

NORTHBROOK

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Participate in the 2020 Census

The U.S. Census is required by the Constitution and is conducted for an accurate and fair count of all persons living in the United States.

The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790. In addition to historical data, information from the Census is used to determine how dollars in federal and state funding is allocated to state and local governments. It also helps determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

In March, every household will receive information about the 2020 Census with instructions on how to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by mail, or by phone. Please submit your information by April 1, 2020. By law, responses are confidential and will only be used for census data.

Please note the Census Bureau will never ask for bank account or Social Security numbers, money, or donations. If you don't respond, you can expect the Census Bureau to send someone to follow-up in person.

Are You Registered to Vote in the Primary?

If you change your name or move, even within the Village, you must register to vote from the address where you are living or you can be turned away at the polling place. The Village Hall is open for voter registration from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. You must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. If you wish to check your registration or have a question about grace period registration or voting, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com or call 312-603-5656.

Early Voting

Northbrook's Village Hall is an early voting site. The early voting period runs from Monday, March 2 through Monday, March 16. Early voting hours are

- Monday-Saturday, March 2-7 & 14 & 16 from 9am to 5pm
- Monday-Friday, March 9-13, from 9am-7pm
- Sundays, March 8 & 15 from 10am-4pm

Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/early-voting-locations for details. If you have any questions please contact Village Clerk Debbie Ford at 847-664-4013 or debbie.ford@northbrook.il.us

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President's Day - February 17

The Village Hall will be closed to the public on President's Day, Monday, February 17. Village staff will be participating in clean-up day!

Recognizing Sustainability!

The Village of Northbrook is seeking residents and businesses making a positive impact on the environment.

Residents and businesses looking to share the steps they are taking, and interested in being recognized for those efforts, are encouraged to participate in Northbrook's *Green Resident* and *Green Business Awards* Program.

The ideas generated through these programs will be shared in future issues of this newsletter and on the Village website to promote sustainable actions within the community.

One resident/household and one business will be selected as the winners. Winners are recognized and presented with an award at a Village Board meeting.

Please submit your application by Tuesday, March 31. More information, including a program description and the award application, is available at www.northbrook.il.us/greenawards

Welcome to the Village Board

Daniel H. Pepoon was appointed to fill the Village Board's vacancy until April 2021. Dan, a 34-year Northbrook resident is not new to Village government.



He has served on the Northbrook Senior Housing Commission (1 year), Bicycle Task Force (concurrent with other appointments), and Plan Commission (15 years). Dan is Senior Vice President/Senior Financial Consultant at Merrill Lynch. Previously, he held a management position at Clean Air Engineering, testing for pollutants in air and waste water as well as performance testing and optimization of industrial equipment.

Dan believes the philosophy of the Village Board should be rooted in ethics with a focus on how to best serve the residents and business owners of Northbrook. He shares the Board's concerns about affordable housing, diligent use of tax dollars, responsible environmental oversight, and becoming even more bike and pedestrian friendly.

Please welcome Trustee Dan Pepoon to the Northbrook Village Board.

Help the Environment: Pre-treat with Anti-Icing Liquid Salt

Road salt has adverse effects on the environment when it washes off roadways, seeps into the ground, and enters our waterways. The Village of Northbrook utilizes a beet juice/salt brine blend to pre-treat roads before a snowstorm, which reduces the amount of salt used on roadways.

Did you know that you as a resident can do the same at your home?

Instead of using salt to remove snow or ice from your driveway or sidewalk, consider making your own salt brine to pre-treat these surfaces. Pretreating can help you reduce your salt usage by up to 30%.

Applying a brine solution (water and rock salt) to your driveway, sidewalk, and/or steps before a winter storm will help create an area with less ice and snow



and reduce the amount of salt you'll use. To learn how to make a brine solution and create your own anti-icing can, visit www.northbrook.il.us/Pretreat

Check out February's Restaurant Month Specials

Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau's (CNSCVB) popular North Shore Restaurant Month features a month's worth of exceptional dining.



Throughout February, more than 100 of the North Shore's most popular restaurants will participate in North Shore Restaurant Month, offering a variety of specials and discounts including free appetizers or desserts, a percentage off the entire bill, prix fixe meals, 2 for 1 specials, and much more.

Among those participating this year are Northbrook favorites: P.F. Changs, Grill House, J. Alexanders/Redland Grill, Di Pescara, Morton's, and Pancetta Regional Kitchen (Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel). For a complete list of participating restaurants and their special offers, or to print a dining certificate that can be used at all of them, please visit www.NorthShoreDiningDeals.com

Don't Forget Your Valentine

Think Northbrook for all your Valentine's Day shopping and dining plans. For a complete list of shopping and dining establishments in Northbrook, visit www.liveshopdineNorthbrook.com



Phone Calls from "IRS" Impostors

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, notify the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Fraud Section at 877-382-4357.

