

# NORTHBROOK

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"Water Tower" by Wendie Thompson

## Plein Air Painting Festival Returns

**You'll Enjoy Watching Paint Dry at the Plein Air Painting Festival, September 26-30!**

Watch as up to 50 regional artists create unique paintings and bring scenes to life on canvas. During the five-day event, expect to see Plein Air artists painting outdoors throughout the Village. On Friday, September 28, from 5:30 to 8pm, come to downtown Northbrook to shop, dine, and see the artists paint the town. The festival culminates in a weekend festival at Village Green Park (1810 Walters Ave.) Saturday and Sunday, from Noon to 5pm, featuring live music, "quick paint" events, painting demonstrations, and a chance to purchase original art.

The Friday Nocturne Night will be hosted in cooperation with many of our downtown merchants and restaurants from 5:30 to 8pm. Artists will paint Nocturnes (paintings in twilight or evening lighting conditions) along Shermer Road and in the shopping malls along Cherry Lane, accompanied by local musicians. Businesses will offer special incentives to help encourage the community to visit downtown and enjoy a meal or shopping opportunity, as well as to see artists transform their canvas into wonderful works of art which will be available for purchase over the weekend.

See page 2 for details.

## Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

**Every year, communities across our country face emergencies – from unforeseen natural disasters to deliberate acts. We cannot always control how, when, or where they occur, but we can prepare practical responses before disasters strike.**

National Preparedness Month, recognized each September, provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves now and throughout the year. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for information on how to make a plan today. Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, fire, and tornados. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

Register your address, phone and email at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) so we can contact you via email, phone and/or text message. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, call 847-664-4040. After you register with Northbrook Notify, have everyone in your family register for our emergency-only text message system by texting 60062 to 888777. We will use this system as a supplement to Northbrook Notify.

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### NEW STOP SIGNS POSTED

**Expect to see a new 4-way stop at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Walters Avenue.**



## Plein Air Painting Festival Schedule of Events Wednesday - Sunday, September 26 - 30

Throughout the week, look around town for Plein Air Painters.

Stop by to chat and see what they are creating!

Text NBART to 888777 to receive LIVE updates during the event.

### Friday, Sept. 28 - Downtown Northbrook "Nocturne Night"

**5:30pm - 8pm:** Shop, dine, and see the artists paint the town during *Nocturne Night*. Enjoy merchant special incentives and live music. Fun for the family!

### Saturday, Sept. 29 – Village Green Park

**Noon - 5pm:** Enjoy music and view artwork on display/for purchase.

**1pm:** Plein Air Painting Demonstration by Acclaimed Artist Nancie King Mertz,

**2 - 4pm:** Glenbrook North Students Quick Paint

### Sunday, Sept. 30 – Village Green Park

**9am-Noon:** Quick Paint competition in Village Green Park.

Watch artist paint beautiful paintings in a competition-style format.

**Noon - 5pm:** Enjoy music including the Northbrook Symphony Quartet, and classical guitarist Christopher Laughlin, and artwork on display/for purchase.

**1pm:** Artist Award ceremony.

**2pm:** Plein Air Painting Demonstration by Acclaimed Artist Steve Puttrich.

**1 to 3pm:** On-site radio broadcast with DJs Bill Turck and Kerri Kendall of WCGO, 1590 AM

## Voter Information

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

Below you can find information for each of the four ways to register during the standard voter registration period. Please make sure to check the specific deadline for the form you select as dates differ depending on the method of registration.

1. Online at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) by Sunday, October 21
2. Paper/PDF form available at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) postmarked by Tuesday, October 9
3. In Person by Tuesday, October 9 with a certified registrar by going to: One of the Cook County Clerk's six locations or with village, city, or township clerk.
4. If you miss both voter registration deadlines, you may still register to vote during the Grace Period or on Election Day.

What are the Voter Registration requirements?

- Must be a US citizen;
- Must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day; 17 years of age to vote in a General Primary if individual will be 18 as of the following General Election;
- Must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

The Village Hall is open Monday - Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for Voter Registration.

## Shermer Road Bridge Closure

The Shermer Road Bridge Replacement project resumed in August with the bridge closure. The bridge, which is just to the east of Village Green Park and west of Cherry/Church is closed to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic until the project is completed in November. Signage will be posted to keep motorists and pedestrians updated on the closure and detour.

A large portion of the cost of the Shermer Road bridge project is being funded through a grant obtained from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Approximately eighty percent (\$1,060,836) of the project cost is covered by the grant.



