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Parade Line-Ups at Two Locations Gathering at 9:45 AM Saturday, July 4

Schedule of Events

9:45 a.m. - Line up for Parade begins (all residents welcome)

The north parade group will assemble at Old Willow Road and Somerset Lane and march east on Old Willow and south on Wagner Road to the Community Center. The south group will meet at the Ameritech parking lot on Winnetka Road, march west to Riverside Drive, north on Avon, west on Bosworth and north on Wagner Road to the Community Center (Police will be assisting at the Willow Road crossing).

10:00 a.m. - Bike and Wagon Parade Groups led by Fire-Rescue Vehicles, Police and Scouts march to Willow Park
Parade groups will converge at Willow Park. (Park bikes and wagons at the south end for judging - watch for signs.)

10:30 a.m. - Bike and Wagon Judging

Prizes in each of five categories - Most Patriotic, Most Imaginative, Most Elaborate, Most Funny and Most Old Fashioned. All bikes and wagons to be judged must have the owner's name boldly displayed on the bike or wagon.

10:30 a.m. - Concession Stands Open

Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, pizza, ice cream, sno-cones, cotton candy and various beverages including water.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Amusement Rides/Events

Seaswee the Sea Monster, Climbing Wall, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, Sand Art, and Rock Band.

11:00 a.m. - Running Races for All Ages (Children & Adults)

Other events include:

- Family Relay and Wheelbarrow Races
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Egg Toss Contest

Noon - Family Trophy Winner Announced

Complimentary blood pressure checks provided by the Northfield Fire-Rescue Dept.

Join the Parade and Stay for the Rides, Races, Food and Fun at Willow Park from 10 AM to 1 PM

Northfield celebrates Independence Day on **Saturday, July 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** with its traditional, old-fashioned do-it-yourself bike and wagon parade with two groups converging at the Park District/Community Center parking lot at Willow and Wagner Roads. The parade will be led by local Scouts and Police and Fire-Rescue vehicles and converge at the Park District parking lot. **Bikers and strollers are welcome to join the parade anywhere along the routes.** Wear your red, white and blue and decorate your bikes and wagons! Be sure to enter the judging contest. Vehicle parking available at the Northfield Community Church and in the Park District lot. Parking on Wagner Road in designated spaces only permitted after the parade.

Residents, family and friends are all invited to enjoy the events including bike/wagon judging, running races, family relays, rides

and attractions including giant slide, climbing wall, Seaswee the Sea Monster, face painting, temporary tattoos and more. Purchase tasty picnic foods including hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, pizza, and assorted beverages. Enjoy our small town Fourth of July celebration! Festivities will take place rain or shine.

Fireworks are held in neighboring communities. Check local papers for dates and times or contact the appropriate Village.



Celebrate Independence Day on July 4 at Willow Park

President's Briefing

From the desk of President Fred Gougler

Before I begin, I want to take a moment to offer our sincere appreciation to past President John Birkinbine for his outstanding leadership and guidance over the past four years and acknowledge former Trustee Frank Charhut for 25 years of service to this community on Boards and Commissions and former Trustee Ted Greene for 7 years of service and time away from his family. Their commitment and willingness to serve on behalf of Northfield residents deserves recognition.

Each President and Board handles their duties in different ways and establishes slightly different priorities. Although elected in April, I along with two new Board members, Trustees Brian Kozminski and George Warga (Trustee Terry Gottlieb was re-elected to a second term), were required to wait the requisite time for the votes to be canvassed by the Election Department, resulting in a lag between being elected and taking office. We officially took our oaths of office at the May 19 Board meeting and, I can assure you, we have not missed a beat in getting down to work. One of our first priorities as a Board has been to establish goals and objectives for ourselves and for staff.

At our initial goal and strategy session, we established two sub-committees of Board members to focus on 1) Long Range Financial Planning and 2) Personnel Compensation and Benefits. Some of our objectives will be to focus on developing an inventory of all Village assets and liabilities, assessing alternative sources of liquidity and developing a framework for assessing costs and benefits of programs and services.

Other areas we will be concentrating on include assessing and implementing a storm water mitigation plan, consideration of adopting home rule status, working toward a favorable resolution of Willow Road, implementing an adjudication process within the Village, implementation of the downtown master plan and beautification initiatives. We are also most interested in restoring confidence and trust within the Village and with our neighboring communities.

These are the primary areas where our efforts will be focused as we continue to update and improve the Village's capital assets and keep the Village financially sound. The coming years are expected to provide even greater challenges to municipalities throughout the state since we will all face increased costs as well as losses in revenue due to the recessionary economic environment.

