

Northfield News

The Village of Northfield

Dear Neighbor:

Last month, a Town Hall meeting was held on the Village's 10 Year Infrastructure Improvement Plan. The Board was encouraged by the large number of people who attended and shared their thoughts. Implementation of the Plan will require voter approval. During the next few months the Village Board will determine if a bond issue referendum to finance this plan should be placed on the March 15, 2016 ballot. It is vitally important that our residents understand these issues and participate in the solution.

Over the past several years, the Village Board has been working to thoroughly assess the current condition of our community's infrastructure and to identify our long term capital needs for the next ten years. Based on this assessment, The Village Board is recommending an infrastructure plan that provides for \$8.5 million in improvements. These improvements include \$5.0 million in local roadway resurfacing/reconstruction; \$2.0 million in new storm sewer improvements; \$1.0 million

in life safety improvements; and \$500,000 in streetscape and sidewalk enhancements. After careful consideration of our current financial condition and the goal of retaining our AAA bond rating the Village is considering funding the improvements with a \$7.5 million bond issue and a transfer of \$1.0 million from current reserves. All of the detailed information on the plan is available online at www.northfieldil.org. Just click on the "Infrastructure Plan" button on the right hand side of the screen and you will be able to access the meeting, research and technical information.

The bond issue requires voter approval and the Village Board will be deciding at the December 7, 2015 meeting whether to place the following question on the March 15 ballot:

"Shall the Village of Northfield, Cook County, Illinois undertake the following capital improvements in and for the Village: street resurfacing and reconstruction, storm sewer improvements, sidewalk and streetscape improvements, and the rehabilitation of life safety systems, all on property owned by the Village or over which the Village has sufficient easements, and issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,500,000."

This is a major decision for our community and I hope each of you will take the time to get involved and participate in the process.

Sincerely,
President Fred Gougler



The First Northfield Fest Celebrated the End of Construction

On Saturday, October 5 residents, businesses and community service organizations came together during the Northfield Fest - an all-day celebration of the reemergence of the community after three years of construction dust and traffic jams as the new Willow Road was being completed. Undaunted by blustery weather, State Representative Robyn Gabel, Village President Fred Gougler, Trustee Jane Goldenberg and other community leaders spoke during the opening ceremony about the new Willow Road and Northfield's vibrancy. A special

thanks to the participating businesses, the community volunteers who assisted in the planning and to the event's sponsors and supporters. Plans for next year's Northfield Fest are already in the works.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1

Remember to set your clocks back one hour. Clocks that read 2:00 a.m. should be changed to 1:00 a.m.

Village Board Meeting Schedule for the Year 2016

(3rd Tuesday of month at 7 PM)

January 19	July 19
February 16	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	No November meeting
June 21	December 6

Letters to Santa

Write to Santa Claus and let him know if you have been bad or good!!! Santa will be accepting letters from November 23 until 4:00pm on December 18. He will write back and let your child know that he received their requests. Please make sure your return address is printed clearly. Santa will be very busy making toys and checking his list twice, and will not be able to answer any letters after December 19.

Dates: 11/23-12/18
Send letters to: Santa
c/o Northfield Park District
401 Wagner Road
Northfield, IL 60093

We will forward letters to Santa when we receive them at the Park District.



Downtown Northfield Businesses Welcome Shoppers with Tree Lighting and Holiday Sale Day

Please join area merchants, Village of Northfield representatives and Northfield residents as they light the 2015 Holiday Tree. Expect caroling, hot cocoa and an appearance by the jolly man in red!!! The festivities will kick off the Holiday season on Thursday, December 3, at 5:15 pm at Northfield Village Center, 300 S. Happ Road, Northfield.

