

NORTHBROOK

MARCH 2019



Severe Weather Preparedness

March 3 – 9 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois.

The week serves as a reminder for all of us to prepare before a weather disaster strikes. Please see page 6 for important information about preparedness, including details about Northbrook’s Outdoor Warning Siren System, the Park District’s Outdoor Warning System, and suggestions for severe weather monitoring.

Speaking of preparedness, the Village encourages everyone to visit www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify to register for local notifications on topics such as missing persons, police activity, tornado warnings, and unexpected road detours. If you’re on Facebook, like and follow the Village at www.facebook.com/NorthbrookIllinois

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Consolidated General Election Information Register to Vote for the April 2nd Election

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must update your voter registration to vote. To check your registration, call 312-603-5656 or go on-line at www.cookcountyclerk.com

There are three convenient methods of registering to vote:

- Register at the Village Hall by March 5 (last day to vote by paper application)
- Register online by March 17
- Register and vote in-person March 6 – April 1

You can Register to Vote at All Early Vote Sites.

Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file a name/address change must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter’s current address.

Early Voting: March 18 – April 1

Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane, is an early voting location in Cook County. The hours for early voting are Mon. through Sat., March 18-23, 30, and April 1, 9am to 5pm; Mar. 25-29, 9am to 7pm; and Sundays, March 24 & 31, 10am to 4pm. Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter’s registration, address or signature.

For more information on voting, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections or contact the Cook County Clerk’s office at 312-603-0906.

Voting Day – April 2

You are required to vote at your assigned Polling Place on Election Day. If you are not sure where your polling place is located, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/your-voter-information to find out.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

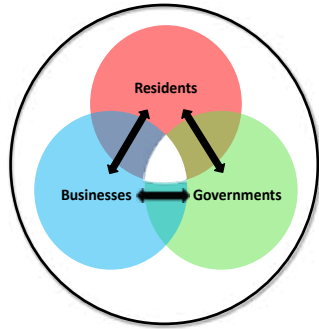
Spring forward on Sunday, March 10, and remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

From the Northbrook Economic Development Committee

Understanding the School Districts' Portion of the Property Tax Bill

Taxes paid by Northbrook property owners fund our highest quality educational opportunities, parks, library, public safety, and other common services.

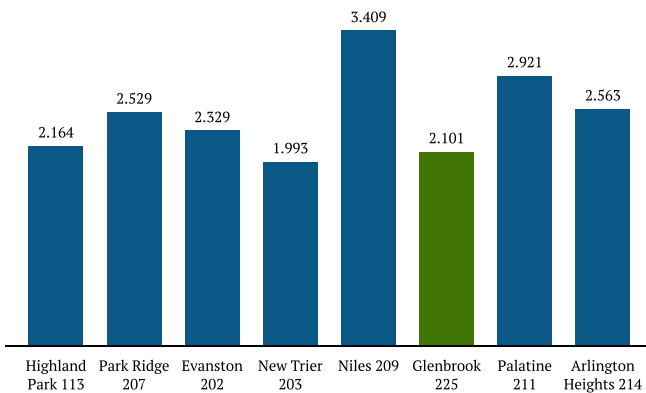
On average, 64.93% of tax bills represent funding for Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade schools. This includes the tax bills for all types of properties within the Village. While the total amount paid varies for each property, taxes are based on a tax rate calculated annually.



Northbrook Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Sustainable Partnerships Built on Common Ground

Local High School District Tax Rates

Source: ISBE General State Aid Data; 2017 Tax Rates



Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the tax rate by each \$100 of equalized value.

Establishing a school district's tax rate is a detailed process that begins each fall when a Board of Education determines how much it needs for the upcoming school year. This amount includes funding for personnel, instructional supplies, operation of the physical plant, debt service, capital and health/life safety projects, etc.

Imposter Phone Calls from the "IRS"

Never engage or share information with someone who calls saying they are from the IRS.

In this scam, the IRS impostor calls the victim pretending to represent the IRS and claims that taxes are owed to the IRS. The impostor often demands immediate payment and threatens that the police will make an arrest if payment is not made.

Hang up and call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040 to see if you owe taxes. If you believe you have been the target of an IRS scam, please notify the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Fraud Section at 877-382-4357.