**All the downtown businesses are open and easily accessible during the closure, with an easy local detour route.**

On street parking is available on Shermer Road between the bridge and Meadow Road. Remember to visit [www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.com](http://www.liveshopdinenorthbrook.com) for a listing of shopping and dining opportunities in Northbrook.

If you'd like updates on this, or other construction projects, visit [www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects](http://www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects).



# Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



September is National Preparedness month, as featured on the front page of this newsletter. This year's Department of Homeland Security theme: "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How." serves as a reminder to take steps to ensure you have a preparedness plan in place, not only for your family and your pets, but for businesses as well. Natural and man-made disasters – no matter where you live – can strike at any time, so it's important to have a planned response.

Our first responders are an essential part of managing emergencies in our community. Their knowledge and understanding of

emergency management, combined with their training and access to resources sets the tone for a successful recovery. Planning and preparing for a variety of scenarios is key. Our Police and Fire Departments have been working with area school districts, Northbrook Park District, the Northbrook Public Library, Northfield Township, and other organizations to develop a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). This plan includes preparation for all emergencies and incident command protocols to respond effectively to any event.

## Back to School

Every year our schools welcome a new set of first time students and every year there are new groups of students navigating their way to school on their own, either as pedestrians or on their bikes. Please be mindful as students go back to school, as there tends to be more road and foot traffic. See page 5 for more Back to School safety information, as well as details about child car safety seat installations and other school related reminders.

## Flood Protection Information

You'll find several articles in this newsletter with information about flooding, including safety, insurance, stormwater management, and how to protect your property from flood damage. Maintaining and improving Village infrastructure is one of the many Village objectives for public safety.

## Friendly Reminders

*New all-way stop signs posted at the corner of Walters Avenue and Cedar Lane* –Beginning on Tuesday, September 4, motorists will notice the new all-way stop configuration on Walters Avenue, just west of the train station at the Cedar Lane intersection.

Please remember to stop at the line and always use extra caution when encountering pedestrians, motorcycle riders, and bicyclists. Also, if you arrive at the intersection at the same time as another vehicle, remember to yield to the vehicle on your right.

**Shermer Road Bridge Improvements** – The Central Business District (CBD) is the Village's downtown area, which includes retailers and restaurants, the Village Green Park, and Northbrook's Metra Station. Following last year's improvements on the streets and streetscape of the CBD, the replacement of the Shermer Road Bridge and some minor paving work on Shermer Road are expected to be completed in November. During the closure of the Shermer Road Bridge, there will always be easy access to shopping and dining establishments. In fact, I encourage everyone to visit and support our local businesses, as you'll find plenty of parking along the streets and in the commuter lots, which are free after 10am and on the weekend. See page 2 for more information.

## September Events

**Shermerfest** – On Sunday, September 16. I encourage you to spend the afternoon at Village Green Park enjoying the 40th Annual Historical Society Fundraiser, Shermerfest. Not only will you learn about the history of our Village, but you'll also have the opportunity to enjoy a Classic Car Show, live music, entertainment, and children's activities.

**Plein Air Painting Festival** – If you missed last year's inaugural event, you won't want to miss the 2nd Annual Plein Air Painting Festival, September 26-30, as featured on the front and page 2 of this newsletter. Last year, I had the opportunity to purchase some beautiful artwork featuring scenes in Northbrook. It was actually fun watching paint dry!

## Comments, Suggestions, Questions?

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, contact me at [sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us](mailto:sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us) or call 847-509-5301.



## “We Will Remember” Tuesday, September 11

### The 17th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11

We continue to stand united as a nation as we remember the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, attack on America.

At 7:30am, Police and Fire Personnel will assemble at each of the Northbrook Fire Stations for a solemn remembrance of the losses suffered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. This observance will commemorate victims and honor heroes of the attacks on America.

### On Patriot Day, Fly Your Flag at Half-Staff

Tuesday, September 11, is Patriot Day, a day to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our country.

Americans should fly their flags at half-staff and may observe a moment of silence to honor those individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks.



## Touch-A-Truck - A Fun Event for All Ages

**Bring the children to meet the fleet on Saturday, September 8, from 10am – Noon, Underwriters Laboratories, 333 Pflugsten Road.**

Kids of all ages can climb aboard and pretend to drive an assortment of construction equipment and emergency vehicles at the Northbrook Park District’s annual Touch-A-Truck event. The popular event is free and no registration is required, but children need to bring an adult. Get ready to capture some wonderful photo opportunities, rain or shine!

