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Northfield Caucus Slates 3 Candidates for April 5 Election to Village Board

At their biennial Town Meeting on October 20, the Northfield Caucus introduced and confirmed its slate of candidates for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election. The Caucus nominees for the three Village Trustee openings are: current Trustee John Chapin, current Trustee Joan Frazier and Allan Kaplan. All candidate nomination papers are to be filed at the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois during the filing period which is Monday, Nov. 15 through Monday, Nov. 22, 2010. The Village is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On the last day of filing, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, the Village Hall will remain open until 5:00 p.m. to accept nomination papers and petitions. Also, residents interested in being part of the Caucus can submit their name by visiting the Caucus website, www.northfieldcaucus.org.

Holiday Schedule for Waste and Recycling Pick Ups and Village Hall Closings

The holiday schedule for garbage and recycling pick ups will be as follows: Nov. 25 (Thurs.), Thanksgiving Day - pick ups will be on Friday, Nov. 26. During Christmas Eve and New Years Eve weeks, pick ups are as usual. Also, the Village Hall will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24, 27 and Dec. 31 for the holidays. The Police non-emergency phone number available 24 hrs. 7 days a week is 847-446-2131. **For emergencies, dial 911.**

Start with Home Rule Referendum Question when You Vote on Nov. 2

Before casting your vote for the various candidates running for Federal State, and County offices, turn to the back of the ballot and vote for yourself first by starting with the referendum question on Home Rule - the vote that directly affects Northfield residents. If you have not already voted Early from Oct. 12 through Oct. 28 or Absentee by mail, Precincts will be open for **In-Person voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Northfield residents who live west of Northfield Road are in Northfield Township and vote in Precincts 8, 9, 23 and 37 while those east of Northfield Road are in New Trier Township and vote at Precincts 20 and 44 at the following locations:

Northfield Twp.

Precinct 8: Divine Word Int'l, 2001 Waukegan Rd., Techny
Precincts 9 & 23: Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Rd.
Precincts 37: Northfield Community Church, Willow at Wagner Rd
(Note: Precinct 61 merged into Precinct 37)

New Trier Twp.

Precincts 20 & 44: Northfield Fire Station, 1800 Winnetka Rd.

Residents who have questions about Home Rule can visit the Village website, www.northfieldil.org and click on "Home Rule" for all the financial background data that led to the Village Board putting the Home Rule referendum question on the General Election ballot as well as summary notes of meetings, graphs and other information. At the same time the Board voted to put the Home Rule question on the ballot, it made a promise to the community by adopting 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.

*Enjoy the Magic of the Holidays
and the Hope of a New Year!*

Snow Removal - Who to Call

The Village of Northfield is not responsible for plowing the following State and County roads. Please call the appropriate office.

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (847-705-4612 or 847-705-4226)

- Willow Road
- Waukegan Road
- Edens Expressway
- Hibbard (Willow south to Illinois)

Cook County Highway Dept. (847-827-1164)

- Sunset Ridge Road
- Wagner Road (south of Willow)
- Winnetka Road
- West Frontage Road
- East Frontage Road
- Happ Road (south from Willow to Illinois)
- Orchard Lane (between West Frontage and South Happ Road)
- Linder Avenue (north of Orchard)
- Orchard Lane (between East Frontage and Linder Avenue)

Numbers to Know

Village of Northfield Public Works (Snow Removal)

1800 Winnetka Road
847-441-3810

Police Department 350 Walnut

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 847-446-2131

Fire-Rescue

1800 Winnetka Road

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency (24 hr.):

847-446-2131

8:00 am - 4:00 pm M-F:

847-441-3800

(Calls after regular working hours should be made to 847-446-2131 or **911** for emergencies.)

How the Village Handles Snow & Ice

The Public Works Department uses its Snow and Ice Control Plan to handle winter's unpredictable weather so roads and critical sidewalks remain passable. As part of their Plan, the Department is put on alert after receiving advance notice of storms from local weather forecasters. The Police Department, which is on the street 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 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. Village crews clear Village streets only. Residents on private streets in the Village are responsible for independently contracting for snow removal. Willow and Waukegan Roads and the Edens Highway interchanges are plowed by the State. Winnetka, Wagner, Sunset Ridge, South Happ, and Frontage Roads are plowed by Cook County Highway Department. Residents who need information or help about plowing their street, should contact the Public Works Dept., 847-441-3810, or the appropriate Highway Department listed on this page.

Safe Driving Tips for Winter Travel

When driving in snow, freezing rain and windy conditions:

- Take a safe but less traveled route - fewer vehicles can lower the risk of accidents.
- Drive slower than normal and increase your following distance.
- If you start to skid, ease your foot off the accelerator or brake (braking may increase skid), then steer in the direction of the skid.
- After skidding stops, put your foot gently on the accelerator and steer in the direction you want to go.
- Carry a "travel rescue kit" including cell phone, booster cables and road flares, flashlight, traction aids, ice scraper and snow brush, blankets, boots, extra clothing, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, water and snacks.

