President’s Message

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident. The census count provides the basis for reapportioning congressional seats and for redistricting. In addition, the census count is an important element in the federal government’s decision on how to distribute more than $675 billion in federal funds each year. These funds provide critical support for programs operated by states, counties, and communities like Northfield in areas including housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public safety. Your participation is absolutely critical to ensuring that you are fairly represented at all levels of government, and to ensure that all levels of government receive a fair share of federal funding.

The 2020 Census will be the first to permit citizens to respond over the phone or via an online portal. Self-response will begin in March, when the Census Bureau sends out a postcard which includes both an invitation to respond online and an optional paper questionnaire. In cases where households fail to respond to the postcard, Census Bureau employees will conduct in-person visits, starting in May and ending in July.

If you have any questions concerning the census or how to submit a response, join the North Shore Senior Center, Census Bureau, and Village of Northfield for a Census Workshop on March 23 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the North Shore Senior Center (161 Northfield Road). Bring the letter you received from the Census Bureau with your “Census ID,” and staff will assist you with completing the form electronically.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information they collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

Sincerely,
President Joan Frazier
CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here’s a quick refresher of what it is and why it’s essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It’s in the constitution.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It’s about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It’s about $675 billion.

The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It’s about redistricting.

After each decade’s census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say “I COUNT!”
Census data are being used all around you.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your data is confidential.

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and only use it for statistical research.

We will never share your information with immigration enforcement agencies like ICE, law enforcement agencies like the FBI or police, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS
Judi Greenberg was born in Chicago in 1960 and moved to Northbrook in 1972. As a kid, Judi was always a rule-follower and a leader. She graduated from Glenbrook North High School, where she was an excellent student that loved learning.

Judi was passionate in every pursuit in her life. She cared deeply about animals and would always take in strays. She was very spiritual and loved learning about Jewish traditions. She was a huge Chicago sports fan and cheered for the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. She loved shopping, country music, and watching NASCAR. She enjoyed going to Ravinia and picnicking with co-workers, family, and friends.

Of all of the loves in her life, her family was always her top priority. She cared deeply for her two sisters and their husbands, ten nieces and nephews, and two great-nieces. Judi was kind and generous with her family. She hosted an annual “girl’s night” with her nieces, complete with manicures, dinner, and games. After their sleepovers, the kids never wanted to go home – they had such a wonderful time with their Aunt Judi.

Judi pursued becoming a paramedic after watching the show “Emergency” in the 1970’s. She was the first female Firefighter hired by the Northfield Fire-Rescue Department in 1980. Judi was strong, both mentally and physically.

Judi was promoted to EMS Lieutenant in 1994 and promoted again to Medical Officer in 1998. She was responsible for making sure all members of the Department had the most current equipment and training. She had a passion for training and would teach CPR to anyone who was willing to learn.

Judi also served as a Paramedic and Firefighter for the Naperville Fire Department from 1984-2018. She was celebrated as their Firefighter of the Year at Naperville’s Rib Fest, and was even honored in their parade. Judi made a huge impact in Naperville. She implemented defibrillators in Police squad cars and around town, and established an unused medication collection site.

Serving on two Fire Departments at the same time, Judi’s work was her life. The paramedics and firefighters she worked with became her second family.

Judi had great plans for the future. She had crafts to finish, a guitar to learn how to play, and places she wanted to travel.

The Northfield Fire-Rescue Department and Northfield community lost a bright and shining star this February when Judi passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. This year she would have celebrated 40 years of service to the Village of Northfield. We will miss her every day.
Deer Sightings: If you see deer in your yard or neighborhood, please let us know by visiting www.northfieldil.org/request.

Vote for your Favorite Art Contest Submission!

This March and April, the Village Hall Art Gallery will feature Art Contest submissions by Northfielders of all ages. The Village partnered with the Northfield Park District in January and February to collect art from the community that answers the question, “Why do you love Northfield?”

