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New Village President and Trustees to be Sworn in May 19

President Elect Fred Gougler, who has served on the Village's Traffic and Transportation Committee for a total of seven years, will be sworn in at the May 19 Village Board meeting. Trustee Terry Gottlieb who has served four years on the Board of Trustees was re-elected and will also be sworn in. Two new Trustees that will be affirmed are Brian Kozminski who served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and George Warga who Chaired the Plan and Zoning Commission and served a total of 8 years. The new Board members will take their seats along with remaining Board members, Trustees John Chapin, Joan Frazier and Fred Teichert. A dinner to honor out-going President John Birkinbine and Trustees Frank Charhut and Ted Greene and to welcome the new members will be held prior to the May 19 Board meeting.

Village Vehicle Stickers for 2009-10 Go On Sale May 11

Applications for FY2009-10 vehicle stickers will be mailed May 8 to all Village residents who purchased stickers last year. Vehicle stickers go on sale beginning May 11 at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. **Stickers must be displayed by July 1, 2009.**

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**Village-Wide Clean Up Day-
Saturday, May 16 (See Pg. 4)**

Board Adopts FY2009-10 Village Budget

The \$12.6 million operating budget for FY2009-10 approved by the Village Board at their April 21 meeting reflects an increase of 2.9% over FY2008-09. The operating budget includes revenues and expenditures in the Village's General, Water and Sanitary Sewer Funds and reflects a 1.8% increase in salary expenditures, a 2.2% increase in all other operating expenses and a 9% increase in benefit costs. The Village's General Fund is balanced meeting an important Board goal. At the same time, the General Fund balance of \$4.8 million maintains six months of operating expenditures, meeting another Village Board objective.

FY2009-10 Capital Budget

The Capital Budget for FY2009-10 includes \$3.3 million for projects related to water, sanitary sewers, road and sidewalk improvements and equipment replacement. The 2009-10 Budget also includes \$350,000 for completion of the new water transmission line from Winnetka. The Capital Budget continues to reflect the Village's efforts to replace aging infrastructure for the safety and well being of residents.

Water and Sewer Rate Increases Effective May 1

As noted in the March-April Northfield News, effective May 1, 2009 a 7.5% water rate increase and a 10% sanitary sewer rate increase went into effect. These increases help cover improvements to the Village's water and sewer infrastructure systems. For each 100 cubic feet of water billed in each quarter annual period, the rate is now \$4.14 with a minimum water charge of \$45.54 for each quarter where the volume is equal to or less than 1,100 cubic feet. The sanitary sewer rate is \$1.38 per 100 cubic feet billed and the minimum water and sewer charge is \$60.72 per quarter where the volume is equal to or less than 1,100 cubic feet of water. Residents with sewer service only are billed \$87.65 for each quarter annual period billed May 1 or after.

To review the complete FY2009-10 Village Budget, visit our website, www.northfieldil.org, and click on Finance Department and Annual Report.

Reminder about Receiving the Village Newsletter

The Northfield News is now available only via "E-News" which sends it directly to your computer email address or by going to the Village website, www.northfieldil.org, and clicking on the "Newsletter" icon. To sign up to receive the newsletter via "E-News" visit the Village website, click on the "E-News" icon and fill in the information requested. Residents without access to a computer who would like a copy of the current Newsletter, please contact the Village Hall, 847-446-9200, and provide your name and address so a copy can be made and mailed to you.

Sunset Ridge 4th Grade Students Celebrate Arbor Day by Planting a River Birch Tree at Village Hall

Fourth grade students and teachers from Sunset Ridge District 29 along with parents, grandparents, residents, Village President John Birkinbine, Village Manager Stacy Sigman, Chief Bill Lustig and Police Officers, Firefighters, Public Works employees and Northfield Park District representatives gathered in front of the Village Hall on Friday, April 24 to celebrate Arbor Day 2009. President Birkinbine read the Arbor Day proclamation and the students took turns shoveling dirt to cover the roots of the new River Birch tree planted in honor of Arbor Day and to mark Northfield's 24th year as a Tree City USA. Events continued in the Village Hall Council Chamber where winners of the Arbor Day poetry contest read their poems and received awards and prizes. This year's Arbor Day theme was "Trees Are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!" The Grand Prize winner, Kevin Donahue, received a \$50 gift certificate to a local nursery. First, Second and Third Place winners received \$25 gift certificates and all winners received a young Colorado Blue Spruce tree to plant in honor of Arbor Day. Following the awards, the students walked to Clarkson Park to enjoy games, activities and treats led by Lara Piner of the Northfield Park District.

Winners of the 2009 Arbor Day poem contest are as follows:

**Grand Prize: "Trees Are Terrific In Cities and Towns!"
by Kevin Donahue**

1st Place: "Trees are Terrific in Cities and Towns"
by Jack Hamill

2nd Place: "Trees" by John Huber

3rd Place: "Trees are Terrific in Cities and Towns"
by Myles Knight

(See the next column for the Grand Prize Winner's poem.)

