

Northfield News

The Village of Northfield

From the Village President

Dear Neighbor,



Summer is almost here and it will be a very busy and exciting time! With the farmers market each Saturday, our traditional annual 4th of July festivities, charity runs, summer camps, sporting events, and block parties there are plenty of great opportunities to get out and enjoy Northfield.

As we begin the summer season we are also seeing the final phases of construction on Willow Road. The contractor is in the process of completing the final pavement work east of Wagner Road and will then be working on the final phase with the center medians. IDOT plans to have the major roadway work completed by the end of June. Another part of the final phase is the corridor enhancements. These include:

- 569 new trees, 848 new shrubs, and about 11,000 perennials. The design of these new plantings was a collaborative effort with IDOT, Hitchcock Design Group and the Chicago Botanic Gardens
- Gateway medians on the east and west ends and planted medians throughout the corridor
- Sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the right of way
- Parkway trees along the full corridor
- Decorative sidewalks, lighting, and bridge in the downtown area.

The best way to track the final progress is at <http://northfieldwillowroad.blogspot.com/>; Facebook at Willow Road Construction Project; or through Twitter at @willowroadcp. The Village has also been working with the Cook County Highway Department to get the County roads addressed. This year, they have committed to repaving Winnetka Avenue from Hibbard to the Edens and to start to assess the design of Happ Road from Willow to Illinois. Both

of these projects are expected to get underway sometime this summer.

Over the past 18 months, the Village Board has also been working to create a plan for our unfunded infrastructure needs pertaining to our local roads, sidewalks, storm sewers, streetscape improvements and public safety facilities. That draft document will be finalized shortly so that we can share it with you over the next several months. At the end of the summer, a Town Hall meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts on the proposed approach. The Board's goal is make sure that our comprehensive plan addresses the essential needs of the community for many years to come.

Northfield continues to see impressive growth, investment, and interest in our community. We have maintained the lowest commercial vacancy rate in the region and over the past year have welcomed Hibbard Gardens, Land Rover, Dunkin Donuts, Boutique Reform, NorthShore University HealthSystems, Body and Sole and Uncle Bob's Storage to town. A newly created alliance of residents and businesses known as Northfield Next, formed as an outgrowth of our community and economic development initiative, has been meeting and is working on ways to strengthen our community. Their focus will be geared toward creating a strong and unique community identity; strengthening our office, commercial, and downtown area; enhancing property values and increasing sales tax revenue; To be successful, the Northfield Next group needs the talent, insight, and support of our residents and businesses. Please get involved by attending the next meeting on May 14, at 8:00a.m., at the Clarkson Park Lodge or contact our Community Development Director Steve Gutierrez for more information on the program.

I am very excited about Northfield's future and look forward to sharing it with you.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Fred Gougler, Village President

Events to Help You Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Conserve

Public Works to Open and Flush Hydrants

As part of the Village's annual fire hydrant and water main maintenance program, the Public Works staff will be opening and flushing hydrants in May and June to remove accumulated sediment and improve water flow. Hydrant flushing will be done during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and can cause discoloration of water. Residents should run their cold water until it is clear. Anyone with questions or those needing additional information, can contact the Public Works Dept., 847-441-3810, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Keep Rivers and Ditches Free of Debris to Help Prevent Flooding in Your Area

To prevent blockages and flooding in river areas, do not throw debris and/or landscape waste into the river. After storms, residents along the river should check for fallen trees in the river and report them to the Public Works Department at 847-441-3810.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The Northfield Township Road District is holding limited collections of household hazardous waste to give residents an opportunity to safely dispose of their unwanted household cleaning products. The next collection event will be on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the District Garage, 1928 Lehigh Avenue in Glenview (just west of the Metra train tracks and north of Chestnut Street). Northfield Township residents can safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals as well as antifreeze, charcoal lighter fluid, driveway sealer (limit of two 5 gal. buckets per drop off), drain cleaners, paint thinners and gasoline. All must be in original/approved containers. *No medical waste of any kind, pool chemicals or business/commercial waste will be accepted.* A second household hazardous waste collection event will be held on Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Shredding/Recycling Event

The Village and Northfield Township Road District, will be hosting a shredding and recycling event on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot on south Happ Road across the street from the New Trier West High School campus. Residents can dispose of a maximum of three (3) containers (bags, boxes, etc.) of documents. Helpers will be on site to take material from your car and shred it while you wait. This is a free, safe and secure way of disposing of confidential documents. Township trucks will also be picking up other recycling items such as electronics, ink/toner cartridges, oil and latex paint (10-one gal. cans or 2-five gal. buckets), computer hardware and software (except monitors), clothing, bikes and toys in usable condition, tires, eyeglasses and therapeutic equipment.