The contest received 129 submissions, ranging from photographs taken in backyard gardens to crayon drawings of local parks. You can view the artwork and make your vote any time Village Hall is open, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM-4:30 PM through April 30. There is a limit of one vote per person.

The winning piece will be announced May 1 and will be celebrated at the Northfield Park District’s Market and Music program all summer. If you have any suggestions on how to bring art to our community, please send them to mdefeo@northfieldil.org.

Featured Artist: Howard Sandroff

Please join us April 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM for a gallery opening at Village Hall to celebrate the inspiring welded steel sculptures of Howard Sandroff. Howard moved to Northfield in 2015 and has been sculpting since the early 2000’s. After a 45 year career as an internationally recognized composer of orchestral, chamber, and computer generated music, Howard turned his talent to sculpting. He has expanded the welded steel medium to include his interest in computer-controlled interactive sound installations and robotics.

His works have been exhibited in group shows at the Evanston Arts Center, the DOVA Temporary Gallery, Columbia College Faculty Salon, Regenstein Library, The Nicholas Conservatory, The Bill Beeck Gallery at Catholic Theological Union, The Bridgeport Arts Center Gallery and a one-man show at the Nichols Concert Hall. His most recent project is a large scale welded steel sound installation that portrays his own apocalyptic vision of the natural sonic world morphing into our mechanical and industrialized sound-scape.
The Village Board invites all residents to join in reviewing the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. The Budget Workshop is March 3 at 6:00 PM at Village Hall. If further discussion is needed, a second meeting will be held in the same location on March 5 at 6:00 PM.

At the Budget Workshop, the proposed budget will be discussed, as well as a review of the current 2019-2020 fiscal year budget, which will end on April 30. The proposed budget is available for review at Village Hall or at www.northfieldil.org/budget.

Keep Sidewalks Clear

Did you know that it is illegal to park any part of your vehicle on a public sidewalk? Even if your private driveway requires you to drive over a sidewalk, you cannot park your vehicle in your driveway with any part of the vehicle extending over the sidewalk. This is dangerous and illegal because your vehicle may be impeding the ability of pedestrians, those with strollers, cyclists, runners, or people in wheelchairs to travel safely on the sidewalk.

Police Department Promotions

In January, Detective Steve Gilmour and Officer Chad Jones were sworn into their new promoted positions of Corporal. These promotions are well-deserved and we applaud them on this impressive achievement!

Community Events Sign

The Village maintains the community events sign at the corner of Happ Road and Willow Road for local not-for-profit organizations to post their event information. If you are interested in reserving a space for your organization, you can find the application by visiting www.northfieldil.org/sign.

Village-Wide Clean Up Day

Residents can dispose of old or unused items during Village-Wide Clean Up Day, Saturday April 25. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 AM. No hazardous waste, construction debris, landscape waste, or appliances will be picked up. If you would like to dispose of appliances, contact Waste Management at (800)796-9696 to arrange for a special pickup.

Yard Waste Collection Season Begins

Waste Management’s first yard waste pickup of the season will be April 6, with the final pickup on December 7. Yard waste collection is an optional service and subscriptions roll over from year to year. This service is available to residents for $103.03 for the 2020 season.

Paper leaf bags or garbage-type containers clearly marked “yard waste” can be used. There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags or containers residents can put at the curb for collection. Acceptable materials include grass clippings, leaves, garden materials, and branches up to two inches in diameter and four feet in length. Branches set out for collection must be tied with string made of natural fibers.

Do not put yard waste in unmarked recycling or garbage containers or in plastic bags- it will NOT be picked up. To subscribe to yard waste service, call Waste Management at (800)796-9696 or visit www.wm.com.
On April 25, the Northfield Police Department will host its seventh National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Residents can bring unneeded prescriptions to the Police Department (350 Walnut Street) from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM for safe disposal. **This is the first year that we will also accept vaping devices (with the batteries removed).** Please note that needles, syringes, creams, and liquids cannot be accepted.

