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Board Meeting Packets Now Available on Website

Beginning with the October 16, 2007 Village Board meeting, the packet of information on issues the Board will consider at their monthly meeting are being posted on the Village website, www.northfieldil.org. After logging on to the Village website, either use the link on the first page or go to the left side bar to "Elected Village Officials", then "Board Packets" and select the packet you are interested in reviewing. The Village provides the materials and links posted on the web page in the dual interest of better informing residents and the public on the workings of its local government. On most items, the full back-up materials that are provided to the Trustees to aid in their decision making is accessible through the links associated with the agenda item. In cases where the material is too voluminous to publish in this format, a summary is provided. A full set of materials is always available for review at the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road.

Waste Pick-Up Schedule

The holiday schedule for garbage and recycling pick ups will be as follows: Nov. 22 (Thurs.), Thanksgiving Day - pick ups will be on Friday, Nov. 23. Monday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 - pick ups will be on schedule. Thursday pick ups will be on Fridays during the Christmas and New Year weeks. Bare Christmas trees (not bagged) will be picked up at the curb Monday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 7. See Pg. 7 for information and dates for recycling trees at the Park District.

President's Briefing

From Village President John L. Birkinbine, Jr.

Being prepared and ready to handle emergencies is a large part of what Village staff is trained to do. However, the August storm that devastated the area gives us all much to be thankful for this year. First, we are very thankful no one was critically hurt and second we are thankful for the efforts of many and particularly our dedicated Police, Fire-Rescue, Public Works and Administrative staff in keeping the Village operating through this difficult time. Northfield along with Glenview, Wilmette and Winnetka seemed to be particularly hard hit by the storm that raced in from the west with devastating winds, rain, lightening and, in some cases, hail. As you all know, there was much to do during and after the storm. There were numerous 911 calls coming into the Communications Center reporting downed wires, fires, flooding, lightning strikes and blocked roads due to fallen trees. Cars were everywhere trying to maneuver through intersections with no operating signals while the Police were busy attending to emergency 911 calls. Staff worked around the clock and for weeks after the storm clearing streets, pulling tree trunks and branches out of the way, and assisting residents, particularly the elderly and those with special needs after days of no electricity and often no phone service. During the storm, the Village Hall was used as an emergency shelter for those forced off the Edens Expressway because of flooded underpasses. Village Manager Stacy Sigman communicated the seriousness of the storm to residents during the worst hours of the storm via the Emergency Notification System called "Code Red 911." The Villages of Winnetka, Wilmette, Glencoe, Kenilworth and Northfield have instituted this ultra high-speed telephone communication system to deliver a recorded message to live persons or answering machines in emergency situations. The August storm emphasized how important it is to keep the data used for the emergency reverse 911 system updated with telephone numbers you want called in emergencies. For more information about 911 calls and updating your information, see Pages 7 and 8.

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President's Briefing *(Cont'd)*

The phone numbers you provide will only be used when Code Red is activated. For residents who experienced downed telephone poles and wires or loss of cable and phone service, listing an alternate cell phone number will allow you to get these important emergency communications. Like many residents, the August storm was costly to the Village. Many of you faced flooded basements and the loss of personal property inside as well as outside. For the Village, this storm cost an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000. The good news is that the Village just received notification that Cook County has received the Presidential Disaster Declaration. Now Northfield will be eligible to apply for federal funding for up to 75% reimbursement of the costs associated with the response and clean up of the storm.

Budget Changes

In December, the Board's Committee of the Whole will begin discussions on the budget for FY2008-09. Expenditures for capital improvements, personnel costs and other operating expenditures throughout the upcoming fiscal year will be discussed. I wanted to brief you on some of the suggested changes that have been recommended by the Committee and adopted by the Board in anticipation of the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget.

Capital Improvements

One of the biggest steps Northfield took during the past year that impacts fiscal year 2008-09 and is a first for the 80 year old community, is the sale of \$3.5 million in alternative revenue bonds. The Village chose the sale of bonds to provide funds to finance three important capital improvements to the Village's water system that will provide quality service to residents for decades to come.

1. An emergency water interconnect with Glencoe
2. Installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) - water monitoring system
3. Replacement of the aging Willow Road water mains that are the Village's primary source of water from Winnetka.

