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Sewer Rehab Work Planned for Old Willow at Willow Rd. Delayed to September

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) is constructing a new manhole structure on Old Willow Road just north of Willow Road. The work was scheduled to start Monday, August 29 and end in mid to late October; however, the project has been pushed back to review lane closures and safety aspects. Work is expected to impact lanes on Old Willow at its intersection with Willow Road. MWRDGC reports there will be no impact or restriction to water or sewer usage during the construction. Regular work hours will be 7 AM to 7 PM Monday-Friday with occasional Saturday work from 8 AM to 5 PM. Sign up for E-News blasts and watch for updates on the start date, lane closures and detours via the Village website, www.northfieldil.org.

Discussions on Willow Road Design Alternatives Remain the Final Step after Almost Two Years of IDOT Meetings

As the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) nears completion of its Community Advisory Group (CAG) and Public meetings after two years and countless discussions on technical and engineering aspects of Willow Road, its final focus for the 11th and 12th CAG meetings remains design alternatives that take into consideration Context Sensitive Solutions for the roadway. The next CAG meeting, #11, is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at New Trier West High School, 7 Happ Road, in Northfield, Room C234.

During the process, 23 CAG members consisting of residents, business leaders and local representatives of Northfield and the surrounding communities of Northbrook, Glenview and Winnetka have completed a context inventory and an analysis of existing roadway conditions encompassing safety and mobility. As IDOT continues its third and final phase of the process, the emphasis should be on developing a roadway that takes into account Context Sensitive Solutions as well as safety and the character of the surrounding area while efficiently moving traffic through the corridor between Waukegan Road and the Edens Expressway.

From the beginning of the design discussions, the CAG members have gone from 19 different local and regional design alternatives to two designs: a two lane roadway with a median permitting turning and a four lane roadway with a median. Other details that will be reviewed and discussed in the last two meetings include school speed zones, overall traffic speed, lane widths, medians, under and/or over passes, bike lanes, sidewalks, intersection design, bridges, lighting, landscaping, storm sewer enhancements and environmental impacts. All are important details residents will want to be involved in learning about and helping to determine their importance.

Meeting materials for the CAG meetings are available on IDOT's website, www.willowroadfuture.org. The 12th and final meeting is planned for November with the third and final Open House in January 2012. Residents and all others interested are encouraged to attend these meetings.



Schools Are Open! Watch for Children on Bikes and Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalks - It's the Law!

UP-COMING EVENTS

State Fair at Clarkson Park--Sept. 10, Sat., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., see Pg. 6.

Patriot Day--Sept. 11, Sun., 8:30 a.m. at Fire-Rescue, 1800 Winnetka, see Pg. 6.

Fire Prevention Week--Oct. 9 - 15
Pancake Breakfast/Open House - Sat., Oct. 15, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., see Pg. 3.

Halloween Trick or Treating--Oct. 31, Monday - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., see Pg. 6.

Daylight Savings Time Ends--Nov. 6 (Set clocks back 1 hour), see Pg. 4.

Steven Gutierrez Appointed to Head Community Development Department

Following rigorous interviews by various Village staff members as well as outside consultants and peers, Steven V. Gutierrez emerged the top candidate and was named Northfield's new Director of the Community Development Department following the resignation of Anne Kane who left July 1 to accept a similar position in her home state of Minnesota. Mr. Gutierrez brings experience as the interim Director of Community and Economic Development in Des Plaines and 20 years with the Village of River Forest with 3 of those as Village Administrator. His experience includes overseeing significant projects that encompass economic development and redevelopment of the Central Business District in River Forest where he worked closely with the Plan Commission, Development Review Board and consultants to create a planned development review process designed to foster development proposals in sync with the unique character of the community. Mr. Gutierrez began his career in municipal government as an Intern with the Village of Schaumburg and has a Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Augustana College. He is married and has four children ages 11 to 18.

