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## Parade Line-Ups at Two Locations Gather at Noon Sunday, July 4

### *Schedule of Events*

#### **Noon - Line up for Parade begins (all residents welcome)**

The north parade group will assemble at Old Willow Road and Somerset Lane and march east on Old Willow and south on Wagner Road to the Community Center. The south group will meet at the Ameritech parking lot on Winnetka Road, march west to Riverside Drive, north on Avon, west on Bosworth and north on Wagner Road to the Community Center (Police will be assisting at the Willow Road crossing).

**12:15 p.m. - Bike and Wagon Parade Groups led by Fire-Rescue Vehicles, Police and Scouts march to Willow Park**  
Parade groups will converge at Willow Park. (Park bikes and wagons at the south end for judging - watch for signs.)

#### **12:30 p.m. - Bike and Wagon Judging**

Prizes in each of five categories - Most Patriotic, Funniest, Most Imaginative, Most Elaborate, and Most Old Fashioned. All bikes and wagons to be judged must have the owner's name boldly displayed on the bike or wagon.

#### **12:30 p.m. - Concession Stands Open**

Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, pizza, ice cream, snowcones, cotton candy and various beverages including water.

#### **12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Amusement Rides/Events**

Maggie the Caterpillar, Pumper the Firetruck, Moonwalk, Climbing Wall, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, Sand Art, and Rock Band.

#### **1:30 p.m. - Running Races for All Ages (Children & Adults)**

Other events include:

- Family Relay and Wheelbarrow Races
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Egg Toss Contest

#### **2:30 p.m. - Family Trophy Winner Announced**

*Complimentary blood pressure checks provided by the Northfield Fire-Rescue Dept.*

## Join the Parade and Stay for the Rides, Races, Food and Fun at Willow Park from Noon to 4 PM

This year, Northfield celebrates Independence Day on **Sunday, July 4 with a delayed start time at Noon**. There will be lots of traditional red/white/blue decorations in the do-it-yourself bike and wagon parade with two groups converging at the Park District/Community Center parking lot at Willow and Wagner Roads. The parade will be led by local Scouts and Police and Fire-Rescue vehicles then converge at the Park District parking lot. **Bikers and strollers are welcome to join the parade anywhere along the routes.** Show your patriotic spirit in your clothes and decorate your bikes and wagons! Be sure to enter the judging contest. Vehicle parking available at the Northfield Community Church and in the Park District lot.

Parking on Wagner Road in designated spaces only permitted after the parade.

Residents, family and friends are all invited to enjoy the events including bike/wagon judging, running races, family relays,

rides and attractions including giant slide, climbing wall, face painting, temporary tattoos, sand art and rock band. Purchase tasty picnic foods including hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, pizza, and assorted beverages. Enjoy our small town Fourth of July celebration! Festivities will take place rain or shine. Fireworks are held in neighboring communities. Check local papers for dates and times or contact the appropriate Village.



**Celebrate Independence Day on July 4 at Willow Park**

## **President's Briefing**

***From the desk of President Fred Gougler***

### **Village Board Votes to Put Home Rule Question on the November 2, 2010 Ballot**

After almost one year of thoughtful study and review, the Village Board, based on the recommendations of the Long Range Financial Planning Committee and the Home Rule Task Force, decided to place a Home Rule referendum on the November 2, 2010 ballot. At the same time, the Board also adopted an ordinance with limiting language which states that if Home Rule is adopted, the Board will not raise property taxes above the State tax caps. This is similar to what other north shore communities established when they adopted Home Rule.

I would like to thank the almost 200 residents who attended our Town Hall meeting in April for your interest and engagement on this issue. The turnout was in excess of our expectations and I apologize if any of you were inconvenienced due to space. I was very pleased by the turnout which, as I said at the meeting, reflects the real virtue of local government. We can all gather to share information, offer opinions and work together to manage and govern our Village. We have challenges before us but I am pleased that we have worked so well to understand and seek to resolve them. Inaction is not an option.

### **Public Information Forums Scheduled**

Our next challenge is one of community education and engagement. In recommending a November 2010 ballot date rather than April 2011, I placed my faith in our residents and their commitment to resolving our financial issues sooner rather than later as an informed electorate. My goal, simply put, is to have each of you well informed on the issues facing our Village and the process and due diligence that we have followed over the last year. It is essential that we all have a sound understanding of home rule and what it means to us as residents and as a community. We need to know how you feel. So please take the time to consider the issue carefully and let your position be known on November 2. During the coming months prior to the November election, there will be opportunities for residents to learn more about Home Rule, ask questions and offer opinions. The Village Board will hold three public information forums at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Rd. ***We hope you can attend one or all on the following dates:***

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

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

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

In addition to these meetings, presentation materials and information from the financial and home rule task force meetings are available for review on the Village's website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org), then click on "Home Rule" or "Financial Future." Residents are encouraged to talk to me and/or the other members of the Village Board about Home Rule or other issues at any time via our website or in person. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your comments or questions.

