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## Stormwater Drainage Report to be Presented at Dec. 1 Board Meeting

After collecting over 500 surveys on Stormwater Drainage in the community and after two community meetings, one in July and a second in October to provide information on drainage and flooding following the mid-September storms, the final Stormwater Drainage report is being readied. The report incorporating residents comments and concerns regarding stormwater drainage and flooding will be presented to the Village Board and the community by Gewalt Hamilton's engineering consultant on Monday, December 1 in the Village Hall Council Chamber, 361 Happ Road. The regular Board meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and this report is one of the items on the Board Agenda. Suggestions from the engineer will be provided for the Board, Village staff and community to consider and to help prioritize projects in terms of severity as well as to determine how solutions might be financed.

## Holiday Schedule for Waste Pick Up and Village Hall

The holiday schedule for garbage and recycling pick ups will be as follows: Nov. 27 (Thurs.), Thanksgiving Day - pick ups will be on Friday, Nov. 28. Dec. 25, (Thurs.), Christmas Day, and Jan. 1 (Thurs.), New Years Day, pick ups will be on Friday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The Village Hall will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1 and 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.



*State Representative Beth Coulson, Village President John Birkinbine, Trustees John Chapin, Fred Teichert, Frank Charhut, Joan Frazier and Terry Gottlieb; Barbara Wick and Margie Surpless of the Northfield Garden Clubs; Village Manager Stacy Sigman, Director Anne Kane and T&T Committee Chair Fred Gougler cut the ribbon for the new Community Events Sign.*

## New Community Events Sign Becomes Official Gateway to Village Center

District 17 State Rep. Elizabeth Coulson took a few moments from her busy schedule to help members of Northfield's Village Board and the community's two Garden Clubs cut the ribbon on a new Community Events Sign built on the northwest corner of Willow and Central/Happ Roads. The sign acts as a gateway to the community and provides a place for not-for-profit community agencies and organizations to publicize upcoming events. The new sign was made possible by a \$27,500 contribution from the Friends of Northfield Foundation, a not-for-profit organization whose sole purpose is to receive and maintain funds of real or personal property or both to use and apply for the benefit of and in the interest of the Northfield community. The \$27,500 contribution represented various donations made by Northfield residents and organizations. The sign was designed by representatives of several Northfield groups including the Friends of Northfield Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Park District, the Northfielders and Country Gardeners Garden Clubs as well as Village staff from the Community Development Dept. When two rounds of bids came in too high, the Village's Public Works Dept. stepped in and facilitated construction of the project within budget. Organizations that would like to use the sign to promote an event can contact the Office of the Village Manager, 847-446-9200 x2231 or email, [lgittel@northfieldil.org](mailto:lgittel@northfieldil.org).

# President's Briefing

*From Village President John L. Birkinbine, Jr.*

If there has been a common thread for 2008, we might title it "challenges." As we consider 2008, it has been an exciting year internationally, nationally and at the State and County level. Locally, our challenges were highlighted by the destruction caused by the remnants of storms such as Hurricanes Gustav and Ike which devastated areas of the country and spawned aftermath storms that affected many Northfield residents who were left with flooding and personal property losses.

It is just such challenges that highlight the services Village personnel provide the community. Public Works used its resources to help residents deal with the rising waters that turned basements and, in some cases, first floors into ponds. Village staff delivered, or residents picked up, approximately 2,000 sand bags in an effort to protect homes and businesses. Our Police Department assisted Public Works with numerous road closures particularly on the east side of town where streets like Lagoon and Latrobe experienced extensive flooding. They also rescued stranded motorists from flooded vehicles. The Police Communications Center, Village Hall and Public Works fielded hundreds of calls from weary residents about flooding, getting rid of water soaked items and seeking information about financial assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

On a positive note, the Village was already in the middle of collecting stormwater drainage information from residents as part of a comprehensive study being prepared by our engineering consultant. Over 400 responses to the initial survey had been received. However, since the first survey deadline and community meeting occurred prior to the mid-September storms, Village staff held a second community stormwater drainage meeting on October 14 and re-published the survey to obtain additional information in order to document newly discovered flooding and/or drainage problems and investigate possible solutions.

