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Sanitary Sewer Repairs Scheduled for Early November in Several Areas

As part of the Village's Capital Improvement Plan, a project to repair and enhance sanitary sewers in various neighborhoods has been approved and is scheduled to begin the first/second week of November. A letter has been sent to residents in areas where work will be done. The contractor, Insituform Technologies, will also place a yellow card on residents' doors 48 hrs prior to the start of work. Residents in the affected areas are asked to limit water use for 12 hrs. during liner installation and curing time. Sewer work is scheduled in the following areas:

- Sunset Ridge Rd -Willow to Winnetka
- Sunset Ridge Rd-Country Lane area
- Lagoon Drive (100 block)
- Lockwood (between E.Frontage (175-205) to Labrobe (deadend)
- Latrobe (200-300 block)
- Linder (between Orchard and Willow)
- Bosworth (between Churchill and Dickens)
- Bristol (Abbott Court south to end)
- WillowHill area
- Middlefork Rd (west of Suffolk to Middlefork Circle)

Holiday Schedule for Waste Pick Up and Village Hall

Waste and recycling pick ups will be as follows: Nov. 24 (Thurs.), Thanksgiving Day, pick ups will be on Friday, Nov. 25. Because Christmas and New Years fall on Sundays, Waste Mgmt. employees will be off on both Mondays so pick ups will be on Tuesdays and Fridays those weeks. The Village Hall will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 and Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2 for the holidays.

President's Briefing

From Village President Fred Gougler

Dear Residents,

Last November, Village residents elected to become a Home Rule community affording us greater financial flexibility and providing more local input into ordinances that impact our safety and quality of life. During 2011, the Village Board kept its promise to Northfield residents not to raise property taxes above the State tax cap. It also did not adopt any new sales taxes or raise fees and fines. At the same time, the Village was able to use its Home Rule authority to adopt a new, more thorough ordinance to regulate liquor licenses. The new code specifically addresses regulations for violations such as underage drinking, over serving of alcohol, fighting and use of drugs on the premises, as well as provides for new types of liquor licenses. In addition, the Board signed a new 10-year Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Comcast; adopted a new ordinance that gives the Board of Police Commissioners the authority to accept lateral transfers in the Police Department which provides a pool of pre-trained officers. The Village also used its broader authority to adopt new business license language for massage businesses to prevent and eliminate non-legitimate business operations.

In addition to the positive effects of becoming a Home Rule community, the Village has been involved in a number of innovative, collaborative programs designed to keep costs in check. Village staff continues to meet with the Villages of Winnetka and Kenilworth to study a potential joint 911 dispatch center; our Public Works staff regularly meets with neighboring communities to discuss upcoming projects and work together to bid projects to realize greater economies of scale on projects such as sidewalk replacement, street patching and paving, water and sewer projects; and, for certain equipment, the Village has decided to lease rather than buy.

Some of the other issues the Village has been involved in this year that I would like to update you on include plans for improvements to Willow Road, growth through new businesses, our stormwater studies and our efforts to negotiate change with Commonwealth Edison to address problems identified in this year's summer storms.

Economic Development One Key to Northfield's Success

One of the key statement's about Northfield in 2011 was that retail space downtown was 100% occupied. The newest addition to our downtown this year is the recently

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*Wishing You Joy and Happiness
during the Holidays and 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.

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opened Stormy's Tavern and Grille. New owners cleaned and remodeled the former Seuls Tavern and have kept some of the famous "classic" menu items while adding new ones of their own and have preserved the family friendly casual atmosphere. During the year, Northfield also welcomed a new personal fitness facility, Work In Progress Fitness LLC, the North Shore Ballroom Dance Studio, and the addition of the luxury Fisker electric car line at Fields Volvo dealership. Another new business seeking a Special Use permit is BluePearl Animal Hospital, a 24/7 emergency veterinary facility which is proposing extensive remodeling of the former Caledonian property on West Frontage near Tower Road. The Village continues to explore and seek new businesses for the former BP gas station site on Willow Road, development of the Edens Bank property across from the Police Station at Walnut and Willow Roads and the Hibbard Gardens site. This year to assist our businesses in achieving success, the Winnetka and Northfield Chambers of Commerce merged providing even more marketing opportunities for Northfield businesses. Watch for the upcoming Holiday Sale event known as the "red invitation" advertising a big local shopping extravaganza on Sunday, December 4. The "red invitation" provides sale information on Northfield and Winnetka stores and is sent to every household in Northfield, Glencoe, Kenilworth, Wilmette and Winnetka.

