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Two Parade Line-Up Locations Both Gathering at 9:45 AM

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, 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

The parade groups will converge at Willow Park (bikes and wagons park in retention pond, south end of park for judging).

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, sno-cones, cotton candy and a variety of beverages including water.

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

Ghost Ship Galleon, Puffer Circus Train, Climbing Wall, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, Sand Art, and DJ.

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.

Food, Fun, Rides and Races for the Whole Family at Willow Park from 10 AM to 1 PM

Northfield celebrates Independence Day on **Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** with an 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 route.** Wear your red, white and blue and decorate your bikes and wagons! Be sure to enter the judging contest. Vehicle parking will be available at the Northfield Community Church and in the Park District lot.

There is no parking on Wagner Road until after the parade.

Residents, family and friends are invited to enjoy the events including bike/wagon judging, running races, family relays, giant slide, climbing wall, circus train, face painting and other events. Feast on

picnic foods including hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, pizza, beverages and more. Bring family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a friendly, small town 4th of July celebration! Festivities will take place rain or shine. If you would like to help sell concession tickets, monitor races or serve food on July 4, contact Jennifer at the Park District, 847-446-4428.

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



Join Friends and Neighbors for an Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration

Wagner Road Resurfacing Project Due to be Completed in August

The Cook County Highway Dept. recently began work on resurfacing Wagner Road from Willow Road south to Lake Street in Glenview. The project began with replacement of the existing curbs and gutters at Willow Road. The County will continue with grinding and resurfacing work and estimates completion of the project in early August 2007.

Willow Rd. Temporary Resurfacing Project on Hold until 2008

At the League of Women Voters community meeting held May 1 at the North Shore Senior Center, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced they would resurface Willow Road in August 2007 as an interim step before major roadwork. Unfortunately, the Village received a letter from the IDOT Deputy Director of Highways in Region 1 indicating that the temporary resurfacing of Willow Road from Sunset Ridge Road west to the Edens would be postponed until 2008. In the meantime, the Northfield and Winnetka Village Presidents have been working together to plan a long-term strategy that incorporates safety while accommodating regional traffic issues as Willow Road travels through both communities' predominately residential areas with schools and parks. Together, Northfield and Winnetka have hired The Lakota Group to help develop a plan. District 9 Senator Jeff Schoenberg has offered assistance in obtaining State funding to help offset the costs for this project.

Holiday Schedule for Waste Pick Ups

4th of July - Wednesday, July 4

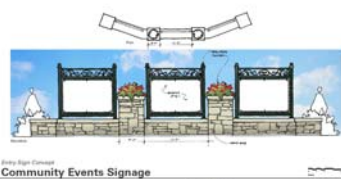
Thursday pick ups will be on Friday.

Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 3

Pick ups for Monday will be on Tuesday and Thursday pick ups on Friday.

ComEd Grants Lease of ROW for New Community Events Sign

After nearly two years of negotiations, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) has agreed to permit the Village to construct a new community events sign at the northwest corner of Central and Willow Road. Village staff in conjunction with the community garden clubs and members of various boards, commissions and organizations provided input on design



ideas for the sign and landscaping of the corner. The proposed sign will consist of a stone base with three individual ironwork structures that will hold three banners (each 4 ft. x 6 ft.). Construction of the

events sign is expected to take place in Spring 2008. The Friends of Northfield Foundation and other organizations have pledged donations to help offset the cost of the project.

Capital Projects Move Ahead

Glencoe Water Interconnect Nears Completion

Work is nearing completion on the Village's water interconnect which will provide the community with an additional source of water from the Village of Glencoe. The interconnect will act as an emergency back-up supplementing the Village's existing supply of water from the Village of Winnetka in times of increased demand, fires and other emergencies.

Replacement of Aging Water Mains

Replacement of the two aging water mains, for which the Village Board has approved the sale of \$3.9 million in bonds for funding, is in the final design and permitting stage. A September bid award for construction of the project is anticipated with work to be completed by the end of 2007 if all goes as scheduled. One large main, which is designed to carry water more efficiently, will replace the two aging water mains. Once installation of the water main begins, there may be some impact to traffic on streets east of the Edens due to trenches and equipment. More information will be provided as the project progresses.

