



northbrook

WEEKLY MANAGER'S REPORT

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025

Meetings of the Village Board

- There are no meetings of the Village Board next week.

Activity Reports

Police Bulletin: The weekly police bulletin has been updated for the week ending on [October 31, 2025](#).

Save the Date

Northbrook Pumpkin Smash

Saturday, November 8 from 12-3 p.m.

📍 **Parking lot of Northbrook Court (near Neiman Marcus)**

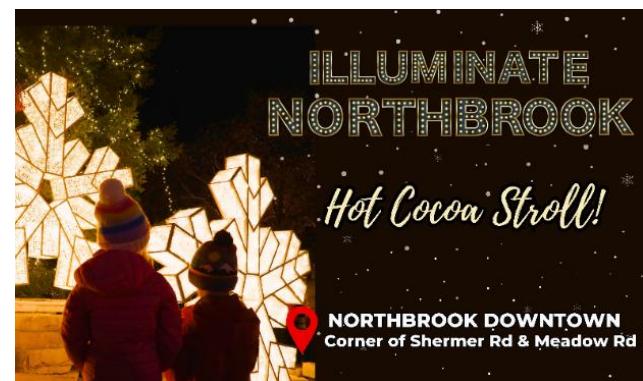
Don't throw it in the trash, bring it to the smash! Stop by the Village's Pumpkin Smash event on Saturday, November 8th, from 12pm-3pm at Northbrook Court (northeast parking lot near Neiman Marcus). Test your aim with the pumpkin target toss, snap a festive photo, and enter the pumpkin seed guessing contest. Additionally, the Village composts all smashed pumpkins for you. To learn about benefits of composting your Halloween jack-o-lantern read the article linked below from the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences: [dont-dump-halloween-pumpkins-donate-or-compost-them](#)

Illuminate Northbrook

Friday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m.

📍 **Northbrook Downtown**

Gather in the heart of Northbrook to kick off the holiday shopping season with complimentary hot chocolate as we turn on the holiday lights and illuminate downtown Northbrook. Don't forget to bring your gently used coats as a donation to the Rotary Club of Northbrook's annual "Coat Off Your Back" collection drive which provides winter coats for infants, children, teens, and adults via multiple outlets serving people in need. Anyone who donates a coat at the Rotary Hot Cocoa Tent will receive a commemorative Illuminate Mug from the



Village while supplies last. Afterwards, stay downtown, enjoy the ambiance, and support local businesses by shopping and dining!

Updates

Village of Northbrook Strategic Plan Community Participation Underway

Now through November 17, 2025, residents and community stakeholders are invited to visit the Strategic Planning website to learn more about and participate in the process. Residents are also encouraged to attend one of three in-person community forums on November 12 and 13. Go here - [Strategic Planning website](#) - to get started!

Fall Leaf Clean Up with Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Extended

Pursuant to Sec. 16-51 of the Municipal Code, starting January 1, 2025, the Village of Northbrook has seasonal restrictions that prohibit the use backpack and handheld portable gas-powered leaf blowers except during the spring (between April 1 to April 30) and fall (between October 1 to November 30) each year. The Municipal Code provides for the village manager to waive enforcement of the prohibition on gas-powered leaf blowers in limited circumstances.

Effective, October 31, 2025, the Village Manager has determined that the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the fall of 2025 shall be permissible for an additional month through December 31, 2025, due to weather conditions and temperatures and the significant amount of leaves yet to fall. This determination is made at the midpoint of the fall clean-up period to assure residents, commercial landscapers, and public entities that they will have sufficient time to remove/clean up leaves once they have fallen.

As required by the Municipal Codes, this determination is being posted publicly and shared in the coming week with the public and landscape contractors.

Fall Street Sweeping Cycle Beginning

The Public Works Department began its fall street sweeping cycle this week and with completion of the initial round of sweeping anticipated the week of November 3. Street sweeping is performed to prevent debris such as leaves from entering the storm sewer system and clogging it, which could result in flooding. Property owners are reminded that blowing or depositing leaves into the road or curb and gutter is not permitted. It is noted with the seasonal delay in leaves falling, street sweeping is projected to take additional time this year to complete.

Automated Water Meter Project

The Village of Northbrook continues to move forward with the installation of new meters that began in April. In total 10,270 of the 12,203-meter replacements have been installed or are currently scheduled to be replaced over the coming weeks. Customers that have not scheduled their meter replacements yet are encouraged to do so as soon as possible to avoid disruption to their water service. There is no opt-out for this program, all meters must be replaced as part of this program. Information on the Automated Water Meter Project is available [here](#).

Shermer Road Corridor Improvements

During the week of October 27, work on Shermer Road between Willow Road and Walters Avenue continued with curb and gutter repairs on the west side of the roadway, removal and replacement of concrete panels from Techny Road to Walters Avenue. Finally, the contractor paved the final lift of asphalt from Willow Road to Techny Road. Upcoming work includes the final pavement markings from Willow Road to Techny Road as well as continued concrete patching on Shermer Road between Walters Avenue and Techny Road. Finally, the contractor intends to begin arm installation for lighting and signals near the intersection of Sherman Drive.