IDOT Meetings on Willow Road End in November

With only one more Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting remaining of the two year Context Sensitive Solution process, discussions are very focused on planning the roadway. Whether a two lane Willow Road with a turn lane/median or a four lane configuration will meet the State's criteria and the neighboring community's desire for improved traffic mobility is the issue as are the Village's concerns regarding safety for school children and pedestrians, noise and preserving the residential character of that area. It is important that Northfield residents attend the final CAG meeting to make sure their preferences and concerns are known. IDOT will also be setting up a final Open House meeting in early 2012 to solicit comments on the final design plans from all residents in the communities impacted by Willow Road - Glenview, Northbrook, Winnetka and Northfield. The final CAG meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6:00 PM at the New Trier West Campus, 7 Happ Road, Room C234, in Northfield. You can also let IDOT know your plan preference at www.willowroadfuture.org.

Addressing Storm Related Issues on Two Fronts - Improving ComEd Power Reliability and Studying What Can be Done about Flooding

Following one of the worst weather year's which was punctuated by severe summer storms with heavy rain and high winds, Northfield and many other neighboring communities experienced several days without power, flooding, downed wires and trees as well as the devastation and major loss of property. Many other municipalities in the area received complaints from their residents regarding the

length of time they were without power, the lack of response from ComEd and the general lack of information. In response to these problems, communities joined together through the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) to address these issues with our State Representatives and ComEd and to provide solutions to long standing problems and dangerous conditions. Some of the issues discussed with ComEd were the long outage periods experienced and their effect on the public safety as downed power lines blocked access for emergency services by Police and Firefighters. The study also noted that loss of power for long periods resulted in flooding problems for many homeowners who were unable to purchase and/or install a temporary generator. During the recent outages, Villages had little to no information to help residents address these issues. The Committee introduced legislation, which if passed, would compel ComEd:

- to process, track, prioritize and verify downed wires that obstructed streets.
 - to provide municipal leaders with basic, reliable and timely information.
 - to provide adequate resources to quickly restore critical public infrastructure.
 - to address repeated non-weather related outages that plague certain areas on particular circuits.
 - to report on all routine maintenance and system weaknesses.
 - to invest in infrastructure to address chronically troubled circuits.
 - to hold them accountable under the Public Utilities Act to take meaningful corrective action.
- And, to have the Illinois Commerce Commission work with the General Assembly to enforce this meaningful corrective action and, as part of the process, prepare and submit information benchmarking ComEd's performance. Finally, the group laid out protocols for ComEd to follow in cases of area outage emergencies (AOE) during the first 24 hours, second 24 hours and subsequent 48 hours.

Northfield and the other municipalities whose residents experienced the long outages, lack of information from ComEd and property devastation, hope the State legislature will adopt these recommendations to bring about corrective action to address deficiencies as well as improvements that need to be made in ComEd's performance during future outages and on-going maintenance of ComEd equipment.