Village Road Repair Projects Planned

As part of its on-going roadway repairs, the Public Works Department is planning work on some public streets: Heather Terrace, Holder Lane, Earl Drive, Old Willow Road and Winnetka Court. Visit the Village website, www.northfieldil.org or Cable Channel 6 for updates on these and other projects.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

Each year, usually in spring, the Public Works Department inspects the entire Village sidewalk system, replacing sections as necessary based on an evaluation rating system. Evaluation criteria on which sidewalks are judged include conditions from 1 to 5 with 5 being the worst. Sidewalks with a rating of 4 or 5 are scheduled for replacement as soon as possible. Sidewalks determined to have an immediate trip hazard are temporarily repaired or barricaded to prevent tripping. In addition to the necessary repairs, residents whose sidewalks do not meet the replacement criteria but who wish to have a section replaced for aesthetic reasons can do so by paying 1/2 the cost of the replacement with the Village paying the other half (depending on budget allocations). The cost is based on the current year's bid prices using the Village's contractor or its own staff. In years where the Village is not repairing any sidewalks or repairs have been completed, that section of sidewalk will be added to the next year's replacement plan. In no circumstance will a resident be able to replace the sidewalk on their own and bill the Village. Residents who want more information or to sign up for the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program for 2007 can contact the Public Works Dept., 847-441-1810, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact JULIE before Digging

The Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) is the free Illinois one-call system for locating underground facilities. If you or a contractor will be digging, the person doing the digging is required by State law to contact JULIE by dialing 811 at least 48 hours in advance, not including weekends and holidays. This allows utilities time to identify and mark their buried facilities using paint and/or flags.

VILLAGE NEWS AND REMINDERS

Vehicle Stickers Due July 1

Applications for Northfield vehicle stickers have been mailed and stickers must be displayed by July 1. All residents and businesses with vehicles registered, garaged or stored in the Village need to display a Northfield sticker in the lower left hand corner of the front window (drivers side) of each vehicle including passenger vehicles, rv's and trucks. Motorcycles and trailers receive mountable medallions. Any one who has not received an application can call the Village Hall (847-446-9200), download an application from the website, www.northfieldil.org, or stop by 361 Happ Road from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.- Fri., to purchase a sticker. 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 sticker purchased after July 15.

Bicycle Safety Important for Riders and Walkers

Bicycling is a popular 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.**

Know Go-Ped Rules

Use of motorized skate boards or Go-Ped, a scooter similar to a skateboard with a handle but propelled by an engine, is not legal on public streets or sidewalks in Cook County and the Village. Northfield Police caution that persons driving these vehicles on public property are subject to a citation for equipment and moving vehicle licensing violations.

Keep Waste and Recycling Toters Clean to Eliminate Smell and Prevent Insects

While many products used today come in recyclable containers, it is important to keep in mind that before tossing items into the green/gold recycling toter, they should be free of food material. Bottles with caps removed and cans should be rinsed with water before being recycled to prevent flies, wasps, insects and other critters from becoming attracted to your toter. Also, any left over food from pizza and other food boxes should be disposed of in your waste containers. Only clean outer boxes should be recycled. The summer months provide a great opportunity to refresh your waste and recycling toters by hosing down the insides/outside and leaving the lids open to air dry. Recycled products save landfill space and can be used to make new products.

West Nile Outbreaks Depend on Weather and Prevention

The severity of West Nile Virus outbreaks often depend on whether the summer is cooler than normal or hotter. The cooler the weather, the fewer the cases. How active West Nile is in 2007 will depend on summer temperatures. Other than weather, residents can prevent the spread of the virus by not allowing mosquitoes to breed, by getting rid of old tires, tin cans, drums, buckets, bottles, pastic wading pools, bird baths and anywhere water sits and stagnates. During the warm, humid days limit time outdoors, wear socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts, use repellents such as DEET. Also remember to protect babies and small children. Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache and body aches. More severe symptoms include stiff neck, muscle weakness and confusion.