Annual Spring Cleaning Day – May 16th

Residents can get rid of old or unused items during the Village-wide cleanup day, Saturday, May 16th. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. No hazardous waste, construction debris, landscape, regular waste or "white goods" (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) will be picked up. Contact Waste Management (800-796-9696) to arrange for a special pick up of white goods.

Electric Aggregation Rate to Be 6.88 Cents Per kWh Beginning June 1

Members of the Lakeshore Power Alliance which includes Northfield, Glenview and Wilmette have negotiated a rate for a one year extension with MC Squared, the aggregation program's electric supplier. The new rate effective June 1, 2015 is 6.88 cents per kilowatt hour which is expected to provide a savings over ComEd's summer rate which is estimated to be 7.04 cents per kilowatt hour. Letters announcing the new MC Squared rate were mailed to Northfield residents and small businesses earlier this month. According to MC Squared, since the Village joined the Lake Shore Power Alliance in January 2013,

the aggregate savings for the community is estimated at \$696,000. Residents and small businesses may enter or exit the aggregation program at any time. While it is projected that the ComEd rate will continue to be higher than the price offered by MC Squared through the remainder of this contract period, Northfield customers can cancel without a penalty if the ComEd rate ever drops below the MC Squared rate. For more information, visit www.LakeshorePowerAlliance.com. or email your questions to lakeshore@mc2energyservices.com or call MC Squared at 1-855-564-8129 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce Recognition Lunch

The 2015 Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce Recognition Lunch was held on April 8, 2015 at the Winnetka Community House with over 250 community members, village representatives, chamber members and elected officials in attendance. The Recognition Lunch recognizes area residents, community leaders and others. Northfield's Cpl. Kevin Tierney was honored as Public Safety Employee of the Year, along with Winnetka's Detective Dylan Majcher.



Planning a Block Party this Summer?

If you are planning to get together with your neighbors for a block party this summer, either write or email the Village Manager at least one week prior to the event with the street, date, time, area to be closed and a rain date. Public Works will be notified to deliver barricades prior to the event.



Cub Scouts Tour Village Hall

The Webelo 1 Den of Northfield Cub Scout Pack 17 toured the Village Hall in March to earn part of their Citizenship Activity Badge. They learned about all of the different operations of the different departments of the Village. The scouts who attended included Coltin Thomas, Brendan Endre, Todd Vieregg, Jacob Buzza and Max Lestina, all 4th graders at Sunset Ridge School.



New Trustee to Be Sworn in at May Board meeting

Elected on April 7, Tom Roszak will be sworn in as a Trustee at the May 19 Village Board meeting to serve a full four year term. Trustees Allan Kaplan and John Gregorio were re-elected to serve their second and final four year term. Trustee Joan Frazier will be recognized for her many years of service to the community at the May meeting.

2015 Arbor Day Celebration

Fourth grade students, teachers and Supt. Dr. Edward Stange from District 29 Sunset Ridge School along with Village President Fred Gougler, Finance Director Steve Noble, Planner Linnea O'Neill and Deputy Chief Claude Casaletto, Public Works employees and Northfield Park District Recreation/Communications Manager Dede Kern gathered at Clarkson Park on Friday, April 24, 2015 to celebrate Arbor Day 2015 and in recognition of Northfield being named a Tree City USA for the 30th consecutive year.

President Gougler read the Arbor Day Proclamation and Village Planner Linnea O'Neill explained the characteristics of the tree and students took turns shoveling dirt to cover the roots of the new Autumn Splendor Horsechestnut tree planted in honor of Arbor Day. Events continued at the field house where winners of the Arbor Day poetry contest read their poems and received awards and prizes. The first place winner received a \$50 gift certificate. Second and third place winners each received \$25 gift certificates.