If you get stranded:

- Place a flare a safe distance from each end of your vehicle or tie a bright cloth to the antenna or door handle then stay in your vehicle and wait for help (unblock exhaust pipe of any snow).
- Wrap yourself in blankets and run the heater for a few minutes every hour (keep window open a crack).

Important Snow Reminders

- Remember not to shovel or plow snow into public streets.
- Make sure fire hydrants in front of your home are clear of snow and visible.
- Mound snow to the right of the driveway (looking from house) to prevent plows from pushing snow back into the driveway.
- Report mailboxes damaged or downed by snowplows (on Village streets) to the Public Works Department, 847-441-3810. Mailboxes damaged on County roads should be reported to Cook County Hwy. Dept. and those on State roads to IDOT. Call the numbers listed on this page.

Progress Report on Northfield Businesses

While the two former gas stations in Northfield that now stand vacant on Willow Road will not be opening as new business developments in the near future, progress is being made to clean up the sites. The Village has taken BP to court to tear down the boarded up station just west of Northfield Road. This past July, the Village prevailed in its appeal of an earlier Circuit Court ruling that would not honor the Village Code declaring the abandoned gas station a nuisance. Following the July 27 ruling, BP submitted an application for a Demolition Permit and as of October 22, sawcutting of Willow Road has begun to complete the disconnect of BP's water service which is a prerequisite for the Demolition Permit. Also, BP has been ordered to pay the Village a fine of \$15,750 for failure to abate the nuisance within the prescribed timeframe. Once the building is razed and the concrete and asphalt surfaces removed, the site will be sodded in conformance with Village Code requirements. The second gas station site across from the Village Police Department, originally planned for an Edens Bank branch, has been leveled and construction fencing removed since the FDIC denied Metropolitan Bank Group's license application to establish an Edens Bank branch location on the property. Although representatives have indicated a desire to locate a "sister" branch on this prime property, being unable to move forward, Edens Bank has initiated efforts to convert the gravel site to sod in conformance with Code requirements. Finally, construction of the Fields Volvo car dealership at 770 Frontage Road is progressing at a rapid pace. The project represents one of the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified dealerships in the nation. Fields Volvo anticipates a Spring 2011 Grand Opening and Northfield is delighted to welcome a third Fields dealership.

Update on Stormwater Projects Identified in 2009 Study

The 2009 Stormwater Management Report which compiled information supplied by residents in two surveys and presented to the community by the Stormwater Ad Hoc Committee, identified flood prone areas in the Village and helped determine a number of projects the Village could undertake to control flooding. Since that report was presented, the Village and its Engineering consultant have been steadily attacking their list of projects to reduce the likelihood of repeat flooding conditions which certain areas of the community experienced after the storms in 2008. Following are the improvements made to date by the Village's Public Works Department and its Engineer as well as on-going efforts:

Maintenance and Projects Completed

- Public Works crews have cleaned, repaired or replaced over 100 different inlets and pipes identified as requiring maintenance as part of the storm system survey.
- Public Works had approximately 8,000 feet of sanitary sewers lined in 2008-09 to eliminate stormwater inflow into the system and to reduce the frequency and severity of basement sewer backups. An additional 70,000 feet of sanitary sewer will be televised and inspected in 2010-11.
- A relief sewer at Wagner and Old Willow Roads was installed as part of the 2009 roadway maintenance project.
- Public Works has installed a stream gauge on the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River to aid in planning and executing flood control efforts.

Programmed Improvements

- The Meadowview relief sewer is pending Forest Preserve District approval.
- A sewer replacement for Willow Hill Condominiums is part of the Willow Road watermain improvements planned.
- Willow Road backflow improvements are also planned.

Outside Agency Coordination Efforts

- The Village has applied for a \$200,000 grant from the State for storm sewer improvements.
- Public Works coordinated with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for removal of blockages on the Middle Fork from Winnetka Road to the confluence with the Skokie River, significantly lowering the river level.

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Village Board Meeting Schedule for the Year 2011

(3rd Tuesday of month)

Board Meetings

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

(No Nov. meeting)

December 5*

(* First Monday to adopt tax levy.)

IDOT Schedules #6 CAG Meeting for Nov. 18

IDOT will hold its sixth CAG meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Trier High School Campus, 7 Happ Road, Room C234, in Northfield. Discussion will focus on the comments received from CAG members on the Willow Road Crash and Traffic Analysis Report. All welcome to attend.