VEHICLE STICKER PENALTY!
A penalty of 50% of the license fee will be added to the cost of any sticker/tag purchased after July 15.

Coyotes Settle In as Part of Suburban Life

The more natural we make our environment with ponds, wetlands, natural plants and grasses and, the more open land that is developed, the more likely we are to have coyotes living closer to us as was pointed out in a *Daily Herald* article posted June 9, 2007 by Jack Komperda. In the article, it was noted that it is not uncommon for coyotes to roam the manicured lawns of subdivisions in suburbs. A family of coyotes settled in a wetland in Carol Stream and neighbors reported coyotes scampering across their driveways or lounging in their backyards. However, it was also noted that while coyotes may seem more plentiful, their numbers have not increased. Their proximity to man, however, is becoming more prevalent as they are attracted by an abundance of food, few natural predators and loss of their natural habitat. A wildlife biologist from a State agency reported that "Through successive generations, these animals have been more accustomed to living next to people." Last year, 541 coyotes were removed throughout Illinois by licensed trappers. Of that number 295 were from the Chicago area. Coyotes exploit both natural food sources including rodents, rabbits and geese as well as garbage scraps, pet food left outside by homeowners and, sometimes, pets when desperate. However, according to the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, there has never been a reported incident of a coyote attacking a human in the State. Experts report there is no good solution to getting rid of coyotes since removing a coyote only creates a vacancy that allows another coyote to move in which might prove to be a bigger threat. They advise never feeding or getting close to a coyote, not feeding pets outdoors or storing their food outdoors and that pets weighing less than 15 pounds never be left unattended when outdoors. Homeowners who want to remove a coyote or other wild animal from their property can contact an animal trapper found in the yellow pages of their telephone directory.

MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Village Signs Agreement with AT&T Opening Door to Future Video and High Speed Internet Services to the Community

During the past few years, due to mergers in the communications industry, Village residents wanting varied television programs and internet services have had to choose from one cable television provider, or use satellite dishes or a roof antenna and a separate internet provider. Advances in technology have now made it possible for AT&T to upgrade their current telephone equipment to offer "streaming video service" to compete with cable providers such as Comcast. At their May Village meeting, the majority of Board members voted to approve a new ordinance providing for video service over an internet protocol-enabled broadband network as well as an agreement with AT&T to provide internet protocol voice, data and video services to the community. AT&T is installing new equipment and upgrading current equipment during the next six to nine months. They will also be linking new equipment with their telephone systems. Once all equipment is in and has been tested, they will begin marketing high speed internet and video services to residents which is estimated to begin in Spring/Summer 2008.

Task Force Selects Local Firm to Assist with Village Center Design Solution

The Village Center Task Force charged with the goal of redefining the Northfield downtown area to achieve a more cohesive look, make it more pedestrian-oriented and to enhance the overall experience, selected the Glencoe-based firm of Myefski Cook Architects to assist the Task Force in reaching its goals. As part of their design plan, the firm will do an assessment of the existing physical attributes of Northfield's current downtown area; develop schematic concepts; hold a community presentation with resident input; all leading to finalization of a plan concept. The next Village Center Task Force meeting is planned for July but no specific date is scheduled. For updates on the meeting date and other information, visit the Village website, www.northfieldil.org or tune to Cable Channel 6.

Deputy Police Chief Selected to Attend F.B.I. Training Academy in Virginia

Deputy Police Chief Claude Casaletto has been selected and will begin a 10 week training course at the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. His training begins July 9 and goes through September 15. The F.B.I. Training Academy is one of the nation's leading law enforcement training and education centers and once a candidate is selected, there is no cost for tuition or room and board. Police Chief Bill Lustig also trained at and is a graduate of the F.B.I. Academy.

Northfield Police Department Readies for Renewal of Accreditation in 2007

As part of the requirements of renewal for accreditation, the Northfield Police Department will be reviewed during an on-site assessment by representatives of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art professional standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services. Law enforcement accreditation is valid for a three year period. Northfield's Police Department first became accredited in 1993, making this its fifth accreditation process.

