

Northbrook!

June 2010



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum

Year in Review

This past year has been a busy and difficult one for the Village of Northbrook. Though we have been tested, I, along with the Village Board and staff, have worked diligently to preserve economic stability and the maintenance of our quality services.

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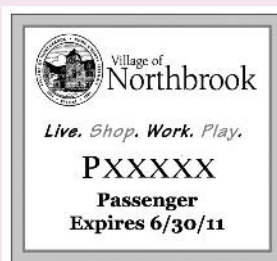
As noted in the May newsletter, a significant restructuring of Village operations has taken place in the past few months. These changes were spurred by the unprecedented downturn in the economy as well as to address the evolving needs of the Village. The Building and Development Department and the Community Planning Department were combined to form a new Department of Development and Planning Services. This consolidation was done in order to streamline the building and planning processes as well as to improve services. Beyond these changes, the Village also performed a 5% reduction in staff and passed a budget that brought us back to FY 2007-2008 spending levels. We have also begun to look for ways in which to share services with other units of government. Most notably, after the recent retirement of our long-time Village Sanitarian, we approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Wilmette for health inspection services. It is important to note that throughout all of these adjustments, we have held service levels constant. The delivery of quality and responsible services to our residents and businesses is the cornerstone of what we do.

During the year, we also worked to reconfigure and refocus our Board Committee structure and took a new look at some of our various Boards and Commissions to ensure the needs of the community were being properly represented. Several commissions were disbanded and the Senior Housing Commission was reconstituted as the Senior Services Commission in order to more appropriately deal with senior issues. We are working to also refocus the Architectural Control Commission as well as formalize the Bicycle Task Force.

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2010/11 Vehicle Stickers Go On Sale Tuesday, June 1

Stickers Must Be Displayed By Midnight, Wednesday, June 30



Purchase Vehicle Stickers by 4:30pm, Wednesday, June 30, and take advantage of the discounted rate.

Vehicle sticker prices for 2010/11 are as follows:

Category	Before June 30 @ 4:30pm	After June 30
Automobiles	\$30.00	\$38.00
Motorcycles	12.00	15.00

Half Price Stickers for Seniors and Hybrid Cars

Half price stickers are available for automobiles, motorcycles and recreational vehicles owned by persons 65 and over. All hybrid vehicle owners may purchase half price stickers as well.

Special Village Hall Convenience Hours in June:
Saturdays: 9am - Noon

Normal Business Hours:
Monday thru Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

For your convenience, mail your application or use one of the postage-free drop boxes at the train station, Wood Oaks Jr. High School, the Police Department or behind the Village Hall.

See page 2 for complete Pet Tag information.

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Letter from Village President

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Despite current economic conditions, the Village has seen a plethora of new businesses open this past year. From HomeGoods at Willow Festival to the Lloyd Shin Gallery in the downtown and Stericycle in Sky Harbor to the Walgreens on Waukegan Road, new and exciting opportunities have developed in Northbrook. We welcomed the first drive through restaurant in the Village with the opening of the new McDonald's at 200 Skokie Boulevard as well as other new eating establishments including Meatheads, Wolfy's, Zapatista, The Claim Company and My Pie/Little Guy. We eagerly await the opening of Buffalo Wild Wings in Willow Festival and California Pizza Kitchen in Northbrook Court this summer.

Some of the upcoming projects for this year include completion of the Comprehensive Plan, development of our new Village website, web streaming (live and archived) of our Board of Trustees and Plan Commission meetings as well as an increased focus on storm water management. Although current economic conditions will continue to provide challenges in the new fiscal year, I am confident in our ability to work through these obstacles. We live in a great community- let's make it better, together.

✂ Dine-Out at a New Restaurant

The Village of Northbrook is excited to welcome a new restaurant to the mix – Buffalo Wild Wings! It will open to the public on June 7 and is located in Willow Festival at 1018 Willow Road. Buffalo Wild Wings is one of the top ten fastest growing restaurant chains and we are thrilled to have them join the Northbrook community.

✂ Enjoy the Summer in Northbrook

I encourage everyone to participate in the many events this summer, from the Tuesday evenings with free music on the Village Green, to Northbrook Days, Independence Day celebrations and Art in the Park. Also, check out the variety of activities offered by our wonderful Library and Park District. These events underscore what a terrific community we have and offer family-friendly opportunities to enjoy the summer in Northbrook! Look for more information on these events in **Northbrook!** and on the Village's website.

✂ School's Out... Drive Safely!

Please remember that school is out for the summer. This means that more and more children will be outside riding bikes and enjoying the season. Take caution when driving through residential neighborhoods; slow down and drive safely. ✂

Don't Forget Your Pets!

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A lost pet will be quickly returned by the information on its pet tag.

Animal tags for 2010/11 must also be displayed by June 30. In order to purchase an animal tag, you **MUST** present a current rabies certificate for each animal with the application. Note: If your pet has a multi-year rabies vaccination and it is due to expire in 2010, then a rabies



certificate must be provided. If the rabies vaccination does not expire until after 2010, then a rabies certificate is not required to purchase the animal tag. A lower fee is available to pet owners who can provide a valid veterinarian statement showing that the animal has been neutered/spayed. Licenses for altered pets cost \$10 each; unaltered animals are \$20.