Having never sold bonds in the past, the Village was unsure how it would be rated by the financial community. I am proud to report that the Village received an AA bond rating (the top being AAA) which meant that the sale of the bonds were at a very attractive interest rate, insuring a successful bond sale. The Village will repay the bonds and interest for these capital improvements from water revenues over a 20 year period.

The emergency water interconnect with Glencoe assures Northfield residents of a steady flow of water should there ever be a major interruption in water from our main source, the Village of Winnetka. Installation of the SCADA system allows the Village to determine by computer any water main breaks or problems in water pressure. The system not only allows Northfield to see these problems, Winnetka and Glencoe can also monitor them at the same time. These two capital projects have been completed and are now in place. Finally, there is the replacement of two aging water mains with one larger main that will provide Northfield with water from our main source, Winnetka. This project, which accounts for the largest portion of the capital investment, was bid in September and the low bidder and winning contractor is a local north shore company the Village has successfully worked with in the past. They have completed many projects including, most recently, the Glencoe interconnect. The watermain replacement project is not only one of the largest undertaken in the Village's history, it is also a very complex one. The 24" diameter water main will be tunneled under the Edens Highway and the Skokie River. When the main comes up west of the Edens, it will be connected to the main water distribution line and at this point will also include a valve that allows the Village to switch to Glencoe water if there is ever a disruption of service from Winnetka. Work on installation of the new water main will begin this year.

Water Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2008

The Village has pledged revenues from the water system to pay the \$3.5 million alternate revenue bonds. In order to meet the debt service requirements on the bonds, a water rate increase is necessary. Therefore, beginning January 1, 2008, a charge of 67 cents per cubic feet of water used will be added to water bills to pay for the bonds. For more details on the water rate increase, see Page 3.

Property Taxes

In anticipation of the new fiscal year which begins May 1, 2008, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval for the December 3, 2007 Board meeting of a proposed tax levy of \$3,190,850 on property for 2007 which represents a 3.2% increase over the 2006 levy. What this means is that most residents will see a 2.5% increase in the Village's portion of their property tax bill due to inflation while new properties and those with improvements can experience slightly higher increases.

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President's Briefing *(Cont'd)*

Willow Road

During the past year, the Villages of Winnetka and Northfield have been working with The Lakota Group, a roadway design consulting firm, discussing various concepts and ideas that incorporate the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) *Context Sensitive Solutions* to develop a safe workable plan for Willow Road. This concept gives greater weight to the role road design and planning have on maintaining and enhancing community character and quality of life -- issues that the Villages of Northfield and Winnetka both embrace. As part of the process, residents of Winnetka and Northfield were invited to review and vote on various roadway design features presented at a September 19 Community Workshop. Attendees participated in a visual preference survey rating various concepts and developed some preferences. They also identified a variety of problems along Willow Road from Waukegan Road to Provident Street in Winnetka, and discussed suggestions on how to solve those issues using the information from the visual survey. Some of the points discussed include, intersection and crosswalk issues, the need for turn lanes or signals, the use of underpasses and overpasses, medians and sidewalks, the dangers of crossing Edens ramps, landscaping, pollution and noise, and creating school zones. Residents then rated these issues to determine their overall importance to the group. This process allows Northfield and Winnetka to verbally and visually establish a shared vision and values for planning a design for Willow Road. At the second Community Workshop on October 17, residents used these concepts to develop design goals for Willow Road that are sensitive to the community character along this roadway. The final Community Workshop will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at North Shore Country Day School at 310 Green Bay Road in Winnetka. The subject of this meeting will be capacity (traffic volume), the number of lanes, and the width of those lanes. Upon completion of these public workshops, The Lakota Group will develop its plan. Members of both communities that make up the Steering Committee will review that plan and present it to both Village Boards in January with the expectation that a consensus plan can be presented to Senator Jeff Schoenberg to discuss with IDOT after the first of the year. If you would like more information about the workshops or other issues related to Willow Road and the Committee's work with the Lakota Group, log on to the Village's website, www.northfieldil.org and click on "Keeping Up On Willow Road."