## Coal Tar Driveway Sealant Ban in Northbrook

**The Village of Northbrook has banned the use and sale of coal tar based pavement sealants within its boundaries.**

Residents and businesses may still seal their driveways with asphalt-based sealers to protect their driveways or parking lots from weathering and to maintain a dark, glossy appearance. Coal tar contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) which are known to be toxic to aquatic life and at certain levels can be harmful to humans. Most home improvement stores in the region no longer sell coal tar based sealants, however those wishing to do it themselves will find local stores offer the asphalt based alternative.

**Check to Make Sure Your Contractor is Licensed with the Village**

With the ban on coal tar based pavement sealers, all pavement-sealing contractors working in Northbrook are required to be licensed by the Village. Residents with questions about the ban on coal tar based pavement sealants should contact the Village at 847-272-4711.



## If Your Vegetation is Blocking the Sidewalk, it's Your Responsibility to Trim it Back

**The Village of Northbrook receives numerous service requests about vegetation obstructing public sidewalks and roadways.**

Most locations involve private shrubs that have not been properly maintained. If you own shrubs or trees that have encroached a public sidewalk or roadway, please make arrangements to have the vegetation trimmed back to allow unobstructed passage for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as required by Village Ordinance.



# A Reminder for All: School's Open

## A Message from Police Chief Roger Adkins

### Back-to-school safety a top priority

The 2018-19 school year is underway. That means increased road travel and shifting traffic patterns, so this busy time of year can be a dangerous one – especially for children who rely on walking, biking, or waiting for the school bus to get to school. Decreasing daylight hours can also make it harder for motorists to see children outside.

### Motorists are reminded to be extra cautious.

It's important for drivers to slow down and pay attention when kids are present – especially before and after school. Keep hands-free cell phone calls to a minimum, especially in traffic.

### Here are some other safety tips to remember:

- Pay close attention to school zone speed limit signs, which mandate 20 mph from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days when children are present.
- Motorists must stop – not just yield – for pedestrians, including bicyclists and school crossing guards, in all crosswalks, even when there are no traffic signals or stop signs.
- Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload students. State law requires motorists to stop. Do not attempt to pass the bus. Be alert for children who may cross the street to catch the bus or those getting off the bus.
- Illinois law makes disobeying a crossing guard a moving violation. Follow their instructions to stop or proceed.

### Safety inside schools is also a priority.

Prior to the start of the school year, all schools in

Northbrook receive reminders to let the Village know of any updates to their floor plans. Personnel changes are also addressed and all emergency contact lists are updated.

The Police and Fire departments coordinate with all public and private schools. They are continually making sure the schools' crisis plans fit with how officers and firefighters would respond in the event of an incident. School staff members are also advised on how to appropriately respond during a crisis situation. This helps to assure the safety of students, staff, and first responders.

While the beginning of the school year tends to bring more of a focus to safety issues, the Police and Fire departments spend the entire year updating, coordinating, and planning with the schools. This year-round effort assures the school year starts with safety in mind.

Northbrook Police also rely on residents taking an active role. Don't hesitate to call 911 if you see suspicious activity, people, or vehicles in your neighborhood.

# SAFETY FIRST



## Child Car Safety Seat Check

The Northbrook Police Community Relations Division provides free child safety seat inspections.

Although there is no law requiring an inspection, the Community Relations division offers free inspections to ensure a safer installation. The child safety seat program is intended to educate parents how to properly install their child's seat. The following are the requirements of the program:

- Inspections are by appointment only, and are conducted at the Police Station.
- General availability is Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Inspections are for Northbrook residents.

- We do not install child seats. The seats must be installed prior to the appointment to the best of the owner's ability. We will gladly assist you in making any necessary adjustments to the installation and check for any recalls.
- Owner must bring the child seat with instruction manual and their vehicle owner's manuals to the appointment for reference.
- If you cannot make an appointment please call to cancel or reschedule.

If you would like to schedule an appointment call 847-664-4427 and leave your name and phone number. A Technician will return your call and schedule the appointment. Each appointment usually takes a half hour to complete, but may take up to one hour.



## Northbrook's Finest Pull for Special Olympics

On Saturday, September 22, Northbrook's team of 20 will come together to play tug-of-war with an aircraft weighting nearly 90 tons at O'hare International Airport. The efforts in this extreme event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Please join the Northbrook Police in pulling for Special Olympics Illinois! Your donation will help provide more than 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 20,500 Young Athletes the chance to participate in year-round sports training and competitions.

Visit [www.northbrook.il.us/PlanePull](http://www.northbrook.il.us/PlanePull) to donate and click on the "Support Us" icon.

# Flood Protection Information

## History of Flooding In Northbrook

The Village's storm sewer system is comprised of over 123 miles of pipe; 5,320 inlets, catch basins, manhole structures; 24 miles of open drainage ditches; and 6 lift/pump stations.