April 15, 2015 Peachtree Place Day

Lucy Callahan, owner of Peachtree Place, celebrated 30 years of business on April 15, 2015. Lucy is from the south originally and wanted to bring a part of her southern flair to her new North Shore home thirty years ago. What began as a two room store has grown into eleven glorious rooms of high end retail gifts and decorative accessories. Peachtree Place has sponsored the Peachtree Place College Scholarship Fund for deserving minority women. Lucy has given back to the community in countless ways and supports many organizations through charitable donations. President Fred Gougler and Village Manager Stacy Sigman presented Lucy with a Resolution honoring her 30 years of business in Northfield.



Winners of the 2015 Arbor Day poetry contest are:

- 1st Place:** Ellison Baker
- 2nd Place:** Rebecca Arneson
- 3rd Place:** Dzhuliya Vago

Congratulations to all the poetry winners and special thanks to all those who participated and helped make Arbor Day such a great celebration! Below is the winning poem by Ellison Baker:

"Imagine The Future – Plant A Tree"

Trees are what everyone needs
They give us oxygen – guaranteed
Trees are the greatest thing
They are most beautiful-come spring

Imagine planting one tree on Arbor Day
Just like we are doing here today
Imagine the future without trees
No one wants that, so come please

Let's plant a tree,
birchwood, pine or redwood
Let's plant them together
Like everyone should

Because trees are what everyone needs

Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates

The Village Budget for FY2015-2016 includes a 4% increase in the combined water/sewer rate. This increase covers the increased water rates from Winnetka and also covers costs for the continued operation and maintenance of the water/sewer system. The new combined water and sewer rate is now \$7.31 for each 100 cubic feet of water billed. The minimum quarterly water and sewer bill increases from \$77.33 to \$80.41. For residents who have "water only" service, the rate will increase from \$5.03 to \$5.23 per 100 cubic feet. The "sewer only" charge increases from a flat quarterly bill of \$100.26 to \$104.27.



Police Department Safety Tips

The Northfield Police Department wants to share some safety tips to help reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim. Protect your home by:

- Keeping doors and windows closed and securely fastened. *An open window or door is an invitation for burglars. Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock with a minimum of 1 ½ inch bolt and reinforced strike plate with 3 inch screws.*
- Securing sliding glass doors with commercially available vertical locks to prevent burglars from forcing door open or lifting it off the track. *A broomstick or metal rod placed in the track may prevent the door from being forced open, but may not stop the door from being lifted out of its track.*
- Trimming shrubbery that hides doors or windows. *Although tree and shrubbery may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars. Cut tree limbs that could help an intruder climb into windows. Remember that a burglar may only need a minute to break into a window or door.*
- Keeping the perimeter of your home well lighted. *Illuminate porches, entrances and front/back yards. Use timers for exterior lights or install motion detectors. LED lights are highly efficient solutions.*
- Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. *Put lights and a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is at home when you go away. Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in positions to maintain a normal everyday appearance. Cancel newspapers and mail when you are out of town for a period of time.*
- Keeping your yard well maintained. *Store ladders and tools inside your locked garage or basement.*
- Clearly display your house number, so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.

Protect Your Vehicles By:

- Keeping all valuables out of view.
- Parking in well-lit areas.
- Utilizing an alarm system.
- **Always lock your doors.**

Pet Registration

The Village's pet registration program requires owners of dogs and cats that are over six months of age to register them with the Village. This registration helps to protect the pet and expedites their return to the owner should they get lost. Residents can download the appropriate form at www.northfieldil.org under Finance. A form may also be obtained at the Village Hall. To further protect your pets, keep cats indoors and dogs on a leash. **County and State laws require proof of current rabies shots and a tag for all dogs and cats.**



Residents are urged to remain vigilant and to please call the Northfield Police Department by dialing 9-1-1 to report anything suspicious. Do not take suspicious sounds or people for granted.

For instance:

- If you see any suspicious vehicles driving slowly or repetitively through your neighborhood; or
- Observe someone at a neighbor's front door and subsequently see them walking to the side or rear of the house.

