

NORTHBROOK

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Northbrook's 30th Earth & Arbor Day Celebration!

Join the fun on Saturday, April 13, Rain or Shine, Village Green Park

This year's celebration kicks off at 8:30am with recycling opportunities at the west Metra lot and the traditional community clean-up. The Earth & Arbor Day Expo at Village Green Park starts at 9am. Enjoy vendor booths promoting eco-friendly ideas to implement in your home or business, give-a-ways, a tree planting, free pony rides, a food truck, and earth-themed presentations.

To celebrate Northbrook's 30th Anniversary of Earth & Arbor Day, the Village will be handing out seeds for Northbrook's official flower, the Scarlet Flame Zinnia (pictured above).

You'll find more information about the celebration and recycling opportunities listed on page 5.

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An Opportunity to Thank Our 911 Dispatchers

April 14 - 20 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Every day our residents, and those who travel through our Village, are able to get the care and protection they need in their most difficult moments due to the efforts of the Northbrook Police and Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center Fire Telecommunicators.

Public safety telecommunicators access, monitor, and disseminate information of critical importance to police and fire personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are the critical link between citizens and the Police and Fire Departments. They operate radio, telephone, and computer-aided communication systems utilizing state-of-the-art technological techniques to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

Visit the Police Department Tuesday, April 16, from 5-7pm

Stop by the Northbrook Police Department, 1401 Landwehr Road, on Tuesday, April 16 between 5-7pm to visit the 911 Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors will have an opportunity to thank dispatchers and tour the 911 center.

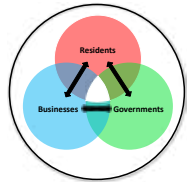
YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Stickered yard waste pick-up has resumed. Stickers can be purchased at local home and garden centers and grocery stores, as well as Village Hall.

From the Northbrook Economic Development Committee

The Northbrook Public Library: Where Community Happens

Every day, the Northbrook Public Library welcomes the community to enjoy its rich collections, inviting space, and helpful staff. In addition to being a trusted and reliable source of information, the library empowers people with access to current technologies, provides opportunities for lifelong learning, and fosters valuable social connections.



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

Whether it's toddlers gaining early literacy skills at storytime, students meeting to study, or adults getting one-on-one technology help, the library strengthens the community by providing a social space for lifelong learning. According to one patron, "the library provides a community center that affords me something really special: reconnection."

As well as functioning as a community meeting place for residents, the library is also a strong supporter of local businesses, who in turn support the library through taxes. All companies and businesses located in incorporated Northbrook are eligible to receive a library card and make use of the library's extensive resources. This is the manifestation of the interrelationships depicted in the EDC logo above.



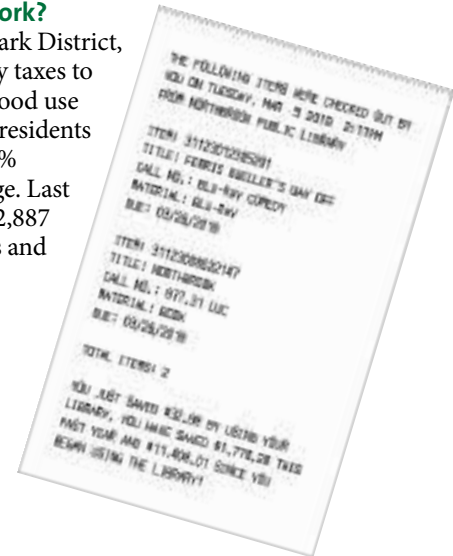
"The Collaboratory is AMAZING! It is a source of pride for the library and the entire Northbrook community."

The library also partners with over 60 local organizations, including schools, private businesses, assisted living communities, and government and charitable organizations, to provide a wealth of programming and services to the public. One such example is our partnership with the Northbrook Arts Commission which is currently hosting the *Northbrook Originals* art exhibit at the library.

How are tax dollars put to work?

