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Are You Registered to Vote for the Next President in the General Election on Nov. 4?

If you plan to help determine the next President of the United States and you are 18 years or older and have lived in your election precinct at least 30 days before the General Election on Nov. 4, and are not currently registered, **you must register by Oct. 7.** Students who will be away at college can register before leaving for school, while home on break before Oct. 7 or, file a Temporary Absent Student Notice at the Village Hall to receive an application for an absentee student ballot. The last day the Notice can be mailed to students in order to receive an application for a student ballot is Sept. 25. If you have moved from your previous electoral area or changed your name because of marriage or other reason, you must re-register if you want to vote on Nov. 4. The Grace Period Registration and Voting period is Oct. 8- Oct. 21. Early Voting will be held from Oct. 13-Oct. 30. Call the Village Hall, 847-446-9200 if you have additional questions or go to www.voterinfonet.com or www.elections.il.gov.

UP-COMING EVENTS

State Fair at Clarkson Park--Sept. 13, Sat., 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., see Pg. 7.
Fire Prevention Week--Oct. 5-11, Pancake Breakfast/Open House - Sat., Oct. 11, 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., see Pg. 3.
Halloween Trick or Treating--Oct. 31, Friday - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., see Pg. 8.
Daylight Savings Time Ends--Nov. 2 (Set clocks back 1 hour), see Pg. 3.

President Birkinbine Separates Fact from Fiction and Political Posturing on the Past and Future of Willow Road

Dear Residents,

In the past months and weeks, various letters, newspaper articles and the newsletter of State Senator Jeff Schoenberg have published quotes from the Senator accusing Northfield of being "uncooperative" in working toward a safer, better Willow Road. Some of the claims made by him have been so blatantly false such as calling on Northfield to "stop its endless stalling tactics and to fully cooperate with IDOT in the selection of an engineering firm" that the Village of Northfield challenged his accusations by filing a Freedom of Information request of IDOT to produce any and all documents and letters that might back up his claims that Village officials have ever refused to meet with IDOT. Of the copies of various letters and documents the Village received from IDOT, none supported the allegation that Northfield had been uncooperative or had refused to meet. The following are some of the other comments/questions which need to be addressed to help you separate fact from fiction.

Why was the three lane Willow Road Plan that was agreed to by IDOT abandoned?

The three lane Willow Road Plan was a 1999 compromise plan between the Village, the community and IDOT. In order to expedite the project, the Village oversaw the management of the required Phase I and Phase II engineering in 1999 and 2000. The Village was reimbursed by IDOT for over a half a million dollars for this effort. When Phase III, which is the actual construction, was to begin in 2005, IDOT's funds were diverted to other projects delaying the work on Willow Road. Later, in 2006, Senator Schoenberg, at the urging of Glenview, directed IDOT to cancel the agreed upon three lane Willow Road plan in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senator Schoenberg states "independent studies concluded that a prior plan (the three lane plan) demonstrated inadequate traffic capacity and had serious funding shortfalls." Is this true?

The Village of Northfield has been trying to obtain information on the "independent studies" referred to by Senator Schoenberg. To date, even after requesting this information, no "independent study" has been produced. During the years 1997 to 1999, when meetings between Northfield, our residents, other communities and IDOT engineers were held and the three lane plan was developed, no "independent studies" pointed out any flaws with the three lane plan. In fact, IDOT approved both the Phase I and Phase II engineering drawings for the three lane Willow Road Plan. A recent news article indicated that the study might be referring to computer modeling done by IDOT. If so, it strains credibility to consider IDOT "independent" on the subject of bigger and wider roads.

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Willow Road - Fact and Fiction *(cont'd)*

With respect to cost, the original three lane Willow Road from Sunset Ridge Road to the bridge east of Bristol Street was projected to cost \$5.4 million dollars in 2000. When IDOT said they were not going ahead with the project in 2005, they noted the project at that time was projected to cost \$6.2 million. Now, IDOT's own estimate to build the proposed four lane Willow Road is \$25 million.