Congratulations to all the poetry winners and special thanks to all those who participated and helped make Arbor Day such a great celebration.

Vehicle Stickers (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

Vehicles required to be registered and the appropriate fees for stickers/tags are as follows: Passenger Cars - \$50; Motorcycles - \$35; Recreational Vehicles - \$60; Antique Cars - \$20; Trailers - \$20-\$75; Trucks by class - \$60-\$120; Replacement sticker - \$10. A penalty of 50% of the license fee will be added to the cost of any vehicle sticker purchased after July 1. For Senior residents (65 years and older) who participate in the State's Circuit Breaker Program requiring an income of less than \$29,480 for couples and \$22,218 for single seniors, one vehicle sticker per household is available at a 50% discount. Northfield stickers are displayed in the lower left hand corner of the front window (driver's side) of each vehicle including passenger vehicles, rv's and trucks. Tags are used for motorcycles and trailers. The Village will use State of Illinois vehicle registration information to ensure compliance. Avoid a late payment penalty or citation by purchasing a sticker for each of your vehicles by July 1.

"Trees Are Terrific In Cities and Towns!"

by Kevin Donahue

Trees are terrific in cities and towns

Giving us oxygen

Fast by the pound.

Shade when we need it

Perfect to sit

Trees are as good, every little bit.

Animals that fly,

Who jump, and who soar

Animals who live within the tree's core.

Animals in the core

Hollow trees out

Even if it's only just for a bout.

Bird having babies

Make a twig nest

For their babies to play till they need to rest.

Just like a supermarket

With it's veggies so lean

The trees are so photo-synthetically green.

Driving cars in towns and cities

Does all its damage

More than trees can really manage.

Even though the trees

Have many wonders

They don't have the power to save the earth's blunders.

So please stop polluting

My dear cities and towns

Or the trees will not be around.

Free Tree Guide Provides Helpful Tips

Planting trees improves water quality resulting in less runoff and erosion. Also, shade trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30% and save 20-50% in energy used for heating as noted by the USDA Forest Service.

To receive a free color brochure and guide to selecting, planting and caring for trees, "Under the Canopy" with helpful information on selecting the right tree and planning your landscape, call the Village Hall, 847-446-9200.

Sprinkling Regulations to Help Conserve Water in Effect May 15 through Sept. 15

To do our part in the conservation of water, residents are required to observe the following sprinkling regulations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

--For residents living at odd numbered street addresses, sprinkling is permitted on odd numbered days.

--For residents living at even numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed on even numbered days.

All residents may sprinkle anytime after 9:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m.

Village News of Interest and Reminders

Public Works Dept. Begins Hydrant Flushing in May

The Village Public Works staff will be opening and flushing hydrants to remove accumulated sediment and improve water flow during the month of May as part of its annual fire hydrant and watermain maintenance program. Hydrant flushing will be done during the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and can cause discoloration of water. Residents should run their **cold** water until it is clear. Those with questions or needing additional information, contact the Public Works Dept., 847-441-3810 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Permits Needed to Add Fences, Sheds, Pools and Playground Equipment

If you are planning to make changes to your home or yard, contact the Village Building Dept. first to find out if a permit is required. Call 847-446-9200 x3551 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Remember to Call J.U.L.I.E!

To prevent cutting utility wires, call J.U.L.I.E. (1-800-892-0123) at least 48 hours (not including weekends and holidays) before you or your contractor start to dig. J.U.L.I.E. is a free Illinois one-call system for locating underground utilities.

Holidays that Affect Garbage/Recycling Pickups

Garbage pickups during the week of the holidays noted below will be delayed one day with Monday pickups on Tuesday and Thursday pickups on Friday.

--Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

--Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7

--Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26

The Village Hall will be closed in observance of these days as well as on Friday, July 3 to observe Independence Day. In case of emergencies on these holidays, dial **911** or, for non-emergency Police, Fire and Public Works issues, call 847-446-2131, 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

One-Time Dog, Cat and Horse Registration Makes Process Easy and Protects Pets

The Village's pet registration program requires owners of dogs and cats that are over six months of age to register them with the Village one time during the life of the pet. Residents can download the form via Internet www.northfieldil.org under Finance, call 847-446-9200, or fax 847-446-4670 to obtain a form from the Village Hall. The completed form along with proof of rabies inoculation for each dog and/or cat and a fee of \$25 per dog/cat can be mailed or brought to the Village Hall, 361 Happ, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A metal I.D. tag with the pet's name, registration number, owner's address and telephone number will be mailed within 2 to 3 weeks. Horses are also required to be registered. The one-time fee is \$25. Registration of dogs and cats aids in their return if lost or stolen. Ask your veterinarian about having your pets "microchipped." Also, to protect your pets, keep cats indoors and all dogs on a leash. **County and State laws require proof of current rabies shots and a tag for all dogs and cats.**

Replace Worn or Torn Flags and Dispose of Old Flags in the Proper Way

The New Trier Veterans of Foreign Wars has set up local receptacles for the proper disposal of worn or torn American flags. Drop your worn flags into the receptacle at the Northfield Fire-Rescue Station, 1800 Winnetka Avenue, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Collected flags will be properly burned with honor at a VFW ceremony.