I strongly encourage residents to be actively involved by attending Board and/or Commission meetings, reviewing the Board materials available on our website, www.northfieldil.org, and asking questions or offering your input through letters, emails, via the website or other methods of communication. The Village President and Board

Meeting with IDOT Is First Step in Phase I Process on Willow Road

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) held its first meeting on June 5 with Northfield's President and Village Manager as well as that of neighboring communities that border Willow Road as the first step in communicating their Phase I process as they begin to study the use of the roadway. IDOT representatives discussed their commitment to adhere to the principles of Context Sensitive Solutions as they study ways to improve mobility and safety not only for motorists but for pedestrians and children and will also work to preserve and enhance the surrounding areas. In the discussion, IDOT noted that it is approaching the project with no preconceived notions with regard to the ultimate design configuration of the road. Similar to the independent Lakota Study conducted in 2007, IDOT will begin the Context Sensitive Solution process by assembling a Community Advisory Group made up of members from the communities along Willow Road - Northbrook, Glenview, Northfield and Winnetka. In recent weeks, residents may have noticed traffic counters along Willow Road which is part of the data collection needed during Phase I. The Phase I process is estimated to take two years. As IDOT proceeds, updates on the process will be provided. Also check the Village website, www.northfieldil.org for information which will be posted as it becomes available.

Board Approves Sale of Bonds to Cover Numerous Local Road Repairs in 2009

Rehabilitation of a number of Village streets and parking lots will be completed in 2009 following approval by the Village Board of up to \$2 million in bonds to pay for the work. The bonds will be repaid by Motor Fuel Tax funds received by the Village. Repairs are expected to begin this summer on Meadowbrook Drive, Sunset Drive, Alice Place, Cherry Street, East Circle Drive, Latrobe Avenue, Northfield Road, Valley View Road, Valley Way, Camden Lane, Chapel Hill Court, Elder Lane, Ingram Street, Lagoon Drive, Lagoon Lane, Old Willow Road, Walnut Avenue, Mt. Pleasant Street, Norfork Road, Sunset Road, Frontage Road, Bosworth Lane, Riverside Drive, North Happ Road plus the Library parking lot, Orchard Municipal lot, the parking lot south of Ash Street, Walnut Street Parking, the lot north of Willow Road and the 1751 Orchard Lane alley. An engineering pavement analysis was conducted to determine which streets were in need of rehabilitation. Some storm sewer improvements on Bosworth, Meadowbrook Drive and Sunset Drive are likely to be included as part of the project. Also, work on the Old Willow Road bridge will be done this year.

President's Briefing (cont'd)

are elected by Northfield residents and we need to know that issues we feel are important to the majority are also important to you so we can effectively represent the community. Your job, as an involved resident, is to provide us with input and feedback so we can continue to work on the issues that are meaningful to the future of Northfield.

MORE VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

2009 Vehicle Stickers/Tags Must Be Displayed by July 1 to Avoid Penalty

Applications for 2009-10 vehicle stickers/tags have been mailed to all Village residents who purchased stickers/tags last year. Stickers/tags are on sale at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday for new residents and anyone who was not mailed an application. New stickers/tags must be displayed by July 1. All residents and businesses with vehicles registered, garaged or stored in the Village need to display a 2009 Northfield sticker in the lower left hand corner of the front window (driver's side) of each vehicle including passenger vehicles, rv's and trucks. Motorcycles and trailers receive mountable medalions. The cost for passenger vehicle stickers is \$50 per vehicle, \$35 for motorcycles, \$20 to \$75 for trailers and \$60 to \$120 for trucks. A penalty of 50% of the license fee will be added to the cost of any vehicle sticker/tag purchased on or after July 1, 2009. Senior citizens who participate in the State's Circuit Breaker Program are eligible for 50% discount on one vehicle sticker/tag per household.

Bicycle Safety Key for Riders and Walkers

Bicycling is a great way to get around town in the summer. For riders and walkers, safety is important. Make sure children understand that pedestrians have the right of way on the sidewalk, that helmets are needed when riding, to look both ways before crossing streets and to use extra caution when approaching driveways. To prevent injuries, riders on sidewalks/paths must signal with a bell or verbal warning such as "on your right/left" when approaching walkers. Bicycles should be registered in case they are lost or stolen. **To register a bicycle at no charge, stop by the Police Dept., 350 Walnut, with your bicycle.**

Special Village Services Available with Notice - Please Call Ahead

The Village of Northfield provides a number of special services to residents. Many of these services require specially trained personnel to provide them. Because Northfield is a small Village and has experienced many belt tightening reductions as residents have, not all staff members have been trained to provide all services. If you require a special service such as installation of a child seat in your car, blood pressure check, engineering review, building, fire or plumbing inspections or other special assistance, please call ahead to make sure the staff member who is certified or trained to conduct this work is working and available that day. Making an appointment with the appropriate Department helps to ensure the work will be done when you need it.

Miss your Newsletter? Sign up for ENews!

Make sure you get the latest Village news including the bi-monthly Newsletter and other topics of interest. Go to www.northfieldil.org and click on "E-News" to sign up.

