Friday, March 10, 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



Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

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.*

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



Please draw a sketch in the box with an "X" indicating where you want the tree planted on the parkway and an arrow pointing north. Please 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 dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless



## Purple Robe Black Locust

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright  
 Height: 70'                      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Green pinnate leaf  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Pods      Spring: Purple Fragrant Flowers



## Bald Cypress

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Widely pyramidal  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 35'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Bright green needles  
 Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown  
 Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



## Red Oak

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 50'                      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Red  
 Fruit: Acorns on mature trees



## Kentucky Coffeetree

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 70'                      Width: 30'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless (male only)



## Swamp White Oak

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 50'  
 Growth Rate: Medium  
 Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown  
 Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



## London Planetree "Exclamation"

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Moderately pyramidal  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Fast              Size: Large  
 Summer: Large, bright green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/Brown  
 Bark: Attractive exfoliating creamy white large plates



## Triumph Elm (hybrid to resist Dutch Elm Disease)

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



## Northern Catalpa

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Ovald  
 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



## Tulip Tree

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 60'                      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Medium          Size: Medium  
 Summer: Bright green leaves resemble tulips  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange  
 Fruit: Conical cluster of samara on mature trees

# Village Happenings

**The Special Gifts Theater of Northbrook** will be bringing some favorite children's stories to life. Visit [www.specialgiftstheatre.org](http://www.specialgiftstheatre.org) for tickets and details.

**Enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing** on Sportsman's Country Club trails. Daily On-Site Equipment Rental: Tues.-Sun. from 9am-3pm. Equipment rentals are available for \$25 per day to use off-site. Candlelit trails on Sat., Feb. 18, from 5-8pm for \$5 per person, plus rental if needed. Call 847-291-2351, ext. 3 to check conditions.

**The Library's annual winter concert series, Concerts on 3**, returns this month to brighten the cold winter days! Please visit [www.northbrook.info](http://www.northbrook.info) for the concert lineup. Concerts are held on Sundays at 2pm.

**Aspiring authors, don't miss the Library's next Northbrook Writes events!** On Sat., Feb. 4, learn how to get your book published in today's highly competitive publishing industry. On Sat., Feb. 25, learn the tools you need to edit your novel. Registration is required.

Kids in grade K through 2 can explore the latest and greatest books and enjoy hands-on activities to make them come alive at **Fresh off the Shelf** on Mon., Feb. 6, at 4pm at the Northbrook Library. No registration required!

On Tues., Feb. 7, at 7pm, the **Library's Up for Discussion book group** will host a panel discussion on parental expectations, based on the book *Love That Boy* by Ron Fournier. Reading the book is optional. Drop-ins are welcome!

**Adult Basketball League** - Wednesdays starting on Feb. 8, from 7-10pm, at GBN. Bring a team and sign up for an eight-game season, followed by playoffs with awards for first and second place finishers. Resident team: \$625 / Non-res. team: \$725. Visit [www.nbparks.com](http://www.nbparks.com) for details.

**Who will win Rock Album of the Year?** Who got snubbed for Best New Artist? Join the Library for ROCK TALK! Grammy Smackdown on Thurs., Feb. 9, to discuss and listen to this year's nominees. Registration is required.

**The Northbrook Garden Club** presents a lecture featuring Landscape Architect Ken Benson discussing, Improving Your Soil the Natural Way with some "tried and true" and "New" techniques to amend all garden soils. Discussions of basic soil ingredients, solutions and improvements will be covered on Feb. 10, 7pm, at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. All are welcome, email [nbkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nbkgardenclub@gmail.com) with any questions.

Experience the health benefits, well-being, and joy of Laughter Yoga on Sun., Feb. 12, at 2pm in the Library's Pollak Room. Wear comfortable clothing!

**A Valentine's Day Luncheon for Seniors** will be held on Tues., Feb. 14, from 11:30am-2pm at the Senior Center. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a catered lunch and entertainment. Senior Members: \$19/Non-members: \$29. Visit [www.nbparks.com](http://www.nbparks.com) for details.

The Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago will host a lecture at the Art Institute on **"Impressions of the Floating World in Japanese Art"** with lunch at Sunda New Asian restaurant on Tues., Feb. 21. For reservations, call 847-772-4139 by Feb. 16.

**Actress Paddy Lynn portrays abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe** in an insightful presentation at the Library. Sat., Feb. 18, 2pm, Auditorium.

**What films were fantastic, and which flopped?** Join independent filmmaker Reid Schultz at the Library on Sun., Feb. 19, at 2pm for his annual pre-Oscar night film discussion.

**Enjoy educational entertainment as you cheer on the 8th grade teams from local schools as they compete in the Quiz Bowl!** Thurs., Feb. 23, 5pm, Library Auditorium.