Village Board Approves Complete New Liquor Code Effective January 1, 2012

Becoming a home rule community has allowed the Village to update and expand its Liquor Ordinance which was adopted by the Board at the August 16 meeting. Under the new ordinance, liquor license fees have remained the same while adding more flexibility relative to business ownership by licensees. It also provides for consistent hours of operation for all package and food service licenses and requires greater accountability and reporting of on-site incidents should they occur. The new Liquor Code is also better organized creating specific categories of licenses and grouping similar types of licenses. Rather than a Class A, B, C designated liquor license, the specific types of classifications include "P" licenses that pertain to stores that sell packaged goods and where there is no consumption of alcohol on the premises. Those businesses where food service is required as part of the liquor service, require "F" licenses and include restaurants with and without lounge licenses, restaurants with corkage, golf courses, corporate headquarters and other types of organizations. There are also "S" licenses for specialty types of businesses selling or serving alcohol. In addition, under the new Code, Temporary Permit, "TP," classifications include civic organizations, caterers, promotional permits and temporary outdoor entertainment permits. The new Liquor Code more specifically spells out prohibited conduct by liquor license holders on their premises and establishes the duties of the Local Liquor Control Commissioner as well as the penalties for violating provisions of the new Liquor Code. The new Code and license types will apply to all current liquor license holders upon renewal of their licenses effective January 1, 2012.

Village Provides Senior Assistance Grants to Aid Residents 62 or Older with Costs

Senior residents 62 or older (60 if disabled) who meet the Senior Assistance Fund Program guidelines and wish to apply for an assistance grant given in the maximum amount of \$1,500 for the year 2012 may pick up or call for an application at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, 847-784-6000, the Winnetka-Northfield Branch Library, 1785 Orchard in Northfield, or the Village Hall, 361 Happ, 847-446-9200 beginning October 31. Qualifications for assistance are based on age, financial need, disability and length of residency in the Village. Funds for Senior Assistance grants are provided by resident and other donations to the Friends of Northfield Foundation that are specifically designated "Senior Assistance" and placed in an endowment fund for the grants. Grants are administered through the North Shore Senior Center Social Service Department which holds all applicant information provided in the strictest confidence.

Northfield Works with Neighboring Villages and NWMC to Establish Guidelines for Improvements to ComEd Service

After two major storms knocked out electrical service to thousands of ComEd customers on the north shore and surrounding areas this summer resulting in flooded basements caused by power outages and sewer backups, municipalities, State Representatives, residents and business leaders gathered at various meetings including a six-hour hearing with ComEd representatives and the House Public Utilities Committee on August 16 to voice their criticism of ComEd's handling of communication and the repeated and prolonged outages which many say are due to old infrastructure. A group of NWMC municipal leaders including Northfield Manager Stacy Sigman continue to meet on this matter with the goal of producing a series of recommended actions and performance measures for consideration by the General Assembly and ComEd.

Northfield Officers Receive Department Commendation for Saving Crash Victim



(Photo caption: Police Chief Bill Lustig, and Village Manager Stacy Sigman present commendations to Officer Kevin Tierney, Cpl. Michael Hutensky, and Sgt. J. J. McCulloh to recognize their efforts)

Fire Prevention Week Focuses on Protecting Families from Fire

Sprinklers, Smoke Alarms and Home Escape Plans Key Safety Strategies of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15

This year's Fire Prevention Program stresses the importance of protecting your family from fire by planning ahead and integrating fire safety into your daily activities with the use of smoke alarms, sprinklers and a home escape plan. Statistics note that in 2009, a home fire was reported every 87 seconds killing 2,565 people and injuring 12,650. During the week of Oct. 9 through Oct. 15, it is a good time to make sure your home has working smoke alarms by replacing batteries or installing new alarms for those that are ten years old or do not respond properly when tested. In a fire, smoke spreads fast, leaving you and your family only minutes to escape. Smoke alarms provide an early warning signal; sprinklers reduce the chance of dying and cut property loss and, a practiced Home Escape Plan helps everyone know what to do and where to go to get out quickly and safely in case of fire.

Make sure you have enough smoke alarms and they are installed/maintained correctly.

