

NORTHBROOK

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019



Don't Miss These November Events for the Whole Family!

Celebration of Lights and Colors

The Celebration of Cultures on Sunday, November 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Suburban YMCA (2705 Techny Road) offers free family fun including entertainment, activities, food samples, and food for purchase from the 5411 Empanada Food Truck. Visit www.northbrook.il.us/celebration for details.

Artist Studios Tour on Sat. Nov. 9

During the 14th Annual Northbrook Artists Studio Tour on Saturday, November 9 from noon to 4 p.m. enjoy meeting 32 local artists while viewing their work. All are welcome to this free event.

In addition to three home studios, art will be displayed at these venues:

- Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue;
- Northbrook Park District Village Green Center, 1810 Walters;
- TotalLink2 Community, 1200 Shermer Road, Suite 109.

Tour maps are available at the Northbrook Village Hall, the Northbrook Public Library and can be downloaded from www.northbrookarts.org

Maps are also available on the day of the event at the Northbrook Park District Village Green Center, 1810 Walters Avenue, which is a great place to start your tour. Visitors may tour at their own pace and in any order.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Remember our Veterans and those currently serving, at this year's 100 Year Anniversary of the American Legion.

Attend the Veterans Day Service on Monday, November 11, 10:30am at Northbrook Jr. High Gymnasium, 1475 Maple Avenue

The American Legion Post #791 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars invite all to assemble in the Northbrook Jr. High gym for a service to honor those who served the armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

This year's featured speaker is Captain Raymond C. Leung, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Great Lakes. Captain Leung is a decorated combat veteran and will share his personal experiences since immigrating to the United States.

Watch the Ceremony Streamed Live Visit www.northbrook28.net to see this year's ceremony streamed live.

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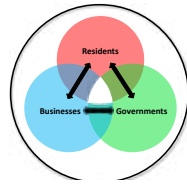
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Change your clock, change your batteries on Sunday, Nov. 3
The Fire Department encourages you to change the batteries on every smoke detector when you adjust your clocks.

Spotlight on the Northbrook Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee is committed to fostering the economic vitality of the entire Northbrook community.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) meets quarterly and provides a forum to exchange ideas and information concerning land use and financial conditions facing Northbrook residents, the Village, school districts, Park District, and the Public Library. The EDC logo was designed to illustrate how residents, the business community, and taxing districts all work together to achieve our shared objectives of keeping Northbrook one of the finest suburban communities in the region.



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

Over the past year, the EDC has partnered with our member taxing bodies, business groups, and residents to present a series of articles in the Village Newsletter (available at www.northbrook.il.us/Newsletter) explaining how the Village, school districts, Park District and Library all benefit from their shared commitment to intergovernmental cooperation and describing how all Northbrook property owners benefit from a growing tax base. The EDC Newsletter articles focused on the following key messages:

- 35% of the Village's corporate fund is derived from sales tax, representing its single largest source of revenue (exceeding funds collected from property taxes). Please remember this as you are shopping, particularly during the upcoming holiday season! (See "Shop Northbrook" below)

- Northbrook has a large and diverse non-residential property tax base. In 2017 Northbrook had 2,848 local business and over 48,000 private-sector employees -- more than any nearby community, including Evanston and Skokie.
- Both the Northbrook Park District and the Northbrook Public Library provide a wide range of services that simply would not be possible without the support of the property taxes paid by businesses.
- Businesses in Cook County are taxed at a significantly higher property tax rate compared to an equivalent property in Lake County. Residential properties in Cook County are also taxed at a much lower tax rate than business properties.
- Property taxes represent approximately 94% of our local school districts' revenue. Due to our strong and diverse property tax base, our schools maintain lower property tax rates than many of neighboring suburban school districts, while providing exceptional academic, athletic and artistic opportunities for our students.
- Property tax bills are complicated and our February and October articles explained how to more easily read and understand them.
- While Northbrook has a strong tax base and a healthy business climate, significant challenges lie ahead, including the steady increase in online shopping and an evolving Cook County property tax system.

While we all dislike higher taxes, we chose to establish roots in a community that offers the services and amenities we deeply value. We trust you have found these EDC articles interesting and informative as you enjoy the many benefits of living and/or having a business in Northbrook!

Shop Northbrook Special Holiday Promotions

This year you'll have just three weeks between Black Friday and the start of Hanukkah and Christmas to get your holiday shopping done!