Questions regarding vehicle stickers and animal tags should be directed to the Finance Department at 847 272-5050, ext. 4200. ✂

Flag Day

On June 14, the Village of Northbrook will celebrate Flag Day by participating in the Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. Flag Day honors the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The Stars and Stripes first flew in a Flag Day celebration in Hartford, Connecticut in 1861.

The concept of the Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance is for all Americans everywhere to pause for a moment on Flag Day at 6pm to say simultaneously the 31 words of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Congress recognizes this simple ceremony as part of National Flag Day ceremonies. ✂

Northbrook Farmers Market Opens June 16 for 2010 Season



The Northbrook Farmers Market will kick off its second season on Wednesday, June 16 at Our Lady of the Brook Church parking lot, 3700 Dundee Road. The Market will be open from 7am to 1pm every Wednesday from June 16 through October 13, 2010. Complete details are available at www.olbparish.org

Everyone is Invited to the Special Opening Day Events!

7am – 1pm: **Sunset Foods Wagon--free popcorn**

7am – 1pm: **Free hula-hoop lessons by Alihoops**

9 – 11am: **Northbrook Community Nursery School--fun crafts and L'il Sprouts project**

9:30am: **Watermelon Cutting Ceremony with Village President Sandy Frum**

10am – noon: **Balloon artist, RC Juggle Entertainers--free animal balloons**

10 – 11am: **Northbrook Fire Department engine tours**

10:30am: **Cooking demo by chef Adam Grandt of Sage Grille, Highwood**

11am – 1pm: **St. Norbert Preschool--fun activities and L'il Sprouts project**

11am & noon: **Kreisler Violin Choir of the Music Institute of Chicago** ❀



The Northbrook Farmers Market will kick off its second season with a ceremonial watermelon-cutting. Village President Sandy Frum will do the slicing honors at the center stage tent in the Our Lady of the Brook church parking lot.

Grill Safety Checklist

When Cooking Outdoors, Have Fun...But Be Safe!

For Charcoal Grills:

✓ Charcoal burners and other open-flame devices cannot be operated on combustible balconies at your apartment or condo or within ten feet of combustible construction except where the balconies are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

✓ Never allow burned coals to smolder in any container on a wooden deck and make sure to douse coals with water before they're disposed.

✓ Avoid using gasoline, kerosene, alcohol or a cigarette lighter to ignite a fire.

✓ Do not add more starter fluid to an existing fire.

✓ Only use enough charcoal to last for the amount of time that is needed.

✓ Make sure the ash catcher is properly attached when using a kettle grill.



For Gas Grills (Propane):

✓ Liquefied-petroleum-gas fueled cooking devices having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds (nominal 1 pound LP-gas capacity) cannot be located on combustible balconies or within ten feet of combustible construction outside your apartment or condo.

✓ Always store gas tanks in an upright position outside and away from your home or garage and out of the reach of children and pets.

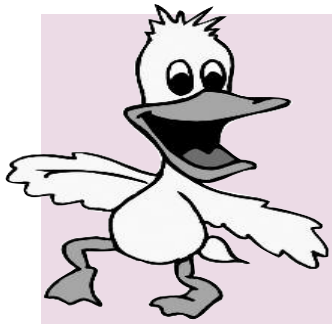
✓ Be sure tank valves are turned off when not in use.

✓ To see if there may be a leak in a tube or connection, pour soapy water over it with the valve turned open - bubbles will appear if there is a leak. Should there be a leak, shut off the gas immediately and do not use the grill until it is repaired.

Did you know? Grilling of any kind on combustible balconies or decks of apartment buildings or condos is prohibited.

Additional tips: Position your grill so sparks and smoke won't fly towards people, furniture or buildings. Protect your hands and body by using potholder-type gloves and a heavy apron. Keep lighted cigarettes, matches and open flames away from your grill. Contact the Northbrook Fire Prevention Bureau at 847 272-2141, ext. 7139, with questions. ❀

Special Community Events



“Quack, Quack ... We're Back!”

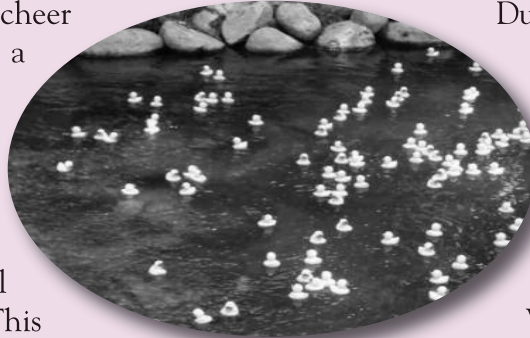
It's the 8th Annual Rotary Riverchance at Park Fest

The Rotary Club of Northbrook invites Northbrook businesses and residents to participate in this year's Rotary Riverchance event on

Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00pm

Race begins at the Shermer Avenue Bridge in Downtown Northbrook

Just imagine 2,000 little yellow Rubber Ducks floating down the beautiful Northbrook river while thousands of spectators cheer them on for a chance to win a “ducky” prize! The Rubber Ducks will race from the Shermer Avenue Bridge in Downtown Northbrook to the finish line near the Walters Avenue Bridge, next to the Historical Society, 1776 Walters Avenue. This “quacky” event takes place at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 15, during Park Fest. Help Rotary and be a lucky ducky by sponsoring a numbered Rubber



Ducky for a \$5.00 donation to the Northbrook Rotary Foundation, or donate \$25 to sponsor a Rubber Duck “quack pack” of six.