At the second community stormwater drainage meeting, many residents questioned "why" there was so much flooding this year. Besides being a storm that provided the most rain Northfield experienced at one time in 137 years, some residents felt that the revised configuration of the Skokie Lagoon Dam off Willow Road might have contributed to the flooding while others questioned whether Winnetka's lift station on the Skokie River just east of these properties was at fault or whether Wilmette's opening/closing of the locks played a part. To verify what part, if any, the Willow Road Dam may have contributed to the process, the Village engineer is taking a closer look at the design changes made to the dam based on Cook County Forest Preserve's plans.

All of your comments and responses to the stormwater drainage surveys will be incorporated in a complete Stormwater Drainage Report that will be presented to the Village Board at the **Monday, December 1, 2008** Board meeting. Residents and members of the business community are invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting. The suggestions or solutions presented will provide helpful information that the community, Village Board and staff can use to consider and to prioritize projects in terms of seriousness and also to determine how solutions might be financed.

## **Village Budget**

As the Board starts the budget process in early 2009 in preparation for the next fiscal year which begins May 1, 2009, they will again focus on maintaining and improving the Village's infrastructure by tackling issues involving capital improvements. At the same time, the Board and staff will review every line item in its expenses to keep costs in line with revenues without sacrificing the quality of service important to Northfield residents.

Another unforeseen "challenge" the Village faced in 2008 was the decision by Illinois Senator the Reverend James Meeks to bring busloads of Chicago Public School students to New Trier High School's Northfield campus and, to have over 1,000 students register for classes at both Sunset Ridge School and New Trier High School. Many Police and Fire-Rescue personnel were involved in making their visit a good and safe experience for all. This event and the flooding in September are perfect examples of the types of unplanned and unbudgeted events that impact the Village's budget and strain our resources.

## **Budget Changes**

The Village Budget provides for expenditures for capital improvements, personnel costs and other operating expenditures throughout the fiscal year. I am pleased to report that at this six month juncture, the Village Budget remains in line with the balanced budget approved by the Board at the start of the fiscal year. This is particularly significant in light of some of the unusual challenges that occurred in 2008. These included the flooding from storms mentioned above, the unexpected visit from Senator/ Reverend Meeks and loss of revenue from Dominick's following their roof cave in and store closure. Another financial challenge not mentioned previously is due to the amount of snow Illinois received in the winter of 2007-08. The increase in snow wiped out most community road salt supplies and drove the price of salt up three times its former price. Last year, the price of salt was \$43.35 a ton and this year the price is \$105.58 a ton - a 143% increase! In addition, salt companies refused to submit bids to the State or Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) joint purchasing programs which would allow communities to buy together and realize a lower price. Needless to say, these events were not planned or expected when the FY2008-09 budget was put

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together and approved. In addition, like all of you, the economic roller coaster we are on has significantly impacted the Village's investments, savings and pension funds.

## **Capital Improvements**

*In 2008, the Village made substantial strides in our public infrastructure. A Capital Improvement Program Committee was formed to determine long term funding options to keep our systems healthy which include the following:*

### *Water and Sewer*

In 2008, the Village completed work on replacing two old water mains connecting Northfield with Winnetka, our main source of water for the community. This entailed running the one large new main under the Edens Expressway, across Willow Road and under the Skokie Lagoons. In addition, the Village installed a water monitoring system and an emergency water interconnect to the Village of Glencoe as an added water safety measure. These valuable infrastructure improvements were paid for by 20-year bonds.

As the Capital Improvement Committee looks forward to 2009, it has identified a number of projects that are used to keep up with regular maintenance on the Village's water and sewer system. Over the past 20 years, the Village has used slip lining for sewer mains to prolong their life, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars on replacement costs.