How long will it take to redo engineering to once again get to Phase III where the project was stalled in 2005?

If all goes as planned by IDOT, Phase I and II design engineering of Willow Road will take about 48 months or 4 years. So, in approximately 2012 or 2013, IDOT may be ready to bid their project - if \$25 million can be found to pay for it.

Can Senator Schoenberg and neighboring communities determine the configuration of Willow Road through Northfield without considering the needs/wishes of Northfield residents?

Senator Schoenberg boasts that with his help of the \$92,000 grant for the Lakota Study, the Northfield community did have the opportunity to examine plans for the roadway and find ways to make it safer. Apparently, it does not matter to Senator Schoenberg and IDOT that the overwhelming consensus from the study was for a three lane configuration versus four lanes. Northfield representatives remain adamant that the new road must be safe for children crossing to schools and parks and they do not believe this can be achieved with four lanes.

Is Northfield to blame for the current condition of Willow Road?

Willow Road is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). While Northfield, like Northbrook and Glenview, has not agreed with IDOT's plans for widening Willow Road over the past years, IDOT is still responsible for maintaining the road and keeping it in good driving condition. They have not. Except for minimal pothole repairs and, until this summer, there has not been any true resurfacing or repaving of Willow Road in Northfield in over 30 years.

Will four lanes help make the section from Sunset Ridge Road to Bristol Street safer?

The principal problem identified with the two lane Willow Road is caused by cars stopping to make left turns and, therefore, holding up traffic and, the safety issues inherent in drivers quickly making a left turn in front of on-coming traffic. Yet another problem is cars passing illegally on the gravel shoulder. To avoid these safety problems in the compromise plan, the Traffic and Transportation Committee, engineers and IDOT provided the middle turn lane (third lane) to eliminate cars having to stop for left turning vehicles. They also determined that some streets should have cul de sacs and others would permit only right in/right out turns to cut down on left turns and potential accidents. With the four lane Willow Road that Glenview has demanded and Senator Schoenberg has dictated, the issues associated with left turns will continue to be a problem. Now cars making left turns will be crossing two lanes of on-coming traffic and will be holding up at least one lane of traffic with waiting vehicles possibly veering into the other lane of traffic instead of onto a gravel shoulder to avoid a turning vehicle. Northfield does not believe this is safer. In reality, Senator Schoenberg's four lane plan will actually have to be 5 or 6 lanes to allow for turn lanes at intersections.

Why is Senator Schoenberg misleading others about the Village of Northfield and Willow Road?

Senator Schoenberg has been responding to pressure from the Villages of Glenview and Northbrook that want to see traffic get to their new shops and stores more quickly. The fact that they each have six to eight times as many voters than Northfield is apparently enough reason for the Senator to abandon his former position against villages meddling in the affairs of neighboring communities. To distract voters from this change of philosophy, he has been waving the flag of "safety" while dishonestly charging Northfield officials with employing stalling tactics and refusing to attend meetings. It is not pleasant to have to make such statements but the Senator's actions and written words leave me no choice. What makes the situation even sadder as far as saving time is concerned, IDOT's own study states that a four lane road would save drivers only 89 seconds between Sunset Ridge Road and the Edens Expressway compared to the three lane road. Northfielders don't believe that 89 seconds justify jeopardizing the safety of our school children and citizens.

Note: It is interesting to observe that in Wilmette, Sheridan Road is being reconstructed into a three lane road and in downtown Glenview, Glenview Road is also being converted to three lanes.

John L. Birkinbine, Jr.

School is Open

Watch for Children Walking and Biking

Please Slow Down!

