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## Repairs on Village Roads Set to Begin in September

One of the Village's largest roadway rehabilitation projects in many years is set to begin and will impact a number of streets. The Village's Engineer and/or the contractor will try to notify residents 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work so residents can take appropriate action regarding use of the street and movement of their car(s). However, as always, roadway repaving and repair work is subject to changes due to weather conditions. Village roads in the 2009 project include Meadowbrook Drive, Drury Lane, Sunset Drive, Alice Place, East Circle Drive, Latrobe, Valley View Road, Valley Way, Elder Lane, Ingram Street, Lagoon Drive, Lagoon Lane, Lockwood, Old Willow Road, Mt. Pleasant Street, Norfolk Road, Bosworth Lane, Southridge Terrace, Riverside Drive, Camden Lane, Sunset Road, Walnut Avenue, Edens Lane, Jeffery Street, Avon Avenue, Graemere Street, Eddy Lane, Thackeray Lane, Linder Avenue, Harding Road, Winfield Drive, Middlefork Lane, Pine Street (west), Northgate and Southgate, Woodland Lane North, Northfield Road, and North Happ Road. Work on Old Willow Road bridge is also included.

### UP-COMING EVENTS

**State Fair at Clarkson Park**--Sept. 12, Sat., 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., see Pg. 7.  
**Fire Prevention Week**--Oct. 4-10, Pancake Breakfast/Open House - Sat., Oct. 10, 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., see Pg. 3.  
**Halloween Trick or Treating**--Oct. 31, Sat., - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., see Pg. 8.  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**--Nov. 1 (Set clocks back 1 hour), see Pg. 4.

## President's Briefing

*From the desk of President Fred Gougler*

Dear Residents,

These are challenging economic times for all of us. Many municipalities, including Northfield, are facing unprecedented fiscal imbalances as the recession erodes our revenue base and costs and entitlements continue to increase. Our Long Range Financial Planning Task Force has been working throughout the summer to provide financial trends that will help us make difficult budgeting decisions as we head into Fall. We will keep you informed on this essential issue which will impact the future of our Village and we encourage your active involvement in the process. Despite these challenges, I continue to be impressed by the resiliency and commitment of our residents, Village staff and the Board of Trustees in a broad engagement on a number of matters of critical importance to our community. This briefing describes some of the highlights of what has been happening in Northfield since our last update. As you can see, it has been eventful with many positive developments and points of progress. I have learned quickly that this cannot be accomplished without the broad support of our community. On behalf of the Board and staff, I want to extend our sincere thanks to all of you. Please continue to visit our website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org) for the latest developments on these and other issues of importance to you.

### Willow Road

With regard to Willow Road, I want to share with you that the Village has been advised that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) intends to begin the preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase I) study of Willow Road through Northfield. Recent media reports of the imminent widening of Willow Road to four and five lanes are not accurate. Rather, IDOT is planning to engage a variety of stakeholders in the evaluation of the ultimate roadway design. The Department will follow the process known as Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is an interdisciplinary approach aimed at designing a project that fits into and reflects its surroundings (context). This Phase I study is expected to take approximately two years at a cost of several million dollars with a target completion date of late 2011. This would be followed by Phase II which will take an additional two years. The Village endorses the concept of CSS and is cooperating with IDOT as they engage in this activity. Currently, IDOT is in the process of forming Community Advisory Groups and is seeking input from the Villages in the selection of residents and representatives from various groups including schools, community organizations, park districts, houses of worship, and residents at large. Many will recall that as recently as 2005, IDOT had approved the construction of a less invasive three lane Willow Road configuration which met IDOT's safety and environmental standards (Phase I) as well as engineering specifications (Phase II).

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## President's Briefing *(cont'd)*

This configuration was widely supported by Village residents because it improved traffic mobility and vehicular and pedestrian safety without radically altering the character of our community or compromising the safety of our children. We question why this \$6-7 million "shovel ready" project, was not built and why the expenditures of millions of additional tax payer dollars are necessary to again study Willow Road. Furthermore, the future enhancements to Willow Road are now estimated to exceed \$25 million. We will impress upon our State leaders the sense of urgency and importance of moving forward with a reasonable solution that will ease congestion, create jobs and keep our community safe. Under the direction of Bob Hayward, the Village's Traffic and Transportation Committee is meeting regularly to advise the Village Board on this important development. We encourage active resident involvement in this process. We will continue to provide regular reports on our engagement with IDOT. Please visit the Willow Road area of our website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org), for the latest information and ways to get involved.