As the population of school-aged children grows, additional funds are necessary to provide academic, athletic, and artistic opportunities for all students attending our community's schools.

Property taxes represent approximately 94% of our local school districts' revenue. Due to our strong Northbrook tax base, our schools collect the necessary funding *but* maintain lower tax rates than many neighboring suburban school districts. Some key features of Northbrook schools that stand out include:

- Exceptional learning experiences through the recruitment and retention of high quality educators, small class sizes, and diverse course offerings.
- Comprehensive school experiences rooted in classrooms and supplemented by athletics, the arts, and student activities.
- Technology-enhanced educational experiences reaching beyond the classroom through the availability of first-class 21st century resources to prepare our students for success in colleges and careers.
- Access to a support network of educators, parents, and community members who maintain the focus on learning while simultaneously prioritizing lifelong student wellness.

These features, making our schools among the most desirable in the nation, are paid by the diverse property tax payers in our community: commercial and industrial (31%), and residential (69%).

The strong commercial and industrial presence in Northbrook lowers tax rates for residents compared to neighboring school districts.

Also, the vibrant business and industrial environment in Northbrook is cited by credit rating agencies who give many of our school districts their highest credit ratings, resulting in lower interest costs.

Crimes of Opportunity

Auto Burglary is a Crime of Opportunity

There are several steps that you can take to make your vehicle and your belongings less of a target for thieves:

- **Lock your Car Doors** -Whenever you leave the vehicle, take your FOB. Yes, even when parked in your driveway or if you will just be out of the car for a minute. An unlocked car with a FOB inside is a great opportunity for a car thief.
- **Keep it Clean** - Clear out any items of value: purses, electronics, etc. If there's nothing in your car, thieves will often move to the next target.
- **Take it with You** - someone may be watching to see if you put valuables in the trunk.

Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



The longer days in March bring the much-awaited transition to warmer weather, they also bring the start of construction. One of the biggest projects this year is the closure of Dundee Road beginning in April. Under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the \$6.5 million project requires the closure of Dundee Road between Waukegan Road and Skokie Boulevard. Traffic will use a detour route connecting Waukegan Road and Skokie Boulevard via Lake Cook Road.

To stay informed about the status of local road construction, check the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/ConstructionProjects.

especially when cyclists are in the area. Please review the article on page 4 to learn more about this potential lifesaving tip and encourage your family and friends to use the Dutch Reach.

Your Tax Dollars at Work – Our Village Budget

If you're interested in the Village's budget process, I welcome you to attend a workshop on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall, when the Village Board will discuss the draft budget for the May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020 fiscal year. Draft budget books will be available for review on Friday, March 15 at the Village Hall or Northbrook Library Reference Desk during business hours, and will be posted on the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/budget In addition to this workshop, there will be a Public Hearing on the Village Budget on Tuesday, April 9.

Understanding Property Tax Bills

Property taxes must be paid annually by anyone who owns a home or a commercial property. When you pay your property tax bill, your money goes to a number of important local programs. Northbrook's Economic Development Commission's article on the preceding page focuses on understanding the School Districts' portion of your property tax bill.

Northbrook Court Redevelopment – TIF

A redevelopment proposal for Northbrook Court involves an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars by the property owners; this would be the first redevelopment of the center since it opened in 1976. Northbrook Court approached the Village with a request to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, a public-private partnership, for a portion of the project.

A draft version of the Northbrook Court TIF Redevelopment Plan and Qualifications Report, along with more information on TIFs, can be found at www.northbrook.il.us/TIFdistricts Copies of the report are also available in the Village Clerk's Office and the Development and Planning Services Department at the Village Hall.

Severe Weather Preparedness

As mentioned on the front page, the first week in March is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois. Preparedness Week serves as a good reminder for everyone to make sure their family and/or business has an emergency plan. Because emergency preparedness is of such importance to all of us, I serve on and currently chair Cook County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee, and collaborate with representatives from Cook County and area municipalities on the Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. This Plan addresses natural hazards that the county frequently faces, such as flooding, extreme cold temperatures, and severe storms, which may endanger lives and damage or destroy property.

Signs of Spring on the Horizon

Signs of spring bring to mind household improvements (see page 5), as well as spring-cleaning. With Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day celebration just a month away, now is a good time to start gathering items for the special recycling opportunities on Saturday, April 13. In addition to electronics, old paint, Styrofoam, tires, and light bulb collections, there will be on-site document shredding for residents. You'll find all the details in the April newsletter or visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay for more information as it becomes available.