Focus on "Preventing Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week

Use Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, to Check Your Home for Common Fire Hazards, Ways to Prevent Fires, Develop an Escape Plan and to Do Your Annual Battery Change for Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The 2008 Fire Prevention Program stresses the importance of "Preventing Home Fires." During the week of Oct. 5 through Oct. 11, go room to room in your home to identify common fire hazards and eliminate them. **In the kitchen - cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries.** The typical kitchen fire occurs when cooking is left unattended. If you have young children use back burners and keep children at least 3 feet away from the stove. When cooking, wear close-fitting clothing or short sleeves to prevent clothing from catching on fire.

Heating is a leading cause of home fire deaths. During the winter months December-February, 44% of home heating equipment fires are reported. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from people and any-thing that can burn such as curtains. Have your chimney and heating equipment cleaned and inspected before each heating season. Turn space heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed.

Electrical Safety Tips. Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices. Avoid overloading receptables. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets. Have wiring inspected to make sure it meets code requirements. Install ground and arc fault circuit interrupters to protect electrical outlets.

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.**

To report a FIRE or if you need POLICE or an AMBULANCE, call 911

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

Fire Prevention Week *(Cont'd)*

Keep Bedrooms Safe. Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn like mattresses, bedding and upholstered furniture. Keep matches and lighters in a locked cabinet. Designate a smoking area outside the home. Do not burn candles in a bedroom. The largest number of candle fires occur in bedrooms. Install a smoke alarm in each bedroom or outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. *65% of reported home fire deaths occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.*



Northfield Fire-Rescue Welcomes You to Annual Pancake Breakfast and Tour - Saturday, Oct. 11 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., Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Stop by for a delicious breakfast, a tour of the Fire House and various displays. Members of Northfield's Fire-Rescue Dept. will be visiting local schools during Fire Prevention Week to emphasize the importance of identifying common fire hazards and steps to take to prevent fires in your home.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 2

In 2007, Extended Daylight Savings became effective pushing the time change to November rather than October. In 2008, remember to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday morning, Nov. 2. (Clocks that read 2:00 a.m. should be changed to 1:00 a.m. - an extra hour of sleep!)

Village News

Board Amends Code on Display of Political Signs

Signs that contain a political message that relates to an election or referendum can now be displayed 90 days prior to the election or referendum and must be removed within 10 days after the election or referendum. No single non-illuminated sign with a political message can exceed 10 sq. ft. in area. A total of 32 sq. ft. is permitted on a single lot or premise (or three 10 sq. ft. signs).

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 1

The last day for pick up of landscape waste will be Monday, Dec. 1. 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 specially marked containers and kept separate from garbage, rubbish and recycleable materials.

Codes to Observe for Safety and Courtesy

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. Also, avoid raking leaves into the street - it invites children to play in them and creates a safety hazard for motorists. Composting and mulch mowing are acceptable ways to dispose of landscape waste not picked up by the waste hauler.

Prevent Accidents - Keep Bushes Trimmed

Trees and bushes planted too close to the sidewalk or road 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.

Bicyclists on Sidewalks Must Yield to Pedestrians

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

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 Page 5 for more information.

More Village News

Village Provides Senior Assistance Grants to Help Residents with Costs - Applications Out Oct. 31

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 2009 may pick up or call for an application at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., 847-784-6000, the Branch Library, 1785 Orchard or the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, 847-446-9200, **beginning Oct. 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 donations to the Friends of Northfield Foundation that are specifically designated for Senior Assistance and placed in an endowment fund. Grants are administered through the North Shore Senior Center which holds all information provided on applications in the strictest confidence.

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 8 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 20.**

Other Village News

Village Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Village of Northfield the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Attainment of this Certificate represents a significant accomplishment by a municipal government and its management. The Village's comprehensive annual financial report was judged by an impartial panel using criteria that meets the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive document in the "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. The Certificate of Achievement was presented to the Village Board at the August 19 Board meeting. In addition, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was given to Finance Director Steve Noble and the Finance Department by GFOA for their efforts in preparing the award winning financial report.