Notes from Village President Sandy Frum



Every New Year brings new opportunities and with that come new ideas. This year will be a year of change in Northbrook, starting with a new Village Board member. With the advice and consent of the Village Board, I am pleased to welcome Daniel H. Pepoon to fill the Northbrook Village Board's trustee vacancy. Dan will be a great addition. His background and knowledge in finance and engineering, combined with his years of public service on two of our Village Commissions and a Task Force, will be welcomed to round out our team.

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned that the Board and staff will focus on three major priorities this year: affordable housing, sustainability, and communications. This month I'd like to provide an update on Village communications and the improvements we are making to enhance our initiatives in providing information and sharing our Village stories. One of the first steps in achieving this goal was to look at how communications has changed in the Village and what we needed to adjust to reach our residents and businesses as well as those who visit Northbrook.

The Village hired a communications consulting firm to help implement a plan to achieve our goals. Our Communication Plan guides staff with a policy driven approach outlining how, when, and where to provide stakeholders with information. Having various strategies to disseminate information is essential, especially for emergency communications, which will be addressed below.

We hope you'll appreciate our commitment in the coming months and years as we enhance communications in our Village. But our communication is more than just feeding information, the Village needs your involvement. The success of our efforts benefits you; and it also depends on you.

A New Name and Look for our Newsletter

One noticeable initiative is the redesign of the Village newsletter. Starting next month, postal customers will receive a bi-monthly "magazine" style newsletter with a new look and a new name: *Northbrook Voice*. As a sustainable community, with just six issues (rather than our previous ten), we will not only save on postage, but paper as well, as we reach our over 18,500 postal customers. And don't miss our weekly e-newsletter with information on a variety of community interests, events, and meetings.

Website Improvements

To reinforce our messages, we will be improving our website for a better experience. You'll discover other changes there in the coming months, including a new design and easy to use navigation options.

Northbrook Notify and Social Media – Life Moves Pretty Fast

The quote, "Life moves pretty fast..." from Ferris Bueller's Day Off, reminds me of one of the reasons we use Northbrook Notify and social media to communicate with the public. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Northbrook Notify, our mass notification system at www.northbrook.il.us/NorthbrookNotify. This system enables us to reach either the whole community or targeted areas via phone, text, and/or email within minutes. Those that like us on Facebook are also some of the first to find out about news that happens quickly, from an unexpected extended road closure or water main repair, to updates on police activity, or current news in Northbrook. Please stay connected with us. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you. So sign up and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Engage with the Village

If you would like to get involved in Village government, come to a Village Board, Plan Commission, or one of our many topical Commission meetings. Visit www.northbrook.il.us to familiarize yourself with the various commissions, check out meeting agendas, and see how you can make a difference. All meetings are open to the public.

Comments, Suggestions, or Questions?

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

We're Looking for Feedback!

Take our Communications Survey at www.northbrook.il.us/CommSurvey or on social media to tell us what you think about our newsletter and more!



The Citizen Police Academy begins Tuesday, March 31 - Sign up Today

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Police Officer or what a traffic stop is like from the Officer's point of view?

The Northbrook Police Department will host the Citizen Police Academy for residents and business owners, age 21 and older, on eight consecutive Tuesdays, from March 31 to May 19, from 7:00 to 9:30pm.

Join this exciting, free, hands-on opportunity to learn about the Northbrook Police Department.

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will have a better understanding of police functions and officer training and job responsibilities, and become a

more informed citizen. The class is free but limited to 20 participants.



Attend the Citizen Police Academy to learn about topics such as:

- Emergency 911 communications
- Patrol and investigative operations
- Police canine unit
- Mutual aid agencies

For more information about the Citizen Police Academy and to sign up, stop by the Records Department at the Northbrook Police Department (1401 Landwehr Road) or visit www.northbrook.il.us/PoliceAcademy

Snow Reminder...

Parking Ban During 2" or More of Snow

Following the accumulation of two or more inches of snow within 24 hours, a snow emergency will be in effect until snow clearing operations are complete. Vehicles parked on a public street during a snow emergency are subject to a \$100 ticket and towing.



Additional information is available at www.northbrook.il.us/snow

Come to Coffee with a Cop at Grill House

Join Northbrook Police on Wednesday, February 12, from 11:30 to 1:00pm at Grill House, 3061 Dundee Road

This event offers the opportunity for an informal meet and greet and Q&A with your local police officers. Enjoy your lunch and a cup of coffee while officers of different ranks and responsibilities answer your questions and share information, along with a few give-a-ways. All ages welcome to stop by and say hello.