### **New Businesses Means Growth and Revenue**

As a small community, Northfield is dependent on its local businesses to contribute to the health of the Village by providing services and goods residents and visitors need and want. The Village Board and I are excited about the new businesses that are opening in our downtown or will be opening in the near future. The Happ Inn Bar & Grill at 305 Happ Road is now open. It is a family friendly restaurant offering a diverse selection of popular dishes for lunch and dinner including burgers, entree salads, thin crust pizzas and tasty ribs in a casual, comfortable atmosphere with outdoor patio seating. The owners are Debbie and Carlos Nieto, owners of popular Carlos in Highwood and Cafe Central in Highland Park. They are open for lunch and dinner every day. Next door to the Happ Inn, a new women's clothing and accessory boutique has opened called ENAZ (Energy, Nature, Attitude and a Zest for life!). They carry an assortment of clothing and accessories. They also have a wide variety of lines from talented designers including their own private label. For children who enjoy sports, The Strike Zone which also operates in Glenview, has opened a Baseball and Softball Academy at 291 Northfield Road just south of Dominick's. It focuses on providing one-on-one athletic instruction for children ages 6 to 18 using batting cages and pitching lanes. Also, the former Citgo gas station across from the Village Police Department has been torn down and will be the home of a new Edens Bank branch. The Architectural Commission approved a revised design and site plan for the bank. The project will include a single lane drive through bank and two retail stores for additional businesses. Also, the Village secured a court order for BP to begin demolition of the remaining vacant gas station no later than Oct. 19. Finally, in June the Village Board approved plans for Fields Auto Groups to demolish the existing one-story office building at 770 Frontage Road to allow for construction of a

new 32,380 sq. ft. automotive sales and service facility for Volvo. This exciting project is slated to open in 2010.

### **ComEd Destroys Vegetation on Right of Ways**

As you may have heard and seen on Channel 2 News and in the *Chicago Tribune*, the Village recently discovered that over the past few weeks, ComEd used an herbicide to destroy all vegetation growing under its power lines in the rights of way that run through the middle of Northfield. In fact, they also wiped out vegetation in Northbrook, Glencoe, Glenview, Wilmette and Skokie without notice to any of the Villages. Northfield's Fire Chief as well as the Chiefs in the other communities have expressed concern about the potential fire hazard the long stretch of dead brush and trees creates during this dry hot season. The Village has been working with ComEd and expects a satisfactory resolution of our issues and concerns including the preservation of our foliage in the Village Center and the establishment of native grasses along the corridor.

### **Forest Preserve District Explains Changes Made to Willow Road Dam and Shows No Flood Impact**

Following the September 2008 storms, the eastern part of Northfield experienced heavy flooding which included one home being designated uninhabitable when water destroyed the first floor of the ranch home and created health issues due to mold. Prior to that storm, the Forest Preserve District had reconfigured the Willow Road Dam increasing the size of the holes that allow water to flow downstream from the dam in order to eliminate debris clogged the holes. Since that time, there has been concern that the Dam was one reason for the extensive flooding on the east side. The Village Board and staff asked the Forest Preserve District to provide an engineering study showing the impact of water flowing downstream using the original configuration and the new design to determine if flooding was due to more water flowing downstream. The report presented to the Village Board and the community at the August 18 Board meeting indicated that the change in the amount of water flowing from the newly configured dam is only slightly more and that flooding was due mainly to the amount of rain that fell during a short time. The low elevation of the area and an over whelmed sewer system also contributed to the flooding of homes.

### **Late Breaking Good News Flash!**

Northfield just received word that Illinois Representative Beth Coulson helped allocate \$200,000 of State funds earmarked for capital projects for future stormwater projects in the Village. For more details, visit our website, [www.northfieldil.org](http://www.northfieldil.org).

**School is Open**  
**Watch for Children Walking and Biking**  
**Please Slow Down!**

## Focus on Safety and Avoiding Burns during Fire Prevention Week

### Use Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, to Focus on Ways to Make Your Home Safe and Review Tips to Prevent Painful Burns

The 2009 Fire Prevention Program stresses the importance of "Staying Fire Smart." During the week of Oct. 4 through Oct. 10, learn simple safety rules to prevent burns around your home.

**Hot Things Hurt.** Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over. Have a 3 ft. "kid-free" zone around the stove. Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage. Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, ovens, irons, lamps and heaters. Teach children that hot things hurt.

