

Northfield News

The Village of Northfield

Dear Neighbor,

As we head towards spring and warmer weather, I am looking forward to an exciting year for our Village.

First and foremost, I am delighted to officially welcome Medline Industries, Inc. to our community. As you may have heard, Medline purchased the Kraft site in February and will be moving their headquarters here this fall. Medline is the largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of healthcare supplies in the United States, providing more than 350,000 products that serve the entire continuum of care. Their innovative products and programs can be found in most hospitals, extended-care facilities, surgery centers, physician offices, home care dealers, home health agencies, and retail outlets. Founded in 1910, Medline has grown from a small manufacturer of aprons, surgical gowns, and uniforms to a thriving \$8 billion global enterprise because of their dedicated people, entrepreneurial spirit, and honest values. The Village is committed to assisting Medline and their employees throughout their transition and look forward to a long and collaborative relationship in the years ahead.



This spring and early summer, we also expect the final work on Willow Road to be completed. The extensive landscaping, designed by Hitchcock Design Group and the Chicago Botanic Gardens, will all be installed. The plans provide for 569 new trees, 848 shrubs, and about 11,000 perennials. Plantings will be placed to create new gateways on the east and west ends of the project; in planted medians throughout the corridor; and at the intersection corners. The Village has also retained the services of a private maintenance company to help ensure these new plantings thrive and look wonderful for many years to come.

Finally, the Board is actively working on next year's budget. I am pleased to report that the Village remains fiscally sound and that the Board continues to work to ensure we maintain our AAA bond rating and operate under a balanced budget. In response to residents' concerns, the Board has made the study and planning for our infrastructure needs one of our top priorities. The condition of our roads, sidewalks, storm sewers, and other systems reflect on the overall character of our community and impact the daily lives of our residents and visitors. This past year, the Board developed a ten-year Capital Infrastructure Plan and in December we placed a referendum on the March ballot for the financing of these improvements. I urge you to take time to vote on March 15th and to look for the referendum question toward the back of the ballot. The outcome will have a profound effect on Northfield's future.

Wishing you all the best as we head into spring.
Sincerely, President Fred Gougler

Upcoming Workshop to Review and Discuss the Village's Budget

The Village Board invites residents to join them in reviewing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The Budget Workshop is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road. Review and discussion of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 covers capital projects, equipment replacement, and proposed departmental budgets. If further discussion is needed, a second meeting will be held in the same location on Thursday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. to continue review of the draft budget.

The Village will be ending its current 2015-2016 fiscal year on April 30th. Not including a voluntary contribution to the police pension fund, the Village's general fund is expected to see a \$103,000 surplus. The Village has been extremely successful in controlling expenses throughout the year.

Overall, the 2016-2017 fiscal year draft budget reflects an 8% decrease in spending in the operating funds compared to the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. Despite this decrease, there will be a continued emphasis on maintaining infrastructure with over \$855,000 in water main and sanitary sewer replacement projects planned.

The proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget is available for inspection at Village Hall and is also available at www.northfieldil.org.

Village President and Trustees Welcome New Police Officer Thomas Insley

At the January 29th Village Board meeting, Chief Lustig introduced Officer Thomas Insley and his wife Katy and daughters Avery, Madison and Kelly. Officer Insley is the Police Department's 19th officer which leaves the Department fully staffed. Officer Insley came from Rockdale, Illinois where he was assigned to the Illinois State Police Task Force for drug interdiction.



From left to right, Village President Fred Gougler, Officer Thomas Insley, Village Manager Stacy Sigman, and Police Chief Bill Lustig

Fire-Rescue and Police Department Promotions

At the February 16 Village Board meeting, Trustees welcomed the promotion of nine Fire-Rescue and Police officers. The Fire-Rescue and Police Departments conducted interviews and detailed assessments for these promotions over the course of several months.

Fire-Rescue personnel that were promoted to the position of Lieutenant include John Kwasny, Bill Smaha, Dave Johnson, and Phil Donohue. Mikel Milks and Mark Reding were promoted to the position of Captain. These six officers have over 100 years of combined service with the Village's Fire-Rescue Department. Northfield's Fire-Rescue Department is unique in that it is staffed full-time by part-time firefighters from other communities, many of which hold ranking offices in the community in which they work full-time.

The Police Department had the great honor of swearing in a new Sergeant, Corporal, and Detective. Prior to being promoted, Sergeant Mike Hutensky served as Corporal for 11 years. Corporal Tom Hanus served as Detective for the past 3 years, and Detective Steve Gilmour has been with the Department for the past two years.