Tickets will be sold at Park Fest on Tuesday, June 8 and from 6:00 to 6:30pm on race day, June 15. Tickets can be purchased in front of the downtown Starbucks on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 as well as in front of Starbucks at Village Square on June 12. Tickets are also available at www.northbrookrotary.org or from your favorite Rotarian. For more information, please call 847 272-7567.

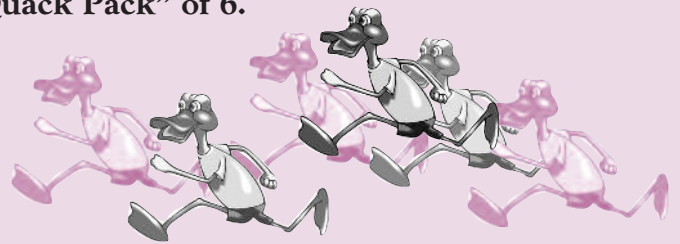
Come Out and See this Event. It's Everything It's “Quacked Up” to Be!

Maybe you will have the lucky duck! Sponsor a Duck for five bucks or donate \$25 for a “Quack Pack” of 6.

“Ready, set, go!”



- First Place \$700 Cash Prize
- Second Place \$500 Savings Bond
- Third Place \$200 Savings Bond



Event Sponsors: Steve Foley Cadillac, Northbrook Star, Glenview State Bank, Hel's Kitchen, Harris NA, United Parcel Services, Allegra Print & Imaging and Northbrook Bank & Trust Company. All proceeds from this event will go to Northbrook Rotary's Charitable Projects Fund for Rotary International's Polio eradication efforts and the club's international projects. ❀

Rock the Green

A Battle of the Northbrook Youth Bands will rock the Village Green on Thursday, June 10 from 6-9pm. In addition to hearing talented bands, audience members will help choose the winners and have a chance to win raffle prizes during the event.

The first place winner will perform at a Park Fest concert on June 29 and receive four hours of studio recording time. The event is sponsored by the Northbrook Park District, Northbrook Youth Commission and Northbrook Arts Commission. For more information, call 847 291-2995.

Just a reminder: Pets are not allowed on the Village Green during community events. ❀



Summer Fun in Northbrook

PARK FEST 2010

Get ready to sit back, relax and enjoy the sound of music in the park, as the popular Park Fest concert series opens for the season on Tuesday, June 8 at Village Green Park in Northbrook. The free concerts begin at 7pm, and food service from area restaurants begins at 6pm. The Northbrook Park District is pleased to present the following lineup for Park Fest 2010:

June 8 - Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band
Restaurant: Roti Mediterranean Grill

June 15 - Final Say
Restaurant: Chicken Charlie's
Northbrook Rotary Riverchance Rubber Duck Race
(The concert will start at approximately 7:30pm, after the Rubber Duck Race.)

June 22- Rhythm Rockets
Restaurant: My Pie Pizza

June 29 - The New Invaders "Ultimate 60's Flashback"
Restaurant: Whole Foods Market

July 6 - White Saddle Band
Restaurant: Wolfy's

July 13 - Mr. Myers
Restaurant: Once Upon a Grill

July 20 - Hey Jimmy
Restaurant: Lou Malnati's

And the Beat Goes on with... Gig on the Green!



More music and food Tuesday nights, brought to you by the Northbrook Arts Commission! Visit www.northbrookarts.org for details on Gig on the Green. (Food service at 6pm, music at 7pm)

August 10 - BMR4
Upbeat straight-ahead jazz with soul!
Restaurant: Go Roma

August 17 - NBQ Players- Northbrook Brass Quintet
Enjoy some rag, show tunes and music of the decades!
Restaurant: The Claim Company

August 24 - The Nightcrawlers
Chicago-style Blues band!
Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

The Village Green is located at the corner of Shermer and Meadow in downtown Northbrook. In case of rain, call the Weather/Activity Hotline at 847 291-2985 for updates. 🌸

Don't Miss this Year's Independence Day Festivities

**Double the Fun in 2010
with two days of activities!**

Saturday, July 3, 2010

All morning activities take place in the Village Green Park (Shermer and Meadow Rds).

7am to 11am

Pancakes in the Park:
Join us for breakfast in the Park - good food - good fun - good friends.

9am to 11am

The Dooley Brothers in the Gazebo;
Family Games

10am to 11am

Annual Police and Fire Department
Softball Game

Sunday, July 4, 2010

2:30pm

Mile-long Parade *

Floats, music and fun for all ages. A decorated bicycle parade will precede the parade. Set up your lawn chairs, sit down and enjoy the parade! It begins at Cherry and Western and ends at the Village Green Park. Northbrook Scouts will be the 2010 Parade Marshals. The parade theme this year is "Making A Difference Through Service."

Dusk

Fireworks and short evening program will be held at the Velodrome, Meadowhill Park, 1475 Maple.

* It's not too late to promote your neighborhood or organization by entering a float or marching unit in the parade! Visit the official website at www.northbrookjuly4th.org or call 847 272-1963 for all the details on this community celebration. Northbrook's Fourth of July events are funded by donations and are organized entirely by volunteers. Please help to make this a wonderful celebration by mailing your contribution to Northbrook 4th of July Association P.O. Box 474 Northbrook, IL 60065-0474 or use the Pledge feature on the official website. 🌸

Community Bulletin Board

A **Nintendo Wii Bowling Tournament** takes place on Tues., June 1, at 1pm at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. All levels of bowlers are welcome to take part in this tournament. \$5 for Senior Center members, \$8 for nonmembers. Call 847 291-2988 to sign up or get more information.