The Dutch Reach – The Dutch Far-Hand Habit to Avoid “Dooring” Cyclists

As the weather gets warmer, I'm sure you'll notice more cyclists out and about. Northbrook's Bicycle Task Force asked me to remind everyone about the Dutch Reach, a safe way to exit your vehicle,



The Dutch Reach is a Simple Potentially Lifesaving Habit

A Friendly Reminder from the Northbrook Bicycle Task Force

Recently added to the Illinois Rules of the Road manual, the Dutch Reach strategy refers to the customary and officially prescribed 'far-hand reach method' to safely exit a vehicle without endangering self or others. This choice sets off a series of five linked actions: Reach (with your right hand if exiting on the driver's side), Swivel, Look back, Open slowly, then Exit facing traffic. This sequence provides a significant safety advantage to avoid "dooring" (being hit by an opening door), stepping into traffic, or

door collision damage. The "Dutch Reach" allows a continuous view of on-coming traffic while preparing to exit, when further opening the door, and when stepping out. Passengers should use their "far" hand to reach for the door, swivel and peek, before exiting the vehicle.

The Dutch Reach is particularly protective of cyclists passing in the door zone, bike lane, or corridor alongside parallel-parked or stopped cars. This method of exiting a vehicle will help prevent cyclists from being "doored" while passing your parked vehicle.



Wildlife in Northbrook

The Village has negotiated discounted nuisance wildlife trapping services of skunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossums, and chipmunks for Northbrook single-family home residents.

Northwest Suburban Animal Control will perform an initial inspection, set the trap, and monitor Monday - Friday for \$95. Animal pick up/removal fee is \$45 per animal. To schedule services with Northwest Suburban Animal Control, call 847-934-1900 or send a text message to 847-502-3518.

Residents are not required to use Northwest Suburban Animal Control.

There are other options for residents who are unable or do not wish to remove an animal. The Humane Society offers information on digging animals, skunks, and wildlife babies.

For more information on wildlife, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/AnimalControl

Coyotes in Northbrook

Once again, residents are reminded that our resident coyotes more visible as they venture from the woodlands to forage for food. Keep your pets on a leash. Visit www.urbancoyoteresearch.com for information on coyotes.

Earth & Arbor Day

Saturday, April 13, 9:00am to noon, Rain or Shine, on the Village Green

Start organizing your Earth Day Team by gathering your friends, family, organization members, and scout troops to help clean up Northbrook during this year's Earth & Arbor Day celebration.

Check out the April newsletter for the full event and recycling schedule.

Join our Earth & Arbor Day Expo

We are also looking for groups and businesses to showcase environmentally friendly products and ideas at our Earth and Arbor Day Expo.

For more information, to volunteer, or to apply as an exhibitor, visit www.northbrook.il.us/earthday



Recycling Reminders for Residents

Monthly Household Electronics Recycling Drop-off Behind the Village Hall the First Tuesday from 7am to 3pm and the First Saturday from 9am to noon.

The drop-off area is located at the Fleet Maintenance Garage behind the Village Hall, at 1227 Cedar Lane. Items that may be dropped off include computers, DVD players, monitors, televisions and printers.

Household Batteries, CFLs, LEDs and Fluorescent Bulbs Drop-off Open Weekdays, 7am to 3pm

Drop-off bins for household batteries and bulbs are located behind the Village Hall at the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Garage. Questions? Call 847-664-4130 or email village@northbrook.il.us

Curbside Textile & Housewares

Recycling with Simple Recycling

Simple Recycling provides free year-round curbside collection of textiles and housewares on the same day as your recycling. While residents are encouraged to donate clothing and usable good to their favorite charity, the curbside collection offers another option, especially for ripped/torn clothing and other textiles. Need more recycling bags or more information? Visit www.SimpleRecycling.com or call 866-835-5068.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, Paper Shredding Events at Northfield Township Road District

Since the majority of hazardous materials used in homes today can be either recycled, reused, or safely destroyed, the Northfield Township Road District has entered into an agreement with Heritage Environmental Services to create a limited Household Hazardous Waste Program for homeowners in Northfield Township to safely dispose of unwanted household cleaning and maintenance products. For details on items accepted and other recycling opportunities, scheduled to begin in April, please visit www.northfieldtownship.com or call the Road District at 847-724-7055.