This year's holiday promotions include a Holiday Shopping & Dining Guide insert in the Northbrook Tower, the popular "Nicki the Northbrook Shopping Elf" Facebook Campaign (@NorthbrookShoppingElf), and the new Live Shop Dine text program (Text NBK to 55678), all designed to increase retail sales for local businesses and support the Village through vital sales tax revenue. Since sales taxes make up one-third of the Village's budget, the "Shop Local" message of the campaign benefits all residents and businesses.

Northbrook retailers and hospitality businesses are invited to take advantage of this free marketing assistance. For more information, call 847-513-6006 or email tensley@northbrookchamber.org

Support Local Businesses on Small Business Saturday

On Saturday, November 30, be a part of the 10th annual holiday shopping tradition that brings together communities in support of their favorite small businesses.



Speaking of Finances

Village Treasurer's Report

The Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019, is on file and available for inspection and/or copying during normal business hours in the Office of the Village Clerk at the Village Hall and at the Northbrook Public Library reference desk.

You can also find the report at www.northbrook.il.us/taxdollarsatwork



Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



During this holiday season, I wanted to remind everyone in our community to think Northbrook while planning their holiday celebrations. Whether you're looking for shopping or dining opportunities, you'll find Northbrook has it all. Shopping local not only helps support Northbrook businesses, but it helps our Village, as 2 cents of every dollar spent are reinvested in our community. It would be hard to imagine our town without our unique shops, salons, boutique clothing stores, gift stores, and restaurants.

Here's a special shopping initiative: Small Business Saturday is a nationally

recognized holiday held the Saturday after Thanksgiving that has now become a tradition across the country. American Express launched the initiative back in 2010, and it's really catching on. Let's make it a tradition here in Northbrook. During Small Business Saturday, patrons are encouraged to support their favorite small business or check out a new local small business during your holiday shopping and dining. And my hope is that your patronage of small businesses continues all year long.

Making a Difference in Northbrook

Last year I became involved with the Hunger Free Northbrook (HFN) and the Hunger Free Communities Pilot Project. Many of us assume Northbrook residents are "food secure" but an assessment revealed that almost one in 10 are "food insecure", including about 400 Northbrook school children and more than 500 families who rely on the food provided by the Northfield Township Food Pantry (see page 4 for giving opportunities). Believe it or not, you probably know someone who uses the pantry's services and didn't even realize they were in need.

HFN is looking to make a difference in Northbrook and is seeking volunteers to help at the Food Pantry and pick-up food from various organizations and businesses that donate. Perhaps you know of a food service provider such as a restaurant that would donate. HFN also has initiative where students receive food packs to carry them over on the weekends and holidays. Another initiative is the "Bring Seniors to Food" which transports seniors to the Food Pantry. If you'd like to volunteer, coordinate a food drive, or need help, please call 847-272-1700.

Please join the community at these upcoming events:

Northbrook Artists Studio Tour

The Northbrook Arts Commission and the Northbrook Park District invite all to meet the artists in your neighborhood on Saturday, November 9, between noon and 4pm. Start your tour at the Village Green Center (1820 Walters Ave.) or follow the map at www.northbrookarts.org for a list of artist locations.

Veterans Day Services in Northbrook

Please join me at the Veterans Day service at Northbrook Jr. High School on Monday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. to give thanks and honor those who served our country. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our local Veterans and hear their stories first hand. See the front page for details.

Northbrook Interfaith Community Service

On Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. all are invited to celebrate their gratitude by attending the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service at Northbrook Evangelical Covenant Church, Pflingsten and Techny Roads. The service is sponsored by the Northbrook Clergy Association.

Comments, Concerns, Suggestions

Your comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome. Please call the Village Hall at 847-509-5301 or email me directly at sandy.frum@northbrook.il.us

Season's Greetings

Warmest wishes to you and your family for a very happy holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year. Looking forward to a wonderful 2020!



Plein Air Art by Spencer Meagher



Plein Air Art by Marc Anderson



Plein Air Art by Troy Tatlock

Toys for Tots Collection

Toys for Tots needs donations!



The Village is once again partnering with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's program, to bring toys to children who might otherwise go without a present this holiday season.

Please visit a collection center at the Police or Fire Department headquarters or Village Hall by Friday, December 13, with a new unwrapped toy. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Coat Off Your Back

Rotary Club of Northbrook's Coat Off Your Back campaign runs through Friday, December 20.