Join the **Northbrook Public Library Adult and Youth Summer Reading Clubs**. Sign up starts Tues., June 1, with special incentives for all readers.

The **Northbrook Library David Lean Film Series** premieres with **Lawrence of Arabia** on **June 2**. Films are shown **Wednesdays at 1 and 7:30pm**.

A **Memory Loss Support Group** meets at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Rd., on June 20. Free support and info for caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Call 847 412-7303.

A **Parkinsons Support Group** meets on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of every month from 9 to 11am at Brandel Care Center of Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2155 Pflingsten Rd. Call 847 940-8253 to register.

Covenant Retirement Communities has developed a web site that offers practical resources and tips for handling important issues with aging parents. Be sure to visit <http://havingtheconversation.com>

Stop by the Village Hall to see the Art Display in the lobby of the Village Hall featuring **Asian Style watercolors on rice paper by Jong McCulloch** and beautiful oil paintings by **Kathy Moulds** in the Village Gallery Board Room, through the end of the month.

It's the **2nd Annual Junk in the Trunk Event** in the parking lot at St. Peter Community Church, 2700 Willow Rd., on Sat., June 19, from 9am to 1pm. Park your car in the parking lot and sell directly from the trunk or set up a table by your car or van. For prices, additional info or to reserve a space, call 847 272-2246.

Parisian Salon Concerts are held the **first Fri. of every month at 7:30pm at the Northbrook Public Library**.

The **Northbrook Sports Center Pool** is now open for swimming. Season passes are on sale. **Meadowhill Aquatic Center** opens on June 12. For hours or more info, call 847 291-2980.

The **Liberty Loop 5K** welcomes all ages to race on a scenic, certified course through Techny Prairie Park and Fields and Meadowhill Park on July 3. All participants receive a Dri-Fit T-shirt and goodie bag. Fee before June 25 is \$18 for ages 13 and older or \$10 for ages 12 and under. Children 5 and under can race at no charge but need to be registered. Registration is available at the Village Green Center, Leisure Center and Northbrook Sports Center. For more info, call 847 291-2980.

Garage Sale and Flea Market at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Check out new and used merchandise at reasonable prices at the two-day sale on Fri., June 11 from 9am to 5pm and Sat., June 12 from 9am to 2pm.

A **Senior Spelling Bee** on June 3 at 1pm welcomes good spellers age 50 or older. The contest at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave., offers a mental challenge and old-fashioned fun. Registration is free. Refreshments will be available. Winners move on to a regional competition and the chance to participate in the 2010 Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee. Call 847 291-2988.

Wisconsin Barns are the subject of a talk and book signing by author **Ernest Schweit** on **Monday, June 14, at 7pm at the Northbrook Public Library**.

Learn how easy it is to enjoy **Flamingo Fridays** in your own neighborhood throughout the summer. Go to www.northbrook.il.us and click on the flamingo link for more information, or call 847 272-6359.

St. Norbert Parish, 1809 Walters Ave., will be hosting its **Fifth Annual Block Party** on Sat. June 12 from 3-10:30pm. Fun for the whole family! There will be live bands, beer, food and kids' activities throughout the day. Admission \$5 before 7pm, \$10 after.

Help support "**Recycling Avenue**", a non profit organization, by donating used cell phones, digital cameras, DVD's, game consoles, ink cartridges and laptop computers for recycling. Please drop them off at the Village Hall during business hours. Tax donation letters are available next to the drop off bin. *Please note that computer towers, DVD players, monitors, fax machines, televisions and printers may be dropped off at the fleet maintenance garage*, located behind the Village Hall, on the first Tues. of every month. Please call Dan Kaup at 847 272-5050, ext. 4228, with any questions.

Now We Can Sing - Barbara Siesel and Keith Torgan perform music banned to Jewish musicians by the Nazis on **Fri., June 18, at 3pm at the Northbrook Public Library**.

Artists from around the country will showcase their work at Art in the Park - a Northbrook Fine Arts Festival held **July 10 & 11 at the Village Green**. Throughout the event, there will be live entertainment, food and family activities. For more information, call 847 272-5050, ext. 4223.

Get the scoop BEFORE you dig! Call the **Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE)** at 1 800 892-0123 BEFORE you dig. It's free, it's required, it's for your safety.

The **Chicago Botanic Garden** will host its third annual celebration of World Environment Day on Sat., June 5, from 11am to 4pm. Activities throughout the Garden will explore how people of all ages can protect the earth through awareness and action. World Environment Day programs are free; usual parking fees apply. Go to www.chicagobotanic.org/wed for a complete schedule and more information.

Northbrook Garden Club will present a Small Standard Flower Show titled "The World Around Us" on Tues., June 29, at the Northbrook Public Library. Entries will be submitted by Club members and judged by accredited judges. Open to the public from 12:30 to 5pm.

Come to the first-of-its-kind Northbrook Youth Film Festival, created by the Northbrook Youth Commission, at **7pm on Mon., June 7 at the Library**. Honoring the talents of young, local filmmakers, this Festival will feature **six short films** created by Northbrook students who are currently attending Northbrook Junior High, GBN High School and New York University.

Music in Shakespeare Films will be discussed by music critic **Dorothy Andries** on **Thurs., June 3, 7pm, at the Library**.

Amazon Adventures - World traveler Bill Helmuth discusses his journey down the Amazon River on Sat., June 5, 2pm, at the Library.