Village Center Apt. for Rent

Sunny newer large 950 sq. ft. one bedroom apartment with central air for rent on second floor in downtown Northfield in Residences of Village Center. Elevator building with security entrance, heated garage parking and large storage area. In-unit washer and dryer; kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave oven. Senior rate \$1,081 per mo./Non-seniors \$1,404 per mo. Call Judy Howells, 847-579-4033 or Village Hall, 847-446-9200.

Stormwater Project (cont'd)

--Engineering has coordinated with MWRD for bank stabilization along the Middle Fork as part of the District's Capital Improvement Plan for the North Branch watershed. It has also coordinated with Cook County Highway Dept. for a relief culvert across Wagner Road at Drury Lane.

--Public Works has coordinated with the Cook County Highway Dept. for storm sewer cleaning and repair along Winnetka Road between Dickens and the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River.

In appreciation of residents elected and appointed who donate their time to serve our community

In every community, there is a dedicated group of residents who take time away from their families and careers to volunteer to serve in local government on Village Boards, Commissions and special Committees. As the end of the year nears, it is a good time to honor those who have served and those who continue to represent residents of the community. On behalf of all Northfield residents and Village staff, we extend our sincere appreciation to the following residents and those who have worked on behalf of the community for their contributions.

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Brent Peterson

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Pat Karr, Arch. Comm. Chair
Brian Kozminski, Village Trustee
Bill Vaselopoulos, P&Z Comm., Chair
Anne Kane, Comm. Dev. Director

Willow Rd. Steering Committee

John L. Birkinbine
Peter Fischer, School Dist. 29
Robert Hayward, Chair, T&T Comm.
Stacy Sigman, Village Mgr.
Scott Turban, Park District

Willow Rd. Community Advisory Group (CAG) and Alternates

John Birkinbine/Anne Peterson
Hallie Bodman/Jack Bodman
Dan deLoys/Sydney Clark
Ted Greene/Patrick O'Donoghue
Robert Hayward/Brian Kozminski
Steve Hirsch/Juli Blunt
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Stacy Sigman/Chief William Lustig
Scott Turban/Theresa Snyder
Don Whiteman/Brian Moran

Financial Assistance for Seniors and Disabled Residents

Senior Assistance Grants Help Resident Seniors and Disabled Who Need Help Stay in the Village

Applications are now available for grants to be awarded in 2011 to Northfield seniors who need help with living costs and want to apply. For the 2011 grant year, the total Senior Assistance grant amount is \$1,500 for those meeting the requirements. Applications can be picked up at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, the Northfield Branch Library, 1785 Orchard, or the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road. Applications are also available by mail upon request - call 847-446-9200. To be eligible for a grant, resident applicants must be 62 years of age or older (age 60 if disabled), have resided in Northfield for at least the immediate preceeding 3 years (for 50% grant) or immediate preceeding 5 years or 10 years cumulatively as an adult (for 100% grant), have a gross income of not more than \$20,000 (\$25,000 or lower for couples), and have total assests not exceeding \$60,000 (exclusive of home, property within the household and motor vehicles). Applicant information is kept confidential and reviewed only by the Senior Center social worker determining eligibility. **Applications must be returned to the North Shore Senior Center by Dec. 31, 2010 to be eligible for 2011 funding.**

Donations Important Source of Funding for Senior Grants

Since the Senior Assistance Fund was established in 1989, many annual grants have been distributed to Northfield Seniors in need of financial assistance. The Social Services Department of the North Shore Senior Center donates its time to evaluate and administer the program while the Friends of Northfield Foundation oversees distribution of the grants. A recent profile of residents receiving assistance indicates that recipients are between 63 and 80 years old, have lived in town from 6 to 34 years, have an income between \$11,000 and \$23,000 and allowable assets as low as \$0. This grant program continues through the generous donations of residents and friends with 100% of all contributions used to help Northfield seniors stay in the community. Due to the recent years of economic recession and no growth, the number of residents applying and being approved for Senior Assistance grants has risen to six recipients. Also, because of low interest rates the funds held in CDs and money markets are earning less than 1%. This combination jeopardizes the future of this grant program. To donate to this worthwhile program, make checks payable to **Friends of Northfield Foundation**, specify, "**Senior Assistance Fund**" and mail to P.O. Box 8045, Northfield, IL 60093. Your contributions are tax deductible.

New Trier Twp. Offers Grants to Residents with Disabilities

Financial assistance for persons with disabilities is being offered by New Trier Township through their Community Support Grants Program. The program provides a grant of up to \$1,500 per person/per year for persons with disabilities with no age or income restrictions. The Township Board increased to \$75,000 the amount of funding for the program which will provide approximately 50 grants or more to qualifying Township residents. Also, this year, the criteria for eligibility has been expanded to include a wider variety of disabilities including physical impairments. A fact sheet which outlines all the eligibility criteria as well as an application can be found on the Township website, www.newtriertownship.com or can be requested by calling, 847-446-8202. **Applications for these grants will be accepted through Nov. 15, 2010.** Completed applications must be submitted to the Township office, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked no later than Nov. 15, 2010. All applicants who apply will be notified by mail by Dec. 6, 2010 regarding their grant selection status.