Be Cautious of Home Repair Scam Artists

Summer is a prime time for home repair fraud. Residents are advised to be cautious of scam artists who offer driveway seal coating or other home repair "services." The typical scheme used is a homeowner is approached by someone who points out work that needs to be done on the homeowner's property and says they can do the job for a good price. The home may or may not need the work being suggested. Once an agreement is made, the subject may do inferior work such as sealing the driveway with a thinned oil-based liquid that will dissolve in a rainfall. Scam artists will then attempt to get more money than was estimated. In some cases, they may attempt to gain entry to the home to "get water" or "use the bathroom" with the intent to rob the home. The Police recommend you always use a reputable company.

Signs of Heat Exhaustion and Common Sense Tips for Staying Cool

Sunny days and hot weather are here and after a long midwest winter it feels good! However, a combination of high heat and high humidity can be very dangerous. Especially at risk are the elderly, infants/young children, people with disabilities and those taking medication for chronic health conditions. One of the conditions caused by heat is Heat Exhaustion which is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop following exposure for several days to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Someone with Heat Exhaustion may feel dizzy, nauseous, weak and tired. They may experience severe headaches, muscle cramps, heavy perspiration and shallow breathing. Their skin may feel cool and clammy. Persons with signs of Heat Exhaustion should lie down in the coolest available space, loosen clothing, lower their head slowly while raising their feet and seek medical advice immediately. Some common sense tips to "beat the heat" include:

- Use air conditioning if you have it or keep windows slightly open and use fans to circulate air if not; take a cool bath or shower or use cool towels.
- Drink lots of water and natural juices; avoid heavy meals and alcoholic beverages, coffee/cola.
- Keep shades drawn, blinds closed and electric lights low.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Shop in Town at the Annual Sidewalk Sale Days July 19 - 21

Northfield Chamber of Commerce participating members are holding their annual Sidewalk Sale Days on Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21. Support local Chamber of Commerce merchants and enjoy savings on a variety of wonderful merchandise!

Chambers of Commerce Host Lunch with U.S. Congressman Kirk

The Chambers of Deerfield, Bannockburn, Riverwoods, Glencoe, Glenview, Greater Lincolnshire, Northbrook, Northfield, Wheeling/Prospect Heights and Wilmette will host a lunch with U.S. Representative Mark Kirk at the Hilton Northbrook, 2855 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Northbrook on July 10. Congressional issues will be discussed. If time allows, a question and answer period will follow. Registration and networking are at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the program from Noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost for Participating Chamber members is \$25; non-members and members after July 6, \$30. RSVP by July 6 to the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, 847-441-1848 or info@northfieldchamber.org.

Summer Reading and Activity Programs at The Branch Library

Summer reading programs are now in progress but it's not too late to join!

Trek the Reading Rain Forest - Preschool-4th Grade June 11 - August 31

Lace up your boots and get ready to wind your way through the reading rain forest. Read or listen to a book and sign up at the Branch Library.

Summer Squares - 5th-8th Grade June 11 - August 31

Read a variety of books and keep track on a bingo-like game card. Earn prizes and entries into a summer drawing for an iPod. The more you read, the more chances to win.

Special Youth Programs

Balloon Racers - Tuesday, July 10, 7 PM

Drivers, start your engines! Make your own race car and then test it out. Ages 7 and up. Registration required.

Magic for Muggles - Saturday, July 21, 9:30-11:30 AM

Don't be a muggle! Celebrate the new Harry Potter book by learning to do astounding magic tricks. Ages 7 and up. Registration required, 847-446-5990.

Just Girls Book Club - Third Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 PM

Just for girls in grades 3 and 4. Registration required.

July 17 - *Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit* by Joann Carris

August 21 - *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins

Reminder: The Branch Library is open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays during summer.