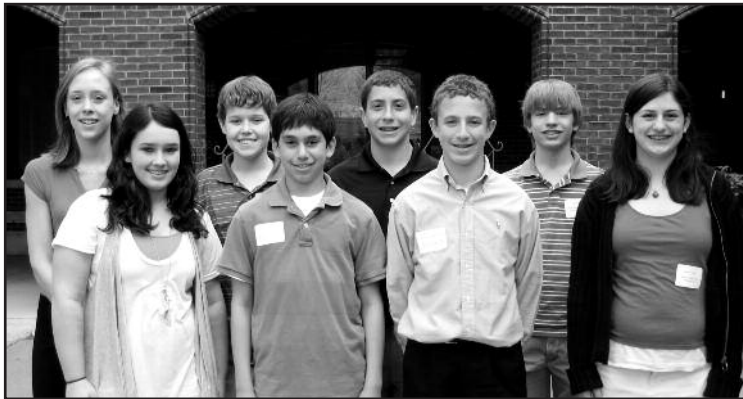
The **Low Vision Study Group** will meet Tues., June 8, 10am, at the Library.

Essential Tremor Support Group meets Sat., June 12, 10am, at the Library. 🌸

The Northbrook Arts Commission (NAC) encourages you and your family to enjoy the arts events highlighted in color.

Northbrook's 53rd Annual Student Government Day

On May 5, thirty 8th grade students participated in Northbrook's 53rd Annual Student Government Day. The students experienced what it would be like to be an elected official or an employee of the Village, Park District or Library by taking the role of their counterpart. Staff and elected officials met with the students throughout the day in preparation for the evening Student Village Board mock meeting. The day proved to be a great learning experience for the students and a chance for local government staff to highlight the many aspects of our community.



Park District and Library Officials - Back Row, left to right: Emily Koss, Dylan Ekenberg, Benji Englander, Matt Holly
Front Row: Katie Garibaldi, Matt Coleman, Mitchell Kasselmann, Marie Wojtan



8th Grade Village Officials - Back row, left to right: Derek Choi, Ethan Matlin, Maggie Rechteris, Ali Ruben
Front Row: Carla Boffa, Sonia Ehrlich, Sadie Gelman, Maddy Placik



8th Grade Village Administration
Back Row, left to right: Daniel Shapiro, Vincent Manna, Daniel Yang, Diana Boyer, Renne Rumsfield
Middle Row: Brandon Cramin, Jack Poulton, Sarah Betadam, Yvette Dybas, Rosalie Mahler, Alison Tye, Maria Yanovskaya
Front Row: Cameron Werhane, Peter McPike 🌸

Friendly Reminders... Be a Good Neighbor!

- ▶ Please report concerns about maintenance of vacant homes or property, such as grass or weeds in excess of ten inches, debris or safety issues, to 847 272-5050, ext. 4241.
- ▶ Help keep Northbrook beautiful by returning your garbage cans and recycling containers to the rear of your house or garage within 12 hours after pick-up.
- ▶ Take a moment and organize your recyclables with heavier items on top of the papers to prevent windblown trash.
- ▶ Please report sightings of anyone disposing miscellaneous materials (e.g. carpeting, yard waste, etc.) in construction site dumpsters, resident or commercial/business roll-off containers or refuse containers behind commercial buildings. This practice is illegal and can result in fines of \$50.00-\$750.00. Call 847 272-5050, ext. 4241, during business hours or non-emergency police, 847 564-2060, nights and weekends. Please provide information such as vehicle make/model, license plate, commercial vehicle markings, etc.
- ▶ All residents receive one free special pickup, up to 3 cubic yards per year, by Veolia. Special pick-ups are on Wednesdays only. Call Veolia at 847 272-4145 to schedule a pick-up before 1:00pm on Tuesday, the day before.
- ▶ Please, clean up after your pets, especially in parks, public rights-of-way and your neighbor's lawn!
- ▶ Sprinkling restrictions are in effect weekdays, 10am - 4pm, May 15 - September 15. 🌸

Northbrook Community Television - Cable Channel 17 - June Schedule

Watch Village Meetings on NCTV- 17. Most Village Board Meetings and Plan Commission meetings are cablecast live on NCTV-17 and replayed the following day and Sundays at 9am and 7pm. Village Meetings are open to the public and are listed at www.northbrook.il.us

7am & 3pm **"Memorial Day Remembrances"** - Highlights of Northbrook's dedications to those who are serving our country.

8am & 4pm **"Asian American Heritage Celebration"** - Highlights of this year's celebration at the Northbrook Public Library.

9:30am & 5:30pm **"Spotlight on Northbrook Arts"** - Host Terry O. Luc gives us a look at the Art in the Park displays and festivities.

10:00am & 6:00pm - **"NCTV Video Bulletin Board"**

11am, 7 & 11pm **"Our Environment: If Not Now, When"** - Join Dr. Lewis Cohen as he features the best of Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day.

11:30am, 7:30 & 11:30pm **"Northbrook! The Video Newsletter"**

12 & 8pm, 12am **"Talk Around Town with Jack & Susan"** - Featuring Sherri Smason and Linda Eisenberg, Co-Chairs of GBN's Grad Nite 2010.

12:30 & 8:30pm, 12:30am **"NCDA A FOCUS"** - 'The Straight Scoop: Kids Talking To Kids About Drugs.'