Shared-use path paving on the east side of Shermer Road is expected to be completed the week of November 10th. Substantial project completion is anticipated for December 2025.

Waukegan Road Pavement Patching

Public Works has scheduled patching of the 1000 block of Waukegan Road to permanently restore the pavement following repairs to the water main. The work has been scheduled for November 4 and 5. When work begins on November 4, the northbound curb lane of Waukegan will be closed between roughly Thornwood Lane and Angle Avenue. Crews will break out the asphalt pavement and pour the concrete base of the road. Repaving of the road with asphalt will take place on November 5 with the lane reopening by 3-4:00 p.m. on that day. This work is weather dependent. Map of the planned traffic control:



Public Works Holds Annual Snow and Ice Control Training

The Public Works Department held its annual snow and ice control operations training session with all staff on Thursday, October 30. At this training, the Department reviews snow and ice control safety, changes to operations, plow routes, vehicle inspections and maintenance, pre-treatment of roadways and salting operations. The Public Works Department is responsible for the removal of snow and ice from approximately 125 center lane miles of roadway owned by the Village of Northbrook, parking lots and adjacent walkways (excluding train platforms) at municipal buildings and commuter parking lots. The Public Works Department also plows “arterial” public sidewalks that are used by children to get to school, commuters to get to the train station, and the public for shopping and recreational purposes. Snow and ice control operations are prioritized to first plow and salt roadways, followed by parking lots, and lastly to plow public sidewalks. The 125 center lane miles of roadway translates into approximately 539 plow lane miles. Plow lane miles are an accurate measure of the distance that Public Works crews plow because streets require multiple passes with the snow plow to clear the full width of the road for travel. Wider arterial streets can take significantly more passes to clear. A total of

30 pieces of equipment are used for a typical full scale plowing event. A copy of the presentation is available to the public on the Village's website at: [Snow-Ice-Control-Services](#)

2025 Concrete Street Patching Improvements Project Underway

This week, the Village's contractor, D'Land Construction, has begun work on the 2025 Concrete Street Patching Improvements. This project mainly includes remove and replacing damaged, cracked or sinking concrete panels, as well as some storm structure adjustments. Project locations include portions of Charlemagne Subdivision, Sky Harbor Industrial Park, and on Shannon Road (behind Westmoor Elementary School). Village staff distributed notices to impacted properties during the week of October 13.

This week, the contractor began saw cutting on Shannon Road, which is expected to be completed by November 7. Following that, construction crews will move to Sky Harbor Industrial Park, where they will continue saw cutting and begin pouring new concrete panels. This work will continue as weather permits this year, however improvements in the Charlemagne Subdivision are anticipated to begin in spring 2026.

Nicor Gas Main Replacement

Nicor has indicated that they intend to complete all gas main and service line work by October 31. Nicor began restoration work last week (week of October 20) west of the West Fork of North Branch of the Chicago River. As work is completed, restoration work will move to the east.

Storm Sewer Cleaning

For Fiscal Year 2025–2026, Public Works crews have cleaned 202,957 feet of storm sewer, 135 of the Village's 4,562 storm inlets, and 278 of 2,715 catch basins. This work is an essential part of the Village's stormwater management program. Regular inlet and catch basin cleaning help to prevent debris from entering the storm sewer system and creating blockages that can cause flooding.

Residents are asked to help keep the Village's storm sewers clear and to help prevent flooding by not raking or blowing leaves into the street. Raking or blowing leaves into the street is not permitted per section 22-7 of the Village's Municipal Code. Depositing leaves into the street can cause blockages of storm sewer inlets and the sewers themselves, resulting in flooding during rain. Residents are encouraged to use the curbside composting program through Lakeshore Recycling for their leaves or to "leave the leaves" for nutrients and fertilizer for your lawn in the spring.

Field Testing of Water Mains and Hydrants for Leaks Underway

As part of the Village's water loss control program, we proactively seek out and tests for leaks in our water mains using a contractor. The Village's contractor, ADS, LLC, uses audio equipment that attaches to hydrants and valves within the water distribution system to listen for leaks on our water mains. With this work, residents may see the contractor in the parkway in front of their homes, but the contractor will not have to enter anyone's home. The leak detection program is important because by identifying leaks while they are relatively minor and not surfacing, the

Village is able to schedule the repairs of these water main leaks and reduce the number of emergency water main break repairs that are needed.

Citizen Police Academy Graduation

The Graduation of our 2025 Fall Citizens Police Academy was this week. 16 members of the public came to the Northbrook Police Department over the last 9 weeks and learned all the aspects about what it is to be a police officer in Northbrook and all the different divisions with the department.

Employee News

The Village welcomes new Public Works Maintenance Worker Francisco Marin this week. During the coming year, Francisco will be working through various crews in the Public Works Department including Facilities, Streets/Forestry, Water Distribution, and Sewer Crews. Please join us in welcoming Francisco!