The purpose of *Coffee with a Cop* is for residents and local business employees to have an opportunity to meet some of Northbrook's Police Officers in a casual atmosphere.



Save the Date! Northbrook's Earth and Arbor Day Celebration is Saturday, April 18

It's not too early to start thinking about springtime events and spring cleaning!

Start rounding up the troops and plan to enjoy a community clean-up day complete with fun activities, exhibits, and a community recycling event. Get your clean-up team organized and stake your claim to clean-up your favorite Northbrook territory.

Residents or businesses with environmentally friendly products, ideas, or projects that would like to participate in our Green Expo at the Earth and Arbor Celebration are asked to call 847-664-4129 during business hours.



2020 Parkway Tree Order Form

The Village is offering the cost sharing Parkway Tree Planting Program to residents again this year.

New trees will be 2-inch diameter or about 8-feet tall. A property owner's cost share will be \$175 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. Multiple trees may be ordered, providing there is adequate room within the public parkway area. Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.

The trees will be scheduled for planting throughout May, as weather permits.

Limitations

Trees must be planted:

- Equidistant from curb and sidewalks, typically at least 35-feet from other parkway trees
- At least 10-feet from a driveway or street light
- At least 45-feet from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines
- At least 5-feet from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes

Note: Trees cannot be planted in the same spot as a recently removed parkway tree due to old root mass.

Ten species of trees are currently available on a first come, first serve basis. All trees have limited quantities. Trees may be viewed at www.northbrook.il.us/ParkwayTree

Orders must be submitted by Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Please note:

- The Village makes the final determination on planting location.
- Orders are processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Trees may not be refused, moved or exchanged for any reason.

Return order form by Thursday, March 5, to:

Terry Cichocki, Village Forester
Northbrook Public Works
655 Huehl Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Questions?

Contact Terry at 847-272-4711 or terry.cichocki@northbrook.il.us



Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the number of trees next to each tree description you would like to order on the reverse page.

Make checks payable to *Village of Northbrook* for \$175 per tree ordered.

Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, please check one for alternate tree instructions:

___ *Please have forestry staff select alternate tree if first choice is not available.*

___ *Please have forestry staff call me to discuss an alternate tree if first choice is not available.*

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\_\_\_ *The location for my new tree is under utility wires. Please contact me to discuss smaller tree species.*

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Draw a sketch in the box with an "X" indicating where you want the tree planted on the parkway and an arrow pointing north. Please include landmark reference points for easy field identification.

# Parkway Tree Choices



## Accolade Elm or Triumph Elm (both hybrid-disease resistant)

Qty. \_\_\_\_ **Accolade**      Qty. \_\_\_\_ **Triumph**  
 Crown: Vase shaped  
 Height: 60'      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Fast      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless



## Prospector Elm (hybrid to resist Elm Disease and pests)

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Vase Shaped  
 Height: 60'      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Fast      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Deep green, glossy  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow      Fruit: Seedless



## Bald Cypress "Shawnee Brave"

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Widely pyramidal  
 Height: 50'      Width: 35'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Bright green needles  
 Fall Foliage: Russet, soft brown  
 Bark: Attractive reddish brown fibrous  
 Fruit: Small cones, mature tree only



## Purple Robe Black Locust

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright  
 Height: 70'      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Fast      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Green pinnate leaf  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Spring Foliage: Purple, fragrant flowers  
 Fruit: Pods



## Chinkapin Oak

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright oval  
 Height: 60'      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: Acorns on mature trees



## Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Upright, oval  
 Height: 55'      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Feature: Ornamental Ridged Bark



## Kentucky Coffeetree

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 60'      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Glossy, dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow  
 Fruit: Seedless, male trees only



## Swamp White Oak

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Roundly Narrow  
 Height: 50'      Width: 40'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow  
 Feature: Exfoliating bark  
 Fruit: Acorn with long stem on mature trees



## London Planetree "Exclamation"

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Moderately pyramidal  
 Height: 60'      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Fast      Size: Large  
 Summer: Foliage: Large, bright green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/brown  
 Bark: Attractive exfoliating creamy white large plates



## Tulip Tree

Qty. \_\_\_\_  
 Crown: Oval  
 Height: 55'      Width: 26'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Bright green leaves resemble tulips  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow/orange  
 Fruit: Conical cluster of samara on mature trees

# Village Happenings

**Backyard Wildlife Habitats** - David Brooks, a professional naturalist will talk about creating landscapes that are friendly and inviting to wildlife while discouraging unwanted guests. The free program, presented by the Northbrook Garden Club, is at 10am, Tues., Feb. 4 at the Northbrook United Church, corner of Cherry & Western.