**Learn how to write your memoir at the Library!** Dr. Linda Sasser will discuss the benefits of memoir writing and will lead simple exercises to help you get started. Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm. Registration is required.

**Nationally-recognized illusionist Jeanette Andrews** will perform an evening of impossible feats at the Library on Mon., Feb. 27, at 7pm. Don't miss this enthralling magical experience!

**Adult Winter Reading Club** runs until Feb. 28. There is still plenty of time to complete your book log and earn chances to win prizes, so stop by the Library as soon as you can!

The Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago will host a bus tour of **Latin American Art and Culture** on March 23, from 9am to 4pm. Lunch at Canton Regio restaurant. For reservations, call 847-772-4139 between Feb. 27 and March 7.

**Do you have a story to tell?** Be a part of the Library's first Story Slam on March 30. If selected, you'll have 5 minutes to tell an original, amusing story—and you could win cash prizes! Apply at [www.northbrook.info/story-slam](http://www.northbrook.info/story-slam) by Feb. 28 to be considered.

**Planning a party or event in the park?** Parks and shelters are available for rent. For more information, visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

**Save the Date: Art in the Park** – A Northbrook Fine Arts Festival will take place at the Village Green on Sat.-Sun., July 15-16.

**2017 Park District Summer Camps and Workshops** Now Available for Registration.

Register early and save! Sign up at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or any Registration Office or call 847-291-2995 for details.

**Study Buddies** is a program sponsored by Youth Services of Glenview Northbrook designed to help children grades 1 – 8 with their homework. Call 847-724-2620 for details.

**The 61st Annual Village Pancake Festival** will be held on Sat., Mar. 4, from 7:30am to 2pm at the Village Church, 1300 Shermer Rd. All you can eat for \$8 adults, \$5 children and kids under 5 eat free. Entertainment, prizes and more. Proceed benefit the local scouts and other area organizations.

Northbrook Civic Foundation is planning the **2017 Northbrook Days**. If you are interested in getting involved and being a part of this exciting event or becoming a Civic member, email [info@northbrookcivic.com](mailto:info@northbrookcivic.com)

Contact the **Forest Preserves of Cook County** to reserve a campground or obtain a picnic permit. Visit [www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)

**The Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation offers scholarships to Northbrook residents.** Visit [www.northbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomansclub.org)

**Attention Northbrook Artists:** Applications are available to exhibit at the Northbrook Originals show, which starts April 1, at the Northbrook Library. Visit [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) or email [juliamiller1@comcast.net](mailto:juliamiller1@comcast.net) Application deadline is Sat., Feb. 20.

**Northbrook's very own New Tradition Chorus teams up with the Northbrook Symphony** to celebrate a potpourri of anthems, marches, dances, chanteys, and ballads, on Sun., March 5, 4pm, at the Sheely Center. For tickets, visit [www.northbrooksymphony.org](http://www.northbrooksymphony.org) or call 847-272-0755.

**Art Display at the Village Hall.** Enjoy beautiful photo-impression art, such as the example below, by Northbrook Artist Ernie Halperin featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room. Exhibit open during business hours.



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Check out *The Gems of Northbrook, A Guide to our Beautiful Trees* to learn more about the trees in our Village.  
Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/Gems](http://www.northbrook.il.us/Gems)

# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

A History happens every day and as it unfolds, we cannot always predict its importance or lasting effect.

This year we will mark several key anniversaries in our Village's history that affect our community and our daily lives. Yet, all of them came about because of perceived need, a need that some saw as unnecessary or a threat to their property or taxes.

In 1927, the Northbrook Park District was established. The Village turned over ownership of the Triangle, pictured right, to the Park District (Ordinance No. 249), making it the first Park District property. Although the triangle at the intersection of Shermer Road and Walters Avenue is no longer here, it remains a fond memory for many people in town.

The Cherry Lane underpass is an amenity we do not think about when we use it frequently to commute from the one side of town to the other. Can you imagine living without it? Yet, it was a very divisive issue when it was first suggested. The Village finally received approval to build the railroad underpass in March 1957 and it opened a few years later.



After voters approved a bond issue for a public library by six votes – 135 to 129, the first Library building opened in 1954, at the corner of Shermer Road and Church Street. The rapid growth of the Village made the new library obsolete almost as soon as it opened. An addition was soon added, and outgrown. After much debate it was determined that a new site should be found and following voter approval, a \$1 million bond issue was issued for construction of a new library building at the corner of Cedar and Cherry lanes in 1967. Two years later the building opened.

More information on these, and other historic happenings, can be found in the book, *Northbrook, Illinois: The*

*Fabric of Our History*. The book was published during Northbrook's Centennial Year of 2001 and is available at the Northbrook Historical Society's Inn Shop, 1776 Walters Ave. The shop is open Thurs. thru Sat. from 10am to 4pm and Sun. from 2 to 4pm.

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