Call 9-1-1. If possible, write down the description of the person and his or her vehicle and license plate number. If you have any questions, please call us at 847-446-2131. Through your assistance, the Northfield Police Department is better able to insure the safety of the community.

2015-2016 Vehicle Stickers

Applications for FY2015-16 vehicle stickers will be mailed May 8th to all Village residents who purchased stickers last year and/or whose vehicles are registered to a Northfield address with the Secretary of State. Vehicle stickers and tags go on sale beginning May 11th at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. **Stickers must be displayed by July 1, 2015.** Vehicles required to be registered and the appropriate fees for stickers/tags are as follows: Passenger cars - \$50; Motorcycles - \$35; Recreational Vehicles - \$60; Antique cars - \$20; Trailers - \$20 - \$75; Trucks by class - \$60 - \$120; Replacement sticker - \$10. A penalty of 50% of the sticker fee will be added to the cost of any vehicle sticker purchased after July 1. For Senior residents (65 years and older) who participate in the State's Benefit Access Program (formerly Circuit Breaker Program) requiring an income of less than \$36,635 for couples and \$27,610 for single seniors, one vehicle sticker per household is available at a 50% discount. Northfield stickers are displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the front window (driver's side) of each vehicle including passenger vehicles, RV's and trucks. Tags are used for motorcycles and trailers. **Avoid a late payment penalty or citation by buying a sticker for each vehicle by July 1.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kohl's "Touch A Truck" Event Set for Sunday, May 3

The Women's Board of the Kohl Children's Museum will hold its annual "Touch A Truck" fundraiser Sunday, May 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fields Land Rover BMW at 700 Frontage Road. Children will enjoy over 30 trucks up close including fire trucks, ambulances, a variety of construction vehicles and more. There will also be a kiddie train, live entertainment and tasty food. Help the Children's Museum grow. \$35/family of 6 people if tickets are purchased by May 2 online at www.kcmgc.org/truck and the day of the event tickets will be \$40/family up to 6 people.

Join in the Fun at the 69th Annual Northfield Family Fun Fair, Saturday, May 30

The PTO's annual Family Fun Fair will be held rain or shine Saturday, May 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Middlefork School, 405 Wagner Road. Bring family and friends and enjoy rides, games, food and prizes, including old favorites and new ones such as Wrecking Ball, HiBall, Buddy the Whale, Adrenaline Rush Extreme and Moonwalk Slide. There will also be Bingo, carnival games, tattoos, Dad's Grill and bake sale and more. Mega passes will be sold online at <http://www.shop.district29pto.com> for \$30 each which allows children access to all rides. Individual tickets will be \$1.00 per ticket the day of the Fair. Best deal is 30 tickets for \$25.00. You can also purchase a boxed lunch for \$5.

Park District Offers Free Children's Summer Concert Series at Clarkson Park

Enjoy free concerts at Clarkson Park with your children on Friday mornings from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Pack a snack or lunch, bring a blanket and enjoy an afternoon in the park.

Jeanie B. – June 26th Kids will sing and dance to Jeanie B's Rock 'n Roll Show.

Ken Schulz – July 10th Ken brings his "mini circus" back to Northfield! This variety show is for all ages and includes juggling, comedy, acrobatics, fire eating, unicycling and audience participation.

Dave Rudolf – July 17th This show is totally interactive with hula hooping, bubble machines, the limbo, and more. The concert features Dave's original music as well as some "fun in the sun" songs.

Istvan – July 24th When Istvan starts rocking kids can't help but join in. An irresistible mix of interactive rock 'n roll, country, pop, punk and sing-alongs that get heads bobbing.

Farmers Market Opens for Season Saturday, May 23

The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce is proud to once again be presenting the Northfield Farmers' Market. Opening day is May 23 and the market will run through October 17. Each Saturday, the market will open, rain or shine at 7:30am until 12:30pm. Vendors will be selling fruits, vegetables, cheeses, pet treats, flowers, plants, bakery items, Olive Oil, coffee and a variety of other specialty and gourmet food items. There will be a corn roast on August 22 and Harvest Fest is September 26. Both are not to be missed community activities. Spend a relaxing Saturday morning shopping with friends and neighbors and enjoy live music and special events. The Market is located across from the New Trier High School West Campus on Happ Road south of Winnetka Road. For health and sanitation reasons, pets should be tied in areas outside the market while shopping. Check the Chamber website for detailed information on the vendors selling at the Farmers Market, www.winnetkanorthfieldchamber.org.