1pm & 9pm **"NCDA A Parenting Series"** - Join us for a look at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the 'Just Say No!' parade and rally. ❁



Village Board Highlights

Highlights of Recent Village Board Actions

◆ Proclaimed

- June 14, 2010, as "Flag Day" in Northbrook.
- June as "Amateur Radio Operators" month in Northbrook.
- June 5-12, 2010, as "Dystonia Awareness Week" in Northbrook.
- June 6-12, 2010, as "National Garden Week" in Northbrook.

◆ Recognized

- Village Sanitarian Mary Bernier after 19 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.
- Property/Evidence Technician Ambrose "Andy" P. Moore after 13 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.
- Public Works Director Jim Papreck after 37 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.
- Sewer Supervisor Gary Biederer after 36 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.
- Water Distribution Supervisor Joe Ravagni after 36 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.
- Maintenance Worker Dave Bouchard after 36 years of service to the Village of Northbrook.

-Dorie Kole for her three years of service on the Senior Services Commission.

◆ Authorized

- Custodial services agreement for various municipal buildings, \$57,444.
- Purchase of rock salt for winter season deicing of Village roads, \$292,291.
- Annual bulk purchase of fluoride to be added to potable water, \$30,480.
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software Support Agreement and purchase of Mobile Forms Module, \$55,553.
- Video enhancement system, complete with all hardware and software, for the Police Department, \$15,200.
- Sale of five Pepperball Launch Systems to NIPAS MFF, \$1,500.
- Contract for web streaming and agenda management services, \$34,646.
- Contract for website redesign and hosting services, \$47,400.
- Village membership in the Northwest Municipal Conference, \$16,750.
- Contract with for outplacement services, \$15,000.

◆ Approved

- Municipal budget of the Village of Northbrook for fiscal year May 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011.
- A resolution authorizing construction on State Highways.
- Design Review Permit for awning, Trattoria Oliverii, 1358 Shermer Road.
- Design Review Permit for an outdoor seating area, Kamehachi, located at 1320 Shermer Road.
- Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Wilmette regarding Health Inspection Services.
- Establishing an Ad Hoc Labor Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- Rezoning, variations, site plan approval for an administrative office at 1529 Shermer Road.
- Special permit amendment to allow for a second phase development for Covenant Village located at 2625 Techny Road.
- An Ordinance abating the 2009 Property Tax Levy.

◆ Amended

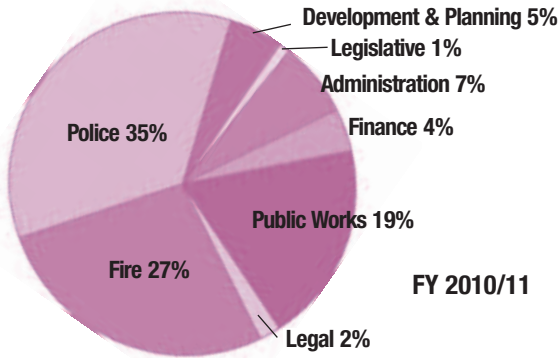
- Annual Fee Ordinance to increase the number of Class "A" liquor licenses for Buffalo Wild Wings, 1018 Willow Rd. ❁

Northbrook Budget

At their April 27, 2010 meeting, the Village Board adopted a total budget of \$72,769,945 for the fiscal year beginning on May 1, 2010. This figure is less than 1% above estimated expenditures for the fiscal year that ended on April 30, 2010. Though this budget anticipates declining revenues due to the current economic conditions, all Village services have been maintained at current levels.

General Fund Expenditures By Department - Without Special Revenue Funds Total – \$36,179,330

The General Corporate Fund provides for the day-to-day operations of the Village and comprises 50% of the total budget. The following chart shows a breakdown, by department, of the budgeted expenditures for the General Corporate Fund:



81% of the General Corporate Fund's budget is devoted to police protection, fire protection and public works operations which include street maintenance, snow plowing and water and sewer services.

An ever increasing demand for services coupled with declining state revenues and the declining National economy created the most difficult budget situation the Village has seen at any time in its history. Many difficult decisions were made in order to achieve our goal of balancing the General Fund without increasing taxes or reducing services. This was primarily accomplished through operational restructuring and staff reductions.

As part of this significant restructuring, seven positions were eliminated and six employees took advantage of a voluntary separation incentive. The main area of reorganization focused on the consolidation of the Building & Development and Community Planning departments into a new Department of Development & Planning Services. The consolidation is intended to improve services and reduce operating costs. Several internal functions, including Information Technology, were also reorganized as part of this process and six vacant positions were permanently eliminated. In total, the Village's workforce has been reduced by 14 full time employees across various departments with an expected annual savings of nearly \$1 million.

For the 2010/11 fiscal year, we are projecting an unrestricted surplus of \$29,767 in the General Fund.

Should economic conditions worsen, the Village has ample reserves to cover the deficiency. Since 1994, the Village has had a policy of maintaining reserves equal to at least 40% of revenues. The effects of the above decisions would have produced reserves at April 30, 2011 which were \$3 million above the 40% policy. In light of that, the Board decided to return slightly more than half this amount to the community by transferring \$1.2 million to the Water Fund in order to delay a planned rate increase as well as continue our schedule of water main replacements; and \$350,000 to the Parking Fund to resurface the West Commuter Lot without having to increase parking fees. This will still leave the General Fund with reserves equal to 44% of revenues and maintain the Village's financial flexibility to meet future challenges.