### *Roadways and Sidewalks*

In 2008, after years of few major improvements to roads, the Village repaved or reconstructed a number of Village streets using our State allotted Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. Over \$930,000 was spent to resurface 7,825 linear feet of public roadways. This year, the Village also replaced approximately 3,225 square feet of sidewalk as part of the annual sidewalk replacement program to eliminate trip hazards and improve walkability throughout the community. In some cases the cost was shared 50-50 with residents where walks were replaced for aesthetic reasons.

## **Property Taxes**

With regard to property taxes, in anticipation of the new fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval for the December 1, 2008 Board meeting of a proposed tax levy of \$3,374,500 on property for 2008 which represents a 4.9% increase over the 2007 levy. This means that most residents will see an approximate increase of 4.1% in the Village's portion of their property tax bill due to inflation while new properties and those with improvements might experience higher increases.

## **Willow Road**

As motorists now know, the delays are over and traffic on Willow Road is moving along on the newly reconstructed sections from the Edens Highway west to Sunset Ridge Road

and from the Edens east to Hibbard Road. After many years of enduring potholes too numerous to count, bumpy edges and faded traffic lines, we are thoroughly enjoying a smooth ride and the new traffic lane and turn signal at Sunset Ridge Road. While the question of the future configuration of Willow Road still looms in the years ahead, the Village's Traffic and Transportation Committee continues to meet and advocate for the previously agreed upon three-lane plan. Illinois Dept. of Transportation Deputy Director of Highways in District 1, Diane O'Keefe, has noted that IDOT is moving ahead with preliminary engineering plans for changing the section of Willow Road between Sunset Ridge Road and the Edens to four/five lanes. She also has acknowledged that it will be approximately four years before any work could begin. During this time, the Village and Traffic and Transportation Committee members will continue to keep the three lane plan alive and the Village President will continue to keep you informed on developments as they occur.

## **Village Center Task Force**

Following 18 months of effort by the Village Center Task Force, the Village Board adopted the Village Center Redevelopment Plan in April 2008. Since then, Village staff has fielded numerous developer inquiries and met with a number of interested development teams. Despite the well-publicized ailing economy, the Village remains cautiously optimistic that Northfield will see significant investment and redevelopment in its commercial and civic core over the next few years. Several smaller scale redevelopment projects were realized during the past year: Dominick's took the opportunity to make exterior and interior modifications during their reconstruction project prior to its Grand Re-Opening in September. The new Bathworks showroom on West Frontage Road includes a facade renovation that will result in a more traditional, timeless design for the property. Haussmann Brasserie completed extensive interior renovations to the restaurant space in the Northfield Village Square mall attracting patrons from Northfield and beyond. Also, through the generosity of the community and collected donations administered through the Friends of Northfield Foundation and, with the hard work of Public Works crews, the Village now enjoys a new much-improved Community Events Sign. The design and materials of this impressive sign serve as the foundation for creating a Village-wide signage program. Finally, Village staff continues to work with representatives of both of the vacant gas stations to have the buildings, canopies and other property features removed from both of these highly visible sites. It is hoped that these two key properties will redevelop and help set the tone for the character, quality and distinct design desired by Northfield for the commercial heart of the community.

## **Refuse/Recycling Contract**

After 13 years of contracts with Waste Management as the Village's single waste and recycling hauler, the Village has gone out to bid with all the area waste haulers for a new contract which would begin May 1, 2009. The Request for Proposals were sent to the waste and recycling haulers and are

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due back on November 21, 2008 with their projected costs. Following a review of their proposals, a selection will be made. The Village Board and staff are trying to make any change as seamless as possible and more information will be provided in future Newsletters once a waste hauler has been selected.

### **"E-News" Coming to the Village**

Just after the first of the new year, the Village will unveil a new way to receive Village news via email on a variety of subjects. Called "E-News," the service will allow interested residents to sign up for electronic news by going to the Village's website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org), provide an email address and then choose from a list of topics such as Village Newsletter, Willow Road Updates, Police News, Village Financial News, Stormwater News, Election News, Public Works Projects, and more. Residents can choose one topic or all. You will determine what news you want to receive via email. More information on this new program will be available in the January-February 2009 Northfield News.