- Install alarms in every bedroom or outside every separate sleeping area on every level.
- Because smoke rises, mount alarms on ceilings or high on walls.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," it is warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if not responding properly when tested.
- Never paint smoke alarms.

Displaying Street Address Required for Your Safety

All owners and occupants of every building in the Village are required by Code to place and maintain proper street address numbers in a place visible from the roadway. Numerals are required to be Arabic or NON-script style, at least four (4) inches in height and easily read in both daylight and darkness. For buildings not visible from the roadway, address numbers must be posted on the parkway, mailbox or other visible location. In emergencies such as fires, falls, potential drownings, medical emergencies, break-ins or other life threatening situations, Fire-Rescue personnel and Police need to find the right location fast. The quicker emergency crews find the right address, the faster they can administer help! *Call the Village Hall about getting a flashing Beacon Bulb.*



Fire Prevention Week *(Cont'd)* **Sprinklers reduce losses and save lives.**

- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is roughly 80% less when sprinklers are present.
- Sprinklers reduce the average home property loss by roughly 71% per fire.
- Plan and practice your escape.**
- Sit down with everyone in your home and plan a fire escape drill so you will be prepared to get out quickly in the event of a fire.
- Plan two ways out of every room and pick an outside meeting place.
- Practice your fire escape drill at least twice a year.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.



Northfield Fire-Rescue Invites You to their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Tour - Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM

The Fire-Rescue Department welcomes all Northfield residents and friends to its annual Pancake Breakfast and Open House at the Northfield Fire Station, 1800 Winnetka Rd. (just west of south Happ Road), Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Stop by for delicious pancakes, sausage, and beverages, a tour of the Fire House, blood pressure check and various displays. Members of Northfield's Fire-Rescue Dept. will be visiting local schools during Fire Prevention Week to teach students the importance of using the stop, drop and roll technique and the importance of Smoke Alarms and an Escape Plan in case of a fire.

To report a FIRE or if you need POLICE or an AMBULANCE, call

911

For Non-Emergency service 24 hrs., call 847-446-2131

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Waste Containers and Recycling Toters - Out after 5 PM, In by 8 AM Next Day

Residents are reminded that the Village has regulations regarding when waste and recycling containers can be put out and taken in. They can be OUT after 5:00 p.m. the day before collection and must be IN by 8:00 a.m. the day after collection. Please ask a neighbor for help if you will be away and cannot comply with these times. Complaints can result in fines and removal of containers.

Yard Waste Pick-Up Ends Monday, December 5

The last day for pick up of landscape waste will be Monday, Dec. 5. Residents who contract for this special service can put their bags, toters and/or cans (clearly marked "Landscape Waste" or "Yard Waste") at the curb for collection along with bundles of brush. Brush must be less than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in height and branches under 3 inches in diameter. Landscape waste must be placed in bags or specially marked containers and kept separate from garbage, rubbish and recycleable materials.

NOTE: Only those who contracted for yardwaste service will have their bags or containers of raked leaves picked up!

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

Remember to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday morning, November 6 when Daylight Savings Time ends as days get shorter. Clocks that read 2:00 a.m. should be changed to 1:00 a.m. providing an extra hour of sleep!

Codes to Observe for Safety and Courtesy

Keep Bushes Trimmed to Prevent Accidents

Overgrown trees and bushes planted too close to the sidewalk or road create a hazard and can obstruct the view of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to oncoming traffic and violate Village Codes. Residents are asked to keep all landscaping trimmed or to replant if bushes or trees outgrow the space. Please do your part to keep residents safe!

Leaf Burning Prohibited

Burning of leaves within the Village limits is prohibited by ordinance. This ordinance was adopted to help prevent air pollution caused by burning landscaping waste and to reduce chances of fires. Avoid raking leaves into the street. It can clog sewers and invites children to play in them creating a safety hazard for motorists. Composting and mulch mowing are acceptable ways to dispose of landscape waste not picked up by the waste hauler.