This event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing drugs, while also educating about the potential for abuse of medications. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs (including dangerous opioids) are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

The Environmental Protection Agency discourages flushing unneeded prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. This keeps medicines from entering our waterways and harming the environment and drinking water.

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### The Northfielders’ Garden Club Celebrates 80 Years

“80 Years Growing” was the theme of The Northfielders’ Garden Club’s recent anniversary celebration. The club marked its 80th anniversary with a special presentation on tabletop design by Lucy Callahan, owner of Northfield’s Peachtree Place. An anniversary cake was prepared by Three Tarts Bakery and Cafe, also of Northfield.

Lynne Curtis, the club’s longest standing member, was interviewed by her daughter, past club President Tracey Buchman, about her memories and experiences in the club since 1966. A celebratory toast included sherry, a garden club libation from days past.

Ann Pecard, current club President, told members, “We have a long history of beautifying our Village, and much to be proud of and celebrate as we look forward to our next 80 years, continuing our club’s purpose of ‘fostering good gardening in its broadest sense.’” This year the club plans to honor its civic service tradition with a commemorative anniversary planting in Northfield.

Founded in 1939, the club has raised money for planting and beautifying the Village through garden walks, house walks, garden shows, and plant and tree sales. During World War II, the club supported troops at both the Glenview Naval Air Base and Camp Skokie, in addition to maintaining victory gardens and leading volunteer efforts in Northfield. From 1948-1955, the Club embarked on an effort to raise money, plant, beautify, and develop the Sunset Ridge School grounds. In 1961, efforts turned to the newly completed Middlefork School with monies raised from a garden show and garden walk. When Middlefork School was preparing to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2009, beds were renovated by the club in time for the celebration. Just a few of the club’s many civic efforts!

Today, the club works closely with another Northfield garden group, the Country Gardeners of Northfield, to provide indoor arrangements for the Northfield library, and to plan, plant, and maintain seasonal outdoor displays at the Northfield Village Hall, Post Office, Library, Police Department, and Inspiration Park, as well as around the Community Events sign at Central and Willow.

The Northfielders’ Garden Club meets monthly September through May, featuring speakers on topics ranging from horticulture, environmental concerns, and landscape architecture, to floral and garden design. The club’s motif, the daffodil, is celebrated at a triennial High Tea and Daffodils spring event held at a member’s home whose yard is laden with daffodils from a previous autumn planting by club members. Daffodil arrangements are provided by members, and daffodil specimens are also on display. The 2020 daffodil celebration is planned for April 30. For more information on The Northfielders’ Garden Club, please visit [www.northfielders.org](http://www.northfielders.org).
Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Maintenance
Did you know that Northfield has three sanitary sewer lift stations throughout the Village? These stations pump sewage to a higher elevation so it can continue its journey to a treatment plant using gravity. The pumps’ electronic panels were original to their 1970 installation, and were upgraded this winter. Keeping these pump stations in great shape is important to ensure an efficient sewer system.

Reduced Insurance Premiums Continue
Due to the hard work of the Community Development Department, Northfield was recently recertified in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Community Rating System. The Village’s continued certification allows residents up to a 15% discount on new overland flooding policies or policy renewals through the National Flood Insurance Program, depending on the location relative to the floodplain.

The recertification process requires an extensive report on the Village’s ongoing flood hazard mitigation efforts. Contact your insurance carrier to discuss your policy or for more information about the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Work Zone Safety Grant
Did you know that there are about 150 worker fatalities in roadway construction sites each year? Because of the dangerous nature of this work, construction zone safety is a huge priority for the Village. The Public Works Department always practices safe work zone habits, including using appropriate barricades, lights, and cones. The Department was recently awarded a $2,000 grant by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Association to assist with the purchase of equipment to keep our employees safe when out working on roadways.
Do you want to become more environmentally friendly, but don’t know where to start? Try the curbside composting program! Composting is the natural process of recycling organic waste and is the most ecologically friendly way to dispose of food scraps. Composting reduces greenhouse gases, diverts materials from landfills, and creates a valuable nutrient-rich soil additive.