### **Elections**

With the General Election behind us and a new President to be sworn in, we look forward in anticipation to the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election which is the election of your Village Board officials. The Northfield Caucus will interview candidates for Village President and Trustee positions during the week of November 10 in preparation for slating candidates at the Caucus' biannual meeting on **January 12, 2009**. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chamber, 361 Happ Road. If you have any questions regarding the process, contact Caucus Chair, Jim Appel at 847-446-3090.

### **Wishes for the Holidays and New Year**

As the holiday season approaches, I encourage Northfield residents to take a stroll around our community and notice the many positive improvements that have been made in 2008. There is the new community events sign that acts as a gateway to our Village at the corner of Willow and Central/Happ Roads and provides a great opportunity for local non-profit organizations to communicate upcoming events; the colorful banners from the Chamber of Commerce designating the seasons and promoting our Farmers Market. Residents and visitors can enjoy a smooth ride on Willow Road following its reconstruction and resurfacing as well as on the Edens Expressway. Dominick's has re-opened with an updated exterior, an all new interior and a wonderful selection of foods. The redesigned Willow Park is completed and the Northfield Park District has effectively increased the use of its property with additional playing fields and parking. There is a new exciting restaurant that has opened in the Northfield shopping center adding to the list of fine restaurants in town where you can dine with family and friends. The Orren Pickell Design Center adjacent to Starbucks brings character and provides wonderful services to residents and those from other communities. All of these, we feel, add to Northfield's existing reputation as one of the most livable and friendly communities on Chicago's North Shore.

*The Board of Trustees and I, Village Manager Stacy Sigman and Village Staff wish all residents and businesses a joyous holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year!*

## Village Board Meeting Schedule for the Year 2009

(3rd Tuesday of month)

### Board Meetings

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

(No Nov. meeting)

December 7\*

(\* First Monday to adopt tax levy.

## Fee and Fine Increases for 2009 Approved by Board

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, various Village fees, fines and permits will increase to reflect changes in the consumer price index, market conditions and staff costs. The majority of the increases are for building and electrical permits and fees for reviews by various commissions. Vehicle stickers will not be increased for the coming year. For a complete list of all Village fees, please refer to the Municipal Code on the Village website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org), under Appendix D, Fee and Bond Amounts.

## Water and Sewer Rate Increases Proposed for Improvements to System

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Committee is recommending that at the Dec. 1 meeting, the Village Board increase water and sanitary sewer rates effective May 1, 2009. Other than the \$0.67 per cubic feet fee that was added in 2008 for bonds sold to pay for the new watermain, there has not been a water rate increase since May 2006 or a sewer increase since May 2005. In order to make needed improvements to the system, the base water rate would increase from \$3.90 per 100 cubic feet of water to \$4.14 and the sanitary sewer rate would rise from \$1.25 to \$1.38 per 100 cubic feet of water. The minimum quarterly water and sewer rate based on 1,100 cubic feet will go from \$56.65 to \$60.69.

# In appreciation of those 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 family and career to volunteer to serve in local government on Village Boards, Commissions and special Committees. As the April 2009 election of local Board Members moves up on our calendars, 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.*

John L. Birkinbine, Jr., **President**

## **Board of Trustees**

John N. Chapin, Jr., **Trustee**

Frank J. Charhut, **Trustee**

Joan Frazier, **Trustee**

Terry J. Gottlieb, **Trustee**

Ted Greene, **Trustee**

Fred Teichert, **Trustee**

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

James D. Henderson, Chair

Richard G. Crotty

J. Patrick Doherty

Bert A. Getz, Jr.

