

Home Rule Public Information Meetings Planned for Fall

Dear Neighbor,

In May, the Village Board of Trustees voted to place a Home Rule Referendum on the November 2, 2010 ballot for your consideration. This decision followed a year long study of the Village's financial future, evaluation of different options for solving our projected budget shortfalls, an assessment of what Home Rule would mean for our community and a Town Hall meeting in April where these issues were shared and discussed. The Board also approved an ordinance requiring Northfield to abide by the current State property tax cap regulations should Home Rule be approved.

As we move forward, Northfield will define the type of community that we want to be and will make important decisions on the type and quality of services provided for our residents. It is vitally important that you understand your choices and, that as voters, you are given all of the information you need to make an educated decision in November. To help residents, the Board will conduct a series of public information meetings in the fall. We hope you will take the opportunity to join us at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, for one or more of these events so you can gather information, provide input and ask questions.

Thursday -- September 23, 2010 -- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday -- October 2, 2010 -- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday -- October 14, 2010 -- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In addition, there will be a series of casual "Coffees with the Board" at the Village Hall on the other Saturday mornings of October 9, 16 and 23 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. These mornings will provide residents an opportunity to stop in and ask Board members questions in a more casual one-on-one environment.

Finally, a special section has been created on our Village web site where you can access the work of our Board Sub-Committees as well as special research on Home Rule. Go to www.northfieldil.org and click on "Home Rule" on the righthand side of the screen. A great place to start is "Frequently Asked Questions." This provides a quick overview of Home Rule including which neighboring towns have it and its potential impact on Northfield.

The Village is facing critical decisions that will affect our community for many years to come. Your engagement on this matter is most important for the future of our Village. I sincerely hope you will take the time to learn about these issues and options so you can make an informed decision on this referendum question in the November 2, 2010 election.

Sincerely,

Fred Gougler

Village President

Northfield Residents Invited to Attend Public Information Meetings in Fall

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Home Rule Referendum Question - November 2, 2010

Shall the Village of Northfield become a home rule unit pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution?	Yes _____	No _____
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