Village Center Task Force

Earlier this year, the Village Board approved the selection of design consultant Myefski Cook Architects, as recommended by the Village Center Task Force, to complete a comprehensive design study of the Village's downtown area. As part of the assignment, this firm is studying density levels and their financial impact, exploring streetscape designs, gateway features, increased parking and how to incorporate open space into the Village Center. To allow the consultant time to complete their plan, the Board approved an extension of the development moratorium in the Village Center until May 6, 2008. The Task Force will review Myefski Cook's plan in December to be followed by a presentation to residents in mid-January 2008. The final plan will provide a "blue print" future Boards and Commissions can use when reviewing potential new development to determine if a project meets the community needs and plans outlined.

Village Board Meeting Schedule for the Year 2008

(3rd Tuesday of month)

Board Meetings

January 15

February 19

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

(No Nov. meeting)

December 1*

(* First Monday to adopt tax levy.)

Fee and Fine Increases for 2008 Approved by Board

Beginning Jan. 1, 2008, various Village fees, fines and permits will increase to reflect changes in the consumer price index, market conditions and staff costs. The majority of the increases are under 5% with no increase to vehicle stickers for the coming year. The one time license fee for dogs, cats and horses has been raised to \$25 per animal. For a list of all Village fees, please refer to the Municipal Code on the Village website, www.northfieldil.org, under Appendix D, Fee and Bond Amounts.

Water Rates to Increase Jan. 1 to Pay Bonds

Since revenues from the water system have been pledged to pay the \$3.5 million in bonds sold to finance capital improvements to the water system, effective Jan. 1, 2008, a new \$0.67 per cubic feet charge will be added to the rate billed for water. This will bring the total water rate to \$3.90. The recommended increase will add approximately \$8.04 per month to the water/sanitary sewer charges incurred by a household that uses 1200 cubic feet of water per month or about \$24.12 per quarter. The sanitary sewer rate remains at \$1.25 per 100 cubic feet.

In appreciation of all Village Residents elected and appointed who donate their time to serve the community

In every community, there is a dedicated group of residents who take time away from their family and career to volunteer to serve in local government on Village Boards, Commissions and special Committees. On behalf of all Northfield residents and Village staff, we extend our sincere appreciation to the following residents for their contributions.

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Blair Robinson (former Trustee)
Bill Vaselopulos, P&Z Comm.
George Warga, P&Z Comm. Chair

Willow Rd. Steering Committee

John Birkinbine, Village President
Peter Fischer, T&T & School Bd.
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Scott Turban, Park District Bd.

Senior Services and Events

Grants Increased for Eligible Seniors Who Need Financial Help to Live in the Community

Applications for grants to be awarded in 2008 from the Senior Assistance Fund are now available for eligible Northfield residents who want to apply. For the 2008 grant year, the grant amount has been raised to \$1,500. Applications can be picked up at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, the Northfield Branch Library, 1785 Orchard, and the Village Hall, 361 Happ Road. Applications are also available by mail upon request - call 847-446-9200. To be eligible for a grant, resident applicants must be 62 years of age or older (age 60 if disabled), have resided in Northfield for at least the immediate preceding 3 years (for 50% grant) or immediate preceding 5 years or 10 years cumulatively as an adult (for 100% grant), have a gross income of not more than \$20,000 (\$25,000 or lower for couples), and have total assets not exceeding \$60,000 (exclusive of home, property within the household and motor vehicles). Applicant information is kept confidential and reviewed only by the Senior Center social worker determining eligibility. **Applications must be returned to the North Shore Senior Center by Dec. 31, 2007 to be eligible for 2008 funding.**

Donations Only Source of Revenue for Senior Grants

Since the Senior Assistance Fund was established in 1989, many annual grants have been distributed to Northfield Seniors in need of financial assistance. The Social Services Department of the North Shore Senior Center donates its time to evaluate and administer the program while the Friends of Northfield Foundation oversees distribution of the grants. A recent profile of residents receiving assistance indicates that recipients are between 68 and 73 years old, have lived in town from 7 to 10 years, have an income between \$12,288 and \$17,500 and allowable assets as low as \$6,000. This grant program is kept viable by the generous donations of residents and friends with 100% of all contributions used to help Northfield seniors stay in the community. To donate, make checks payable to **Friends of Northfield Foundation - "Senior Assistance Fund"** and mail to P.O. Box 8045, Northfield, IL 60093. Your contributions are tax deductible.