Your Help Needed to Complete Safe Routes to School Survey by Sept. 16

The Village of Northfield in collaboration with community leaders, local religious institutions, School District 29 and concerned parents and citizens ask your help in completing the Safe Routes to School survey to provide information about children walking and biking to schools in the community. Data obtained from the survey is vital in the preparation of the School Travel Plan which will be submitted to IDOT for an opportunity to obtain a federal grant of up to \$350,000 that would be used to address safety concerns identified when walking or biking within a two-mile radius of schools in Northfield. The survey is available on the Village website, www.northfieldil.org.

T&T Committee Revisits Parking Restrictions at Oct. 22 Meeting at 7 PM

At the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22, the Traffic and Transportation Committee will review the impact of the decision made to lift all parking restrictions on residential streets in the neighborhoods south of Willow Park and surrounding Clarkson Park. They will evaluate the true impact of the fall soccer and baseball seasons to see how parking was affected during the most intensive use of Willow Park. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Police Department Addresses Recent Residential Burglaries in the Area

Within the past weeks, the Village has experienced an increase in both residential and motor vehicle burglaries. To address this activity hitting Northfield and neighboring communities, the Police Department has increased patrols in the areas where burglaries have occurred and the bicycle units have been deployed on the midnight shift to provide a silent mode of patrol. Some of the other steps taken by the Department include an aggressive public information campaign, meetings with community groups and homeowners in the affected areas. Letters have been hand delivered and emailed to residents and notice of the burglaries were provided on the Village's website, www.northfieldil.org. The Police Department asks your help in deterring burglaries by making sure to lock your home doors, windows and garage door and cars. In more than half of the residential and motor vehicle burglaries, the residences and vehicles were not locked. To get a handy Security Checklist and pamphlet on Home Security Safety Tips, call the Police, 847-446-2131.

An Important Reminder about Dog and Cat Registration and Animals 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 are 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
- not allowing any dog or cat to deposit any excretions upon any public right of way, public park, forest preserve, pathway, sidewalk, or private property other than the pet owners' property without removing the deposit immediately. 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 owners property. Keeping cats in at night also prevents them from being attacked and bitten or killed by coyotes or other wild animals.

Village and Other News

Dominicks Plans Grand Re-Opening on Sept. 12

The grand re-opening of Dominicks store in Northfield will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12. Village President John Birkinbine will cut the ribbon to kick off the celebrations. Dominicks is also planning a Preview Party at 4:00 p.m. that day which will be open to the public. Other special promotional events will be held Friday and throughout Saturday.

Stormwater Drainage Survey Yields Large Response and Lots of Data

Over 400 homeowners (15%) responded to the Stormwater Drainage Survey providing a wealth of information on flooding issues in the community. The engineering firm retained to study stormwater drainage issues in Northfield will now review the survey data and information from the public meeting. Their next step will be to review the Village's ordinances and regulations; determine possible solutions and potential improvements. Following those steps, they will evaluate potential funding sources and then prepare a report and present it to the Village. The final report and presentation to the Board is planned for the December 1, 2008 meeting.

Northfield Caucus Reports 27% Return on Survey

The Northfield Caucus reports it received 570 completed surveys. The results will be posted in mid-September on their website, www.northfieldcaucus.org and released at a special Caucus meeting on Sept. 10.

Where to Dispose of New Energy Efficient CFL Bulbs with Mercury

While new CFL bulbs are more energy efficient and create the same amount of light as incandescent bulbs resulting in lower mercury and green house gas emissions (as reported by ComEd), they contain a small amount of mercury and should not be disposed of with regular garbage. So how should you dispose of these bulbs? ComEd has partnered with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), Ace Hardware and Home Depot to offer a CFL Recycling Program. For Northfield residents, the John W. Weiss Ace Hardware at 1560 Waukegan Rd., in Glenview and the Home Depot on Patriot Drive (north of Willow Rd.) recycle used CFL bulbs. For information on recycling other types of products including electronics, paint and more, and the location of long-term facilities for disposing of household hazardous waste products, visit the IEPA website, www.epa.state.il.us.