The storm sewer system also contains three regional detention basins owned and maintained by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and several detention basins owned and maintained by the Village.

### What is flooding?

Flooding is generally classified as either structure (water enters a home or business) or street and yard flooding (water makes streets impassable for vehicles or is detained in yards). Flooding can be the result of a number of factors. This includes the total volume of rain received, the rate at which the rain fell, the amount of rain that has fallen leading up to an event affecting the level of the North Branch of the Chicago River which drains runoff from most of the community, and how localized the event may have been.

While higher intensity storms may be referred to as a 100-year storm, a 50-year storm or a 10-year storm, these references do not necessarily refer to their frequency, but rather the likelihood that they may occur in a given year, regardless of the prior year's rain events. In other words, while the Village may experience two 50-year storm events in a year, the probability that there is a storm of that magnitude is 1 in 50 in a given year or there is a 2% chance that it will occur.

In recent years, the Village has experienced a number of noteworthy storms, with one of the latest significant rain events to cross the Chicagoland area occurring on July 11, 2017. This event left 3.75 inches of rain in its path over Northbrook. Other rain events include July 23, 2016, when Northbrook received 3.50 inches of rain over ninety minutes and a June 15, 2016, event when the Village received about 1.50 inches of rain in a very short duration of time. Localized street flooding occurred during each of these events.

## Flood Insurance – Are You Protected? Check Your Policy!

**Keep in mind that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods.**

Property owners in Northbrook can purchase separate flood insurance policies because the Village is a participant in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Property owners can insure both their buildings and contents, while renters can insure contents only. The NFIP is administered by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that are located outside of the floodplain. The actual cost of the policy will depend upon the amount of coverage desired and the degree of flood hazard.



Other significant storms in the last five years include 5.25 inches on July 23, 2011; 4 inches of rain on April 17-18, 2013; and 3.53 inches on June 26, 2013. The largest storm of recent years occurred on September 12-13, 2008, in which 6.4 inches of rain fell.

During these substantial events, the Village staff responds to ensure the storm sewers are not blocked, closes streets to prevent motorists from being stranded, and responds to residents who may be experiencing basement or house flooding.

### Northbrook has been active in expanding our storm water infrastructure.

In 2011, the Village adopted a Master Stormwater Management Plan (MSMP). The projects in this plan are intended to improve conditions, but cannot eliminate flooding. The Village's priorities for these projects are structure flooding and street flooding which would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing homes.

One of the keynote MSMP projects is located at Wescott Park, where a 23 acre-feet stormwater detention vault was installed underground. This project has won several awards for its innovative design, which includes stormwater best management practices for rain harvesting for field irrigation.

Residents are encouraged to review the Master Stormwater Management Plan on the Village's website to learn more about what the Village is doing. For more information, Please visit: [www.northbrook.il.us/stormwater](http://www.northbrook.il.us/stormwater)

As of April 2017, there were approximately 149 flood insurance policies in the Village. You may contact your homeowner's insurance provider for information on purchasing a flood insurance policy. Federal Law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally-backed mortgage or loan if the building or land is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (floodplain).

Additional information can be found at both FEMA's website [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and the State of Illinois Department of Insurance's website, [www.insurance.illinois.gov](http://www.insurance.illinois.gov)

# Flood Safety

## What to do and what not to do during a flood event

Here are a few do's and don'ts to keep in mind in a flood situation

- Have a Communications Plan. Register with Northbrook Notify, our mass notification system, to receive information via phone, text, and/or email about Northbrook specific information. Sign up at [www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify](http://www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify) and/or sign up for our emergency-only text message system by texting 60062 to 888777. The text message system is a supplement to Northbrook Notify.
- Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local radio station and follow all instructions given.
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most cars, causing loss of control, and possible stalling. If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as safely possible. Floodwaters can rise very rapidly and sweep a car away. A foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock the average person off their feet.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocution is another major source of deaths related to floods. Electric current passes easily through water.

For more information on flood safety, visit [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods)



## Property/Structure Protection

There are steps you can take to protect your home and property from flood damage

### Before and especially in the hours prior to the threat of flooding:

Move important papers, jewelry, clothing, collectibles, and other valuable contents to upper floors or higher elevations.

Bring outdoor possessions (lawn furniture, garbage cans, tools, and other moveable objects) indoors or tie them down securely to prevent them from being swept away or thrown about.