Other Local Organizations Where Your Donations Help

Additional organizations that are accepting donations for worthwhile programs that benefit Northfield and area residents include:

Northfield Parks Foundation
c/o Northview Bank & Trust
P.O. Box 8078
Northfield, IL 60093

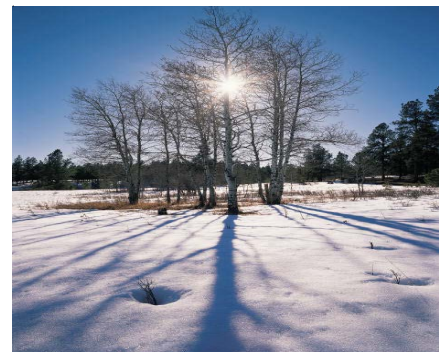
United Way of the North Shore
Winnetka-Northfield Chapter
540 W. Frontage Rd., Ste. 3040
Northfield, IL 60093

Senior Programs for Fun and Education

The Northfield Seniors who meet at the Park District Community Center will be hosting a catered lunch and game day on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. The fee of \$15 covers the lunch which is followed by bingo and prizes. On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Northfield Seniors celebrate the holiday season with lunch and a gift exchange at the Glen Club at 11:30 a.m. Call the Park District for the fee and to RSVP, 847-446-4428.

Low Income Program Helps Residents Pay Utility Costs

Eligible low-income households that need help paying for home energy costs, can apply for assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which provides an annual credit paid directly to the utility company. The amount of the grant is determined by income, household size and fuel type. To be eligible, the family gross income (before deductions) for the 30 days prior to application cannot exceed \$1,276 for one person, \$1,711 for two, etc. Applications from residents in New Trier and Northfield Twps. are being taken by appointment at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road. The person filing the application must be 18 years or older, head of household and the customer of record on utility bills. If the applicant is a family member or friend, they must bring a signed letter of authorization from the person applying. To make an appointment, call 847-784-6040.



Holiday Schedule of Village Hall Closings

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. The Village Hall will also be closed Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the holidays. Police and Fire-Rescue personnel are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. **Call 911 for emergencies and 847-446-2131 for non-emergencies.**

Snow Removal - Who to Call

The Village of Northfield is not responsible for plowing the following State and County roads. Please call the appropriate office.

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (847-705-4222)

- Willow Road
- Waukegan Road
- Edens Expressway
- Hibbard (Willow south to Illinois)

Cook County Highway Dept. (847-827-1164)

- Sunset Ridge Road
- Wagner Road (south of Willow)
- Winnetka Road
- West Frontage Road
- East Frontage Road
- Happ Road (south from Willow to Illinois)
- Orchard Lane (between West Frontage and South Happ Road)
- Linder Avenue (north of Orchard)
- Orchard Lane (between East Frontage and Linder Avenue)

Numbers to Know

Village of Northfield Public Works (Snow Removal)

1800 Winnetka Road
847-441-3810

Police Department 350 Walnut

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 847-446-2131

Fire-Rescue 1800 Winnetka Road

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency (24 hr.):
847-446-2131
8:00 am - 4:00 pm M-F:
847-441-3800

(Calls after regular working hours should be made to 847-446-2131 or **911** for emergencies.)

How the Village Handles Snow & Ice

The Public Works Department uses its Snow and Ice Control Plan to handle winter's unpredictable weather so roads and critical sidewalks remain passable. As part of their Plan, the Department is put on alert after receiving advance notice of storms from local weather forecasters. The Police Department, which is on the street 24 hours, 7 days a week, also keeps Public Works advised of conditions and changing weather. The Public Works crew has 1 salt and 8 plow routes and handles snow falls of varying duration with different approaches. For snow falls of short duration or approximately 2 to 6 inches of accumulation, crews will remove snow prior to rush hour, when possible, from 3 to 4 a.m. or 2 to 3 p.m. to assure safe driving conditions. During average snowfalls, the Village's streets and parking lots are cleared and salted in approximately 4 hours. If the forecast indicates long periods of snow and large amounts of accumulation, crews plow in intervals to prevent snow from accumulating beyond safe driving conditions. After routes are plowed, all Village through streets, intersections and slippery spots on roadways are salted.