**Avoid Hot Water Scalds.** A scald injury happens when contact with hot liquid or steam damages one or more layers of skin. Skin of older adults and infants burns more easily. Young children should never be left alone in the tub or shower or near a sink. Consider having "anti-scald" devices on tub faucets and shower heads. To avoid hot water scalds, set the thermostat on the water heater no higher than 120 degrees F. Test the water with your wrist, elbow or back of your hand before placing a child or yourself in the tub. The water should feel warm, not hot. Don't rely on a tub with a temperature indicator, such as a drain plug that changes color to indicate too hot, too cold or just right. Bath water should be no more than 100 degrees F. To test hot water at the tap use a cooking thermometer. Run the hot water for up to two minutes before testing.

### Is Your Street Address Easy to See and Read?

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! 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. *To get a flashing Beacon Bulb, call the Village Hall, 446-9200.*

**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)*

**Cook with Caution.** The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Pay attention to what you are cooking. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling. If you must leave the room, turn off the stove. If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least 3 ft. away from the stove. Wear clothing with tight fitting or short sleeves when cooking. Open micro-waved food slowly. Hot steam from the container can cause burns. **Treat a burn by putting in cool water for 3-5 minutes.**



### Northfield Fire-Rescue Welcomes You to Annual Pancake Breakfast and Tour - Saturday, Oct. 10 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. 10 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 "Staying Fire Smart" to prevent burns from stoves, hot water, and heaters.

### Stay Safe! Install Smoke Alarms or Replace Batteries in Every Sleeping Area

*65% of reported home fire deaths occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.* Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to make sure there is a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home. Smoke Alarms are only good if the batteries are working!

## Village News

### 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 7

The last day for pick up of landscape waste will be Monday, Dec. 7. 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.

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

### Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, Nov. 1

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

## Codes to Observe for Safety and Courtesy

### Keep Bushes Trimmed to Prevent Accidents

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

### Leaf Burning Prohibited

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

### Bicyclists on Sidewalks Must Yield to Pedestrians

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

### Use Scooper when Walking Your Dog

Residents walking their dogs are required to pick up after them and dispose of dog deposits immediately in the appropriate manner. Remember, it is against the law for any dog or cat to run at large - they can be lost or hurt and owners fined. See Page 5 for more information.

## More Village News

### Village Provides Senior Assistance Grants to Help Residents with Costs - Applications Out Oct. 30

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 2010 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. 30**. 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 "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 23.**

# Other Village News

## **Bonds Issued for Street Improvements - Village Receives Bond Rating Upgrade**

Recently, the Village took competitive bids for its \$1,565,000 general obligation bond issue which will be used to pay for the 2009 local road improvement project. The winning bid was submitted by Bernardi Securities with a true interest rate of 3.61% . The bonds will be paid off over the next 15 years using Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds which are allocated by the State. The Village planned to repair as many roads at one time to realize economies of scale and therefore pledged the next 15 years of MFT funds to undertake this major project. MFT funds can only be used for roadway repairs. In addition, with this bond issue, the Village received a bond rating upgrade from Standard and Poors to AA+. The Village received the upgrade based on its wealth and income levels, the Village's reserve policy and its overall moderate debt ratio.

## **Village Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Second Year**

For the second consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) 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. The award 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.

## **Reminder to Homeowner Associations**

If you live in an area that has a Homeowner's Association or in a multi-family development that has a Property Management Company and/or Homeowners' Association, your updated information is important to the Village. When work is being done on roads, utilities or in case of emergencies, having the appropriate contact name and number saves time and helps keep you informed. Please help keep our list accurate by emailing your Association President's and Property Management Company's name, address, phone numbers and email address to [lgittel@northfieldil.org](mailto:lgittel@northfieldil.org).

## **Officer Chris Bell aka "Officer Friendly" and New Trier West SRO Retires from Village**

After 24-1/2 years as a Northfield Police Officer, Christine "Chris" Bell has retired from the Village and accepted a full time position with New Trier Twp. High School District 203 as the head of their Security Department over seeing both high schools.



Officer Bell started with Northfield as a Public Safety Officer and Dispatcher before being sworn in as a full time Police Officer in 1985. She spent many years representing the Department as Officer Friendly at local schools and in 2005 became the Student Resource Officer at the New Trier High School Freshman Campus. The Village recognized Officer Bell's many years of accomplishments and her dedication at a luncheon at the Village Hall. Among her awards, she received letters of congratulations from Governor Quinn and U.S. Senator Richard Durbin as well as plaques and letters from local students. Police Chief Bill Lustig has announced the appointment of Officer Nana Owusu as the new Student Resource Officer at New Trier West.