As 2010 Census Work Begins Residents Cautioned to Be Alert for Fake Scammers

The Northfield Police Department asks residents to be alert as the Federal government begins its 2010 Census work. Cooperation with the census bureau is required by law because information obtained by the census helps with the distribution of numerous government resources. Currently, census workers are performing "address canvassing" where they systematically canvas all census blocks looking for living quarters and updating the address and map information on a hand held computer. Address canvassing requires little or no contact with residents; however, subsequent work will. When contacted by a census worker, remember that they will only contact you via mail, in person or by phone. They will not contact you via Email. Also, bona fide census workers will carry official credentials and you should ask to see them if not openly displayed. Although they may ask some questions that are a little more personal than you are used to, they will never ask you for your social security, banking or financial account numbers. If you have any concerns about someone visiting you requesting information without the proper credentials, contact the Police Dept. at 847-446-2131 or **911** for emergencies.

Friends of Northfield Foundation Marks 25 Years of Service to the Community

The Friends of Northfield Foundation is an Illinois philanthropic corporation founded in 1984. Its mission over the past 25 years has been to raise funds to support grant requests for the enhancement of the quality of life of Northfield residents as well as for non for profit organizations headquartered in the Village. The Foundation achieves its mission through the generosity of fellow citizens, other agencies, businesses and individuals who donate funds or leave endowments to further the Foundation's mission. Grants made over the past 25 years include: AV and computer equipment for the Branch Library, a fireplace for the Library, annual support of the One Book-Two Villages program, Josselyn Clinic counseling grants for residents unable to pay, defibrillators for the Northfield Police and Fire Departments and the North Shore Senior Center, planter boxes for the Alzheimer Garden at the Senior Center, Northfield Park District, trophy case, kiln and workout equipment for the Community Center, Jim Clarkson Camp Scholarship Fund, School District #29, Trevian softball program, logo flags and American flags for lightposts, plantings along the Edens Expressway and the Community Events Sign. The Foundation also serves as the fiduciary agent for the Northfield Senior Assistance Fund. Seniors who have lived in the community and meet the criteria for assistance outlined in the application are interviewed by a social service member of the North Shore Senior Center which administers the program. Information on grant recipients is kept stickly confidential and awards are granted based on need. This grant fund is also maintained through the generosity of our residents.

Community News

Northfield Sidewalk Sale Days - Friday and Saturday, July 17&18

Participating members of the Northfield Chamber of Commerce are holding their annual Sidewalk Sales on July 17 and 18. Support local merchants and enjoy great summer savings on a variety of merchandise. For more information, visit www.northfieldchamber.org.

Park District Events for Children Entertaining Concert Series

Free children's concerts at Clarkson Park Friday mornings 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Pack a lunch and blanket and spend an afternoon at the park.

July 10 - Rick Kelley

Interactive, energetic and FUN!

July 17 - Ken Schultz

Mini circus variety show for all ages.

July 24 - Chris Fascione

Juggling storyteller, mime and clown.

Kids Dog Show and Contest

Bring the family dog for a fun, free event Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Clarkson Park! All dogs automatically entered into largest or smallest contest.

You can also enter your dog in two additional categories, Best Costume, Fanciest Trick, Best Looking, Best Behaved and Flopiest Ears.

Waste and Recycling Pick-Up Schedule for Upcoming Holidays

4th of July - Saturday, July 4

Pickups as usual on Thursday, July 2.

Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 7

Monday pickups will be on Tuesday;

Thursday pickups will be on Friday.

Watch for Tree Planting Newsletter in August!

Shop the Farmers Market for Fresh Selections of Locally Grown Vegetables, Fruits and More

No need to drive your car out to the country to get fresh fruits and vegetables. On Saturday mornings, all these wonderful goods are brought to you at the Northfield Farmers Market across from the New Trier campus on south Happ Road.

Select from in-season vegetables, fruits, beautiful blooming plants and cut flowers, delicious baked goods, cheeses and other speciality items. The Northfield Farmers Market is a special place to shop. Sponsored by the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, the Farmers Market offers fresh and organic goods direct from farmers and producers.

Enjoy music and entertainment, free popcorn from the Lions Club and special events. The Market is open from 7:30 a.m. to Noon every Saturday through October 24 and is located on Happ Road, south of Winnetka Avenue.



Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

July 3 & Sept. 7 - Village Hall Closed for holidays.

July 6 & Aug. 31 - Plan & Zoning Commission meetings - 7:00 p.m.

July 7 - Zoning Board of Appeals meeting - 7:00 pm. No August meeting.

July 13 - Architectural Commission meeting - 7:00 p.m. No August meeting.

July 21 & Aug. 18 - Village Board meetings - 7:00 p.m.

July 29 & Aug. 26 - Traffic & Transportation meetings - 7:00 p.m.

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Resident Survey

The Village President and 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, or E-Mail the Village Board or Staff via the website, www.northfieldil.org.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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