**What are the differences between Medicare Supplement vs. Medicare Advantage?** Get answers to your questions from a Medicare expert on Wed., Feb. 5 at 9:30am at the NSYMCA. Free and open to the public. Pre-register at 847-272-7250 or online at [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

**Learn about Supporting Our LGBTQ Youth** on Thurs., Feb. 6 at 7pm at the Library. Reserve a spot. This event is in partnership with Community Action Together for Children's Health (CATCH).

**AARP Driver Safety Course.** Sharpen your driving skills with a two-day class on Thurs., Feb. 6 and Fri., Feb. 7 from 9am-1pm at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members. Call 847-291-2995 to preregister.

**Power Employment's Job Search Workshop** at the Library on Sat., Feb. 8 at 9:30am will help you set goals, revise your resume, and navigate the interview process. Reserve a spot.

On Sat., Feb. 8 at 10am at the NSYMCA, **come learn from a tax expert and Certified Financial Educator (CFEd®)** about the latest changes in tax laws, and guidelines for tax planning strategies. Free and open to the public. Pre-register at 847-272-7250 or at [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

Visit the Library's Fiction & Media Department on the 3rd floor to pick up a ballot to **play "Guess the Oscars" for your chance to win.** The contest ends Sun., Feb. 9.

Discover Love in Many Languages on Sun., Feb. 9 at 3pm at the Library. **Terran Doehrer and Jutta & the Hi-Dukes perform folk music** in multiple languages. Reserve a spot.

**Share the gift of life at Temple Beth-El's 18th Annual Blood Drive** on Sun., Feb. 9, from 8:30am to 1:30pm at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd. For information and how to sign up, call 847-272-4554. Appointments recommended. Walk-ins welcome!

**Physical Therapist Denise Schwartz will offer natural healing options** on Mon., Feb. 10 at 7 pm at the NSYMCA. Pre-registration requested at 847-272-7250 or online at [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org)

Watch Horn from the Heart: **The Paul Butterfield Story, a film about the legendary blues musician** at 7pm on Mon., Feb. 10 at the Library. Grammy-nominated filmmaker John Anderson will lead a post-screening discussion. Reserve a spot.

Join Dino Robinson, founder of the Shorefront Legacy Center, on Tues., Feb. 11 at 7pm to **learn about the African American Experience in the Northshore.** Reserve a spot.

**Celebrate Valentine's Day by playing bingo** with friends Fri., Feb. 14 from noon-2:30pm at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Enjoy lunch and prizes. Cost is \$12/ members and \$19 /non-members. Register by Feb. 11 at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

Come to the Library for an afternoon of **piano and vocal music performed by Michael Pecak & Hannah De Priest** at 3pm on Sun., Feb. 16 at the Library. Reserve a spot.

**Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie Night at the Library** on Mon., Feb. 17 at 7pm to watch Terry Gilliam's *Brazil*. In this 1985 classic, a bureaucrat makes an error and becomes an enemy of the state.

Enjoy a presentation of film clips and stories with **Barry Bradford Presents The Best Actress to Never Win an Oscar Tues.**, Feb. 18 from noon-2:30pm at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Cost is \$15/members and \$25/non-members. Lunch is included. Register by Thurs., Feb. 13 at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

**Discover How John Hughes Changed American Culture** from a panel of film and pop culture experts at the Library on Wed., Feb. 19 at 7pm. Reserve a spot.

**Enjoy the sounds of the John Erickson Trio,** a Chicago jazz powerhouse, on Thurs., Feb. 20 at 7pm at the Library. Reserve a spot.

**Test your rock music knowledge** on Fri., Feb. 21 at 7pm at the Library. Advanced registration is required for **Rock Music: Heartbreaker Trivia.** Call 847-272-2830 to sign up: a team of up to six.

**Come to the Rotary Club of Northbrook Rotary 500 FUNdraiser** on Sat., Feb. 22. The top raffle prize is \$5,000! No more than 500 tickets will be sold to help fund local grants and global initiatives. For tickets, log on to <https://go.rallyup.com/nbrotaryraffle> or ask your favorite Rotarian!

**Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical.** The production runs through Sat., Feb. 22 at Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or in person at the Leisure Center.

**Registration is underway for winter programs,** with new sessions starting in Feb. and March! Register today at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org)

**Enjoy an afternoon of piano, violin, and cello music at the Library with the Apas Piano Trio** on Sun., Feb. 23 at 3pm. Reserve a spot.