Open Gym

The Northfield Park District wants you to join them to let off some steam or work on your jump shot at the open gym at the Community Center. No children allowed under the age of 10 without an adult. Open gym times are unsupervised. Please check the open gym calendar or log on their website at 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.

If you would be interested in contributing to the 4th of July Celebration at Willow Park, please contact Jennifer Sweeney at jsweeney@northfieldparks.org

REDUCE – REUSE RECYCLE SALE

Friday, May 8th • 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Clarkson Park

Kitchen, Garden, Linen and Miscellaneous Items, Tools, Books, Toys & Accessories

Don't miss our featured experts in composting, bees and healthy eating!

Come and shop our sale and learn about our mission to promote the knowledge & love of gardening in our community. All proceeds go towards the education, conservation and protection of our local environment.



Country Gardeners of Northfield...together with nature

Tip Of The Month

By B. Kochvar

Monarchs and Milkweed

Over the past few decades, there has been a steep decline in the monarch population. One reason for this is the disappearance in the monarch's food supply. Monarchs rely almost exclusively on milkweed for their survival. They lay their eggs on the leaves; then the larvae eat the leaves before becoming pupa. A variety of organizations have formed to distribute milkweed seeds and encourage planting to save the monarchs. The Garden Club of IL has initiated a Milkweed for Monarchs project for this purpose in conjunction with the Save Our Monarchs Foundation (SaveOurMonarchs.org). For a nominal cost, you can buy milkweed seed packs for your own garden. In addition, our garden club will be selling milkweed seed packs at our fundraiser on Friday, May 8th @ Clarkson Park from 9am-5pm.

For more information, go to SaveOurMonarchs.org or email the Garden Club of IL's Kay MacNeil at kaymac60423@yahoo.com.

CGN meets September through May, the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in membership or attending as a guest please contact Kathy Bauman at kathleenbauman@comcast.net.

Garden To Table

By Chris Chodos

Spring into Spring with Sprouts

Sprouts are the stage of growth from seeds into plants, and therefore are not fully matured, but contain the building blocks of life from enzymes, vitamins, and amino acids. Sprouts are very easy for our bodies to digest, allowing us to absorb all the nutrients more efficiently. They contain high amounts of antioxidants, anti-cancer properties, phytochemicals and vitamins A, C and D.

In the raw, sprouts have a cooling effect on the body, making them a great choice for the spring. They can also be added to warm dishes and soups if you prefer them to have a soothing effect.

Sprouts can be added to: salads, wraps and sandwiches, stir fries, soups, and rice/whole grain dishes

Sprout Varieties

Alfalfa, Red clover, Cress, Broccoli, Lentil, Sunflower, Garbanzo, Adzuki

RECIPE: Sprout Salad

Prep Time: 10 minutes / **Yield:** 4 Servings

Ingredients:

1 cup mung bean sprouts

1 cup alfalfa or radish sprouts

½ cup each daikon and carrots, cut into matchsticks or grated, mixed with a pinch of salt

1 bunch watercress or arugula, washed and chopped

Dressing:

2 Tablespoons tahini

1 Tablespoon umeboshi paste

2 Tablespoons lemon juice

1 Tablespoon mellow white miso

Directions:

1. Prepare carrots and daikon with salt and let sit while you prepare the rest of the ingredients.

2. Wash the sprouts well.

3. Combine the dressing ingredients.

Calendar of Events

May

04	Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
05	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11	Architectural Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
16	Village-wide Clean Up Day	7:00 a.m.
16	Shredding/Recycling Event	8:30 a.m.
19	Committee of the Whole Meeting	5:30 p.m.
19	Village Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 a.m.
25	Village Hall Closed – Memorial Day	

June

01	Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
02	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	7:00 p.m.
08	Architectural Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.
16	Committee of the Whole Meeting	5:30 p.m.
16	Village Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

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Village Hall Hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm M-F

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