Waste Management offers a voluntary subscription-based curbside composting program to all Northfield homes. Compost pickup runs every Monday during the yard waste season from April 6, with the final pickup on December 7. Collected compostable materials are combined with yard waste and are taken to the same facility for disposal; however, unlike yard waste, compostable material must be put into a Waste Management cart due to Health Department regulations and animal concerns.

Food scraps that are put loosely into your cart may attract unwanted pests. Paper bags or newspaper are most commonly used to wrap scraps. All clean paper products (cups, plates, napkins, etc.) should continue to be disposed of in your recycling cart. Paper products that have food remnants (pizza boxes, used paper towels, etc.) cannot be recycled and should instead be composted.

Compost program participants have priority access to free compost for their gardens twice a year. To enroll in the program and request a cart, contact Waste Management at (800)796-9696. For other questions, contact the Village at (847)784-3554.

**Composting Only**
- Participants will receive a 35 gallon Waste Management cart.
- Service is $7.54 per month.

**Composting AND Yard Waste**
- Participants have the option of choosing a 35, 64, or 96 gallon Waste Management cart. You can continue using paper bags or other containers for your yard waste, or can comingle yard waste with your compost in a cart.
- You will continue to pay $103.03 for a season of yard waste service, plus an additional $2.25 per month to include composting.

Q&A with Linnea

A regular column featuring our go-to horticulturist answering your burning questions about plants!

Linnea O’Neill has served as the Village’s Planner since 2000 and is a landscape architect, certified urban planner, and Openlands TreeKeeper. Each spring, Linnea often receives questions from residents asking “Why hasn’t my tree leafed out – is it dead?” Typically the tree is alive and healthy. The timing of a tree leafing out depends on both the weather and the type of tree. Oaks, elms, catalpas, lindens, tupelos, and beeches tend to leaf out later in the spring, while aspens, birches, willows, and maples tend to leaf out early. The reason for this has to do with the tree’s water vessel cells. The trees that leaf out later have large water vessel cells in a ring – if they leaf out too soon the cells will freeze. The trees that leaf out early have water vessel cells that are narrower and scattered throughout the growth wood and are not as susceptible to cold damage.

Have a question about plants that you’d like answered? Send it to loneill@northfieldil.org, and we may feature it in our next newsletter!

One Earth Film Festival

Join fellow documentary film buffs and earth enthusiasts March 6-15 for Chicagoland’s One Earth Film Festival featuring 48 inspiring and thought-provoking environmental documentaries screening across four counties.

Choose from a wide range of films about climate action and environmental and social justice presented at diverse venues including libraries, theaters, museums, and breweries. Stay local and catch Overload: America’s Toxic Love Story on Saturday, March 14 at 3:00 PM at the Wilmette Theater. Thirst for Power is screening on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 PM at Northwestern University.

In the mood to venture beyond the North Shore? Why not take the train downtown to see Go Green Northfield’s pick, The Biggest Little Farm, an excellent film about regenerative agriculture, at Cruz Blanca Brewery & Taqueria on March 8 or share a short road trip with eco-conscious friends to River Forest to view it at the Good Earth Greenhouse on March 13? All screenings offer viewers the opportunity to participate in optional post-film discussions.

Visit the One Earth Film Festival website oneearthfilmfest.org for the full list of featured films, which can be sorted by topic, location, date, or alphabetically. You can also check out film trailers and reserve tickets in advance online. There is a suggested donation of $8/ticket for most films.
The Josselyn Center has a lot to celebrate these days. The nonprofit mental health organization recently held a Grand Re-opening of its 50 year-old facility in Northfield, featuring a top-to-bottom renovation. This spring, they will open a new location in Waukegan, addressing the unmet need for mental health services in Lake County. The nonprofit's renovation and expansion couldn’t be timelier given the current mental health crisis. In just the past two years, the number of clients they serve increased from 1,100 to over 1,500.