Then on Sunday, December 6th, don't miss the annual Holiday Sunday Sale which will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Watch for the Red Invitation which lists all participating merchants and the hours they will be open that Sunday. Discover unique "uncommon" gifts and treasures and enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants. Great sale prices help you get ready for holiday parties and get-togethers with tasty goods from specialty shops and a large, well-stocked food store. Find that special outfit or get that great new look at local boutiques and salons. Treat others with gift cards for spas, beauty services, restaurants and other shops – great to give! Select decorations for your home at our shops and pick up your tree locally. Experience the magic of the holidays and support your community by shopping Northfield. Visit www.winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com for more information.



Holiday Open Gym

Let off some steam or work on your jump shot at the Northfield Community Center. No children allowed under the age of 10 without an adult. Open gym times are unsupervised. Check the open gym calendar or log onto www.northfieldparkdistrict.org for open gym days and times. Open gym times may need to be revised based on gym availability. Open gym is free for Northfield residents and \$5 for non-residents.

K-4th 12/21 – 12/23 M,Tu,W 9am-Noon

K-4th 12/28 – 12/30 M,Tu,W 9am-Noon

5th-8th 12/21– 12/23 M,Tu,W 2-5pm

5th-8th 12/28 – 12/30 M,Tu,W 2-5pm



Holiday Fest and Gingerbread Contest

Bring the whole family to the Northfield Park District Community Center for a day of holiday fun! Activities include inflatables, holiday craft table, create a holiday sugar cookie, holiday games, and the opportunity to visit with the big man himself, Santa! Don't forget your camera for pictures! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Age: 2-8 yr. olds

Day: Saturday

Date: 12/5

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Community Center

Fee: Free!

The Gingerbread House Contest will be part of Holiday Winter Fest. Attendees of the fest will vote for their favorites. Ages: 12 & under. Forms are available at www.northfieldparkdistrict.org.

Holiday Schedule for Waste

Pick Up and Village Hall Hours

The holiday schedule for garbage and recycling pick-ups will be as follows: November 26 (Thurs.), Thanksgiving Day pickups will be on Friday, November 27. The pick-ups for Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) and New Year's Eve (December 31) will remain unchanged. Landscape waste pickup ends December 7th.

How to Recycle or Dispose of Live Holiday Trees and Wreaths

Waste Management will pick up bare Christmas trees (no longer than 6 feet, not bagged and with no tinsel or other decorative material) at your curb during the first two weeks in January on their regular pick up days for recycling. After the second week in January, trees will be picked up and treated as trash.

In addition, the Northfield Park District, in conjunction with Montoya Tree Service, will recycle residents' "formerly fresh" holiday trees that are un-bagged, completely free of ornaments, tinsel and other decorations or wreaths containing metal. Trees can be dropped off in the marked area in the Community Center parking lot off Wagner Road between December 19 and January 10, 2016 only.

Northfield Park District Ice Rink

Come to Clarkson Park for another great season of ice skating, weather permitting. After skating with friends and family, sit by the fireplace with a Gatorade, coffee, hot chocolate, candy or a snack, all for purchase in the Lodge. The rink is located at 1950 Willow Road and skating is free! Go to facebook to view seasonal skating hours at facebook.com/northfieldparkdistrict.



Snow Parking Restrictions

During a snowfall of three inches or more, motor vehicles may not be parked along any roadway or village parking lot. Vehicles that are not moved will be impounded.

Snow and Ice Control Plan

The Public Works Department uses its Snow and Ice Control Plan to handle winter's unpredictable weather so roads and critical sidewalks remain passable. The Department is put on alert after receiving advance notice of storms from local weather forecasters. The Police Department also keeps Public Works advised of conditions and changing weather. The Public Works crew has 1 salt and 8 plow routes and handles snow falls of varying duration with different approaches. For snow falls of short duration or approximately 2 to 6 inches of accumulation, crews will attempt to remove snow prior to rush hour, when possible, from 3 to 4 a.m. or 2 to 3 p.m. to assure safe driving conditions. During average snowfalls, the Village's streets and parking lots are cleared and salted in approximately 4 hours. If the forecast indicates long periods of snow and large amounts of accumulation, crews plow in intervals to prevent snow from accumulating beyond safe driving conditions. After routes are plowed, all major Village streets, intersections and slippery spots on roadways are salted.