### **Willow Road Discussions between IDOT and Community Members Continue**

The fourth community Action Group (CAG) meeting will be held at New Trier High School in Northfield on Thursday, July 15, with their discussion focused on creating a problem statement. The CAG meetings are part of the Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) process that IDOT is required to hold with the communities along Willow Road that would be affected by any changes to the road. A recent letter from Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig indicates that IDOT is intent on identifying a solution that addresses transportation needs, safety and the impact to our communities. At this time, IDOT has notified us that there will be two more CAG meetings - one in September and another in November. All CAG members and Northfield residents are encouraged to continue attending and participating in the IDOT process to make sure IDOT and the other communities understand Northfield's commitment to a three lane Willow Road for the safety and well being of our children and the community.

### **Residents Encouraged to Take an Active Part in Local Government**

As you know, every four years in spring, local elections are in the spotlight. I encourage all interested residents who would like to become more involved in local government, either on a Commission or a Board, to visit the Village website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org) and click on "Boards and Commissions" to obtain a Candidate Data Form or, click on "External Links" and then "Northfield Caucus" and fill in their form if you are specifically interested in serving on the Village Board. The Caucus will be holding interviews the week of August 30 as they begin the process of slating Board of Trustee candidates for election or re-election in April 2011.

Finally, I hope that you and your families enjoy the summer months and that I will see you at our 4th of July celebration at Willow Park. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village staff, I wish you all the very best.

# MORE VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

## 2010 Vehicle Stickers/Tags Must Be Displayed by July 1 to Avoid Penalty

Applications for 2010-11 vehicle stickers/tags have been mailed to all Village residents who have vehicles registered in town. Stickers/tags are on sale at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. New stickers/tags must be displayed by July 1. All residents and businesses with vehicles registered, garaged or stored in the Village need to display a 2010 Northfield sticker in the lower left hand corner of the front window (driver's side) of each vehicle including passenger vehicles, RV's and trucks. Motorcycles and trailers receive mountable medallions. The cost for passenger vehicle stickers is \$50 per vehicle, \$35 for motorcycles, \$20 to \$75 for trailers and \$60 to \$120 for trucks. Senior citizens who participate in the State's Circuit Breaker Program are eligible for 50% discount on one vehicle sticker/tag per household. A penalty of 50% of the license fee will be added to the cost of any vehicle sticker/tag purchased on or after July 1, 2010. In addition, vehicles registered in the Village that do not have a current vehicle sticker displayed by July 1 are subject to a citation by the Police Dept. of \$100. To avoid a penalty or citation, please purchase your 2010 vehicle sticker by July 1.

## More Road and Bridge Construction Projects Will Add to Summer Traffic

Work on the Winnetka Avenue bridge which closed the road to east and west bound through traffic continues with traffic detoured to Happ, Wagner and Willow Roads through Northfield. Completion of the bridge is scheduled for July 15 with hopes for an earlier date. Also, IDOT has notified the Village they will begin work on the Willow Road bridge deck over the Edens Expressway sometime in July with an October estimated completion date. More details will be available after the June 22 pre-construction meeting. Information will be posted on the Village website. Finally, IDOT will be resurfacing Waukegan Road between Golf and Willow Roads. During Phase I, June 15-July 16, medians and curb bump-outs in Glenview will be improved; in Phase II, July 19-Sept. 2, the road will be resurfaced and will include closing or consolidating 12 curb cuts. In the final Phase III, Sept. 3-Oct. 15, IDOT will install new crosswalks in certain areas.

## Ways to Conserve Water that Add Up

If you turn off the water when you brush your teeth, you can save **3 gallons a day**.

If you fix leaky faucets, you can save **20 gallons a day**.

If you wash only full loads of laundry, you can save **15 to 50 gallons per load**.

If you use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks, you can save **150 gallons each time**.

If you check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads, it can save you **500 gallons a month**.

## Mulching Trees "Volcano" Style Causes Damage to Your Trees - Read Why

The Village's arborist wants to call residents attention to a common practice used by some landscape contractors and homeowners of piling mulch around the trunk of a tree forming a "volcano" look. This practice is harmful and will eventually cause the tree to suffer and possibly die. Here's why:

--When drought conditions occur, volcano mulched plants may come under severe stress because many newly developed feeder roots are growing in the mulch material which has considerably less water-holding capacity than real soil. The feeder roots migrate up into the mulch rather than down into deeper soil.