Furnaces, electrical panel boxes, washers/dryers, and hot water heaters should be elevated or relocated to areas that are less likely to flood. Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

Your home may be better protected from flood damage by regrading your lot to achieve positive drainage away from the structure and/or constructing a small earth berm. These methods may work as long as flooding is not too deep and the property is not located in a floodway. Any change in grade requires a permit and will not be allowed if it adversely impacts neighboring property.



Another means of protecting your home is to waterproof walls and place watertight closures over doorways and basement or sub-basement windows. This method is not recommended if flood levels are expected to exceed two feet. The installation of a standpipe or backflow prevention device can help prevent

surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up in basements or sub-basement levels during periods of heavy rain. Standpipes and backflow devices are not recommended where water levels are expected to exceed two feet.

The installation of an overhead sanitary sewer can help prevent surcharging sanitary sewers from backing up in basements or sub-basement levels during periods of heavy rains. The

Village has an overhead sanitary sewer cost-sharing program to assist with the conversion of private sanitary sewers; this program is administered through the Development & Planning Services Department.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 847-664-4050 or visit [www.northbrook.il.us/5050program](http://www.northbrook.il.us/5050program)

# CRS Classification Reduces Your Flood Insurance Premium

The Village presently sustains a Class 7 status within the Community Rating System (CRS), which provides property owners in the Village a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and a 5% reduction for properties located outside a Special Flood Hazard Area. The CRS program allows communities to achieve certain credits (i.e. reduction in flood insurance policy premiums) by implementing specified floodplain outreach activities and development regulations. Currently there are only 24 communities in Illinois with a Class 7 rating.



## Floodplain Development Permit Requirements

**The Village of Northbrook Zoning Code includes development regulations in the floodplain by the passage of Ordinance No. 92-6 covering floodplain development. The purpose of the regulations is to control the alteration of natural floodplains and stream channels to prevent the increase in flood hazards in other areas.**

Residents in floodplains who plan to do any type of work, including new construction, building additions, sheds, decks, fences, grading and landscaping, should first contact the Public Works Department at 847-664-4119 to determine what requirements apply and to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit application, if applicable. Residents may also call this number to report possible illegal development in the floodplain.

In accordance with the Village's Floodplain Development Ordinance, an existing habitable structure which was constructed prior to February 12, 1992 and located within the "flood fringe" (non-floodway portion of floodplain), may be improved by fifty percent (50%) or more of the market value of the structure prior to the proposed improvement, provided that the lowest floor, including any basement or sub-basement areas, is at or above base flood elevation (BFE). That is the historic measured level to which flood waters have risen in prior events. If any basement or sub-basement areas are below the BFE, they must be filled in and the structure properly elevated. These same requirements apply to repairs for substantially damaged structures which are defined as damages that are 50% or more than the structure's pre-damaged market value. For all new construction and improvements (on or after February 12, 1992) in the floodplain, the lowest floor must be elevated to a minimum of one foot above the BFE.

## Drainage System Maintenance

**If your property is located adjacent to a creek or other waterway, please try to keep the banks and channel clear of debris. Any filling or dumping of grass clippings, branches, other types of yard waste and trash can obstruct the flow of water or reduce the conveyance capacity, which could potentially cause flooding problems to upstream properties.**

If you observe any filling, dumping or evidence of past filling or dumping in any watercourse in the Village, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711. Causing an obstruction in any watercourse within the Village is in violation of Section 16-3 of the Northbrook Municipal Code. No filling of any waterway is allowed unless the proper state and Village permit requirements have been met. Please also check with the Public Works Department at 847-664-4119 on the permit requirements for any proposed bank stabilization work such as the installation/replacement of retaining walls. Residents are encouraged to perform routine maintenance checks of any watercourse adjacent to their property at least twice a year to ensure that no obstructions are present or unauthorized filling has occurred.

## Flood Insurance Rate Map Inquiry

**The Village of Northbrook's Public Works Department will continue to provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Inquiries for all properties located within the Village limits.**

This is the federal document that determines if a property is within or outside the regulated flood plain. This department also maintains FEMA Elevation Certificates on file for many structures that are located in or near the floodplain. That information can help you make decisions about investing in property. For more information contact the Public Works Department at 847-664-4119.



# Advanced Disposal Refuse & Recycling Contract Renewal

The Village Board approved a six-year contract renewal with Advanced Disposal for residential refuse and recycling services. The new contract, which goes into effect September 1, renews many of the current service offerings and includes the addition of a modified volume-based program, as well as a vegetable and fruit food scrap compost program.