Bicyclists on Sidewalks Must Yield to Pedestrians

As more children ride to and from school, parents need to make riders aware of laws governing rights of way on the sidewalk. Pedestrians have the right of way. To prevent injuries, riders must signal with a bell or verbal warning such as "on your left/right" when approaching others.

Use Scooper when Walking Your Dog

Residents walking their dogs are required to pick up after them and dispose of dog deposits immediately in the appropriate manner. Remember, it is against the law for any dog or cat to run at large - they can be lost or hurt and owners fined. See the next article for more details.

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Reminder about Dogs and Cats Running at Large

While most residents are aware that dogs must be registered in Northfield and are not allowed to run off leash or at large, some may not be aware that **cats** are also required to be registered and not allowed to run at large. Control of dogs and cats includes: not allowing dogs or cats to run at large; not permitting any dog or cat to trespass on private property without the consent of the property owners; always picking up your dog or cat excretions whether on any public right of way, public park, forest preserve, pathway, sidewalk or private property. The one-time registration fee for each dog and cat (or horse) is \$25 with a current rabies certificate. Dog and cat owners are fined at a graduated rate per offense for pets found running at large. There is also an additional fee for dogs and cats found running at large and not registered. Owners who let their cat(s) "out for the night" are giving them an opportunity to run at large and can be fined if the cat is found off the owner's property. Keeping cats in at night also prevents them from being attacked and bitten or killed by coyotes or other wild animals.

Report Deer in Your Area

The Village annually surveys residents for deer sitings on property and damage caused by deer as part of its continuing deer management efforts. The Village provides information to the Dept. of Natural Resources on reports of deer, deer damage to plantings and deer/car accidents on area streets. Please use the Resident Input form on Page 6 for your response or write a letter to the Village Board noting incidents, locations, etc., c/o: Village Manager, Village of Northfield, 361 Happ Rd., Northfield, IL 60093. **Please respond by October 21.**

Support the Park District & Chamber of Commerce - Play Golf at the Community Scramble Event Oct. 13

Residents and friends are invited to play golf at the Community Scramble hosted by the Northfield Chamber of Commerce and the Northfield Parks Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 13. Use the event as a way to promote your business and invite customers to enjoy the outing to be held at the Winnetka Golf Club, 1300 Oak Steet in Winnetka. Check in is at 11:00 a.m. with box lunch provided. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Early registration by Sept. 30 - \$150; and \$175 after, or \$50 for dinner only. To register or for details, call 847-446-4428, or visit jsweeney@northfieldparks.org.

How to Select and Hire a Knowledgeable Tree Care Company for your Trees

The attack of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and severe storms that brought down tree limbs and entire trees have required residents to find knowledgeable and reputable tree care companies to prune, treat or remove their trees. However, the demand has also inspired some enterprising people who know little about tree care to get into the business. The following questions will help you find a reputable company that puts safety first. Also, remember to get more than one estimate and to ask for all bids in writing with start and end dates.

1. Does the company have current workers compensation and personal and property damage insurance?
2. Is the company a member of a professional organization?
3. Does the company employ ISA Certified Arborists?
4. Does the company have references for similar work performed?
5. Will the company be responsible for the disposal of all limbs, debris and stump removal?

Northfield Farmers Market Offers Fresh Goods and Specialty Items Saturdays through Oct. 22

Stock Up on Locally Grown Vegetables, Fruits, Cheeses and All the Wonderful Fall Items

All your fall favorites are ready for picking including pumpkins, fresh apples, vegetables, mums, corn stalks and more. Every Saturday is a new adventure at the Farmers Market! On Oct. 1, enjoy HarvestFest with special activities, music, tasty foods, and baked goods. The Farmers Market remains open Saturdays through Oct. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is located on south Happ Road across from New Trier West.



Halloween "Boo Bash" at Clarkson Park Friday, Oct. 21

The Northfield Park District will hold a "Boo Bash" party for young witches, ghosts and goblins ages 3-8 yrs. on Friday, Oct. 21 at Willow Park Community Center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. They will enjoy free carnival games, balloon artist, crafts, treat bags and free refreshments. There will also be a special ghoulish train ride! To register call, 847-446-4428. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event takes place rain or shine.