Sidewalks in the central business district and along primary routes to local schools (parts of Happ Road, Wagner Road, Sunset Ridge Road, also Old Willow Road, Bosworth, Lagoon between Winnetka and Willow, Winnetka Road from Hibbard west and Willow Road west to Edgewood and east to the Village limits) are also plowed as part of the snow removal plan. Village crews clear Village streets only. Private streets in the Village independently contract for snow removal. Willow and Waukegan Roads and the Edens Highway interchanges are plowed by the State. Winnetka, Wagner, Sunset Ridge, South Happ, and Frontage Roads are plowed by Cook County Highway Department. Residents who need information or help about plowing their street, should contact the Public Works Dept., 847-441-3810, or the appropriate Highway Department listed on this page.

Safe Driving Tips for Winter Travel

When driving in snow, freezing rain and windy conditions:

- Take a safe but less traveled route - fewer vehicles can lower risk.
- Drive slower than normal and increase your following distance.
- If you start to skid, ease your foot off the accelerator or brake (braking may increase skid), then steer in the direction of the skid.
- Carry a "travel rescue kit" including cell phone, booster cables and road flares, flashlight, traction aids, ice scraper and snow brush, blankets, boots, extra clothing, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, water and snacks.

If you start to skid:

--After skidding stops, put your foot gently on the accelerator and steer in the direction you want to go.

If you get stranded:

- Place a flare a safe distance from each end of your vehicle or tie a bright cloth to the antenna or door handle then stay in your vehicle and wait for help (unblock exhaust pipe of any snow).
- Wrap yourself in blankets and run the heater for a few minutes every hour (keep window open a crack).

Snow Reminders

Do not shovel or plow snow into public streets. Make sure fire hydrants are clear of snow and visible. Mound snow to the right of the driveway (looking from house) to prevent plows from pushing snow back into the driveway.

August Storm Highlights Problems with Various Telephones and 911 Service

The devastation Northfield and the surrounding area experienced from the August storm revealed some unexpected information by pointing out weaknesses in various phone services and 911 emergency communications. For the first time since the installation of the emergency 911 system, the Village used the reverse 911 system called "Code Red" to reach out to residents with information about the storm, the resulting power and cable outages, flooding and blocked roadways. The Code Red Emergency Notification system is used in this area by the Villages of Winnetka, Wilmette, Glencoe, Kenilworth and Northfield. It is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service that allows the Village to telephone all or targeted areas of any of these Villages in case of an emergency situation requiring immediate action (boil-water orders, a missing child, an environmental and severe weather emergencies). The system is capable of dialing 60,000 phone numbers per hour, delivering a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to any number.

Because of modern technology, the use of many different types of phones and phone systems have complicated reaching residents with the Code Red reverse 911 system as well as residents dialing 911 for emergency service. As you may have experienced, when there is a power outage, phones that still work during outages are the old fashioned phones connected to a phone jack and cellular phones. Portable phones that are recharged when plugged into an electrical outlet will not work during a power outage. Also, phone service provided through an internet provider called VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) such as Vonage depends on the person having continuous, uninterrupted internet service. With the August storm, many residents lost both electrical and internet service.

How Different Phone Systems Work with 911

When everyone had their phone installed by the local telephone company, dialing 911 ensured that your name, address and phone number would be delivered to the dispatcher in your community even if you hung up the telephone before the call was completed. During a power outage, if you had a regular plug in phone, the phone system still worked. After 2000, cellular phones started to be the primary mode of telephone communication. When 911 is dialed from a cellular phone, the phone searches for the nearest available cellular tower. The tower routes your 911 call to the police agency it is assigned to which may or may not be in the community in which you need help. Also, because of the lack of FCC oversight and the high cost of implementing location technology, some police agencies are not able to see the location of the cellular caller. When 911 is dialed from a cellular phone, the emergency dispatcher will receive the caller's voice and may receive the call-back telephone number of the cellular phone. In Northfield, dispatchers have the capability to pinpoint a location within 300 meters of the cellular caller 60% of the time for all cellular calls; however, the dispatcher will not be able to pinpoint an exact address with any accuracy. Also, many calls cannot be tracked when a cellular caller is moving. In addition to cellular phones,

many telephone customers are switching to the VOIP service of internet providers which leaves residents without phone service when a wire is down or there is a service interruption. In addition, internet only services like *SKYPE*, which offer the ability to make calls directly from a computer, do not allow 911 calling.