Like the Village, schools, and Park District, the library depends on property taxes to serve its residents, who make good use of its resources. In fact, 70% of residents have a library card, which is 13% higher than the national average. Last fiscal year, the library served 22,887 cardholders with 373,474 visits and over 1.24 million checkouts!

The library provides over \$28 million in materials, programs, and services with an annual operating budget of \$7 million, which means for every tax dollar spent, we provide a \$4 return on investment to the community.



How are taxes allocated?

Each fall, the Library Board of Trustees passes a levy after determining the funds necessary to run the library in the coming year. As the library cannot levy on its own behalf, the Village Board of Trustees must pass the levy in order for the county to collect taxes for the library.



Each spring, the library creates an operating budget. The Library Board approves the budget before the new fiscal year starts on May 1.

The library staff and Board take fiscal responsibility very seriously. In 2018, the library was awarded a national 4-star rating based on its strong return on investment compared to peer libraries with the same funding.

To learn more, the public is invited to attend a Library Board meeting, held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Civic Room of the Northbrook Public Library.

New Businesses

Northbrook welcomes the following new businesses to the community:

Armaga VR, Inc.
Northbrook Court

Banjo's Dog Wash
527 Dundee Road

Etcetera Essentials
Northbrook Court

Compass Realty Advisors North
3137 Dundee Road

The Kindness Connection
Northbrook Court

Sacred Enterprises
Northbrook Court

Suncrest Hospice
(office only)
5 Revere Suite 130

If you have questions or suggestions about business development in Northbrook, please contact Development and Planning Services Director Tom Poupard at 847-664-4051 or email tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us





Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Now that the warmer weather is settling in and our memories of the Polar Vortex have started to fade, I felt I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank our Public Works crews and First Responders for their extra efforts during our long winter. Our crews responded to over 25 snow and/or ice events, using over 2,900 tons of salt and crews of up to 29 to cover our 539 plow lane miles.

I know the Public Works crews were thankful to those who kept their cars off our streets after 2" of snow, which enabled a safe, efficient process for clearing operations. The

extreme cold temperatures created additional challenges, from maintenance of vehicles to responding to numerous water main breaks. Thank you Village staff for your dedicated work.

A Special Thank You to our 911 Dispatchers

Northbrook is fortunate to have a strong network of public safety services to ensure coordination of resources for emergency response and recovery. Our Police and Fire departments, as well as the dispatchers who help organize their response, are available 24-hours a day to aid anyone, resident or visitor, who may need emergency assistance in the Village. This month, the Village is celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 14 – 20, with a reception at the Police Department on Tuesday, April 16 from 5 to 7pm. Please see the front page for more information.

Budget Review in April – Your Tax Dollars at Work

The Village Board and staff have been working on the budget for our fiscal year 2019/20 which begins May 1. A copy of the draft budget is available online at www.northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork or can be viewed at the Northbrook Public Library and Village Hall during business hours. To participate in the discussion, please plan to attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be cablecast live on Northbrook Community Television (NCTV – Comcast Cable Channel 17), or watch it live or streamed "on demand" on our website at www.northbrook.il.us/agendas

Celebrating Northbrook Artists - Northbrook Originals

I'm pleased the Northbrook Arts Commission is hosting the 16th Annual *Northbrook Originals* Art Exhibit at the library April 11 through May 31. The exhibit will feature over 40 pieces of art, all created by your Northbrook friends and neighbors. I hope to see you at the opening reception on Thursday, April 11. For details, please see page 4.

Northbrook's 30th Earth & Arbor Day Celebration

The Village focuses on the environment every day through a variety of initiatives; from our commitment to the beautiful trees in our community, to such programs as our weekly recycling and composting, and our monthly household electronics recycling. It brings me great pleasure to be part of our 30th Annual Earth & Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 13. The event offers an opportunity to educate others and take action to support and protect our environment. You'll find more information on the event, on page 5.