--Deeper roots in the ball may actually suffocate because of being buried too deep by an extra several inches of mulch.

--No rain can penetrate a foot-thick layer of mulch and, because the mulch is sloped away from the tree, rain runs off. Thick mulch also promotes the growth of mats of fungi that shed water. In effect, the mound functions as an umbrella over the root zone.

--The volcano mulch provides comfortable and dry winter quarters for bark-nibbling rodents.

An additional note, trees in native habitats rarely have individual mulch rings rather, they share a large common soil volume that is nicely mulched by decomposing leaves that are releasing minerals to the soil. Also, the mulch layer is rarely more than two inches (2") thick.

## Bicycle Safety Key for Riders and Walkers

Bicycling is a great way to get around town in the summer. For riders and walkers, safety is important. Make sure children understand that pedestrians have the right of way on the sidewalk, that helmets are needed when riding, to look both ways before crossing streets and, to use extra caution when approaching driveways. To prevent injuries, riders on sidewalks/paths must signal with a bell or verbal warning such as "on your right/left" when approaching walkers. Bicycles should be registered in case they are lost or stolen.

**To register a bicycle at no charge, stop by the Police Dept., 350 Walnut, with your bicycle.**

## Northfield Branch Library Programs Offer Fun and Education for All Ages

It's an oasis of enlightenment filled with treasures found in book clubs, storytimes, special projects, programs and music events. The Winnetka-Northfield Branch Library is a place that children and adults alike enjoy visiting and spending time learning. To find out about all the fun activities planned this summer, visit their website, [www.winnetkalibrary.org](http://www.winnetkalibrary.org), or sign up to get their newsletter by email. On July 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as part of the One Book Two Villages program, the Branch Library will be offering an after hours concert called *Sixties Rock*, starring Josh and the Empty Pockets.

## Community News

**Northfield Sidewalk Sale Days - Friday and Saturday, July 16 & 17**  
Participating members of the Northfield Chamber of Commerce are holding their annual Sidewalk Sales on July 16 and 17. Support local merchants and enjoy great summer savings on a variety of merchandise. For more information, visit [www.northfieldchamber.org](http://www.northfieldchamber.org).

**Kids and Their Dogs Contest July 24 at Clarkson Park**

Bring your family dog for a fun, free event Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Clarkson Park! All dogs automatically entered into largest or smallest contest. You can also enter your dog in two additional categories, Best Costume, Fanciest Trick, Best Looking, Best Behaved and Floppiest Ears.

**Help Others - Give Blood Sunday, July 25 at Church of Ascension**

Lutheran Church of the Ascension will host a Life Source Blood Drive Sunday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their site, 460 Sunset Ridge Road (at Willow). One donation can save up to three lives. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, 110 pounds, have a regular heart rhythm, free of fever, normal blood pressure or controlled with medication, and not given blood in the past eight weeks. Call 847-446-8335 for an appointment; walk-ins also welcome.

**Waste and Recycling Pick-Up Schedule for Upcoming Holidays**

For the following holidays, Monday pickups will be on Tuesday and Thursday pickups on Friday:  
*4th of July - observed Monday, July 5*  
*Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 6*

## Shop the Farmers Market for Fresh Selections of Locally Grown Vegetables, Fruits and More

Get fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, meats, cheeses, baked goods and more Saturday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Northfield Farmers Market across from the New Trier West campus on south Happ Road. The Northfield Farmers Market, which is sponsored by the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, is a special place to shop where farmers and producers care about bringing you the finest fresh and organic goods plus plants nurtured by the people who sell them. Enjoy live music and entertainment at special events like the Aug. 21 Corn Roast, and Oct. 2 HarvestFest. Enjoy free popcorn from the local Lions Club every Saturday, an annual sponsor. The Market now stays open one hour longer to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday through October 23.



### Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

- July 5 & Sept. 6 - Village Hall Closed for holidays.
- July 6 - Plan & Zoning Commission meeting - 7:00 p.m. No August meeting. No July or Aug. Mtgs. - Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00 pm.
- July 12 - Architectural Commission meeting - 7:00 p.m. No August meeting.
- July 20 & Aug. 17 - Committee of the Whole meetings - 5:30 p.m.
- July 20 & Aug. 17 - Village Board meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- No July or Aug. Mtgs. - Traffic & Transportation meetings - 7:00 p.m.

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### Resident Survey

The Village President and Board of Trustees provide this opportunity to address any questions or concerns that you may have. Please include your name, address and telephone number so a response can be provided, or E-Mail the Village Board or Staff via the website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward inquiries to Stacy Sigman, Village Manager, Northfield Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093