New and gently used cold-weather clothing, including coats, scarves, gloves, hats, boots, and other warm winter wear, may be dropped off at the Northbrook Library, Northbrook Village Hall, Sunset Foods, or the NSYMCA. Items will be distributed to homeless individuals and families served by PADS of Lake County. *PADS: Providing Advocacy, Dignity, & Shelter.*



Help Stock Northfield Township Pantry

Donations of food or grocery store gift cards may be dropped off at the Northfield Township Food Pantry, 2550 Waukegan Road, Suite 100, Glenview.

For a list of the Pantry's most needed items and non-perishable food drop off locations within the community, visit

www.twp.northfield.il.us



Northbrook Subsidized Taxi Program

The Village of Northbrook's Subsidized Taxicab Program was created to offer senior residents of incorporated Northbrook 55 years or older and permanently disabled Village of Northbrook residents an affordable transportation option in addition to what other agencies offer.

The program utilizes an Electronic Swipe Card (ESC) to offset the cost of the metered fare.

Each use of an ESC has a \$5 dollar value and each program participant will be allowed up to 16 ride subsidies per month. ESCs are only accepted by American Taxi and 303 Taxi.

How to Apply for the Northbrook Subsidized Taxi Program

Applications for the program are available at Northbrook Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane) or on the Village website at www.northbrook.il.us/Taxi

Proof of residency is required to participate in the program.

Once the application has been approved, the resident will receive an ESC and a brochure with further instructions on how to use the card.

For more information about the Northbrook Subsidized Taxi Program, visit www.northbrook.il.us/Seniors or call 847-664-4038.

Northbrook Interfaith Community Service

Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude

Celebrate the season and give thanks on Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm, at the Northbrook Clergy Association's Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. This year the service will be held at the Northbrook Evangelical Covenant Church, Pflugsten and Techny Roads.

The evening's offering, as well as grocery store gift cards and canned goods brought by attendees, will benefit those in need.

Plein Air Painting By Steve Puttrich



Say it ain't Snow!

Winter weather is on the way and our Public Works Department is ready to roll!

The Village's snow removal operation begins with seven or more trucks spreading de-icing materials on main and secondary streets. As snow accumulates, standby personnel are called in to plow the 539 lane miles of Village owned and maintained streets, municipal parking lots and designated sidewalks.

Did you know?

After the snow stops, a complete plow-cycle can take at least 4-6 hours, depending on weather and traffic.

Keep Plowed Snow out of Shoveled Driveways

Residents can help keep their driveway clear by shoveling snow to the right side of their driveway (as viewed from the home, looking at the street). Please note: The Public Works Department does not clear private driveway entrances.



Thank You for Your Patience!

Snow and ice control efforts give priority to higher traffic Village roadways, such as Walters Avenue, Cherry Lane, Pfingsten Road, Techny Road, and Shermer Road.

Arterial roads such as Lake-Cook, Dundee, Willow, Sanders, Landwehr, and Waukegan are plowed by either the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Cook County Highway Department.

For details about snow and ice control visit www.northbrook.il.us/Snow

Help Our Public Works Crews: Keep Your Vehicles Off the Streets

You can help Public Works crews clear our roadways as quickly as possible by keeping vehicles off the street during snow removal operations. The Village's number one concern is the safety of those using our streets.

Move Your Vehicle, or it Could be Ticketed and Towed after 2" of Snow

When 2 or more inches of snow falls it is illegal (by Village Ordinance) to park on Northbrook streets until plowing is complete. Remember, if you park in the street after 2 or more inches of snow, you may be ticketed and towed.

To find out if the parking ban is in effect or if your vehicle is disabled in the street, please call the Police Department at 847-564-2060.

The Village will use Northbrook Notify to alert residents of extreme snow emergencies. Sign up for notifications at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify

Who Plows Your Street?

Northbrook Public Works

Neighborhood Streets
(except private roads/streets)
Cherry Lane
Grant Road - Lee Road
Pfingsten Road
(Tollway Spur Bridge to Highland)
Shermer Road *(Dundee to Willow)*
Skokie Blvd. *(Lake-Cook to Frontage)*
Techny Road *(Pfingsten to Founders)*
Voltz Road
Walters Avenue *(Pfingsten to Lee)*
Western Avenue
To report emergency conditions on the above roads, call 847-272-4711.