The Northbrook Senior Services Commission's Senior Resource Guide

The Village, along with other area entities, is committed in ensuring that the needs of Northbrook's over 8,300 senior residents are met by providing access to local services and resources. Thanks to the efforts of the Northbrook Senior Services Commission, you'll find a variety of resources in the new Senior Resource Guide. Pick up a copy at the Village Hall, library, or go online at www.northbrook.il.us/SeniorGuide.



Comments, Suggestions, or Questions?

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, contact me at 847-509-5301 or sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us



Artwork by Daniel Schwartz



Paintings at Sunset - A Plein Air Art Exhibit and Reception

An exhibition of Northbrook-themed paintings by the artists from the Plein Air Painting Festival will be on display and available for purchase, Friday through Sunday, April 5-7 at Sunset Foods. Display hours are Friday, 5 to 8pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm; and Sunday 10am to 3pm. *Proceeds will benefit Northbrook Friends of the Arts.*



Meet the Artists

All are invited to meet the artists at the "Paintings at Sunset: Plein Air Exhibit" opening party on Friday, April 5, from 5 - 8pm at Sunset Foods, 1127 Church Street, at the Northbrook Grill. There will be a wine tasting, snacks, and music by Classical Guitarist Christopher Laughlin. The event is free and open to the public.

Coffee with a Cop at the Train Station

Join Northbrook's finest on Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 9am, at the Northbrook Metra Station.



This event offers the opportunity for an informal meet and greet with local police officers. Enjoy your morning cup of coffee while officers of different ranks and responsibilities answer your questions and share information.

Child Abuse Prevention... Everyone Has a Role to Play

What is Child Abuse & Neglect?

Often the abuser is someone the child knows, such as a parent, relative, neighbor, or friend of the family.

Whether through action or failing to act, there are many forms of child maltreatment.

Neglect: Failure to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, medical, or educational needs. Child neglect oftentimes occurs when parents are overwhelmed with an array of stressors.

Sexual Abuse: Any sexual activity with a child including exhibitionism, photographs or videos, pornography, prostitution, fondling, or rape. Sexual abuse exploits and degrades children.

Emotional Abuse: Maltreatment of a child that may involve criticizing, insulting, yelling, swearing, rejecting, or withholding love. Emotional abuse is a misunderstood form of trauma that can cause damage to a child's developing brain leading to long term learning difficulties, problematic behaviors, and increased incidences of physical and mental health issues.

Physical Abuse: An injury to a child that is not an accident or action that physically harms a child. Physical abuse impacts a child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development.

What Can I Do?

Anything you do to support kids and parents can help reduce the isolation and stress that often leads to abuse and neglect.

If you suspect abuse, please report it to an agency listed below.

Illinois Child Abuse Hotline
800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873)
800-358-5117 (TTY)
www.illinois.gov/DCFS

Northbrook Police Department
911 Emergency

For Additional information
www.preventchildabuseillinois.org

Exhibit Featuring Northbrook Artists

The Northbrook Arts Commission, in collaboration with the Northbrook Public Library, is proud to present the 16th Annual Northbrook Originals Art Exhibit at the Northbrook Public Library, April 11 – May 31.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to see artwork by our Northbrook artists. The exhibit features a wide range of mediums including photography, oil, acrylic, watercolor, and pastels. Stop by to peruse the collection.

All are invited to the opening reception on Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 8:30pm at the library's Pollak Room.



Artwork by Karen Bonner

Earth & Arbor Day Activities

Pitch in and join the Community Clean-up at 8:30am, then stay for the Green Expo. A variety of exhibitors promoting eco-friendly ideas and concepts to implement in your home or business will be featured. Take advantage of the special recycling collection in the west commuter parking lot! See schedule below for details.

Clean-up teams will be assigned specific areas to collect debris and windblown trash. Clean-up volunteers should meet at Village Green Park, at the corner of Shermer and Meadow, at 8:30am to sign-up and receive supplies. Between 9am and noon, the Northbrook Village Green will be bustling with excitement as everyone enjoys the exhibits, food and entertainment.