The beautiful renovation creates a cheerful environment that ensures each patient has an accessible, compassionate space that is warm, inviting, and healing. The new renovation also supports The Josselyn Center’s expanded programming, such as The Living Room and Drop-In Center, a therapeutic alternative to the emergency room, a tele-psychiatry program that connects patients to psychiatrists in real time via computer screen, and an Art Therapy wing.

“As after allocating every penny to client care for the past five decades, a renovation of our building was overdue. To say that we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our community to complete this project is an understatement. People stepped forward in a way that I never expected and it was so gratifying,” Susan Resko, president of The Josselyn Center, said.

As a national mental health crisis continues to deepen, The Josselyn Center has responded by expanding its mental health services to ensure that everyone — regardless of income — receives quality mental health care. The only Medicaid provider of outpatient psychiatric services for 375 square miles, The Josselyn Center serves a wide range of people from over 60 communities across the North Shore and northwest suburbs, extending up to the Wisconsin border.

“While many people perceive the North Shore as affluent, in reality there are many people in Chicago’s northern suburbs who are in need. Many are surprised to learn that 1 in 6 people live in poverty here,” Resko said. Reflecting the community's needs, 90% of The Josselyn Center services are provided to low income or Medicaid recipients.

The Josselyn Center's basic principles have not changed much in their 50 years. They believe that everyone deserves quality mental health care, regardless of income, and mental health must be a top community priority, just like excellent schools and safe neighborhoods. The Josselyn Center is located at 405 Central Avenue in Northfield. For information and donation opportunities, contact them at (224)505-5286 or visit www.josselyn.org.
Calendar of Events

March

2  Plan and Zoning Commission Meeting  6:30 PM
3  Budget Workshop  6:00 PM
4  Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting  7:00 PM
5  Budget Workshop (If Necessary)  6:00 PM
11 Architectural Commission Meeting  CANCELLED
17 Committee of the Whole Meeting  5:30 PM
17 Village Board Meeting  7:00 PM

April

1  Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting  7:00 PM
7  Plan and Zoning Commission Meeting  7:00 PM
13 Architectural Commission Meeting  7:00 PM
21 Committee of the Whole Meeting  5:30 PM
21 Village Board Meeting  7:00 PM
23 Police Pension Board  5:00 PM
25 Village-Wide Clean Up Day

44th Annual Winnetka-Northfield Chamber Recognition Lunch
The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 44th Annual Recognition Lunch on Wednesday, April 8 from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM at Matz Hall at the Community House, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka. This lunch recognizes “the best of Winnetka and Northfield” – its local citizens, educators, public servants, and businesses for their extraordinary commitment to community service. In a community of active and dedicated people, these individuals have distinguished themselves with their tireless service, enthusiastic support, and strong leadership. They have given unselfishly to the organizations they represent and have touched the lives of many Winnetkans and Northfielders.

Chamber businesses are showcased through their silent auction offerings and a fashion show featuring spring trends from 15 local retailers from both Villages. Over 250 people attend, all leaving with a stuffed gift bags of goodies, while feeling pride in our communities.

The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce is committed to its motto of “supporting and encouraging the development and success of local business for the benefit of our vibrant communities” and the Recognition Lunch exemplifies this message. Tickets and further information on the honorees are available online at www.winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com.

Willow Park Eggstravaganza
Bring your basket and join in the fun on Saturday, April 11 at the annual Eggstravaganza! This year the event will be held at Willow Park. Airbrush tattoos and pictures with the Bunny will be from 10:30- 11:00 AM with the egg hunt beginning at 11:00 AM sharp.

Enjoy Ultimate Flexibility with the Northfield Park District’s New Summer Camp Scheduling Options
Now you can sign up for summer camp by the day and have the best schedule for your family! The Northfield Park District offers several popular camps for children ages 3 years through 8th grade. The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is open to those entering 6th through 10th grade. Camp runs June 15 through August 14. Take advantage of early bird pricing until March 31. See the Camp Guide at www.northfieldparks.org or pick one up at the Northfield Community Center.

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