What You Can Do

As the August storm made clear, it is imperative that residents have a back-up telephone (cellular or traditional) and it is just as important that residents provide the Police Department with updated telephone information and back-up phone numbers in order to reach them in an emergency. To add your cellular phone number(s) or provide correct phone number(s) to the Village's database, visit the Village website at www.northfieldil.org, choose "Emergency Information" from the top menu bar, then "Code Red 911" on the left column and link to add additional phone numbers. Or fill in the form on Page 8 and return it to the Police Dept., 350 Walnut, Northfield, IL 60093. 911 service is important. Make sure you understand how your chosen phone service works with 911 before an emergency happens. Contact the Police Communications Supvr. at [847-446-2131](tel:847-446-2131) with any questions.

Who to Call for Power Loss and Other Problems

For electrical outages (no lights, or other electricity):

ComEd: 1-800-334-7661

To report a natural gas odor:

NICOR Gas: 1-888-642-6748

For downed telephone lines or dead phones:

AT&T: 1-888-611-4466 (repair)

For Cable TV service/problems:

Comcast Cable: 1-866-594-1234

For waste/recycling pick-ups:

Waste Management: 1-800-796-9696

For water/sewer problems:

Public Works Dept.: 847-441-3810



Villages of Winnetka, Wilmette,
Kenilworth, Glencoe, and Northfield, IL

CodeRED® Residential Data Collection

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Please take a moment to fill in the appropriate information below to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

*Required fields

*FirstName _____	*LastName _____		
*Address (Physical only, no P.O. boxes.) _____		Apartment, Suite, or Unit Number _____	
*City _____	*State _____	*Zip _____	Plus4 _____
*Primary Phone (____) _____ - _____		Alternate Phone (____) _____ - _____	

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER--- Entering an alternate phone number will cause *BOTH* the primary and alternate phone numbers to be contacted in the event a call goes out for the address specified.

Your information will remain completely private and will only be made available to notify you of critical situations.

TDD/TTY--- Check TDD *ONLY* if you are hearing impaired and would like tone delivery of emergency messages - messages delivered to phone numbers marked TDD will *ONLY* be delivered in a TDD/TTY format.

For Primary phone with a hearing impaired TDD/TTY device Check this box:

For Alternate phone with a hearing impaired TDD/TTY device Check this box:

If you live in MOBILE HOME or MANUFACTURED HOME please check this box:

Continue >>

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Minors + Alcohol and/or Alcohol + Driving Not Good Holiday Combinations

Holiday and New Year's Parties Need Monitoring

Holiday gatherings of family and friends home for the holidays can be an invitation for the consumption of alcohol at home or outside the home. Parents of minors are reminded that providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age is a Class A misdemeanor with possible imprisonment for up to one year and fines between \$500 and \$2,500 per incident. The Police Department suggests parents make a conscientious effort during the holidays and in the new year to be part of and supervise any gathering/party their children attend and to make certain there is adequate supervision at gatherings outside their home to prevent underage drinking. Parental responsibility applies to parents or guardians who knowingly allow minors to consume alcohol at parties/gatherings at residences. Northfield Police emphasize that State of Illinois laws are clear about the consequences for violations involving persons under age 21 convicted of violating the Liquor Control Act for illegal purchase, attempting to purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol and misrepresentation of age by a minor. The Northfield Police Department also reminds residents of the dangers for all who drink and drive. Suggested alternatives include having a designated driver, calling a cab or staying over.

Recycle Holiday Trees at Park District Community Center Dec. 26-Jan. 7

The Park District in conjunction with Glenwood Tree Experts, which donates its services, will recycle residents' "formerly fresh" Christmas trees from Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Jan. 7. Unbagged trees completely free of ornaments, tinsel and other decorative materials can be dropped off in the southeast corner of the Community Center parking lot off Wagner Road. All trees must be left in the designated area only. No trees will be accepted after Jan. 7. Recycled trees will be chipped for mulch. For information regarding the recycled mulch, contact Glenwood Tree Experts, 847-459-0200.

Waste Hauler Will Pick Up Bare Holiday Trees at the Curb on Two Mondays

Waste Management will pick up bare holiday trees (not bagged and free of decorations) that are put at the curb Monday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 7

Park District Events

Santa Accepting Letters Nov. 26 to Dec. 19

The local drop off location for letters to Santa at the North Pole is the Northfield Park District. Santa has asked that children send their letters c/o the Northfield Park District, 401 Wagner Road, Northfield, IL 60093 from Nov. 26- Dec. 19. Santa will answer letters that include a clearly printed return address.