**Discover What DNA Tests Can (and Can't) Tell You** on Mon., Feb. 24 at 7pm at the Library. Reserve a spot.

**Seniors are invited to enjoy** of the largest botanical displays on Tues., Feb. 25. See Garfield Park Conservatory's Spring Flower Show exhibit. Pickup/return at the Northbrook Park District Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave. Cost is \$115 for Senior Center members and \$135 for non-members. Register by Feb. 18 at [www.nbparks.org](http://www.nbparks.org) or call 847-291-2995.

**Join actor David Alan Anderson, who's played the lead stage role in Fences,** for the Film & Pre-Show Lecture: *Fences* at the Library on Tues., Feb. 25 at 2pm. Reserve a spot.

**Share your stories, poetry, or music at the Library's Open Mic Night** on Thurs., Feb. 27 at 7pm. Email [fictionmedia@northbrook.info](mailto:fictionmedia@northbrook.info) to sign up.

**Northbrook Garden Club** meets on Tues., Mar. 3, 10am at the United Methodist Church, Western and Cherry. Club member Julie Hansen will help create flower arrangements to take home. Bring flower clippers and a 12-inch container. Flowers provided. Fee \$5; pre-registration is required; RSVP to 847-849-6446. Public and onlookers welcome.

**TEDxNorthbrook Library: Speakers wanted!** Apply to be one of the speakers at the Library's next TEDx event in August. Apply online at [www.northbrook.info/tedx](http://www.northbrook.info/tedx) by Sat., Feb. 15.

**Find Valentine gifts** such as jewelry, crystal, china, artwork, frames, collectibles and more at the **North Shore Senior Center's Shop at the Center**, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Call 847-784-6035 for information. Donations are always welcome.

**Northbrook Action Baseball Registration** is open for the Spring Season. For more information or to register visit [www.northbrookactionbaseball.org](http://www.northbrookactionbaseball.org) or call 847-564-9849.

Find "one-of-a-kind" artistic treasures at the **Artisans at the Inn Shop at the Northbrook Historical Society**, 1776 Walters Ave. Thurs.-Sat., 10am-4pm & Sun., 2-4pm. Call 847-498-3404.

**Attention Northbrook Artists:** Applications are available to exhibit artwork at the Northbrook Originals show, which starts Thurs., Apr. 11, at the Northbrook Library. Visit [www.northbrookarts.org](http://www.northbrookarts.org) or more information. Application deadline is Fri., Feb. 28.

**The Northbrook Arts Commission presents Artists in Residence,** a display at the Northbrook Library featuring artwork by Northbrook Artists through Fri., Feb. 28.

**Enjoy beautiful artwork created by clients (pictured below with staff) from TotalLink2Community,** featured in the Board Room Village Gallery. The exhibit is open during Village Hall business hours.





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# Historian's Corner

presented by the Northbrook Historical Society- Judith Hughes, President

## Taking Your Role in Northbrook's History: The 2020 Census

**People often forget that history is not just about the past; it is about today, tomorrow, and the future.**

Every ten years we all get to participate in an exercise that provides a glimpse of our town to historians and genealogists in the future: The U.S. Census. The actual information you provide about you and your family this year will not be publicly released until 2092.

The most recent census information available for historians and genealogists to look at is from the 1940 Census. That is because the census information, other than for general demographic details, is not released for 72 years. The 1950 Census will be released in April 2022 which means most people living today will not find their names in a federal census.

The U.S. Census from past decades is one of the most valuable tools we use for research. For genealogical purposes, it provides the names and approximate ages of the children living in each household starting in 1850, when for the first time every person in the household is listed. In 1850 and 1860, the Agricultural Census gathered information about the size of someone's land, whether it was owned or rented, where the land was located, what kind



of crops they grew, what kind of farm animals they owned, and even if they were wealthy enough to own a watch or a piano. With this information, we use maps and other sources to track streets, subdivisions, and houses through multiple ownerships. It was the census data that confirmed that this was a predominately German town prior to 1900. Each time the census is taken, the questions asked are slightly different. In 1930, one of the questions was whether the family owned a radio.

In the early years, the census taker rode his horse from house to house. When he arrived to ask a few questions, he may not have written your name as you spelled it. He recorded it as he heard it. For example, the Census listed the Dehne family (pictured), for which Dehne Road is named, with multiple spelling through the years. In the 2020 Census you will fill in your own name making it easier for future family genealogists and historians to research.

Your participation will help your community today and future historians and family genealogists form a clearer picture of their hometown in 2020.

[www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org) - Support the Historical Society and our history... become a member!