Sidewalks in the central business district and along primary routes to local schools (parts of Happ Road, Wagner Road, Sunset Ridge Road, also Old Willow Road, Bosworth, Lagoon between Winnetka and Willow, Winnetka Road from Hibbard west and Willow Road west to Edgewood and east to the Village limits) are also plowed as part of the snow removal plan. Northfield crews only clear Village streets. Residents on private streets in the Village are responsible for independently contracting for snow removal. Willow, Waukegan Road and the Eden's Highway are plowed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); Winnetka, Wagner, Sunset Ridge, South Happ and Frontage Roads are plowed by Cook County Department of Transportation.

On behalf of all Northfield residents, we extend our sincere appreciation to the following residents and those who have worked on behalf of the community for their contributions.

Fred Gougler, **President**

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Snow Removal - Who to Call

The Village of Northfield is only responsible for plowing local streets. The State and County handle the following roads: Please call the appropriate office.

Major roads maintained by	
Illinois Department of Transportation (847) 705-4227 or (847) 705-4612	Cook County Highway Department (847) 827-1164
Willow Road	Sunset Ridge Road
Waukegan Road	Wagner Road (South of Willow)
Eden's Expressway	Winnetka Road
Hibbard (Willow So. To Illinois)	West Frontage Road
	East Frontage Road
Village of Northfield Public Works	Happ Road (South from Willow to Illinois)
Snow Removal: 847-441-3810	Orchard Lane (between W. Frontage & So. Happ)
Non-emergency: 847-446-2131	Linder Avenue (North of Orchard)
Emergency: 911	Orchard Lane (between E. Frontage and Linder Ave.)

ComEd Rolls Out Smart Meters in Northfield

ComEd crews plan to be in the Village of Northfield starting December 3, 2015 to install smart meters at local homes and small businesses. This phase of installation is expected to end April 30, 2016. Installations will be performed by a uniformed meter installer with appropriate identification from ComEd or a ComEd-authorized contractor, Corix or MZI Group. A smart meter is a digital electric meter that securely sends energy-usage information to ComEd. ComEd will be installing smart meters that are certified by Underwriters Laboratories, further demonstrating the meters are safe and reliable. Residential customers with smart meters have access to online energy-management tools, high-usage alerts and weekly reports summarizing daily electricity usage to help them manage their electric bills. Smart meters will be installed in all homes and businesses across northern Illinois by the end of 2018. ComEd will mail each customer a notice a month prior to when their home is scheduled to be changed out. For more detailed information, visit ComEd.com/SmartMeter.

2015 Patriot Day Event



Annually, the Village hosts a Patriot Day gathering at the Fire/Rescue station to observe a moment of silence to honor those that lost their lives on 9/11 and to thank the men and women who protect this country. President Gougler led the morning and shared his thoughts:

"Today we gather once again as a community to pause and reflect. It seems like yesterday that on an ordinary September morning our lives could have changed so quickly. We grieve again with those who lost their loved ones and we particularly remember those emergency responders who sacrificed their own lives in an effort to save others – it is for that reason that we commemorate September 11th here in this sacred place – our fire rescue station. We also remember the family of fallen police lieutenant Joe Gliniewicz. Our hearts go out to them and to the residents of Fox Lake. On behalf of our entire community we thank each of you.

September 11th has come to be known as Patriot Day – I for one am glad that it has assumed a broader meaning – so let us consider for a moment what patriotism means and why it is so important.

First, patriotism and liberty go hand and hand. Patriotism reminds us that liberty is not free – liberty is a human right but it is not a human condition - for many around the world liberty is only a dream – a beacon of hope. We must never take liberty for granted or we will quickly lose it.

Second, patriotism is the protector of liberty. To be secured liberty must be proclaimed, lived and defended – not just in war or on national holidays, but in daily acts of compassion and service – we protect liberty best not by our words but by our actions towards each other – let us not relegate patriotism to the history books but proclaim it boldly in the 21st Century as a living message of hope.