From left to right, Village President Fred Gougler, Assistant FR Chief Tom Burke, Trustee Brian Kozminski, FR Captain Mikel Milks, FR Lieutenant John Kwasny, FR Lieutenant Bill Smaha, FR Captain Mark Reding, FR Lieutenant Dave Johnson, FR Chief and Public Works Director Mike Nystrand, Trustee Jane Goldenberg, PD Sergeant Mike Hutensky, PD Chief Bill Lustig, PD Corporal Tom Hanus, PD Sergeant J.J. McCulloh, PD Detective Steve Gilmour, Village Manager Stacy Sigman, Trustee John Gregorio, and Trustee George Warga (FR Lieutenant Phil Donohue not pictured)

Yard Waste Collection Season Begins April 1st

Yard Waste season begins Friday, April 1st and runs Mondays through December 7th for residents who contract with Waste Management for service. Yard waste collection is an optional service that must be rescheduled with the start of each new contract year (May 1st). This service is available to residents at \$95.00 for the 2016 season. Paper leaf bags or garbage-type containers clearly marked "yard waste" can be used. There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags or containers residents can put at the curb for collection. Landscape materials that will be collected include grass clippings, leaves, garden material, and small branches (up to two inches in diameter and four feet in length). Branches set out for collection must be tied with string made of natural fibers. **Do not put yard waste in unmarked Recycling or Garbage containers or plastic bags – it will NOT be picked up.** All landscape waste must be kept separate from refuse and recyclable materials. To subscribe to yard waste service for the 2016 season, call Waste Management at (800)796-9696 or subscribe online at www.wm.com.

Pilot Composting Program

Did you know that over 40% of all edible food in the U.S. is thrown away? Composting is the natural process of recycling this organic waste and is the most ecologically friendly way to dispose of food scraps. Composting reduces greenhouse gases, diverts materials from landfills, and creates a valuable nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Waste Management is offering a voluntary subscription-based pilot curbside composting program to all homes, businesses, and community organizations. Compost pickup will be every Monday during the yard waste season from April 4 to December 5. Collected compostable materials are combined with yard waste and are taken to the same facility for disposal; however, unlike yard waste, compostable material must be put into a Waste Management cart due to Health Department regulations and animal concerns.

Compostable items include yard waste, food scraps, and other organic materials. Unacceptable items include pet waste, dairy cartons, grease, and oil.

Carts will be delivered during the last week in March. If you would like to have the cart picked up by Waste Management at the end of the season, there will be a \$40 pickup fee, with an April redelivery fee of \$40 fee. If you would prefer to keep the cart during the off-season, you can do so without any service fees.

Food scraps that are put loosely into your cart may attract unwanted pests. Paper bags or newspaper are most commonly used to wrap scraps. Compostable bags that

New Waste and Recycling Contract

The Village's contract for refuse, recycling, and yard waste removal with Waste Management is set to expire on April 30th. The Village sought competitive bids for a new contract and received responses from four waste haulers. The Village's current vendor, Waste Management, provided the lowest overall bid.

The new contract with Waste Management maintains the high level of service residents and businesses have experienced for the past several years. In addition, the new contract provides for several new enhancements including a subscription-based composting program, "at your door" collection of hazardous and hard to recycle items, the elimination of the requirement for residents to use Waste Management for construction roll offs, a medical sharp collection kiosk, enhancements to the commercial recycling program, and the introduction of a new "Recyclebank" program to educate, engage, and reward residents for environmentally friendly actions.

Under the new contract, residents will pay \$15.76 per month for single-family weekly pickup, which reflects a 1% rate reduction. Waste Management will soon mail all subscribers a Collection Guide that explains the new contract prices and services in detail. To change service, request new service, or report service issues, contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 or visit www.wm.com.

PROGRAM FEES:

Composting Only

Participants will receive a 35 gallon Waste Management cart. Service is \$55.60 per service season.

Composting AND Yard Waste

Participants have the option of choosing a 35, 64, or 96 gallon Waste Management cart. You can continue using paper bags or other containers for your yard waste, or can combine yard waste with your compost in a cart.

You will continue to pay \$95 for a season of yard waste service, plus an additional \$2.25 per month to include composting.

meet ASTM 6400 or ASTM 6868 standards can also be used (ASTM standards should be included on packaging). Keep in mind that "biodegradable" is not the same as "compostable," and that biodegradable bags cannot be included in your compost. Compost countertop bins and bags are available locally at Bess Hardware, at most chain home improvement stores, and online.

All clean paper products (cups, plates, napkins, etc.) should continue to be disposed of in your recycling cart. Paper products that have food remnants on them (pizza boxes, used paper towels, etc.) should not be recycled and should instead be composted.

To enroll in the program and request a cart, contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696. For other questions, call Melissa DeFeo at (847)784-3554 or mdefeo@northfieldil.org.