For more information or to sign up for volunteering, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay

Earth Day Sponsors: Village of Northbrook, Northbrook Park District, and Northfield Township Road District

Earth & Arbor Day Schedule of Events for Saturday, April 13 Free Fun for Everyone at the Village Green from 8:30am to noon

8:30am:

- Registration for community clean-up

9:00am - noon:

- Free tree seedlings & Scarlet Flame Zinnia seeds (*while supplies last*)
- Special guest presentations
- Environmental vendors & exhibits featuring a variety of green services, products, and ideas
- Children's activities including pony rides



Earth Day Recycling Opens at 8:30am

Recycling drop-off at the **west side** commuter lot by the Northbrook METRA Station. *Just drive-thru and drop-off.*

- ▶ Paint (oil/latex only, no thinners or solvents, 10 gal. limit)
 - ▶ Molded Styrofoam
 - ▶ Tires (four tire limit)
 - ▶ Printer Cartridges
 - ▶ CFL, LED, and Tube Fluorescent Bulbs
 - ▶ Computers, TVs, and other Electronics
 - ▶ Household Batteries
 - ▶ Residential Document Shredding (three bag limit of sensitive documents only, no magazines/ads, bills stuffers, or envelopes. No paper clips, metal binders, or any other metal or plastic.)
 - ▶ For a full list of accepted items visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay
- ▶ Eyeglasses
 - ▶ Bicycles
 - ▶ Flags

Volunteer at Earth Day!

Each year, the Village designates clean-up areas throughout the Village. Volunteer for a clean-up and your name will be entered for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$20 gift cards. To sign up for a location in advance, visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthVolunteer

If You Can't Make it to the Earth Day Recycling...

Take advantage of Advanced Disposal's Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 8 from 7am - 1pm. Residents (IDs will be checked) can bring unlimited solid waste to Public Works Headquarters (655 Huehl Rd.), 1657 Shermer Road Parking Lot (formerly Grainger), or the Transfer Station (2800 Shermer Rd.). This collection does not include landscape waste, construction/demolition debris, rocks, hazardous waste, electronics, tires or other restricted waste. For more details visit www.northbrook.il.us/RefuseRecycling



New at Earth & Arbor Day - Guest Speakers

This year, the Village is pleased to announce a line-up of guest speakers. The morning will include Northbrook Park District Director of Parks and Properties Ed Dalton speaking on managing Oak trees in an urban environment; Ecologist and Environmental Engineer Rob Sulski discussing native plants to manage stormwater, reduce pollution, and restore ecosystems; Refuge for Saving the Wildlife Executive Director Richard Weiner; and Village Forester Terry Cichocki discussing tree care. A complete list of speakers and times will be posted on the Village's website prior to the event. For a complete list of speakers, visit www.northbrook.il.us/EarthDay.

Dundee Road Culvert Replacement Project

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is replacing the existing culvert, which has reached the end of its useful life, and the road above the culvert at the intersection of Dundee and Lee Roads.

A 12-inch water main on Lee Road, and a 24-inch water distribution main and a 15-inch sanitary sewer line on Dundee Road will also be relocated to avoid conflicts with the scheduled work.

Lane Closures and Detours

Daily lane closures on Dundee Road will continue as crews continue clearing trees and constructing a temporary stormwater storage facility. Dundee Road, between Waukegan Road and Skokie Boulevard, will be closed to through traffic beginning April 15. The official IDOT detour will send westbound Dundee Road traffic north on Skokie Boulevard, west on Lake Cook Road, and south on Waukegan Road back to Dundee Road. It will send eastbound Dundee Road traffic north on Waukegan Road, east on Lake Cook Road, and south on Skokie Boulevard back to Dundee Road. IDOT anticipates Dundee Road will reopen on October 31. There may be additional partial lane closures after this date as crews complete final tasks such as landscaping. Shermer Road will remain open to local traffic for the duration of the project.



Project Updates

IDOT's resident engineer is the point of contact for construction-related questions and complaints; however, the Village intends to post regular updates at www.northbrook.il.us/Dundee and to send regular construction updates via Northbrook Notify and NotifyMe. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/ContactUs to sign up for project updates via email and/or text.