Use MOM to Teach Children How to Recognize and Be Alert for Suspicious Circumstances and Unusual Requests

School is open! Because children are walking or biking to and from school or a friend's home, the Northfield Police encourage all parents to review with their children how to be alert and aware of some types of suspicious circumstances and unusual requests from people. One circumstance that children should be taught to recognize as "unusual" is when a grownup approaches them for assistance especially when the request involves the child being displaced from where they currently are. Movement such as "Can you help me find my dog?" or "Can you come show me on this map how to get to Chicago?" Teach your children that grownups truly in need will seek out other grownups, not children. If approached by a stranger, teach your children to think "MOM." M=Me. Why are they approaching me? (Grownups don't seek help from children.) O=Only. Am I the only one around here? (Is the child isolated or vulnerable.) M=Move. Is someone asking me to go somewhere? (movement) If these are present or your child feels uncomfortable, have them immediately move away from the stranger and toward the nearest adult who did not approach them. In the unlikely event your child is grabbed by a stranger, teach them to repeatedly yell out "YOU ARE NOT MY PARENT! I DON'T KNOW YOU!" Also remember to report any suspicious circumstances and persons to the Police as soon as possible so Police have the best opportunity to find potential predators. Dial 911 for emergencies and 847-446-2131 for non-emergencies.

Community Events

Village Celebrates Patriot's Day on 10th Anniversary - Sept. 11

A short service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Northfield Fire-Rescue facility at 1800 Winnetka Road in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of Patriot's Day and the men and women who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Gathering for the ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. with President Fred Gougler speaking briefly at 8:50 a.m. followed by tolling of the station bell in recognition of the time the south tower collapsed in New York and the loss of numerous firefighters. Tolling is a sign of honor and respect for their ultimate sacrifice in service to their community. All residents are invited to attend.

Enjoy Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction at House of Welcome Annual Benefit on Sept. 18

The North Shore Senior Center will host a grand evening on Sunday, Sept. 18 that includes cocktails, catered dinner, silent auction of 150 items and grand raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and up to 6 for \$100. Music by Ross Lehman immediately following dinner includes songs from Cole Porter, the Gershwins and more. Funds raised from the event provide the single largest source of financial support for the House of Welcome which provides subsidized adult day care for persons with memory loss from Alzheimer's and other dementias. For more benefit information, call 847-784-6063 or go to www.nssc.org.

Northfield's State Fair Provides Fun for All with Ribfest, Pie Baking, Bingo, Dancing & Fireworks

Celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall! Come to the annual Park District State Fair at Clarkson Park for a fun evening with your family and friends, Saturday, Sept. 10 starting at 6:00 p.m. Local resident grillers and bakers do their best to win the Ribfest and Pie Baking contests. Also enjoy Bingo, D.J. and dancing games, music and a Fireworks finale! Residents entering the Ribfest contest must sign up prior to the event by submitting an application along with the \$6 fee (\$12 for non-residents) and are required to bring their own grill and table. Pie bakers can sign up for the contest in advance for free or pay \$5 the day of the event. Sale of ribs from the contest is not permitted but food will be available for purchase by the Lions Club and beer, soda and water will also be sold.

Halloween Trick or Treating in Village Permitted from 3:00 to 7:00 PM Monday, October 31

Door to door trick or treating in Northfield will be held on Halloween, Monday, October 31 between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Police Dept. reminds all families that children should stay in groups, be accompanied by an adult, wear light-colored clothing, cross at intersections, use sidewalks, never enter anyone's home and have an adult examine treats before eating.

Calendar of Meetings

Call the Village Hall for the location of the meeting you want to attend
Sept. 12 & Oct. 11 - Architectural Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20 & Oct. 18 - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 p.m.; Committee of Whole - 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3 & Nov. 7 - Plan & Zoning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4 & Nov. 1 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings - 7:00 p.m.

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Watch Cable Channel 6 for Village News.

Resident Input

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

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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