## **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 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

## Helpful Tips to Prevent Stormwater Pollution and Flooding

Preventing pollution and the erosion of banks along waterways starts with all of us. Where and how you dispose of detergents, paint, leaves, grass clippings and brush, cigarette butts and pet droppings is important. Oftentimes, these waste products wash into our waterways via the sewer. When leaves and other garden clippings wash into the stormwater system, they clog up the system and use up oxygen in the water that can kill plants, fish, and other animals. Soil makes waterways cloudy and can silt them up suffocating fish and clogging their gills. Also, did you know disposing of yard waste along a stream or river is prohibited by law. Putting woody brush into or near a waterway sets the stage for debris jam with stream bank erosion or localized flooding the likely result. Dog droppings left on a footpath can wash into waterways where they increase the level of bacteria and make local waterways unsafe for swimming. Following are some everyday things you can do:

- sweep your gutters and driveways rather than hosing them down.
- put leaves and grass clippings in the compost or use as mulch in your garden.
- cover piles of soil, and or mulch to stop them from washing into drains.
- plant grass where soil is exposed.
- allow unused paint to dry out then put it in the garbage for pick up.
- train your dog to go in your garden or pick up dog droppings and put in the the garbage.
- wash your car on the grass or over gravel and pour leftover soapy water onto the lawn.

## Where to Dispose of 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 do 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., and the Home Depot on Patriot Drive (north of Willow Rd.) in Glenview 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](http://www.epa.state.il.us).

## Northfield Twp. Recycling Program Still Taking Items

Northfield Township's monthly Recycling Program continues to collect computer hardware, household paint (oil and latex), engine oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid, phones/pagers, batteries (all types), tires, and bikes, toys and clothing in usable condition at the Northfield Twp. Road District Garage, 1928 Lehigh Rd. in Glenview, on the following Saturdays: Sept. 26, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Call 847-724-7055 with questions or go to their website, [www.northfieldtownship.com](http://www.northfieldtownship.com).

## Use of Union Pacific ROW Continues to be Explored for Bike/Walking Trail

Following completion and approval by the Village Boards of the four communities (Wilmette, Glenview, Northbrook and Northfield) involved in the feasibility study for the use of the UP Railroad right of way for a bike/walking trail, letters were sent to the railroad to determine their interest in leasing the ROW under a railbanking agreement for the extension of the Skokie Valley Trail. Because there has been no formal response from UP, the four communities recently held a meeting with State Representatives Beth Coulson and Elaine Nekritz to discuss how to move the project along and how to determine UP's interest. Various strategies were discussed and it was determined that the State and Board representatives would use their contacts to further gauge UP's future plans for the railroad which has been in discontinued service for many years.

## Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Continues to Spread

Emerald Ash Borer beetles continue to spread in Illinois. In mid July, five new communities were confirmed to have EAB infestations: Hinckley, Rosemont, Elgin, Schiller Park and Bartlett and in late July eight more communities were added. Adult beetles emerge in mid May and can be found in June and July on ash tree trunks, branches and leaves. Infestations are nearly always started through the movement of infested firewood. Be sure to purchase only locally-cut firewood and do not bring firewood from Michigan, Indiana or other quarantined areas. If you suspect EAB, contact 847-784-3555.

## Enjoy Fall Events

### Activities and Events for Senior Residents

**The Northfield Seniors** is a friendly group of seniors age 60 and up who regularly meet at the Park District Community Center, 401 Wagner Rd. They welcome area seniors to join them for a variety of events and outings. On Sept. 10, Seniors will be taking a boat cruise on Lake Geneva and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Meet at the Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$15 per person. On Oct. 15, join the group at 11:30 a.m. for a box lunch and hear a certified Chiropractor discuss osteoporosis at the Community Center. Fee: \$15. Due to its popularity last year, seniors will again enjoy an elegant afternoon tea with sandwiches and pastries at the Drake Hotel on Nov. 12. Meet at 12:30 p.m.. Fee: \$40. And, don't miss the big Holiday Lunch on Dec. 3 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 and Travel Clubs are hosting a number of events including "Hike through Crabtree Nature Center" on Sept. 10 at 10:00 a.m. On Sept. 11, the Travel group will enjoy Gallery Openings in River North and dinner at Reza's. Sept. 24 the group travels to various ethnic communities on the North and Northwest sides of Chicago with lunch at an Asian restaurant. Other trips include the Final Dress Rehearsal for *Faust* at the Lyric Opera on Oct. 2, the Holocaust Museum and a trip to Racine, WI. 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](http://www.nssc.org).