Update on Storm Water Management Projects

During the past year, the Village has continued to work with its engineering consultant and Public Works Department to plan, fund and implement stormwater management initiatives and improvements intended to better control flooding throughout the Village. Because managing stormwater is a massive, long term project, the Village is tackling it on two fronts: identifying projects that will correct flooding issues in various flood prone areas and, finding ways to pay for the projects. The 2009 Stormwater Report prepared by Gewalt

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Hamilton and based on survey results of Village property owners, provided valuable information on flood prone areas and helped identify about \$22 million in projects the Village could consider to help control flooding. Following are projects the Village undertook in 2011:

- Public Works crews performed storm pipe cleaning and televising on Glen Oak, Churchill, Avon and Riverside;
- Coordinated with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) to remove blockages in the Middlefork River;
- Removed over 60 cubic yards of debris from the ditch between Wagner Road and the Middlefork River,
- Repaired storm sewers on Abbott Court, Avon and Lagoon Drive and is,
- Nearing completion of a storm sewer improvement on Meadowview Drive at Winnetka Road.

Part of the complexity of resolving stormwater issues is that projects can be local or be under the jurisdiction of other State and County agencies such as MWRDGC, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Forest Preserve District and the Cook County Highway Department and sometimes projects involve multiple agencies. Getting stormwater improvement projects scheduled and budgeted between agencies can be challenging and depend on available money in their capital improvement plans. However, the Village continues to work with MWRDGC, IDOT and Cook County Highway Department to implement storm sewer improvements identified in the Village-wide plan. Engineering and Public Works staff have met with other agency's maintenance staffs to clean and improve storm sewers along Willow and Winnetka Roads. MWRDGC completed the Detailed Watershed Plan (DWP) for the North Branch watershed. This plan identifies known regional flooding issues and proposes various capital projects to address them. Village Engineering staff and consultants worked closely with the District staff to develop and include DWP projects to address streambank erosion along the Middlefork River at Northfield Road, Willow Road, Robin Hood Lane and Meadowbrook Drive and to reduce the frequency of flooding of the Edens Expressway at Winnetka Road.

As noted earlier, the second part of solving stormwater problems involves funding. Almost a year ago, Northfield applied for and was awarded a \$200,000 grant for stormwater improvements through the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. We recently received word that the grant money will be made available soon. In addition to our continued pursuit of grant opportunities, the Village is also working with consultants to explore the possibility of forming a stormwater "utility" as a way to ensure a reliable, equitable source of funding for stormwater projects. Stormwater utility funding, which was discussed by our engineering consultant at the July 19, 2011 Board meeting, is a fee-based method of financing stormwater programs that is based on the impervious surface area of every parcel in Northfield. Impervious

areas prohibit rainfall from being absorbed into the ground so to prevent flooding, stormwater must be handled effectively.

For stormwater projects that will be implemented solely by Northfield, this study which is underway will help determine how we can fund them. After the engineering consultant completes its study, a public education meeting will be held to inform the community on the results of their study and to provide residents with more information on what a stormwater utility is, how it works, as well as an idea of what the cost would be on an annual basis to support solving flooding issues. Once the report is available, the Village will review which projects should be handled locally and which ones require a regional effort with coordination and funding from other agencies. To read more about the use of a stormwater water utility as a method for funding projects and the study being done, go to our Village website, www.northfieldil.org, and click on "Board Meeting Info" then on "Board Minutes" and on "7/19/11."

In closing, I want to thank our residents for all their patience during the summer storms and throughout the year. Please know that the Village is working diligently to ensure all essential services are maintained and made better. I also want to extend my appreciation to the members of the Village Board and those residents who serve on the various Village Boards, Commissions and Committees for their dedication in attending meetings and studying and resolving issues, and their unwavering commitment to preserving the beauty and character of our community. At the same time, I extend my appreciation to all staff members for their continuing efforts in the safekeeping of Northfield residents and their property and for their helpful service throughout the year. My wish is that all enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends, the magic of the holiday season and a new year of good health and happiness.