Electrical Aggregation Program to End in May

In 2012, the Villages of Glenview, Kenilworth, Northfield, and Wilmette partnered to form the Lakeshore Power Alliance (LPA) to offer residents an opportunity to purchase competitive electricity supply through aggregation at a lower rate than what was available from ComEd. In 2012, the LPA entered into a three-year contract with provider MC Squared Energy Services (mc2) and in 2015 executed a one-year program extension which will expire in May.

Through participation in the LPA, the Village has successfully provided participating residents with over \$750,000 of savings since the program began; however, over the past four years, savings for the average participant has declined from 50% to being neutral with the ComEd rate. This reduction in savings is due primarily to the Illinois Power Agency restructuring how ComEd can procure electricity and set rates.

The LPA has met over the last year to compare projected rates and determined that there is no longer certainty that there will be a savings compared to the ComEd rate. In the absence of assured rate savings for all program participants, the LPA has decided to discontinue the electric aggregation program at the contract expiration in May. Moving forward, aggregation participants have three options:

- 1. Do nothing** – You will automatically be returned to the ComEd rate after your May billing cycle.
- 2. Elect to remain with your current provider, mc2** – To do so, you must opt-in to their program in advance of May. mc2 will be contacting participants about their programs, rates, and enrollment.
- 3. Select a different electric supplier** – To compare different providers, including ComEd, visit the Illinois Commerce Commission's website, www.pluginillinois.org. If you choose to look at supplier options, we encourage you to consider:
 - a.** The duration of any introductory rate and the final effective rate after all fees. Some suppliers may offer an attractive introductory rate but provide a higher variable rate afterwards.
 - b.** The term of your obligation to remain with the provider and any termination fees that may be assessed if you leave their program.
 - c.** The ICC Retail Electric Supplier Customer Complaint Rankings of the supplier.

Should you encounter any problems with a supplier, please consider contacting the Illinois Commerce Commission at www.icc.illinois.org or (800)524-0795 to report your concerns or issues.

Should you have any questions regarding discontinuation of the program, please contact the Village at (847)446-9200.

Northfield Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Village has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the ninth consecutive year that the Village has received this important award. Finance Director Steve Noble, who is primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, was also recognized with a Financial Reporting Achievement award.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE VILLAGE!

Keep up to date with the Village's latest news, events, and more by connecting with on Facebook at www.facebook.com/northfieldil and on Twitter at @NorthfieldIL

Village-Wide Clean Up Day

Residents can dispose of old or unused items during the Village-wide cleanup day, Saturday, April 30th. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. No hazardous waste, construction debris, landscape, regular waste, or appliances will be picked up. If you would like to dispose of appliances, contact Waste Management at (800)796-9696 to arrange for a special pick up.



Talking To Your Children About Firearms

It is important to talk with your children about what to do if they find a gun. The following is an example of how you can address the topic with your child:

Guns are very serious. An accident involving a gun can hurt or even kill you or someone you know. Most adults are allowed to own a gun, and they may have one. This means that even if there isn't a gun in your house, you need to know what to do if you see a gun.

If you see a gun, follow these four steps:

1. Stop
2. Don't touch
3. Get away
4. Tell an adult

When you follow these steps, you're keeping yourself and other people safe. Here are some tips about what to do in specific circumstances:

- Walk away and tell a parent if your friend shows you his parent's gun
- Tell an adult immediately if you see that someone has brought a gun to school

- Tell an adult if you hear someone say that they are going to bring a gun to school

If you have any further questions or concerns in regards to firearms safety, please contact the Police Department at (847)446-2131.



SPRING SAFETY

The Police Department continues to offer safety advice and recommendations for parents. With spring quickly approaching, there are several safety checks that parents should conduct for their children.

Due to the winter months, children have been confined to participation in primarily indoor activities. Typical spring activities like riding bicycles and playing outdoor sports will soon again become daily activities for many children. While you and your children are enjoying the many activities spring time has to offer, keep these safety tips for your children in mind:

- **Cleaning and Maintenance:** Parents should review and follow any recommended cleaning and maintenance instructions for equipment that will once again be used outdoors. For example, bicycles that have been unused during the winter months should have handlebars tightened and new oil applied to chains.
- **Safety Check:** Parents should check all safety equipment before sending your child out to play. For example, bike helmets should be inspected for cracks or other malfunctions and to ensure they still properly fit. Safety equipment that does not fit will not protect your child as designed.
- **Verify Adult and Coach Credentials and Training:** It is important to confirm that any adults who watch your

children or in charge of sports activities (babysitters, coaches, or teachers) know first aid and CPR. To prevent sports injuries, ensure that your child's coach makes them warm up before practice and has them cool down and stretch afterward. If temperatures get high, ask the coach about policies regarding practicing in the heat.