Police Warn of Scams Aimed at Senior Citizens

The Northfeild Police Department would like to make senior citizens aware of various scams that are targeting the elderly in various communities so precautions can be taken when you encounter suspicious callers. The Ruse Entry involves offenders posing as utility workers, roofers, landscapers, etc. They will approach senior residents and distract them away from rooms that contain valuables so a second offender can sneak in and burglarize jewelry and cash. Police ask that you be suspicious of all **unsolicited** business visits and not let the caller enter your home.

Home Repair Fraud involves talking seniors into unsolicited repairs. Prices will be inflated or grow during the repair process, inferior materials are often used and/or the project is never finished. Again, be suspicious of all **unsolicited** business visits. Wire Scams on elderly victims occur when they receive a phone call from someone posing as their child or grandchild (using an accurate name) saying they are in distress in a foreign country. The caller asks that you wire money for bail or medical expenses to that country. Once the money is wired out of the country, it is usually irretrievable. Police ask that seniors or anyone faced with this request, consult the Police, a local family member or a friend as an objective filter to examine the veracity of the call. To contact Northfield Police, call 847-446-2131.

Who to Call for Power Loss and Other Problems

For electrical outages (no lights, or other electricity):

ComEd: 1-800-334-7661

To report a natural gas odor:

NICOR Gas: 1-888-642-6748

For downed telephone lines or dead phones:

AT&T: 1-888-611-4466 (repair)

For Cable TV service/problems:

Comcast Cable: 1-866-594-1234

For waste/recycling pick-ups:

Waste Management: 1-800-796-9696

For water/sewer problems:

Public Works Dept.: 847-441-3810

Community Events

Have Breakfast with Santa at Clarkson Park on Dec. 4

Children ages 1 and up are invited to have breakfast with Santa at Clarkson Park on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. . Let Santa know about your holiday wishes. The fire will be roaring and a story will be read plus there will be treats and goodie bags. \$8/children ages one and up/\$12 adults.

Enjoy Pancake Breakfast at St. Philip the Apostle Sun., Dec. 5

All you can eat Pancake Breakfast held at St. Philip the Apostle in the gym, 1980 Old Willow Rd. on Dec. 5 from 9 to 11 a.m.. Tickets: \$6; children ages 3 and under free. Also enjoy handmade gifts, at Snowflake Boutique, Bake Sale and Santa's Workshop. Remember to bring your camera for photos with Santa!

How to Recycle or Dispose of Live Holiday Trees and Wreaths

Waste Management will pick up bare Christmas trees (not bagged) at the curb on Mon., Jan. 3 and Mon., Jan. 10. Also, the Park District in conjunction with Glenwood Tree Service will recycle residents' "formerly fresh" Christmas trees that are unbagged, completely free of ornaments, tinsel and other decorative materials. Drop them off in the southeast corner only of the Community Center parking lot off Wagner Rd. between Dec. 26 and Jan. 6. No trees accepted after Jan. 6. Recycled trees will be chipped for mulch. For information regarding the recycled mulch, contact Glenwood Tree, 847-459-0200.

Shop in Town - Keep Revenues in Northfield and Support Local Businesses

The Chamber of Commerce invites shoppers of all ages to get into the holiday spirit by shopping downtown Northfield where "uncommon " gifts and individual service can be found. Discover unique treasures and enjoy lower sales tax on your purchases. Stop for lunch or dinner at one of the Village Center restaurants or get ready for holiday parties and get-togethers with tasty goods from specialty shops and our large well-stocked food store. Gift certificates from local hair salons, spas, restaurants and other shops are great to give! Select decorations at the hardware store or special home furnishing stores. Support your community by shopping locally!

Determine Winnetka-Northfield Library Future with Survey

The Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District's Strategic Planning Committee has sent a community-wide survey to find out what you think of the Library and what you want it to look like in the future. Your opinion on Library services, facilities and materials will be used to develop the Library's next strategic plan. Please fill out the survey mailed to you in October and return it to the Library either online or by mail by mid-November. Help write the future of the Winnetka-Northfield Library.

Calendar of Events

Call the Village Hall for the location of the meeting you want to attend and agendas.

- Nov. 1 & Jan. 3 - Plan and Zoning Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 - Architectural Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 - Traffic & Transportation Comm. Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
- No Nov. Board Mtg.; Dec. 6 - Truth in Taxation/Village Board Mtg. -7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7 - Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

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Resident Input on Deer

The Village President and Board of Trustees provide this opportunity for your **comments/concerns regarding Deer in your area**. Please include your name, address and telephone number so a response can be provided.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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