## Volume-Based Refuse Program

Residents can now select a 35, 65, or 95-gallon refuse container to best suite their household's needs. Residents who select a 95-gallon container can dispose of one bulk item, one yard of building material, four rolls of carpet, or four extra refuse bags per week for no additional cost. Residents who select a 35 or 65-gallon container can dispose of one bulk item per week at no additional cost; all other items (including extra refuse) require stickers.

## Options for Refuse and Recycling Containers

Residents are not required to change their refuse containers unless they wish to adjust their container size. Residents can switch container sizes free of charge until November 1. After November 1, 2018, residents can change container sizes once every twelve months free of charge. Additional container swaps will cost \$25.

The service rates listed below are effective from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019; two percent annual rate increases will occur every other year beginning September 1, 2019. Residents are billed for services quarterly.

Refuse Cart Size	Rate	Refuse Cart Size	Rate
<b>Curbside – 1x/week</b>		<b>Curbside – 2x/week</b>	
35-gal	\$14.75	35-gal	\$24.45
35-gal (senior discount)	\$13.28	35-gal (senior discount)	\$22.01
65-gal	\$15.75	65-gal	\$25.45
65-gal (senior discount)	\$14.18	65-gal (senior discount)	\$22.91
95-gal	\$16.96	95-gal	\$26.45
95-gal (senior discount)	\$15.26	95-gal (senior discount)	\$23.81
<b>Backdoor – 1x/week</b>		<b>Backdoor – 2x/week</b>	
35-gal	\$27.53	35-gal	\$34.98
35-gal (senior discount)	\$24.78	35-gal (senior discount)	\$31.48
65-gal	\$28.53	65-gal	\$35.98
65-gal (senior discount)	\$25.68	65-gal (senior discount)	\$32.38
95-gal	\$29.53	95-gal	\$36.98
95-gal (senior discount)	\$26.58	95-gal (senior discount)	\$33.28

## Recycling Program

Residents can use their current container or select a 65 or 95-gallon recycling container, regardless of the selected refuse cart size. Additional recycling carts are available for rent for \$2.02/month.

## Compost and Yard Waste Options

Residents wishing to compost vegetable and fruit food scraps can select a year-round subscription for a 35-gallon (\$125/year) or 95-gallon (\$140/year) container. With the subscription, Advanced Disposal will collect yard waste and compost weekly from April - November and every other week from December - March. Subscribers can place overflow in Kraft-type bags for no extra charge. *Please note, the compost program does not include raw or cooked meats, animal bones, or pet waste.*

Residents not interested in the subscription service can dispose of yard waste from April - November using Kraft-type bags and stickers. Stickers are available at Village Hall and local grocery

and home/garden stores. Yardwaste stickers are \$ 2.04 per bag.



# Refuse and Recycling Information continued...

## Collection Days and Times

Each household is assigned a primary collection day (as well as a secondary collection day for 2x/Week services). To find your primary and secondary collection days, use the Know Your Neighborhood Tool at [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) Simply type your address in the search bar and search. Your pickup days will be under "Local Services."

Advanced conducts refuse and recycling pickups throughout the day. Under the current contract, Advanced may collect refuse and recycling any time between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and beyond these hours with the Village's permission on a limited basis.

### Holidays

During the weeks when New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day fall, service will be delayed by one day for all residents with normal collections following the holiday. For example, if New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, collections be delayed one day that week for all customers who receive their service on Tuesday through Friday.

### Other Contract Highlights

- **Annual Spring Clean-Up:** Once a year, on a date designated by the Village, Advanced Disposal will host a clean-up day during which residents can bring an unlimited amount of regular household refuse to one of two drop-off locations.
- **Transfer Station Drop-Off:** Residents can bring an unlimited amount of regular household refuse to Advanced Disposal's Northbrook Transfer Station (2800 Shermer Road) free of charge. This does not include construction debris.
- **Extra Holiday Collections:** Extra household refuse will be collected free of charge during two one-week periods in the winter holiday season.

### Contract with Simple Recycling Offers Textile Recycling Option

Today, Americans throw away 85% of clothing and textiles.

A new contract with Simple Recycling provides free, year-round curbside textile collection to single-family homes on the same day as recycling pick-up. Residents will receive mailers with instructions for recycling used clothing, textiles, and other small household goods. Simple Recycling will run the same route and follow the same holiday schedule as Advanced Disposal.

Residents are encouraged to donate new or lightly used items to local charities. Items collected by Simple Recycling are not tax deductible and residents will not receive a receipt. Visit [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) for details.

### Senior Discount and Hardship Program

Advanced Disposal offers a 10% discounted rate for refuse, landscape waste subscription, and recyclable materials collection to customers over the age of 65. This Senior Citizen Discount is available to any customer who qualifies for and requests the discount. Contact Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145 for more information or to sign up for the senior citizen discount.