Brian Kozminski

Margaret Parcels

Lorna Widdes

## **Police Pension Board**

William Lustig, Chief

Thomas McCarron

Franklin Morton

Brian Smaha

Kenneth E. Smith

## **Board of Police Commissioners**

Richard Joutras, Chair

G. Kirk Bennett

Nancy Whiteman

## **Electrical Commission**

Ronald Johnson, Chair

Daniel Conversa

Eric Duray, ComEd

Joseph P. Gutenkanst

Tony Levernier

Marshall Rake, III

## **Architectural Commission**

Patricia Karr, Chair

Todd Berlinghof

Jason Felicione

Juergen Fuss

Steven Hirsch

Tom Jennings

Patricia M. Leonard

Steven Page

## **Traffic & Transportation**

Fred Gougler, Chair

J. Patrick Doherty

Peter Fischer

Linda Garard

Ted Greene, Trustee

Robert Hayward, Vice Chair

Brian K. Kozminski

Barbara Moore

Margaret Parcels

## **Safe Routes to School Comm.**

Bryan Albro, Sunset Ridge School

Mike Arnold, Sunset Ridge School

Sydney Clark, PTO

Barb Golomb, Sunset Ridge School

Sgt. Tom Jones, Police Dept.

Dick Knudson, PW Dept.

Dr. Nicholas Kondelis, Resident

Jeanine McCarthy, PTO

Reverent Meyer, NFComm. Ch.

Mark Stevens, Vill. Admin. Intern

Michael Straaton, Resident

Linda Van Geem, Vill. Admin. Sec.

Sally Wascher, Temple Jeremiah

## **Plan and Zoning Commission**

George Warga, Chair

Robert Caldwell

Dan deLoys

John Dolan

William Hielscher

Philip Jones

E. Leonard Rubin

Joanna Stein

Bill Vaselopulos

## **Village Center Task Force**

Terry Gottlieb, Chair, Vill. Trustee

Todd Berlinghof, Arch. Comm.

John Birkinbine, Village Pres.

Evan Karnes (former Trustee)

Pat Karr, Arch. Comm. Chair

Bob Lopatin (VC property owner)

Ruth Lucchesi (former Trustee)

Blair Robinson (former Trustee)

Bill Vaselopulos, P&Z Comm.

George Warga, P&Z Comm. Chair

## **Willow Rd. Steering Committee**

John L. Birkinbine, Vill. President

Peter Fischer, School Dist. 29

Fred Gougler, Chair, T&T Comm.

Stacy Sigman, Village Mgr.

Scott Turban, Park District

## 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 risk.
- 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.

# Senior Services and Events

## Grants Aid Eligible Seniors and Disabled Who Need Financial Help to Live in the Community

Applications are now available for grants to be awarded in 2009 to Northfield seniors who need help with living costs and want to apply. For the 2009 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. 31, 2008 to be eligible for 2009 funding.**

## Donations Only 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 that recipients were between 69 and 76 years old, have lived in town from 3 to 11 years, had an income between \$10,662 and \$18,858 and allowable assets as low as \$9,619. 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. To donate, make checks payable to **Friends of Northfield Foundation and specify, "Senior Assistance Fund"** and mail to P.O. Box 8045, Northfield, IL 60093. Your contributions are tax deductible.

## Other Local Organizations Where Your Donations Help

Additional organizations that are accepting donations for worthwhile programs that benefit Northfield and area residents include:

**Northfield Parks Foundation**  
c/o Northview Bank & Trust  
P.O. Box 8078  
Northfield, IL 60093

**United Way of the North Shore**  
**Winnetka-Northfield Chapter**  
540 W. Frontage Rd., Ste. 3040  
Northfield, IL 60093

## Township Food Pantries also Need Donations and Help

This holiday season, if you shop on-line, you can support the Northfield Twp. Food Pantry. Visit [www.visitourmall.com/NorthfieldTownshipFoodPantry](http://www.visitourmall.com/NorthfieldTownshipFoodPantry) to be linked to their new on-line mall offering hundreds of retailers and thousands of special deals and coupons. The Food Pantry receives a portion of every dollar spent at no extra cost to you. Food stores included in the mall are Dominicks, Whole Foods, Sunset Foods and Jewel-Osco. Also, the North Shore Senior Center is collecting food donations for the New Trier Twp. Food Pantry from 9 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday. Visit the Village website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org) for a list of the items needed. (Expired food items not accepted.) Cash and check contributions made payable to "New Trier Twp. Angel Fund" may be deposited in the Food Drive Collection Box at the Center's A&A Cafe counter Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm only. Help make the upcoming holidays healthy and happy for others!