Third and perhaps most importantly, patriotism must be authentic and not sentimental; otherwise, its ring is hollow for those of us who live freely in a free land, patriotism is a responsibility. We remember well this day 14 years ago when the skies darkened only to shine brighter and brighter once again with a sense of resilience and renewal. Let that serve as a reminder that the spirit of liberty may be dimmed but can never be extinguished.

So let us commemorate this day in silence and gratitude with the tolling of bells for those patriots that went before us, mindful that their work is never finished but begins again for each of us and for every generation."

Retiring Captain Brian Tidwell Honored for 33 Years of Service

Captain Brian Tidwell was honored at the regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees on August 18, 2015. He began his employment with the Village in 1981 as a paid-on-call Emergency Medical Technician with the Fire-Rescue Department. He graduated from Paramedic School in 1983 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1985 and then rank of Captain in 1989. Chief Mike Nystrand thanked Captain Tidwell for his dedicated service and professionalism. Chief Bill Lustig also thanked Captain Tidwell for his years of service saying he is one of the best paramedics he has ever seen. President Gougler and the Board of Trustees and Village Manager Sigman extended their gratitude and appreciation for providing dedicated emergency service to the Village of Northfield.



Winnetka Road Resurfacing Complete

We are pleased to announce that the fall resurfacing project on Winnetka Road was completed ahead of schedule! The project team did an excellent job of phasing the construction work to ensure the impacts to neighbors, traffic, businesses and schools were minimized but while also ensuring the much needed roadway work was built in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The Village of Northfield, and neighboring communities, is extremely thankful to Commissioner Larry Suffredin, Superintendent John Yonan, Johnson Paving, and the entire Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways team for making this project a reality. The high quality improvements made to Winnetka Avenue make it safer and more attractive for motorists and pedestrians. The County team and their construction crews deserve a great deal of credit for this success. We are grateful for their support and look forward to further collaborative efforts.

Calendar of Events

November

02	Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
03	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	Cancelled
09	Architectural Commission Meeting	Cancelled
26	VILLAGE HALL CLOSED	
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(No Village Board or Committee of the Whole Meeting in November)

December

01	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	7:00 p.m.
03	Northfield Tree Lighting (Village Center)	5:15 p.m.
05	Holiday Winter Fest – Community Center	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
06	Holiday Sunday Sale	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
07	Committee of the Whole Meeting	6:00 p.m.
07	Village Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
07	Yard Waste Collection Stops	
14	Architectural Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Gun Safety – “Lock it up.”

The Northfield Police Department would like to remind residents about the importance of gun safety and to never let your gun get into the wrong hands. Responsible firearms owners use their firearms safely and understand the need to prevent their firearms from getting into the wrong hands. They also know that firearm safety should be a priority if we want to better protect our children, prevent avoidable injury, and keep our communities safe.

There are a variety of different locking and storage items available to firearms owners. To help you find the best safe storage solution for the firearms in your household, please review the options below, which highlight some of the common options and details the advantages and features of the most readily-available storage solutions:

- ▶ A trigger lock can be used to keep someone from being able to pull the trigger. Trigger locks are available in a variety of configurations, from basic key lock options to those that require combinations to open the lock.
- ▶ The cable lock can be used on most firearms. The cable is most often placed through the gun barrel, which generally impedes loading and firing.
- ▶ Storage cases come in various sizes and can be used for both storing and locking up a firearm. The case can be locked, but the lock must often be purchased separately.
- ▶ A lock box is like a small safe that allows you to store your firearm safely and securely via key or combination lock or by a digital keypad, to prevent unauthorized access to the firearm.
- ▶ A locking safe is a safe that comes in a number of sizes to accommodate long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, and includes spaces for storing handguns as well. Much like the lock box, the gun safe has the option of a combination lock or digital keypad to lock it.

Lastly, record your firearm. The rights and responsibilities of a firearms owner do not end with secure storage. If the firearm is lost or stolen, it is imperative to work quickly to report the theft or loss.

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