### Hardship Program

Residents may apply in limited instances for hardship status. If a customer qualifies for hardship status, the customer may elect to receive 1x/Week Backdoor Service at the 1x/Week Curb Service rate. In order to qualify, residents must meet the following criteria:

A "Hardship Customer" is a Customer who is physically unable to place refuse containers at the curb and has no family member or other person living in the residence that are able to place refuse and/or recycling containers at the curb.

To apply for this status, residents should contact the Village Manager's office at 847-664-4010. The Village will review each request on a case by case basis to determine if a residence qualifies for hardship status. The Hardship Program applies to both refuse and recycling.

### Contact Information

For missed pickups, service requests, container swaps, or other issues, contact Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145 or [northbrookIL@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:northbrookIL@advanceddisposal.com)

Residents may also submit concerns or issues using the online GONorthbrook system or contact Madeline Farrell at 847-664-4017.

Visit [www.northbrook.il.us](http://www.northbrook.il.us) for more refuse and recycling information and updates.



# Village Happenings

**Walk4Friendship to support children and adults with disabilities** on Sun., Sept. 2, 11am-2:30pm, 2095 Landwehr Rd. Benefits Friendship Circle of Illinois. Inflatables, petting zoo, music, Face Paint and food by Mizrahi Grill! Sign up as a walker, a donor, or both at [www.ILwalk.com](http://www.ILwalk.com)

Join the **Northbrook Woman's Club** on Thurs., Sept. 6, from 12-2pm at Our Lady of the Brook Church to hear Sophia Kenzer of Lakeshore Travel speak about planning authentic and meaningful travel experiences. All are welcome. Visit [www.northbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.northbrookwomansclub.org) for more information.

On Fri., Sept. 7, at 7pm, Maple Junior High School students perform a **Friday Night Salon** concert at the Library.

**Purchase Your Ridge Membership Today!** The Ridge at the Park District Senior Center makes workouts convenient for Senior Center Members. Learn more about the yearly membership and purchase yours today at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

The **26th Season of Fine Arts Fall** is here! Pick up a Fine Arts Fall brochure at the library for a full listing of the season's concerts, opera lectures, and arts film.

**"Current Trends in Medical & Psychosocial Interventions for Dementia"** addresses current and proposed drug treatments for dementia and quality-of-life interventions for people living with dementia and their family caregivers. This event will take place at North Shore Senior Center on Tues., Sept. 11, from 3:30 - 5:00pm To register, call 630-426-1061 or email [micheles@alltrusthomecare.com](mailto:micheles@alltrusthomecare.com)

**What Does Elder Law Really Mean?** Understand "Elder Law" and what an elder law attorney can do for you with attorney Matt Margolis at the North Suburban YMCA on Wed., Sept. 12, at 11:15am. For info, contact [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org) or call 847-275-0079.

**Northbrook Farmers Market** is open Wednesdays 7am to 1pm, through Oct. 17, at the corner of Cherry and Meadow. For market event specials visit [www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org](http://www.NorthbrookFarmersMarket.org)

Jazz musicians Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman perform **The Great American Jazz Songbook** on Thurs., Sept. 13, 7pm at the Library. Registration required.

**Sharpen your driving skills** with a two-day class on Sept. 13 and 14 from 9am-1pm, geared toward drivers age 50 and older. Preregistration is required, drivers must attend both days of the course. Call the Senior Center at 847-291-2988 to register.

The Library's **Lunch and Learn: Reference USA** on Fri., Sept. 14, at 1pm will teach you how to search for consumer data. Lunch provided, registration required. Call 847-272-6224.

Register now for the Park District's **Adult 12" Softball One-Day Tournament** at Techny Prairie Park and Fields on Sat., Sept. 15. Teams play a minimum of three games and cash prizes are given to first and second place finishers. To register, call 847-291-2980.

The **Northbrook Park District Senior Center** at 3323 Walters Avenue offers a wide variety of programs, trips, and classes for adults age 65 and over. For more information, call 847-291-2988 or visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org).

Come to the **Northfield Township Road District Paper Shredding & Recycling** event on Sat., Sept. 15, from 9am-1pm, at 1928 Lehigh Ave. Remove all staple, binders and clips before the event. Important documents only, no junk mail. Three container max per vehicle/household. Visit [www.northfieldtownship.com](http://www.northfieldtownship.com) for more information.

Are you **Deciding to Downsize?** Join us Sat., Sept. 15, at 11am in the Library for a presentation by Mark Kardon, who'll discuss important factors to consider when thinking about moving, as well as strategies for making the process less stressful.