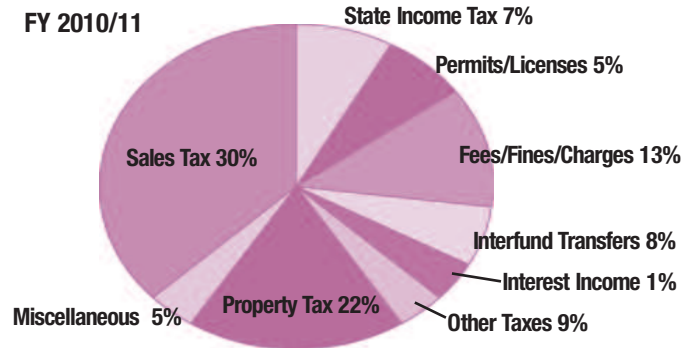
Expenditure Summary

Fund	FY 09/10 Estimate	FY 10/11 Budget	% Change
General Corporate	37,454,305	37,041,880	-1.10%
Debt Service	3,862,934	3,952,790	2.33%
Water	9,100,762	10,132,898	11.34% (1)
Sanitary Sewer	1,587,160	1,717,560	8.22%
Parking	238,040	591,430	148.46% (2)
Other Funds	20,020,200	19,333,387	-3.43%
Total	72,263,402	72,769,945	0.70%

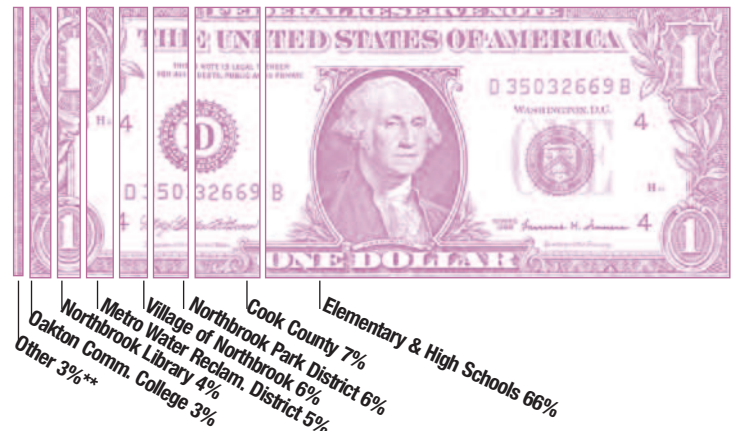
- (1) Increase due to planned construction of new water tower.
- (2) Increase due to planned resurfacing of west commuter lot.

The operations of the General Corporate Fund are supported by a variety of revenue sources. Even though the Village has a diverse revenue mix, we are still quite reliant upon sales taxes. However, due to a dynamic retail environment in Northbrook, high sales tax receipts have allowed the Village to maintain one of the lowest property tax rates in the area. When shopping, remember to shop Northbrook first as your sales tax dollars help to support your community and reduce further the Village's reliance upon property taxes and other revenue sources. The Village's share of the property tax bill represents just less than 6% of the total bill. This means that the Village receives less than 6 cents from every dollar paid in property taxes. ❁

General Corporate Fund Revenues By Source - Without Special Revenues Total \$36,209,097



Sample 2008 Property Tax Bill Breakdown by Jurisdiction



General Introduction to Water Supplies

This information is provided as required by USEPA & IEPA

Drinking water - tap and bottled water - originates in rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over or through the ground, it may dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and/or pick up substances left by animals or human activities. Possible contaminants are:

◆ **Microbial** – including viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife;

◆ **Inorganic** – including salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;

◆ **Pesticides and Herbicides** – which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses;

◆ **Organic Chemicals** – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems;

◆ **Radioactive Materials** – including naturally occurring or resulting from gas and oil production and mining.

USEPA prescribes tap water regulations limiting amounts of certain substances in public water systems. FDA regulates bottled water which

must be as safe as tap water. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised individuals such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, as well as some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. USEPA/CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800 426-4791.

Source Water Assessment

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources to be susceptible to potential pollution. By its very nature, surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intakes with no protection except dilution. Thus, IEPA mandates treatment for all Illinois surface water supplies. A work group from the Great Lakes States was organized to develop a protocol for assessing the Great Lakes. The mission of the Great Lakes Protocol was to develop a consistent procedure with the flexibility to properly conduct source water assessments of our Great Lakes drinking water sources. This flexibility takes into account source variability and site specific concerns for determination of source sensitivity and susceptibility (Appendix S, Illinois EPA, 1999). Sensitivity is the intrinsic ability of surface water to be isolated from contaminants by the hydrologic or geologic attributes (Illinois EPA, 1999). According to the sensitivity analysis, Northbrook's two intakes are located far enough offshore that shoreline point sources are not a water quality factor. However, at certain times of the year, the potential for contamination exists due to stormwater runoff and wet weather flows from the North Shore Channel. If currents are flowing in a northerly direction, contaminants from these flows could migrate to Northbrook's intakes and compromise water quality. A correlation between Northbrook's rainfall data and coliform data combined with North Shore Channel discharge dates show the potential effect of these

flows on Northbrook's water quality. The best way to ensure a safe source of drinking water for a water supply is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since land use within Illinois' Lake Michigan watershed is mostly urban, most watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose.

