



# WEEKLY MANAGER'S REPORT

**WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2, 2026**

## *Meetings of the Village Board*

- There are no Village Board Meetings next week.

## *Activity Reports*

Police Bulletin: The [weekly police bulletin](#) has been updated for the week ending on January 2, 2026.

## *Save the Date*

### **2026 State of The Village Address**

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 9 a.m., the State of the Village will be delivered by Village President Kathryn Ciesla. The annual event is hosted by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and will start at 9 a.m. at the Northbrook Public Library. Learn more on the Chamber's [State of the Village](#) webpage.

## *Updates*

### **Strategic Planning Update**

The Village Board will hold a special Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Northbrook Public Library to discuss with BerryDunn what feedback was provided by the community through the dedicated Strategic Planning website, the public forums, and stakeholder interviews. With that information, the Board will begin the process of developing a Mission and Vision statement, as well as identify Core Values and Strategic Priorities and Goals which will be used by BerryDunn to prepare a first draft of the Strategic Plan document for future review and adoption by the Village Board. Agenda materials for this meeting will be provided to the Board and public by close of business on January 9, 2026.

### **Automated Water Meter Project**

The Village of Northbrook continues to move forward with the installation of new water meters that began in April. As of December 30, a total of 10,503 installations have been completed with

nearly 700 more scheduled for installation. The result is that 1,003 meters are pending scheduling. Information on the Automated Water Meter Project is available [here](#).

### **IEPA Required Lead Samples Being Collected**

The Village of Northbrook collected the IEPA required water samples for lead testing in December and is currently awaiting the laboratory results. This sampling is required due to the number of water samples collected earlier this year exceeding the action level of 0.015 mg/L (15 parts per billion). Of the 60 samples collected at that time, 7 exceeded the action level. Since this initial exceedance, the Village has provided information on its website linked below.

The Village of Northbrook has no lead water mains and there is not lead in the Village's water supply. Most often lead that is detected in a customer's water is the result of a lead water service, lead plumbing at home, or old plumbing fixtures in a home. Customers interested in finding out if they have a lead service or about the Village's 50/50 Lead Service Line Replacement Program can obtain information from the Village's website at:

- [Water Quality Information](#)
- [Lead Service Line Replacement](#)
- [Lead Service Line Inventory](#)

### **Building Permit Activity**

- *Covenant Living of Northbrook* received occupancy approval for the newly completed *Magnolia building* located at 2100 Mayapple Road.
- A building permit was issued for the proposed new *Fire Science Center* upon the campus of *Underwriters Laboratory* located at 333 Pfingsten Road.

### **Children's Bicycle Helmet Reward Program**

As part of the Police Department's Children's Bicycle Helmet Reward Program, congratulations to Dahlia, who was spotted riding safely with her helmet on and won the drawing for a brand-new bike from George Garner Cyclery.



### **Employee News**

Congratulations to Gene Dabrowski on his retirement after 37 years with the Village of Northbrook in the Public Works Department. Initially hired in 1988 as temporary inspector, Gene became a full-time Water Plant Operator in August of that year. Gene was promoted to the

Water Plant Technical Supervisor in 1997 and the Water Production Supervisor in 2017. We wish Gene the very best in his retirement. Aaron Foley, who is the Assistant Water Production Supervisor, is now serving as the Acting Supervisor.

The Village welcomed three new firefighters on December 29, 2025. Congratulations to Matt Fortune, Matthew Salomonson, and Elliot Kreuz, who will be completing on-boarding which includes both the NIPSTA Fire Academy as well as Paramedic School.