Rep. Coulson Helps Get Legislation Passed to Hire Sworn Police Officers

Through the efforts of Dist. 17 State Representative Beth Coulson, Senate Bill 2677 was recently signed by the Governor giving non home rule communities like Northfield the ability to hire sworn Police Officers who have previously been certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board without having them go through the costly and time-consuming examination process again which was previously required - saving Northfield approximately \$25,000 per Officer.

Voting Precincts for the Nov. 4 General Election

General Election voting at the following precincts will be held from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 4:

Precincts - Northfield Twp

8 - --Divine Word International, 2001 Waukegan Rd., Techny

9 & 23 --Lutheran Church of Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Rd. 37 --Community Center

401 Wagner Rd.

61 --Northfield Community Church, Willow at Wagner Rds.

Precincts - New Trier Twp

20 & 44 --Northfield Fire Station 1800 Winnetka Rd.

Voters who do not know their Precinct can contact the Village Hall, 847-446-9200 or go to the election website, www.voterinfonet.com. Early Voting will be held Oct. 13 through Oct. 30. No excuse or reason is needed to vote early in person. Bring a photo ID and complete the application to receive a ballot.

Village Seeks Updated Association Information

If you live in a multi-family development or have a Homeowners Association, the Village asks that you send in contact information for the President and one other Board member or Property Mgmt. Co. including address, home and office phone number, and email address to keep on file in case of emergencies. Send information to Village Manager, Village of Northfield, 361 Happ Rd., Northfield, IL 60093 or email, lgittel@northfieldil.org.

Senior Events Offer Friendship and Fun

The Northfield Seniors, a friendly group of seniors age 60 and up who regularly meet at the Park District Community Center, 401 Wagner Rd., welcome other seniors to join them for a variety of events and outings. There is an annual membership fee of \$15 which can be mailed or collected at the Sept. 4 luncheon at the Community Center. All interested seniors will meet at the Community Center at 9:45 a.m. for games and catered lunch. The fee is \$15 each. On Oct. 15 join the group for lunch and Theatre matinee of "Altered State U," an original production. Fee \$30. On Nov. 13, enjoy an elegant afternoon with Tea at the Drake Hotel at 12:30 p.m. with sandwiches and pastries. Fee: \$39. And, don't miss the big Holiday Lunch on Dec. 4 at The Glen Club at 11:30 a.m.

The North Shore Senior Center at 161 Northfield Road provides a complete selection of educational, cultural, health and fitness, adventure, social service and support programs and clubs for seniors age 50 and up. Choose from a large selection of programs to suit your interests. For seniors who like activity, the Adventure Club is hosting a number of events including "Woods and Prairie Walk at Shoe Factory Road Woods" on Sept. 17 at 10:00 a.m., and "Canoeing at the Skokie Lagoons" on Oct. 15 at 10:00 a.m.- both with John Elliott. Some of the day trips planned include: the Morton Arboretum and St. Procopius Abbey on Sept. 18; a trip to the Museum of Science & Industry featuring Smart Home on Sept. 26; the Lyric Opera for "The Pearl Fishers" by Georges Bizet on Oct. 3. For these and many more programs, trips, clubs and social events, contact the North Shore Senior Center, 847-784-6000, or visit their website, www.nssc.org.

Fall Events for All Ages

Come to the Last Big Summer Party with Ribfest, Pie Baking, Bingo, Dancing and Fireworks - Sat., Sept. 13 at 6 PM

The Park District will throw its last party of the summer season and you are invited! The State Fair will be held at Clarkson Park on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fun with Ribfest and Pie Baking contests, Bingo, Starwalk, Climbing Wall, D.J. and dancing games, music by *215 West* 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. The sale of ribs from the contest is not permitted. For those not cooking, food items will be available for purchase from the Lions Club.