## Low Income Program Helps Residents Pay Utility Costs

Eligible low-income households that need help paying for home energy costs, can apply for assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which provides an annual credit paid directly to the utility company. The amount of the grant is determined by income, household size and fuel type. To be eligible, the family gross income (before deductions) for the 30 days prior to application cannot exceed \$1,300 for one person, \$1,750 for two, etc. Applications from residents in New Trier and Northfield Twps. are being taken by appointment at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road. The person filing the application must be 18 years or older, head of household and the customer of record on utility bills. If the applicant is a family member or friend, they must bring a signed letter of authorization from the person applying. To make an appointment, call 847-784-6040.



## 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

### **Lutheran Church of Ascension Sponsors Flu Prevention Clinic**

Residents who want to get flu or pneumonia shots can stop by the Church (Sunset Ridge and Willow Roads on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. All are welcome! Flu shots \$22; Pneumonia shots \$45 with physician prescription. Medicare Part B will be accepted as payment from those eligible who bring their Medicare card.

### **Blood Drive Hosted by Lutheran Church of Ascension Nov. 16**

Those between the ages of 16 and 80 and in good health are potential donors for the LifeSource Blood Drive hosted at Lutheran Church of the Ascension on Sunday, Nov. 16, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call 847-446-8335 to schedule or for information. Walk-ins welcome.

### **Enjoy Pancake Breakfast at St. Philip the Apostle Sun., Dec. 7**

All you can eat pancakes, sausage and juice/coffee at St. Philip the Apostle Pancake Breakfast held at the gym, 1980 Old Willow Road, from 8 am to 1 pm. Tickets: \$6; children age 3 and under free. Come for food, crafts and entertainment. And remember to bring your camera for photos with Santa!

### **Northfield Community Nursery School Holds Enrollment Dec. 8**

The Northfield Community Nursery School, 400 Wagner Rd., which offers classes for children ages 8 months-pre-Kindergarten, will hold open enrollment on Monday, Dec. 8 from 7 to 9 pm. For more information, call 847-446-1116.

## Shop for Special Gifts in Northfield

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. Make it a day and stop for lunch or dinner at one of the Village Center restaurants or get ready for your get-togethers with goods from specialty food shops and our large well-stocked food store. Gift certificates from local hair salons, spas and other service shops are great to give! Remember to pick up holiday decorations at the hardware store or special home furnishing stores. Discover all that Northfield has to offer and support your town!

### **Recycling and Getting Rid of Live Trees and Wreaths**

Waste Management will pick up bare Christmas trees (not bagged) at the curb on Monday, Jan. 5 and Monday, Jan. 12. The Park District in conjunction with Glenwood Tree Experts will recycle residents' "formerly fresh" Christmas trees beginning Friday, Dec. 26 through Wednesday, Jan. 7. Unbagged trees completely free or ornaments, tinsel and other decorative materials can be dropped off in the southeast corner of the Community Center parking lot off Wagner Road. All trees must be left in the designated area only. No trees accepted after Jan. 7. Recycled trees will be chipped for mulch. For information regarding the recycled mulch, contact Glenwood Tree Experts, 847-459-0200.

### **Calendar of Events**

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

Nov. 10, Dec. 8 & Jan. 12 - Architectural Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 - Traffic & Transportation Comm. Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

No. Nov. Mtg.; Dec. 1 - Truth in Taxation/Village Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 2 & Jan. 6 - Zoning Board of Appeals Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.

No Dec. Mtg.; Jan. 5 - Plan and Zoning Commission 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.

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