- **Walking and Bike Safety:** This spring season could mark the first time your young child begins to ride their bike more independently. Make sure your child knows to always wear safety gear and the correct way to ride on the road while always being cautious of traffic. Remind your child that while they may see a vehicle on the roadway, it does not mean the vehicle can see them!
- **Health Exams:** You may want to consider a medical exam prior to enrollment into the spring sports season, and most children's leagues now require them. Make sure your doctor knows that your child will be participating in sports so that they can check for potential health problems of which you may not be aware. Spring time has the potential for allergy issues, so see a doctor if needed.
- **Stranger Awareness:** As the weather changes, more people will be out about enjoying the warmth that spring brings. Reinforce the importance of not talking to strangers to your children. Teach your children to always tell an adult if they see a suspicious stranger.

Shredding and Recycling Event and Permanent Drop-Off Location

The Village and Northfield Township Road District have partnered to host a shredding and recycling event on Saturday, May 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event 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 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.

At the event the Northfield Township Road District will be collecting other recycling items including art supplies, all variety of batteries, bikes and toys in usable condition, cardboard (boxes must be flattened and tubes will not be accepted), cell phones and pagers, clothing in usable condition, computer software, electronics, engine oil, eyeglasses, hydraulic oil, ink and toner cartridges, metal, clean and white Styrofoam blocks, tires, transmission fluid, flags, therapeutic equipment, and oil and latex paint (limited to ten one-gallon cans or two five-gallon buckets).

If you cannot make it to the event, the Northfield Township Road District will be accepting those recycling items listed above March 28th through November 4th. Items can be dropped off at the District's garage at 1928 Lehigh Avenue in Glenview Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The District can no longer accept any televisions or computer monitors due to government regulations. For acceptable sites where you can dispose of hazardous wastes, visit the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste>.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Did you know that a majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from their family, friends, and their home medicine cabinet? For the fourth year, the Northfield Police Department will be hosting a prescription drug take-back to properly dispose of unneeded prescription drugs. Please bring your prescriptions to the Police Department (350 Walnut Street) on April 30th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for safe disposal.

North Shore Senior Center to Hold Vintage Marketplace

The North Shore Senior Center at 161 Northfield Road in Northfield will be hosting their annual Vintage Marketplace on April 8th and 9th. Whether you are in search of antiques to add a touch of elegance to your home, or you are interested in retro treasures to bring back memories of the '60's, '70's and '80's, the Vintage Marketplace is your one-stop shopping destination!

The Vintage Marketplace features merchandise that has been donated by members, volunteers and friends of North Shore Senior Center, and is different every year. Expect to find costume jewelry, retro housewares, toys, and memorabilia.

ComEd to Install Smart Meters

ComEd will be installing 753 Smart Meters in Northfield in March and 95 in April. Smart Meters allow ComEd customers access to online energy-management tools, high-usage alerts and weekly reports summarizing daily electricity usage to help manage electric bills. Smart Meters also help eliminate the need for a meter reader to visit your home. Visit www.comed.com for more information.

This event depends on the dedication and hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of hundreds more. Months of volunteer labor and a bounty of donations fuel this sale and help to make it successful.

The event will run Friday, April 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. To learn more about the Vintage Marketplace, contact Rose at (847)784-6035 or rcarroll@nssc.org.

Northfield Farmers' Markets kicks off 39th Year

Make sure to visit the Farmers' Market this Spring! Shoppers can enjoy relaxing mornings at the market, complete with visiting with friends and bringing home fresh-picked fruits and vegetables. Market-goers will also find beautiful plants, shrubs, cut flowers, cheeses, delicious baked goods, and wonderful specialty foods.

The Market opens for the season on May 21 and will run (rain or shine!) every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through October 15! The market is operated by the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce and is located at 6 Happ Road in Northfield across from New Trier West.



Resident Input:

The Village President and Board of Trustees provide this opportunity for your comments or concerns regarding deer in your area. It is important to include your name and address so the location of deer sightings can be properly recorded.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Calendar of Events

March

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| 07 | Budget Workshop | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10 | Budget Workshop (only if needed) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Architectural Commission Meeting | Cancelled |
| 15 | Election Day - Vote on the Infrastructure Referendum! | |
| 15 | Committee of the Whole meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Village Board of Trustees meeting | 7:00 p.m. |

April

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| 05 | Plan & Zoning Commission meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 05 | Zoning Board of Appeals meeting | Cancelled |
| 11 | Architectural Commission meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Committee of the Whole Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 30 | Village Clean Up (curbside) | 7:00 a.m. |

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