Did you know?

The Northfield Township Road District moved to Northbrook. They are now located at 237 Melvin Drive, in the Sky Harbor Industrial Park.



RECYCLE RIGHT



METAL
Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



PAPER
Cardboard (flattened),
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines

YES!

Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps



GLASS
Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



PLASTIC
Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,
and Jars Only



FOOD &
BEVERAGE
CARTONS



No Plastic Bags
No Product Wrap
(return clean to retailer)



No Big Items (Electronics, Wood,
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam
— check with local authority for other options)

NO!

Put material in loose
- Not in Bags



No Tangles (Hangers, Hoses,
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



No Clothing
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,
Batteries or Needles**



No Shredded Paper
(check with local authority
for other recycling options)



Spring is the Time for Home & Yard Improvements!

Please remember that permits are required for most home improvements in and around your home.

This includes landscaping that involves changing ground elevation, retaining walls, driveways, patios, decks, gazebos, sheds, screened porches, basement finishes, fences, and all swimming pools and spas. Permits, which must be obtained before work begins, protect homeowners and ensure compliance with Village codes and ordinances. Most general home repairs, such as driveway resealing, interior or exterior painting, siding and new flooring do not require a permit.

If you are not sure if the work will require a Village permit, please contact the Village at 847-664-4050 and staff will be happy to answer your questions.

For more information on building permits and to download a permit application, visit the Permit Center online at www.northbrook.il.us/permit or call the Development and Planning Services Department at 847-664-4050.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

The first week in March is Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds. *Plan Ahead and Be Prepared.* Take a moment to review this important information with your family.

Do you know the terms used to describe a tornado or severe thunderstorm threat?

- **WATCH** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm is possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. Please note, severe weather watches are reports of weather conditions in which severe weather could occur. The warning system is not activated for severe weather watches.
- **WARNING** – A tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. For a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning, take shelter immediately, turn on a battery-operated radio or television, and wait for the “all clear” announcement by authorities.



What You Should Know About the Outdoor Warning Siren System

Northbrook has an outdoor siren warning system installed throughout the community. The system consists of strategically located sirens and is intended to provide warning, for those outdoors, of impending danger. You may not hear the sirens inside your home or business.

Warning System Activation

The system is designed to notify the community by Alert Warning and Attack Warning signals. The signals are standardized for outdoor warning devices by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

▶ Alert Warning

An Alert Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute steady siren. This signal is used in the event of a tornado or funnel cloud sighting. The reporting area includes a ten-mile perimeter around the Village. The Alert Warning signal shall indicate to all persons to “immediately seek shelter, turn on your radio or television, and listen for essential emergency information.”

▶ Attack Warning

An Attack Warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute wavering siren. This signal means that an actual attack against the United States has been detected and that the Federal Emergency Broadcast System has been activated.

▶ Reactivation

Once it is activated, the warning signal will not be reactivated for the same incident. The warning signal will be reactivated only for new, confirmed incidents.

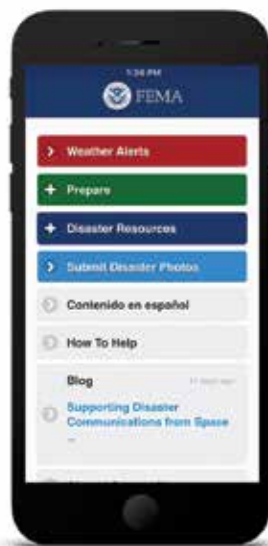
- ▶ The Village will not issue the all clear announcement for any Alert or Attack signals. Please monitor commercial radio and television for further information following a warning, as well as the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us

▶ Park District Lightning Alerts at Parks and Golf Courses

The Northbrook Park District also operates an alert system at its parks and golf courses for lightning. One long, consistent siren signals lightning; short, repetitive sirens signal an “All Clear”.

Things to Remember!

- Know the different signals and know what to do.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - ▶ Dark, often greenish sky
 - ▶ Large hail
 - ▶ A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - ▶ Loud roar, similar to a freight train
- If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.
- Visit www.ready.gov to learn more about how to prepare, plan and stay informed.