If you are a victim of **domestic violence**, or know someone who is, and need help, contact: WINGS 24 hour Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter at 847-221-5680 or the National Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline at 800-799-7233. In an emergency, dial 911.

**Shermerfest** offers food and fun for all ages at Village Green Park on Sun., Sept. 16, from 12-4pm. Activities include: train rides, Classic Car and Truck Display, magic show, music by Bobby Schiff Trio, and a Bake Sale at the Inn.

Author and military historian Robert Mueller presents **American Doughboys in World War I** at the Library on Thurs., Sept. 20, at 1pm. Learn about the US' role in the "war to end all wars".

Join us for **Old Photo, New Life: Photo Restoration** on Thurs., Sept. 20, at 2pm in the Library to learn how to use Photoshop Elements. Bring a flash drive with photos. Registration required. Call 847-272-6224 or visit the Library.

**Free Memory Screenings** at the North Suburban YMCA on Fri., Sept. 21, beginning at 10:30 am. Registration required. To register for the screening, contact [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org) or call the YMCA at 847-275-0079.

**Planning a party or outdoor celebration?** Park District parks and shelters are available for rent through Oct. 30 from 8am to dusk with a two-hour minimum. Visit [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) for details or call 847-291-2980.

On Sat., Sept. 22, all are invited to enjoy fun on the ice with DJ music, games, and activities at the Sports Center from 7-9pm. **Cosmic Skating** is held every month through March. Entry fee is \$6, and skates are available for rental for \$3.

Visit **The Shop at the North Shore Senior Center** for jewelry, tableware, home decor, ceramics, baby quilts, sweaters, greeting cards and much more! Donations welcome, contact 847-784-6035 for more information.

You're invited to **"Make an Impact"** at the North Shore Senior Center's annual benefit on Sept. 22, at Skokie Country Club in Glencoe. Proceeds benefit innovative programs and services for older adults and their families. Visit [www.nssc.org](http://www.nssc.org) to learn more, buy tickets or make a donation.

Father-Son Campfire Night on Sat., Sept. 22 at Techny Prairie Park and Fields will include a craft, a mini scavenger hunt, toasted marshmallows and spooky, but not too spooky, stories. Register at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

The North Suburban YMCA offers **Balance and Fall Risk Assessments** on Mon., Sept. 24, from 9am-12:15 pm. Registration required. Contact Karen Brownlee to register at [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org) or 847-275-0079.

On Mon., Sept. 24, at 7pm at the library, learn about **Forest Therapy** from certified forest therapy guide Terry Cichocki.

Learn about amateur, or ham, radio from the pros during **All About Ham Radio** on Tues., Sept. 25 at 6:30pm in the library. Registration required.

**2nd Annual Plein Air Painting Festival** Watch 40+ acclaimed Midwest artists painting "Plein Air" scenes around Northbrook Sept. 26-30. Visit Northbrook Arts Facebook Page or [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) for more details.

Gain a deeper appreciation for the **Women of World War II** on Thurs., Sept. 27, at 7pm in the Library. Author Barb Warner Deane will discuss the American Red Cross Clubmobile program and more.

**Building Bridges to Understanding: Active Faith in the Public Square** Attend a Community Conversation with people of faith to better relate to each other and the community at large. Speakers are Stephen Bouman, John Bouman, and Mark Bouman. Sept 28 at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Contact 847-498-3060 for more information.

**Are you a writer looking for feedback?** Bring two pieces of your work on Sun., Sept. 30, at 1:30pm in the library to start a 10-week Writing Peer Review Group program. Registration required.

Stop by the Village Hall Board Room during business hours this month and visit the **Village Gallery Art Display. Enjoy beautiful Plein Air Paintings, such as the one featured below, from a variety of regional artists.**



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# The Northbrook Historical Society Cordially Invites You to the 40th Annual Shermerfest

Sunday, September 16, from Noon to 4pm ↪ Village Green Park

*100% of proceeds benefit the Historical Society*

**Food, Activities and Fun for All Ages!**

Music by the *John McHugh Band* and *Christopher Laughlin School of Music students*

Train Rides • Wagner Farm Animals and the Glenview 4H Club • Magic Show at 3pm

Balloon Twisting • Face Painting • Plein Air Artists (Northbrook Arts Commission)

**Classic Northbrook Classic Car and Truck Display**

Bake Sale at the Inn: Donate a dessert or purchase one

Beautiful Mums for sale • Museum Tours

Hot Dogs • Soup Lunch • Popcorn

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*No dogs allowed in the park during  
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