Want to Save Water, Reduce Flooding, and Water your Garden?

Northbrook is pleased to offer a program to promote the use of rain barrels for its residents.

The Village is selling 55-gallon rain barrels for \$25 each (they typically sell for around \$100) to reduce the amount of water that enters our storm sewer system. Residents are limited to two barrels per household. The rain barrels can be purchased in the Village Hall lobby during regular business hours as listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Please ensure you have the means to transport the rain barrels home, as the Village does not offer rain barrel delivery services.

The barrels are terra-cotta colored to match planters and hanging pots that most nurseries and greenhouses currently sell. The color also blends in well with red brick homes. There are holes drilled into the lid for water to drain into from your downspout.

The screening over the holes keeps debris from entering the barrel and keeps mosquitoes from breeding, as well. Because all barrels are equipped with a spigot at the bottom, you have several options on how to water your plants: a garden hose, landscape tubing, or drip tubing can be attached to the barrel.

If you want to use a watering can, simply situate the barrel on a wooden pedestal. The barrels also have an overflow fitting to allow excess water that flows from the downspout to be diverted away from the barrel. A linking hose fitting can be added so barrels can be joined together and fill up from just one downspout. Visit a local hardware store for barrel accessories.

Interested? For additional information please call 847-664-4010 or email village@northbrook.il.us



Landscape Waste Pick-up Begins - Compost and Yard Waste Options

Advanced Disposal conducts landscape waste collection throughout the Village between April and November. Residents can choose to either participate in the landscape waste sticker program (with one sticker used per bag or can) or sign-up for seasonal subscription service (with an unlimited amount being collected). Residents wishing to compost 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.*

Stickers are \$2.04 each and can be purchased at local home and garden centers, and grocery stores, and Village Hall.

Advanced Disposal offers a 10% discounted rate for refuse, landscape waste subscription, and recyclable materials collection to customers over the age of 65 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.

Village Happenings

Northfield Township Road District invites the public to an open house on Tues., Apr. 2 from 11am to 1pm at its new location, 237 Melvin Drive in Northbrook. Kick off the 2019 recycling season and commemorate Northfield Township's 169th anniversary. Light refreshments and facility tours will be provided.

Northbrook Woman's Club will be having a luncheon and presentation on Freshening Up Your Home for Spring on Thurs., Apr. 4 from noon-2pm at Our Lady of the Brook, 3700 Dundee Rd., There is no charge or rsvp required. Visit www.northbrookwomansclub.org

RAIN presents "A Global Perspective on Racism and Prejudice" on Thurs., April 4 from 7-8:30pm at the Library, featuring clips and narrative from Nat Yogachandra's extensive travels in other countries. Contact alonoff72@gmail.com for more information.

Register by April 5 for adult softball leagues! Northbrook Park District offers adult softball leagues for Men's 12", Men's 16", and Co-Rec 14". To obtain an info packet, visit www.nbparks.org

Excellence in Aging Free Conference, Sat., Apr. 6 at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. Breakout sessions start at 9am. Topics include Memory & Aging, Scams Against Seniors, Preparing for the Unexpected, and more. Visit <https://conta.cc/2Cbz758> for details and to register.

The Northbrook Youth Commission presents "Teenage Mindfulness" on Sun, Apr. 7 at 2pm at the Library Auditorium. Discover ways to develop body and mind wellness to better manage the pressures of adolescence. Register at www.northbrook.info/events2

The Northbrook Symphony presents "A Festive Potpourri of Americana" with stirring anthems, sentimental folk songs, and exuberant dances on Sun., Apr. 7 at 4pm at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts. Visit www.northbrooksymphony.org or call 847-272-0755 for more info.

Dance Concert at Northbrook Public Library Mon., Apr. 8, at noon, featuring an ensemble of the Western Michigan University Department of Dance performing a wide variety of dance styles including modern, contemporary, African based, hip hop, and jazz. Presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

Hear Stories from the Farm with two local farmers at the Library, on Mon., Apr. 8 at 7pm. Call 847-272-6224 to reserve a spot. Cosponsored by the Northbrook Farmers Market.