Community Scramble Thursday, Sept. 25 at Glencoe Golf Club Benefits Northfield Chamber and Parks Foundation

Residents and friends are invited to participate and companies can use this opportunity to promote their business at the annual Northfield Community Golf Scramble sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Northfield Parks Foundation. The event will be held at the Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road in Glencoe Thursday, Sept. 25. Check in is at Noon with box lunch provided. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Registration fee: \$160 by 9/11/08; \$175 after or \$50 for dinner only. For more details or to register, call the Chamber, 847-441-1848, Park District, 847-446-4428 or visit www.northfieldchamber.org.

Enjoy Farmers Market HarvestFest on Saturday, Sept. 27

Celebrate fall with pumpkins, fresh apples, vegetables, mums, corn stalks and more. Musical entertainment provided by the *3rd Sunday String Band with Henrik Turk*. There are also kids activities, visits by Officer Friendly, the Police Motorcycle Patrol and the SWAT Team. Enjoy food for purchase from the Lions Club. The Farmers Market remains open Saturdays through Oct. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to Noon and is located on South Happ Road across from the New Trier West campus.

Trick or Treat at Clarkson Park Friday, Oct. 24 - 7:00 PM

The Northfield Park District will hold a Trick or Treat party where children 7 years and younger can enjoy treats and activities in safety. The event will be held at Clarkson Park on Friday, Oct. 24, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The fee is \$5.00 per child at the door and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Start planning costumes now! To register call, 847-446-4428.

Two Seasonal Park District Trips Children Will Enjoy

The Northfield Park District will take children in grades 4- 8 to Richardson's **Corn Maze on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.** Meet at the Park District Community Center and bring a flashlight! Watch others from the 50 ft. observation tower, take a break on the giant slide or sit by the campfire. Refreshments available for purchase. Fee: \$15. Register early! And, this winter children 1 year and up accompanied by an adult can enjoy a train trip to the North Pole on the **Polar Express Saturday, Dec. 6.** Meet at the Hubbard Woods Train Station in Winnetka at 9:00 a.m. Resident registration begins Oct. 1. Call the Park District for more details, 847-446-4428.

Community Events

North Shore Senior Center Hosts TV Journalist Bill Kurtis Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 8 PM

A special event not to be missed is The Joan Golder Lecture with tv journalist Bill Kurtis speaking on "How to Keep Life Interesting: Pursuing New Opportunities" Sept. 24 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Kurtis will discuss how to stay young by pursuing new interests and opportunities. This event has been moved from the Senior Center to Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, to accommodate a larger audience. Advance registration and ticket purchase is required. \$5/members; \$8/nonmembers.

Temple Jeremiah Presents "A Candidates' Forum" Weds., Oct. 22 at 7:00 PM

Learn about local issues first-hand from the political candidates for the 17th District at this special forum held at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Republican Representative Beth Coulson, currently serving her fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly, and Democratic challenger, Daniel Biss, Asst. Professor of Mathematics at the University of Chicago and a seasoned grassroots organizer, will speak on their respective platforms and respond to questions from the audience. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their perspectives before voting on Nov. 4. Open to all residents.

Village of Northfield Holds Remembrance Ceremony on 7th Anniversary of Sept. 11

A short service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Northfield Fire-Rescue facility at 1800 Winnetka Road in remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives during the terrorist attack on the United States. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. and at approximately 8:50 a.m., Village President John Birkinbine and Village Manager Stacy Sigman will make a few brief remarks. The station bell will be rung in a series of five rings followed by a minute of silence at 9:00 a.m. in recognition of the collapse of the south tower in New York City. All residents are welcome to attend.

Halloween Trick or Treating Permitted from 3:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, October 31

Children in the Village of Northfield who plan to trick or treat door-to-door are permitted to go out on Halloween, Friday, 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. 16 & Oct. 21 - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 & Oct. 22 - Traffic & Transportation Comm. Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6 - Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14 - Architectural Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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Village Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

847-446-9200 or 847-446-7131/TDD; Dial 911 for Emergencies.

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