Warmest wishes,

Fred Gougler



Financial Assistance for Seniors and Disabled Residents

Senior Assistance Grants Help Eligible Seniors and Disabled With Living Costs

Applications are now available for grants to be awarded in 2012 to Northfield seniors who need help with living costs and want to apply. For the 2012 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 preceding 3 years (for 50% grant) or immediate preceding 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 assets 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. 30, 2011 to be eligible for 2012 funding.**

Donations Main Source of Revenue 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 recipients are between 64 and 91 years old, have lived in town from 5 to 36 years, have an income between \$11,000 and \$23,000 and allowable assets as low as \$0. Because of low interest rates, the funds held in CDs and money markets are now earning less than 1% so this grant program can only continue through the generous donations of residents, friends and businesses. To help continue this grant program, donate to **Friends of Northfield Foundation**, specify, "**Senior Assistance Fund**" and mail to P.O. Box 8045, Northfield, IL 60093. Your contributions are tax deductible.

Police Department Offers Well-Being Contact Service to Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents

The loss of power, sometimes for days, experienced by many residents this past summer and the upcoming unpredictable winter weather provides an opportunity to remind residents about special programs the Northfield Police Dept. offers to keep in touch with persons who have disabilities, memory and/or other age or health issues. For residents who sign up, the Police Dept. will contact them for a well-being check to see if help is needed during extreme weather conditions, power outages and in other emergency situations. Those who sign up may also leave a key to their home with the Police Dept. to allow Officers to check the home if notification by telephone and/or knocking at the door are not successful. Residents who sign up are also asked to notify the Police if they plan to go on vacation or out of town so Police do not become concerned if they are unable to contact the person. Also, for individuals living with disabilities or special needs, the Illinois Premise Alert Program provides public safety responders with vital information prior to arrival at the specific address. Information provided by residents who register for these programs will help Police contact you or a family member in case of an emergency at your residence. If you are interested in registering for this type of service or have any questions about the programs, call the Police Dept. Communications Supervisor, 847-446-2131.

Village Board Meeting Schedule for the Year 2012

(3rd Tuesday of month at 7 PM)

Board Meetings

January 17

February 21

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

(No Nov. meeting)

December 3*

(*) First Monday to adopt tax levy.

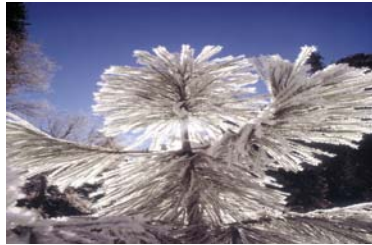
Police Remind Residents to Be on Alert for Scams

The Northfield Police Department would like to make residents 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 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 a 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.

Community Events

Park District Offers Holiday Fun for All at Winter Fest Dec. 10

Bring the family with children ages 2 to 8 yrs. old to the Community Center for this free holiday event on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the holiday craft table, activities with inflatables, create sugar cookies, play holiday games and visit with Santa - bring your camera for pictures! Food also available to buy. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



How to Recycle or Dispose of Live Holiday Trees and Wreaths

Waste Management will pick up bare Christmas trees (not bagged and with no tinsel or other decorative material) at the curb on Tues., Jan. 3 and Mon., Jan. 9. Also, the Northfield 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 material. Drop them off in the southeast corner of the Community Center parking lot off Wagner Road 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, Dine, Beautify and Gift Others while Supporting Your Community - Shop Local

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 Northfield's low 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. Find that special outfit or get that flirty new look at local boutiques and salons. Treat others with gift cards for spas, beauty services, restaurants and other shops - great to give! Select decorations at our special home furnishing store and pick up your tree locally. Also don't forget the Chamber's special Holiday sale day noted in the "Red Invitation" all residents will receive. Stores will be open on Sunday, December 4 for this shopping extravaganza you won't want to miss! Support Northfield by shopping locally!

Calendar of Events

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

- Nov. 7 & Jan. 3 - Plan and Zoning Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10 - IDOT CAG Meeting #12 - 6:00 p.m. (New Trier West, Rm. C234)
- Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 - Architectural Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5 - Committee of the Whole Mtg. - 5:30 p.m.
- No Nov. Board Mtg.; Dec. 5 - Truth in Taxation/Village Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 - 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