Cook County Highway Department

Lake Cook Road
Landwehr Road *(south of Dundee)*
Sanders Road
Skokie Boulevard
(south of 1101 Skokie Boulevard)
Sunset Ridge Road *(south of Skokie)*
Techny Road *(Sanders to Pfingsten)*
Walters Avenue *(Pfingsten to Sanders)*

To report emergency conditions on County roads, call 708-448-8006.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Dundee Road
Pfingsten Road
(south of Highland and north of Tollway Spur)
Waukegan Road
Willow Road

To report emergency conditions on State roads, call IDOT at 847-705-4612 or visit www.dot.state.il.us

The Illinois Tollway Information Hotline is 800-865-5394 (1-800-TOLL-FYI).



Celebrate Northbrook's 118th Birthday

The Board of Directors of the Northbrook Historical Society invite all to celebrate the 118th anniversary of the incorporation of our Village at an Open House on Sunday, November 17, from 2 to 4pm, at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Avenue.

As part of the celebration, a gallery of artwork from the Plein Air Painting Festival featuring Northbrook landscapes will be on display and available to purchase. All are invited to come and join the fun and good cheer with cake and refreshments. The History Museum and Historical Society's Artisans at the Inn Shop will be open during the celebration.

www.northbrookhistory.org

Free Parking Spots for Commuters and Shoppers

The parking lot in the front of the building at 1657 Shermer Road, formerly known as the Grainger Building, is available for public use.

The lot's 100 spaces are open to commuters and those visiting local businesses. There is no cost to park in the lot for the time being. Overnight parking and commercial truck parking are prohibited. For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.



Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule and Cart Storage Reminders

During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up for Thursday customers will be Friday and Friday customers will be Saturday.

The last chance for yard waste collection (without the subscription service) will be on your pick-up day during the week of Thanksgiving. If you have the subscription services, your pick-up will take place every other week.

Christmas trees will be collected throughout month of January on your regular pick-up date. One tree per residence will be collected at the curb. Trees should be free of all lights, garland, tinsel, and decorations.

Schedule a Free Home Energy Assessment and Save

ComEd customers have opportunities to reduce energy usage with a free energy assessment that includes free and discounted products for your home.

ComEd has partnered with Nicor Gas to bring electric and natural gas savings to you. Customers of these utilities may be eligible to reduce energy use with free installation of free products including LEDs, programmable thermostats, WaterSense certified shower heads and faucet aerators, and up to six feet of hot water pipe insulation. Certain restrictions apply. Call to schedule an assessment by calling 1-855-433-2700.

Free Holiday Refuse Collection

Extra household refuse will be collected on your pick-up day free of charge during two one-week periods; the week of December 22 and the week of December 29.

A reminder regarding refuse and recycling cart storage:

Please ensure that your garbage receptacles are regularly stored behind the front face of your house or within the garage on non-pickup days. Carts should not be stored in the front of your property. Also, after collection, carts need to be returned to the storage location within twelve hours.

If you have any questions, please call Advanced Disposal at 847-272-4145.

Property Tax Appeal Seminar for Northfield Township Property Owners Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Northbrook Village Hall.

Join Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Dan Patlak as he explains the appeal procedure at the Board of Review during this hour-long session. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with staff from the Board of Review and Northfield Township Assessor's offices to address their concerns. This event is free to the public, and there is no fee to appeal at the Board of Review.

Presented by Northfield Township Assessor Patricia K. Damisch, Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton, and State Rep. Jonathan Carroll. For details, call the Northfield Township Assessor's Office at 847-724-8300.

Insulation and Energy Efficiency for your Home and Business

Are you looking for a way to help the environment as well as help save you money during the heating season?

According to the Energy Star program, if you added up all the leaks, holes, and gaps in the typical home's envelope it would be the equivalent of having a window open every day of the year.

Adding insulation to a buildings attic, walls, and floors can help keep it warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Properly insulating your home or business will reduce the amount of electricity or natural gas used to heat the building meaning fewer emissions as well as savings for you.



Adding insulation to your home can also reduce outside noise, improve humidity control, and reduce pollen and dust entering the home.

Eliminating air leaks around doors and windows can also help to insulate your home. Caulking around doors and windows can help to prevent warm air from leaving the home or cold air entering. If you have old windows, residents and businesses can consider covering them with plastic film to help prevent drafts.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program www.energystar.gov and the Department of Energy's Energy Saver program www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver offer resources to conserve energy and save money on your heating and cooling costs.