The batting cages at Techny Prairie Park and Fields, 1750 Techny Rd., opens Apr. 8. visit www.nbparks.org

Explore Sammy Davis Jr.'s 60-year remarkable career in the arts on Thurs., Apr. 11 at 2pm in the Library. Presented by Hy Speck, historian and teacher. Reserve a spot by calling 847-272-6224.

Willy Wonka's chocolate factory comes to life on stage Sun., Apr. 7, Sat., Apr. 13 and Sun., Apr. 14 at 12:30pm and 4pm at Northbrook Theatre, located inside the Leisure Center at 3323 Walters Ave. For tickets, visit www.nbparks.org.

Meet local artists, enjoy refreshments, and tour this year's Northbrook Originals Art Show at a special opening reception on Thurs., Apr. 11, at 7pm at the Library. The exhibit runs through May 29.

Annual Strong Kids Fundraiser -Fri., Apr. 12 from 6:30 -11:30pm at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. Casino Night theme, honoring 50 years of the North Suburban YMCA. www.nsymca.org

Interested in gardening? You'll find a variety of events by the Northbrook Garden Club. at www.northbrookgardenclub.org

Hop over and meet the Spring Bunny! Set for Sun., Apr. 14 from 2:30-4:30pm, at Glenbrook North High School, this free family event features a hunt for candy and toy-filled eggs and other activities. Don't forget to bring a basket.

Bring your special grandparent to the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. on Friday, Apr. 19 from 7-8:30pm for an evening of stories, hot chocolate and a fun craft. Sign up at www.nbparks.org.

Meet Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Kevin Wood) at the Library on Thurs., Apr. 25 at 1pm. Hear Lincoln share his thoughts about immigration and the global significance of the American Civil War. Call 847-272-6224 to reserve a spot.

Call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) at 811 or 800-892-0123 before you dig in your yard. It's free, it's required, and it's for your safety.

Summer Workers Needed! The Village of Northbrook has openings for outside laborers and office workers. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/jobs.

Register now for the **Cancer Wellness Center's 15th Annual Stepping Up to Wellness 5KRun/Walk** taking place Sun., Apr. 28, at Independence Grove in Libertyville. For details, visit www.cancerwellness.org

Stop in the library for an afternoon of delightful clarinet music from Chicago-based **Lake Effect Clarinet Quartet** on Sun., Apr. 28 at 3pm. Reserve a spot by calling 847-272-6224.

Enjoy a spring concert at the Library performed by the **Northbrook Community Choir** on Mon., Apr. 29 at 7pm. Reserve a spot.

Friends of the Northbrook Farmers Market welcomes volunteers. For more information email NorthbrookFarmersMarket@gmail.com

Sharpen your driving skills with a two-day AARP Drivers Safety Course on Thurs., Apr. 11 and 12 from 9am-1pm at the Senior Center, located inside the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Preregistration is required. Drivers must attend both days of the course. Call 847-291-2995 to register. AARP/\$15; Non-Members: \$20

Senior Week - Stop by and see what the Northbrook Senior Center is all about April 22-26! Visit the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. and meet staff, take a tour and join free drop-in programs all week long from 9am-4pm each day. For more info, visit www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2995.

Lunch and bingo on Fri., Apr. 26 from noon-2:30pm at the Senior Center, located inside the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Sign up with your friends for your chance to win fabulous prizes. Register online at www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2995. Register by April 23. Member \$12; Non-Member \$19

Run or walk in the Healthy Kids Day 5K road race at North Suburban YMCA. Race starts at 8am on Sat., Apr. 27. Day of event registration begins at 7am. Details and registration at www.nsymca.org

Area businesses, non-profit groups, neighborhood groups, and community organizations are encouraged to participate in **Northbrook's 4th of July Parade**. To enter the parade or for sponsorship opportunities, contact the Park District at 847-897-6119.