Citizens must be aware that activities around the house may have a negative impact on their source water. The main efforts of the immediate community should be an awareness of storm water drains and the direct link to the Lake within the identified Lake Michigan watershed. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose is the identification and stenciling of storm water drains. Stenciling, along with education about proper storage, disposal and use of potential contaminants, is necessary to keep the Lake a safe, reliable source of drinking water. Lake Michigan, as well as all the Great Lakes, has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Water supply officials from Northbrook are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination regarding water quality situations (i.e., spill, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc.) and watershed protection are frequent topics discussed at quarterly meetings of this organization.

Northbrook Water Quality Report for 2009

Substance	Type	Units	MCLG	MCL	Range of Levels	HDL	Comments
Barium	Inorganic	mg/l	2	2	0.024 – 0.024	0.024	Drilling waste & metal refinery discharge, natural element
Chlorine	Inorganic	mg/l	MRDLG/MRDL=4		0.27 – 1.57	1.57	Water additive for disinfection
Coliform (non-fecal)	Microbial	% positive	< 5% monthly samples positive		0 – 2.3		Naturally present in environment
Copper	Inorganic	mg/l	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.17* (No site over AL)		Plumbing system, natural erosion, wood preservative leaching
Fluoride	Inorganic	mg/l	4	4	0.92 – 0.92	0.92	Fertilizer & aluminum factory discharge, decay preventative additive
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	DBP	µg/l	n/a	60	13.6 – 19	17	Chlorination by-product
Lead	Inorganic	µg/l	0	AL=15	7* (1 site over AL)		Plumbing system & natural erosion
Nitrate (as N)	Inorganic	mg/l	10	10	0.33 - 0.33	0.33	Fertilizer run-off, septic run-off, sewage
Sodium	Inorganic	mg/l	n/a	n/a	10 – 10	10	Natural erosion, water softener
Total Trihalomethanes	DBP	µg/l	n/a	80	21-33	26	Chlorination by-product
Turbidity	Microbial	% <0.3 NTU	lowest % meeting limit		100%		Soil run-off
Turbidity	Microbial	NTU	Limit TT = 1 NTU		0.07 HSM		Soil run-off

Note: All test results under "Range of Levels" were completed in 2009 except for lead and copper which were sampled in 2008. Not all results may have been used for calculating HDL because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future detections.

Note: The percentage of total organic carbon (TOC) was measured each month. Northbrook meets all IEPA requirements.

- AL:** Action Level: The concentration of a substance which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
- DBP:** Disinfection By-Products
- HLD:** Highest Level Detected
- HSM:** Highest Single Measurement
- MCL:** Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- mg/l:** Milligrams per liter, or parts per million (ppm)-or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
- µg/l:** Micrograms per liter, or parts per billion (ppb)-or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

- MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfection Level: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
- MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal: The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- n/a:** Not applicable.
- NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit- used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.
- %< NTU:** Percent of samples less than 0.5 NTU.
- TT:** Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant.
- *** Indicates 90 percentile result

"Level" is the range of sample data collected annually. In some cases, only one sample was collected.

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. Turbidity is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfection practices. Our water leaves the plant at about 0.04 NTU.

Sodium is not regulated by USEPA or IEPA, but monitoring is required to provide information about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 mg/l and you are on a sodium restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

Disinfection by-products (TTHMs & HAA5s)- The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids is 80 ppb and 60 ppb respectively. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their livers, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of developing cancer.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800 426-4791).

Northbrook water, which is solely derived from Lake Michigan via its pumping station in Glencoe, meets/exceeds all State and Federal quality regulations.

Northbrook had no water testing violations during the past year. If you have any questions, please call Ken Gardner, Utilities Superintendent, at 847 509-5335.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those whom may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses.) You can do so by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

You may have read about some water systems that have used questionable sources of water. All of Northbrook's water is obtained directly from Lake Michigan, and is subjected to rigorous scrutiny by the USEPA and IEPA. Public Works publishes a comprehensive brochure about its water system. A new version is scheduled to be published this summer. This booklet includes information about Northbrook's source of water, treatment processes and distribution facts. It is available at the Village Hall, Public Library and Public Works Center, and can be viewed on Northbrook's website (www.northbrook.il.us). Water system decisions requiring Village Board action are normally considered at regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. For additional information, call Ken Gardner, Utilities Superintendent, at 847 509-5335. 🌸

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Deadline for the July/August 2010 newsletter is June 7

Not-to-be-Missed Summer Events!

Take a step back in time and find out what life was like a century-and-a-half ago! Come to the

9th Annual Northbrook Historical Society Cemetery Walk

Costumed interpreters tell the stories of the people who settled the land and built the town we now call Northbrook.

Sunday, June 13, 1:00, 2:30, and 4:00pm

Come to North Northfield Cemetery on the north side of Dundee Road just east of Sanders Road. You may park in the lot at Our Lady of the Brook Church and walk to the cemetery entrance. Plan to arrive early as show times are exact.



Interesting and fun for all ages! Tickets are available the day of the

event. Please call 847 498-3404 or send us an e-mail at northbrookhistory@comcast.net ❁

Don't miss....

Art in the Park: A Juried Fine Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, July 10 & 11,
Village Green Park



- ❁ Featuring juried fine art and fine craft including paintings, fiber, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture and more!
- ❁ Fine Festival Food
- ❁ Kids' Art Activities
- ❁ Junior Artists' Area
- ❁ Silent Auction
- ❁ Free Admission
- ❁ Ample Free Parking
- ❁ Live Music throughout the day!

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