Village Happenings

Trains, Trains, Trains! The Mid-America Modurail Club will be holding an HO train exhibit at Northbrook Court Sat. & Sun., Nov 2 & 3 from Noon to 4pm on the lower level by the Macy's Court.

Do you know any Northbrook residents currently serving in the military? Please call 847-664-4038, with their name, rank, and station. The information will be used to update the plaque at Freedom Park, under the flagpole between the Village Hall and Northbrook Library.

TotalLink2 Community, a Northbrook non-profit providing opportunities for people with disabilities is seeing volunteers to work as peer buddies, assistants at classes and programs, or providing office and administrative support. For more information visit www.totalink2.org or call 224-412-4718.

Don't miss the remaining stellar **Fine Arts Fall performances and Lyric Opera Lectures** at the library on Sundays at 3pm. Visit www.northbrook.info/fine-arts-fall for the full details.

Need help with your tech devices? Stop by the library on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00pm for Tech Tuesdays. Get assistance using eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, HOOPLA, and your portable device.

Learn how to Appreciate Classical Music with an interactive seminar led by librarian Madison Carroll on Tuesdays, Nov. 5 and Dec. 10, at 7pm at the library. Reserve your spot.

38th Annual Holly Fair at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Rd., on Sat., Nov-9, from 9am-3pm. There will be woodcrafts, antiques, jewelry, holiday decorations, crafts, door prizes, baked goods, books, and more. Enjoy lunch at the Bistro from 11am to 2pm. Call 847-480-6380.

Jazz vocalist Petra Van Nuis performs with her band of fine instrumentalists on Thurs., Nov. 7 at 7pm at the library. Reserve your spot.

Get the basics on Coin Collecting at the library on Sat., Nov. 9 at 2pm. Learn about the most common types of collections, what coins to look for, and more. Reserve your spot.

The 12th Annual Tow Trucks for Tots Toy Drive and Parade will be held on Sun., Nov. 10. New and unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off at Grosse Point Towing, 1912 Willow Road or the North Suburban YMCA. For details, visit www.towtrucksfortots.com or call 847-272-2177.

The Northbrook Garden Club invites the public to learn the details and the history of the spice trade on Tues., Nov. 12, 7pm at the United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. Learn how to create unique holiday gifts using gardening containers and spices too. No fee but registration is requested so materials can be ordered. The public is welcome! RSVP at jaramsco@aol.com

Enjoy a presentation on the Excellence of Ordinary Life on Tues., Nov. 12 at 11:15 a.m. at North Suburban YMCA. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration requested; RSVP to 847-272-7250 or online at www.nszymca.org.

Leslie Goddard Portrays Alice Paul on Tues., Nov. 12, from noon-2:30pm at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Register at www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2995.

Learn to manage your business' Online Reputation and maximize star ratings on Thurs., Nov. 14 at 7pm at the library. Reserve your spot.

Hear the solo performance by Northbrook musician and **"The Voice" contestant Todd Kessler** on Sat., Nov. 16 at 2pm at the library. Reserve your spot.

Diabetes Prevention Program on Wed., Nov. 20 at 11:15 a.m. at North Suburban YMCA. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration requested; RSVP to 847-272-7250.

Thanksgiving Luncheon from noon-1:30pm, Fri., Nov. 22 at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Cost is \$15/members and \$19/non. Register at www.nbparks.org or call 847-291-2995.

Northshore Harmonizers, a women's cappella choir, will perform classics as well as some holiday selections at the library on Sat., Nov. 23 at 2pm. Reserve your spot.

Free WERQuey for Turkey Dance off. Enjoy this free Northbrook Park District fitness class from 10-11am, Fri., Nov. 29 at Greenbriar Gym, 1225 Greenbriar Lane. Save your spot at www.nbparks.org.

Learn how to create special Holiday Appetizers from Chef Susan Maddox on Tues., Dec. 3 at 7pm at the library. There will be tasty samples! Reserve your spot by calling 847-272-6224.

The Village Church Tree Lighting Celebration, Sat., Nov. 30, 5pm. Welcome the season with a tree lighting celebration with entertainment, treats, and activities. Please bring non-perishable food items to help stock the Northfield Township Food Pantry. For more information go to www.tvpchurch.org

Add the joy of music to your life by joining the Park Larks! No auditions are required. The group meets Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am at the Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. and performs at local senior centers. Join the fun. Call 847-291-2995.

Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Mood with helpful techniques to help reframe negative thought patterns on Wed., Dec. 4 at 10am at the library.

The Oakton Ceramics Club is sponsoring Empty Bowls Benefit on Sat., Dec. 7, 10:30am-2pm, at Oakton Community College. For a \$15-\$20, enjoy lunch and select a hand-crafted bowl. Call 847-635-1699 for details.

The Northbrook Symphony presents "A Unique Holiday Experience" on Sat., Dec 7, at 7pm at Our Lady of the Brook Church, 3700 Dundee Rd. For tickets and for more information, please call 847-272-0755 or visit www.northbrooksymphony.org

Don't miss the uplifting **Northbrook Community Choir Holiday Concert** on Monday, Dec. 9, at 7pm at the library. Reserve your spot.

Northbrook's New Tradition Chorus presents the holiday concert, "I Have Seen the Light" on Sat. & Sun., Dec. 14 & 15, at 2:30pm at GBS Watson Auditorium. Call 800-746-9246 for tickets or visit www.newtradition.org

Help brighten the holidays for others. If you're interested in sponsoring a child or family or donating for the Youth Services' Holiday Gift Program please call 847-724-2620 or visit www.ysgn.org

Join fellow Star Wars fans at the library on Sat., Dec. 21 to celebrate the upcoming release of Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker. Learn more about Star Wars Day at www.northbrook.info/star-wars-day.

Stop in and find "one-of-a-kind" treasures made by local artists at the new Artisans at the Inn Shop at the Northbrook Historical Society, 1776 Walters Ave. A perfect place to find gifts for your holiday giving. Hours: Thurs.-Sat., 10am-4pm & Sun., 2-4pm. Call 847-498-3404.

Shop for Thanksgiving dinnerware, Orrefors, Waterford crystal, hostess gifts, and more at **North Shore Senior Center's Shop**, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Open Mon. - Fri., from 9am -3pm. Donations welcome; call 847-784-6035.

Enjoy select artwork from the Northbrook Plein Air Painting Festival on display at the Northbrook Public Library through November. In December, the artwork will be on display at the North Suburban YMCA. All are welcome to a special Artists' Reception to view the art and meet Plein Air artists on Thurs., Dec. 5 from 6:30-8:30pm. Presented by the Northbrook Art Commission.

Northbrook Artists Studio Tour on Sat., Nov. 9, from noon to 4pm. Meet local artists while viewing their work. Visit www.northbrookarts.org for more information and tour map or start the tour at Village Green Center



TotalLink2Community collaborative artwork

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Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society

A Little History About Village Green Park

For nearly 44 years, the Northbrook Historical Society has been located at the Southeast corner of Village Green Park.

The Museum's location has afforded those of us who volunteer at the Historical Society the opportunity to observe the park through events and seasons. The laughter of families, the crack of a bat, the whizz of an arrow heading toward its target, and music are just some of sounds accompanying the peaceful sounds of the river flowing over the rocks as it heads southward toward the city. We have watched the river rise and fall, and on rare occasions overflow its banks filling the bowl behind the Museum.

On Nov. 25, 1944, the residents of Northbrook went to the polls during a special election. They voted to approve a bond issue for the Northbrook



The playground pictured above (circa 1997) was installed in 1991 and dismantled and sent to Armenia in 2003.

Park District to purchase and make improvements to the nearly 10-acre site from Emily Barrenscheen and her nephew George W. Boll for \$25,000 – a far cry from the \$1.25 an acre that Silas W. Sherman paid for the land grant when he originally purchased the land from the United States Government.

With a total of just 278 votes cast, the bond issue passed by a large majority of 187-91.

While the voter list is not known, we do know that there were under 340 households in the Village limits according to the 1940 Census and Northbrook's population at the time was 2,000.

Since many of the men were off fighting in WWII and children couldn't vote, it appears that the women of Northbrook carried the measure forward.

It is interesting to note that the State of Illinois granted women municipal and presidential, but not state suffrage, in 1913, which was just 12 years after the Village of Shermerville was incorporated. It took another seven years for the 19th Amendment to grant national suffrage to women and after ratification by 36 states, it took effect on August 26, 1920.