### Northfield Park District Holds Annual State Fair with Ribfest, Pie Baking, Bingo, Dancing and Fireworks - Sept. 12 at 6 PM

Bring your family and enjoy this rocking fall party to mark the beginning of a new season of fun! The State Fair will be held at Clarkson Park on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Local grillers and bakers do their best to win the Ribfest and Pie Baking contests. Other fun events include Bingo, D.J. and dancing games, live music by *SODA* 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. Other food and beverage items will be available for purchase.

### Sign Up for Community Golf Scramble Thursday, Oct. 1 to Benefit 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 Winnetka Golf Club, 1300 Oak St. in Winnetka Thursday, Oct. 1. Check in at 11:00 a.m. with box lunch provided. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Registration fee: \$150 by 9/10/09; \$175 after or \$50 for dinner only. To register or for more details, visit [www.northfieldchamber.org](http://www.northfieldchamber.org) or [www.northfieldparks.org](http://www.northfieldparks.org) or call 847-446-4428 or 847-441-1848.

### HarvestFest Offers Fresh Fall Goods and Music Oct. 3

Celebrate fall with pumpkins, fresh apples, vegetables, mums, corn stalks and more. Musical entertainment provided by the *3rd Sunday String Band*. There are also kids activities and munching food for purchase from the Lions Club. The Farmers Market remains open Saturdays through Oct. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to Noon and is located on Happ Road across from New Trier West.

### Trick or Treat at Clarkson Park Friday, Oct. 23 - 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. 23, 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.

### Park District Sponsors Exciting Fall Trips for Students

On **Sept. 26/27**, the Northfield Park District will partner with Glencoe Park District and Northwest Passage to take a group of students grades 6-8 on a rock climbing adventure to Devils Lake State Park. Transportation and all equipment provided. Camping and climbing experience not necessary. Fee: \$225 per person. For students grades 4-8, check out the world's largest Corn Maze on **Friday, Oct. 9**. Bring your own flashlight! Have fun on the giant slide and climb the observation tower. Fee: \$15 per person. Meet at the Community Center. Finally, Fall would not be complete without a trip to Fright Fest at Six Flags in Gurnee. 13 students grades 5-8 accompanied by two supervisors will take the trip on **Monday, Oct. 12**. Transportation provided. Fee: \$50 per student. Call the Park District for more details on these trips, 847-446-4428.

## Community Events

### Village Celebrates Patriot Day in Honor of Sept. 11 Anniversary

A short service will be held on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Northfield Fire-Rescue facility at 1800 Winnetka Road in remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. All residents are invited to attend.

### Enjoy Dinner and Dancing at St. Philip's Oktoberfest on Sept. 26

Come celebrate Oktoberfest Saturday, Sept. 26 at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Old Willow and North Happ Roads. Take part in afternoon activities for the entire family and enjoy a German buffet dinner, entertainment, dancing and prizes in the evening. Tickets: \$40 per person. For information, call 847-446-8383 or go to [www.stphilipparish.org](http://www.stphilipparish.org). All are invited!

### North Shore Senior Center Hosts Lecture with Noted Historian and Writer Nell Irvin Painter Oct. 14

For the 13th annual Golder Distinguished Senior Lecture, NSSC presents Nell Irvin Painter, a noted historian, scholar and writer who will speak about her "Observations on Life" Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 8:00 p.m. at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Tickets: \$5/NSSC members; \$8/non members; \$12/at the door.

### Interfaith Housing Center Offers Homesharing Program

Learn more about a unique program that matches homeowners with an extra room to rent with working individuals who are seeking affordable housing near their work. Call, 847-501-5732x401 or go to [www.interfaithhousingcenter.org](http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org).

## Middlefork School Celebrates 50 Years on Oct. 25

Plans are under way to mark the 50th anniversary of Middlefork School during the 2009-10 school year. Middlefork friends and family, past and present, are encouraged to check the school's web page, <http://www.sunsetridge29.net/middlefork50> for details about the celebration plans including an Open House and rededication ceremony on Sunday, October 25, 2009. A blog has been established for posting and sharing memories, anecdotes and pictures of Middlefork School days over the past 50 years. Interested Middlefork alumni and friends are invited to post their own recollections and stories. Direct questions regarding the 50th anniversary to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee at [middlefork50@sunsetridge29.net](mailto:middlefork50@sunsetridge29.net) or 847-881-9500.

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

Door to door trick or treating in Northfield will be held on Halloween, Saturday, 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. 14 & Oct. 13 - Architectural Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 15 & Oct. 20 - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 - Personnel Compensation & Benefits Sub-Comm. Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 23 & Oct. 28 - Traffic & Transportation Comm. Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5 - Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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**Watch Cable Channel 6 for Village News.**

## Resident Input

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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