



# Village of Northbrook

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## ***Northbrook Village Board Announces Intention to Appoint Cara Pavlicek as Next Village Manager***

**Northbrook, IL:** Village President Kathryn Ciesla and the Northbrook Village Board are pleased to announce their intention to appoint Cara Pavlicek as Northbrook's next Village Manager at the June 22, 2021, Village Board meeting.

Ms. Pavlicek brings more than 20 years' experience as a Village Manager/City Administrator to the Northbrook leadership team. She has been the Village Manager for Oak Park, IL, since 2013. Prior to Oak Park, she served as the Village Manager for Downers Grove, IL, and the City Administrator for La Vista, Nebraska. She also spent five years in increasingly responsible positions in the City Manager's Office in the City of Des Moines, IA. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Washington and a Master of Arts in Public Affairs from the University of Iowa.

"Cara Pavlicek has the leadership skills, experience in economic development/redevelopment, focus on community engagement, and the professional demeanor we are seeking to lead our Village staff and to work effectively with our elected body and community," said Northbrook Village President Kathryn Ciesla. During her tenure in Oak Park, Ms. Pavlicek has played a key leadership role in multiple redevelopment processes in the downtown, which has resulted in more than \$300 million in new private investment.

"I am incredibly honored that Village President Ciesla and the Board of Trustees have selected me to join the Village of Northbrook as its next Village Manager. I believe Northbrook is an exceptional community and I look forward to working with a talented group of Village staff who have a long standing commitment to providing great public services," said Cara Pavlicek. "I can't wait to be a partner with the President and Village Board to advance the community's goals alongside all stakeholders."

Northbrook has had only two Village Managers in the last 30 years. Northbrook's current Village Manager, Rich Nahrstadt, who is retiring this summer, has served the Village of Northbrook for more than 30 years, the last 13 as Village Manager. "Northbrook has been extremely fortunate to

have a leader of Rich's caliber and we are indebted to him for his service to our community," commented Village President Ciesla. This spring, the Village reached out to the community to seek input on the qualifications and experiences desired for the next Village Manager. More than 200 residents responded to an online survey and residents were also invited to attend virtual public forums to provide their input. Virtual stakeholder meetings were held with the business community, non-profit community, and other units of local government. Following a national outreach for candidates, the Village received 48 applications for the position and conducted interviews in June. "We are very excited to start this next chapter in Northbrook's history and look forward to welcoming Cara Pavlicek to our organization and community," said Village President Ciesla.

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