Open Gym Offers Activity and Fun

Children grades K-4th grade and 5th-8th grade are invited to have some fun at the Northfield Park District Open Gym events December 26-28 and January 2-4. Open Gym is free for residents. Only basketball will be allowed during open gym hours and a supervisor will be in the gym. Proof of residency required. The hours are:

Dec. 26-28	K-4th	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Dec. 26-28	5th-8th	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 2-4	K-4th	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Jan. 2-4	5th-8th	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ice Rink Hours Set for 2007-2008 Season

The Northfield Park District schedule for this skating season at Clarkson Park, 1950 Willow Rd, (847-446-4653) is printed below. Ice-making weather generally begins around the school Winter Break and the rink remains open into the new year, weather permitting. Concessions will be available. Skating is free for Northfield residents and \$3 for non-residents.

Winter Break Skating hours:

Fri., 12/21:	2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon.-Sat., 12/22-1/7	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sundays, 12/23-1/6	11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Holiday Skating hours:

Mon., 12/24	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tues., 12/25	CLOSED
Mon., 12/31	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tues., 1/1	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Regular Skating Hours after the Holidays

Regular skating hours at Clarkson Park are as follows:

Jan. 3 to mid-February, weather permitting:	
Mon.-Fri.	4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Sat.	10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Sun.	11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in working as an ice rink guard, please call Grant at 847-446-4428 for full details.

Community Events

Northfield Community Nursery School Holds Open House Nov. 7

The Northfield Community Nursery School, 400 Wagner Rd., which offers classes for children ages 8 months-pre-Kindergarten, will hold an Open House for all Weds., Nov. 7, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Registration for returning families is Sat., Dec. 1 at 8:00 a.m. and for new families, Mon., Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 847-446-1116.

Lutheran Church of Ascension Sponsors Flu Prevention Clinic

Residents who want to get flu or pneumonia shots can stop by the Church (Sunset Ridge and Willow Roads on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome! Flu shots \$26; Pneumonia shots \$50.

Medicare Part B will be accepted as payment from those eligible who bring their Medicare card.

Blood Drive Hosted by Lutheran Church of Ascension Nov. 18

Those between the ages of 16 and 80 and in good health are potential donors for the Life Source Blood Drive hosted at Lutheran Church of the Ascension on Sunday, Nov. 18, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 847-446-8335 to schedule or for information. Walk-ins welcome.

Famed Jazz Artist Judy Roberts Returns for Show on Dec. 9

The North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, again hosts the Judy Roberts Holiday Show on Sunday, Dec. 9. Roberts and some special musical friends provide holiday music for all at 3:00 p.m. \$8 per person. For reservations, call 847-784-6030. Free parking.

Northfield Shops Offer Service and Special Gifts for Holiday Giving

The Chamber of Commerce invites shoppers of all ages to get into the holiday spirit by shopping downtown Northfield where "uncommon " gifts and individual service can be found. Discover unique treasures, that special outfit, the perfect shoes and more. Make it a day and stop for lunch or dinner at one of the Village Center restaurants or get ready for your get-together with goods from specialty food shops and our large food store. Gift certificates from local hair salons, spas and other service shops also make great gifts! And don't forget to pick up holiday decorations at the hardware store or special home furnishing stores. Discover all that Northfield has to offer!

County Clerk Seeks Election Judges for Election Day

Cook County will pay \$500 to those selected who successfully complete three training classes and work on Election Day as an Equipment Manager providing voters with efficient service at their polling place. If interested, contact Gail at the Cook County Clerk's office, 312-603-0972.

Calendar of Events

Call the Village Hall for the location of the meeting you want to attend and agendas.

- No. Nov. Mtg.; Dec. 3 - Truth in Taxation/Village Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
- No Nov/Dec. Mtgs.; Jan. 7 - Plan and Zoning Commission Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3 & Jan. 8 - Zoning Board of Appeals Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14 - Architectural Commission Mtgs. - 7:00 p.m.

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Resident Input on Deer

The Village President and Board of Trustees provide this opportunity for your **comments/concerns regarding Deer in your area**. 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