Chicago Master Singers will perform the Dvořák Requiem with the Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 pm on Fri., Apr. 26 and at 7pm on Sun., Apr. 28 at Divine Word Chapel, 2001 Waukegan Rd. Vocalist, conductor and music scholar Kurt Hansen will present a free pre-concert lecture one hour before each performance. Visit www.chicagomastersingers.org

Northbrook Civic Foundation is looking for volunteers for Northbrook Days. The 2019 festival is July 31 -Aug. 4. Visit www.northbrookdays.com

The Friends' Bookshop at the Northbrook Library is open Mon.-Sat. from 10am-4pm. Sun. hours are from 2-4pm. Great deals on used and like-new books!

Get ready to Flashback to the '80s at the Youth Services Spring Benefit on Sat., May 4 at Chevy Chase Country Club. Enjoy a night of dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and '80s hits by Tributosaurus! Visit www.ysgn.org/spring_benefit

Lunch and a movie: Green Book -Enjoy a catered lunch and the film Green Book Tues., May 14 from noon-3pm at the Senior Center, located inside the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Register by May 10 at www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2995.

Think summer! Purchase your 2019 Pool Pass through May 6 at a discounted rate. Purchase your pass at www.nbparks.org or any Park District Registration Office.

The 19th Annual Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Run will be held at 8am, Sat., May 18 at Maple School. The 1 Mile Run at 9am. For more information, go to www.lewblondrun.org CARA Circuit registered/USATF certified race

Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? Donations needed for the North Shore Senior Center's *Shop at the Center*, 161 Northfield Rd. Collectibles, art, figurines, silver, china, jewelry, and accessories are welcome. For information, call 847-784-6035.

Stop by the **Village Gallery in the Village Hall Board Room** during April to see beautiful watercolors by Northbrook Artist Ken Call, AWS, NWS, TWSA.



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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

Northbrook's Official Flower - The Scarlet Flame Red Zinnia

Once again, the Village will hand out Scarlet Flame Red Zinnia Seeds at the 30th Earth Day celebration on April 13.

The "Village Flower— red zinnia" appears for the first time in 1927 in Northbrook Civic Foundation's Syllabus when Rev. George Watson, then pastor of the Village Church, purchased the seeds and along with Civic members, gave the seeds to residents of the community. A front-page story from the Northbrook News in May 16, 1930 says, "Since the adoption of the Scarlet Flame Zinnia a few years ago as the town flower, Civic Association has furnished each year the best seed to each family in the village..."



For many years, the annual zinnia contest at Northbrook Days was a favorite with residents vying to win a prize for the best zinnia garden, bunch, or single bloom. The Northbrook Garden Club, which turns 70-years-old in September of this year, reprised the custom in 1954 and a zinnia contest was once again held at Northbrook Days in 1957. In 1969, the Garden Club gave seeds to every family in the Village.

The Northbrook Garden Club and the Northbrook Centennial 2001 Committee handed out Scarlet Flame Zinnia seeds at Northbrook's Earth Day in 2000 and 2001 and once again, the streets of Northbrook were filled with Scarlet Flame Zinnias.

A Northbrook Village Board resolution, passed in 2000, officially proclaimed the Scarlet Flame Zinnia as the "Official Northbrook Flower." Yet, it was always considered to be Northbrook's official flower by residents who lived here in the early years of Northbrook.

Note from the author: April Fool's Day came a month early for me when I realized I left out part of the details in last month's Historian's Corner. Thanks to the few of you who contacted me to point out that there are seven bridges, not six, that cross the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River in Northbrook. Even though I see it almost daily, and even though I provided clues to its location in the pictures accompanying the story, don't feel bad as I missed it too. Yes, it is the Walters Avenue Bridge beside the History Museum. The bridge was built in 1926 for \$16,486 and helped turn Walter Avenue into Walters Avenue. Yet, it just goes to show you that memory is faulty, sometimes parts of the story are left out, and history is hidden in plain sight. (Historical Society President Judy Hughes)

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