Severe Weather Monitoring

Monitoring the weather has never been easier thanks to a variety of tools available by the media, online, on your mobile device, and on weather radios.

The FEMA app is your one-stop-shop with tools and tips to keep you safe before, during, and after disasters. Stay updated with weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service. Save a list of the items in your family’s emergency kit, as well as the places you will meet in case of an emergency.

Northbrook Notify - Local Mass Notifications

For important information about emergencies not related to severe weather alerts, sign up for Northbrook Notify at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify Northbrook Notify is a notification system that is used to alert residents about storm clean-up information, road closures, water outages, meeting notices, and special events.

Village Happenings

Summer Jobs with the Village of Northbrook! Limited openings for office workers and outside laborers for those at least 18 years of age. Applications online at www.northbrook.il.us/jobs

Mark your calendar for the annual Northbrook Days Festival, Wed., July 31- Sun., Aug. 4, at Village Green Park. Visit www.northbrookcivic.com

Register for the Cancer Wellness Center's Annual Stepping Up to Wellness Run/Walk on Sun., Apr. 28, at Independence Grove in Libertyville. Visit www.cancerwellness.org for details.

Meet journalists from ProPublica Illinois, a nonprofit newsroom that provides watchdog coverage, and learn about the importance of investigative journalism at the library on Tues., Mar. 5, at 7pm. Reserve a spot.

Join Loyola University film professor Zbigniew Banas for a **discussion of this year's Academy Awards** in the library auditorium on Tues., Mar. 5, at 2pm. Reserve a spot

Learn how human actions affect the Chicago River on Mon., Mar. 11, at 7pm in the library. An ecology expert will discuss water quality and demonstrate how to test for quality. Reserve a spot.

Binge Drinking and Teens & Social Hosting and Parents, do you know the answers? Join the Glenview Northbrook Coalition for Youth Mon., Mar. 11, from 7 to 8:30pm at GBS High School. Visit www.gncy.org for information.

Join author Barb Warner Deane for **stories about the American Red Cross Clubmobile program** and the Women of World War II on Tues., Mar. 12, at 7pm in the library. Reserve a spot.

The Northbrook Park District Senior Center at 3323 Walters Ave. offers a variety of programs for adults age 65 and over. For information, call 847-291-2995 or visit www.nbparks.org.

Fine jewelry, classic china, crystal, antiques, and collectibles are available at the North Shore Senior Center's Shop, 161 Northfield Rd. Northfield. Donations welcome. Call 847-784-6035.

Loose Lips Sink Ships on Tues., Mar. 12, at 11:15am at the North Suburban YMCA. A cautionary tale about scams. Register at www.nsymca.org, or call 847-272-7250.

Government Benefits 101 on Wed., Mar. 13, 11:15am at the NSYMCA. Understanding VA and Medicaid. Register at www.nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

The Annual Dive for Gold will be held Sat., Mar. 16, from 2:30-4:30pm at the North Suburban YMCA. Admission is free for NSYMCA members. For more information go to www.nsymca.org

Trains! Trains! Trains! The Mid-America Modular Rail Club will set up the HO gauge modular railroad layout at the Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave., on Sat., Mar. 16 & 23, 12-4pm, and Sundays, Mar. 17 & 24, noon-3pm.

Free BollyX and WERQ Class Enjoy a free class featuring two exhilarating dance workouts from 10-10:50am, Sat., Mar. 16, at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Space is limited, save your spot today at www.nbparks.org

Animal Quest Come meet some critters including snakes, raccoons, turtles and hedgehogs from 4-5pm, Mon., Mar. 18 at the Leisure Center 3323 Walters Ave. Children ages 3 and older will learn about the animals' habitats and habits during the event.

Diving into Social Media Mon., Mar. 18, at 11:15am at the North Suburban YMCA. Where to begin and what to know before taking the plunge. Learn social media such as Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter. Register at www.nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

Caroline Kettlewell, author of the young adult memoir Skin Game, shares her story about compulsive self-mutilation on Tues., Mar. 19, at 7pm at the Library. Learn how she coped.