Block Parties

To hold a block party, write the Village Manager at least one week prior to the event including the street, date, time, area to be closed and a raindate. Public Works will be notified to deliver barricades a day before the event.

10 Ways You Can Improve the Quality of Stormwater Runoff

1. Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to stop them from being transported in stormwater. Plant grass where soil is exposed.
2. Sweep your sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down.
3. Put leaves and grass clippings in the compost, on the garden as mulch, or mow back into the lawn to recycle nutrients.
4. Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
5. Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets, out of storm drains.
6. Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks.
7. Wash vehicles on grass or over gravel. Use as little detergent as you can and pour leftover soapy water onto the lawn.
8. Dispose of household hazardous waste according to label directions.
10. Never dump anything down storm drains! Water from these drains flows untreated to the river.

Public Works , Cook County and MWRD Work to Improve Drainage in the Community

Public Works personnel have been cleaning and repairing Village storm sewers and working with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Cook County Highway Dept. to clear stream blockages from the fork of the river south of Winnetka Road and clean and repair County storm sewers. These efforts are part of the on-going work to help reduce flooding in Northfield.

Keep Rivers and Ditches Free of Debris to Prevent Flooding in Your Area

To prevent blockages and flooding in river areas, do not throw debris and/or landscape waste into the river. After storms, residents along the river should check for fallen trees in the river and report them to the Public Works Dept., 847-441-3810.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PTO Hosts Family Fun Fair Saturday, May 30, 10 AM-5 PM

The annual Family Fun Fair will be held for one day (rain or shine) on Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Middlefork School, 405 Wagner Road. Bring family and friends and enjoy rides/events including old favorites and new ones plus family entertainment. Mega passes will be sold at both schools two days prior to the Fair for \$30 each and \$35 at the Fair. Individual tickets will be sold for 75 cents per ticket.

Farmers Market Opens June 6

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring you the Northfield Farmers Market every Saturday beginning June 6 from 7:30 a.m. until Noon. The Market features fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, specialty products and other gourmet food items. Choose from an assortment of fresh cut flowers, colorful annuals, native perennials and hanging baskets. Spend a relaxing Saturday morning shopping with friends and neighbors and enjoy live music and special events. The Market is located across the street from New Trier High School West on Happ Road south of Winnetka Road. For health and sanitation reasons, pets should be tied in areas outside the Market while shopping. Check the Chamber website for detailed information, www.northfieldchamber.org.
Watch for new Community Guide with Farmers Market map May 28!

Get Ready for 4th of July!

Time to start planning your decorations for 4th of July bikes, wagons and outfits! Festivities held Sat., July 4 at Willow Park. Parade line ups begin at 9:45 AM on Somerset Dr. and on Winnetka Rd.

Stack Items at the Curb by 7 AM for Village-Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, May 16

Time to clean out your home, garage, attic and basement - **it's Northfield's Spring Clean Up Day, Saturday, May 16!** All large household items are to be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Organize and bundle all loose materials into cartons, bags, boxes, etc. for easy lifting. Items that will be picked up include: furniture, tv's, mattresses, carpeting, clothing, floor tiles, bicycles, lawn mowers (gas and oil removed), and dried water-based (latex) paint. To confirm other items they will pick up, call Waste Management. *Also, for disposal of white goods including refrigerators/freezers, stoves, washers and dryers, or building/remodeling debris (replaced toilets, sinks, tubs, windows, drywall, lumber, etc.), call Waste Management to arrange for a special pick-up, 1-800-796-9696.* No regular garbage or landscape waste will be picked up on this special clean-up day. Please dispose of Hazardous Wastes at the appropriate locations. Hazardous Wastes are collected regularly at the following sites: HHW Drop Center (Goose Island), 1150 N. North Branch in Chicago, Tues. 7 am-Noon, Thurs. 2-7 pm and the first Sat. of each month from 8 am-3 pm.; in Naperville, 1971 Brookdale Road, Fire Station #4, 630-420-6700 x7559 and, the Rock River Reclamation District, 3333 Kishwaukee, 815-967-6737. Hazardous Wastes collected at these locations include aerosol paints and pesticides, anti-freeze, cleaning products, herbicides, household batteries, insecticides, lawn chemicals, old gasoline, paint thinners, solvents, used motor oil, and oil-based paint (no latex paint). Check the IEPA website for more details, <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste>.

Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated. Call to confirm.
May 19 & June 16 - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
May 27 & June 24 - Traffic & Transportation Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
June 1 - Plan and Zoning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
June 2 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
June 8 - Architectural Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.

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Resident Input

The Village President and the Board of Trustees provide this opportunity to address any questions or concerns that you may have. Please include your name, address and telephone number so a response can be provided.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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