Senior Center Adventure Club Plans Trip to Independence Grove

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the North Shore Senior Center's Adventure Club trip to Independence Grove in Lake County on **Wednesday, July 25**. This new forest preserve which was once a gravel quarry has been recycled and is today's home for fish, vegetation and wildlife. There is swimming, boating, and biking or hiking around the lakes. Rental boats are available. NSSC members and others invited. Car pools will be arranged with departure from the Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd. at 8:30 a.m. and returning mid-afternoon. Fee: \$14/members; \$29/others. Advance registration required. Contact 847-784-6029 or www.nssc.org.

Enjoy Beautiful Music by Young Artists of the Opera Center for American Artists - Aug. 19 at 3 PM

The North Shore Senior Center once again hosts a concert by four young, extremely talented artists singing operatic arias, duets and other ensemble work even, perhaps, a Broadway show tune. The stunning vocal qualities and superior musical abilities of these stars of tomorrow make this one of the Senior Center's most popular concerts. Pre-registration is advisable. The concert starts at 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$8 for all. Call 847-784-6030 or go to www.nssc.org.

Park District Offers Free Children's Concerts in Clarkson Park

Bring your children to Clarkson Park Friday mornings for the Summer Concert Series for children from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The next event is Friday, July 13 - *Jeanie B!* - presents the most finger-snappin', hand-clappin', toe-tappin' tunes for kids of all ages. Then on Friday, July 20, *Ken Schultz* delights with a "mini-circus" variety show kids of all ages will enjoy.

Kids with Dogs Show Sat, Aug. 25

Get your family dog shampooed and ready for this great family event to be held at Clarkson Park on Saturday, Aug. 25 starting at 10:00 a.m. All dogs will be automatically entered into the largest or smallest category. Participants will also have the choice of entering their dog in two additional categories - best costume, fanciest trick, best looking, best behaved and floppiest ears. Don't miss this fun event!

Teen Battle of the Bands Coming!

If you enjoy playing in a band/group, don't miss this great contest! Call Grant at the Park District (847-446-4428) for more information about this fun event scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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Blood Drive Held at Lutheran Church of the Ascension Sunday, July 22 - 8 AM to 1 PM

A LifeSource Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, July 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road at Willow Road. Help boost the area's blood supply during critical summer months. Open to all qualified donors 16 to 80 years of age, at least 110 lbs. with regular heart rhythm, free of fever and have not given blood in past 8 weeks. Call 847-446-8335 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins also welcome.

Northfield Historical Society Relocates to Village Web Site - Seeks History Lover for Help

Do you like digging into the history of places, people and things? The Northfield Historical Society which exists only virtually through its website which recently relocated to the Village web site at www.northfieldil.org. (go to External Links - Local Organizations) is seeking someone (teen to seniors) who enjoys dabbling in history to be the new Director. You don't need to be a computer wizard - just someone who can volunteer some time to expand the historical photo and document collection and produce podcast interviews with Northfield residents. If interested or for more information, email Libby Hellmann at libby@hellmann.com. or call, 847-441-9194.

For A Quick Review of Local Events and News Visit Northfield's Web Site, www.northfieldil.org.

Farmers Market Celebrates 30th Year with More Goods, New Vendors and Other Surprises

Whether you are a regular customer or have yet to sample the wonderful fresh fruits, vegetables, beautiful blooming plants and cut flowers, delicious baked goods and other speciality goods, the Northfield Farmers Market is a special place to shop. Sponsored by the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, the Farmers Market celebrates its 30th year of offering fresh and organic goods direct from farmers and producers. Enjoy music and entertainment, free popcorn from the Lions Club plus a storytime for children ages 2 to 8 at 10:00 a.m. The Market is open from 7:30 a.m. to Noon every Saturday through October 20 and is located on Happ Road, south of Winnetka Avenue across from New Trier West. As a courtesy to shoppers and for health reasons, please find an area outside the Market to tie your pet while you shop.



Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

July 4 & Sept. 3 - Village Hall Closed for holidays.

July 9 - Plan & Zoning Commission meeting - 7:00 p.m. No August meeting.

July 9 - Architectural Commission meeting - 7:00 p.m. No August meeting.

July 10 - Zoning Board of Appeals meeting - 7:00 pm. No August meeting.

July 17 & Aug. 21 - Village Board 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.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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