Join Northbrook Theatre's Community Musical, **Newsies!** Auditions for this Disney film-turned Tony Award-winning Broadway Musical take place Mar. 20 & 21. Parts are available for ages 9+. Show your community spirit - sign up at www.nbparks.org

Coffee with a Cop. Join your neighbors and community Police Officers at Covenant Village on Thurs., Mar. 21, from 3:30-4:30pm for a cup of coffee and casual conversation!

On Sat., Mar. 23, at 2pm in the library, Ellen Shubart, author of **What's With Chicago?**, offers an **entertaining look at what makes Chicago unique**. Reserve a spot by calling 847-272-6224.

Watch She's Beautiful When She's Angry at the library on Mon., Mar. 25, at 6:30pm. This powerful documentary highlights the everyday women who fought for equality in America in the late 1960s. Reserve a spot.

Get ready to Flashback to the '80s at the 2019 Glenview Northbrook Youth Services Spring Benefit on Sat., May 4, at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. To make your reservation or a fully tax-deductible donation online, visit www.ysgn.org/spring_benefit Email erin.miller@ysgn.org or 847-724-2620 with any questions.

Artist Workshops! Nancy King Mertz (Mar. 30-31) a well-known Plein Air Artist, and Amery Bohling (Jun. 8-9) who specializes in Plein Air seascapes, will teach **artist weekend workshops in Northbrook**. All levels welcome to join. Visit www.northbrookarts.org or call 847-921-5239 to register.

The 13th Annual North Suburban YMCA Strong Kids Fundraiser will be held on Fri., Apr. 12 from 6:30-11:30pm at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. The night includes special celebrity guest blackjack dealers, cocktail attire, open bar and festive food. For tickets and more information visit www.nsymca.org

Call for Volunteers! Are you skilled in fixing things like appliances, jewelry, and more? Be a part of the library's first Fix-it Day this May. If interested, email collaboratory@northbrook.info or call 847-272-2098.

The library presents Two Pianos Four Hands, a unique concert series featuring rarely performed concert works on our two grand pianos. Sundays in March through Mar. 24 at 3pm in the library auditorium. Reserve a spot. Cosponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

The Friends' Bookshop at the Library has used books for sale and is open Mon-Sat, from 10-4pm, and Sun., from 2-4pm. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Interested? Call 847-272-6224.

Northbrook's very own Northbrook Symphony presents Celebrate Mozart, on Sun., Mar. 24, 4pm, at the Sheely Center. For tickets, visit www.northbrooksymphony.org or call 847-272-0755.

Spend spring break with the Northbrook Park District experiencing the arts, science, sports and more! From Mar. 25-29, take part in field trips and fun! Register at www.nbparks.org

Stop in the library on Sun., Mar. 31, at 3pm for the **Indian Classical Carnatic Vocal Concert**, featuring vocals, violin, and percussion. Reserve a spot.

Time is winding down to save 10% on camps! From sports and art to theatre and ice-skating, there is a wide variety of camps to choose from! Learn more about summer camps and register at www.nbparks.org

Join the Northbrook Garden Club on Tues. Apr. 2, 7pm at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave, as Historical Society President Judy Hughes discusses of the historic gardens and nurseries of Shermerville and Northbrook. Discover the rich and varied history of our Village's many nurseries and the gardeners who grew the flowers.

Art Display at the Village Hall. Enjoy beautiful watercolors by Northbrook Artist Ken Call, featured in the Village Gallery in the Board Room. The exhibit is open during business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.



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Fire Non-Emergency 847-272-2141
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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Northbrook: Our Village by a Stream

Did you know there are six bridges that allow cars to cross over the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River as the river meanders through town?

Most motorists are unaware they are crossing a river, or that the river is what inspired the name of our Village. The six bridges from north to south are on Dundee Road, Cherry Lane, Meadow Lane, Shermer Road, Techny Road and Willow Road. At one time, before the river was straightened in 1926, there were two bridges on Shermer Road. The river has also been rerouted several times.

Other branches of the Chicago River flow through areas east of this fork of the North Branch.

The Village Green offers a beautiful pathway along the West Fork and is the best viewing area to see the river in its many stages. The ramp at the Historical Society is where we observe the river's many moods. Our view is never the same.

Take a moment next time you are in the Village Green and watch the river as it flows southward into the Chicago River and think of all the history that has flowed beside the river that gave us the name Northbrook.



Our Village by a Stream

Photos courtesy of the Northbrook Historical Society

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