

The Village of Northfield

May 26, 2020

Dear Northfielders,

Thanks to your adherence to social distancing guidelines and other recommended safety measures, the COVID-19 curve has begun to flatten in Illinois. To be clear, though, the coronavirus is still very much a threat to the safety and welfare of all of us. To date, Illinois has had 112,017 cases of the virus and 4,884 Illinoisans have died from it since the pandemic began. I urge you to continue following safety guidelines as announced by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

There are no plans as yet for parades or other social gatherings in Northfield this summer. If you plan to attend parking lot graduations at our local schools, please follow the guidelines that schools have provided and do not emerge from your car unless called upon to do so by school officials. It is fun to see the car caravans acknowledging someone's birthday or other significant event. However, under no circumstance should individuals gather along parade routes, unless standing in your own yard or driveway.

Speaking of celebrations, Chief Lustig and his fellow officers have done a yeoman job of driving by residents' homes with sirens and song to mark birthdays, anniversaries, and the like. However, police schedules no longer allow for these police-led celebrations and **THEY WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE AFTER JUNE 1 UNLESS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO TODAY.**

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Governor Pritzker will announce the beginning of Phase 3 of his Restore Illinois plan on May 29. This is great news! What it means, among many other things, is that our local restaurants can feature limited outdoor dining if they so choose. Be sure to check our restaurants' websites for details as the week progresses. We will also cover these openings on Northfield's social media.



THANK YOU to the Garard family for your donation of 55 isolation gowns to the Village. We also offer our thanks to Mike Koshev of Five Star Imports for your donation of face shields to the Village. This equipment is so vitally important for our first responders and we are deeply grateful for these and all of the other donations that our residents have provided.

Northfield Park District News

Northfield's traditional 2020 4th of July activities and Market & Music events at Clarkson Park have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Park District is following the Governor's Restore Illinois plan and will host future events accordingly.

The pickleball and tennis courts at Willow Park are now open for SINGLES play only. Please read the safety rules and guidelines on www.northfieldparks.org before playing.

The Northfield Park District has announced a new restructured summer camp, Dolphin Day Camp, for 1st through 4th grades. The first session will start on June 15. See the Park District website for details and registration information.

Update from the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

The Winnetka-Northfield Library is happy to announce that starting Monday, June 1, the library will begin to offer curbside pickup of holds at the Winnetka Library building. Holds will be available by appointment Monday-Sunday between the hours of 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

1. **REQUEST** - Place holds for materials available at the Winnetka Library only. You can place holds online through your account or can call the Library at (847) 446-7220 for assistance. The smaller size of the Northfield Branch precludes staff from working there while safely following social distancing guidelines.
2. **WAIT** - When your holds have been filled, a library staffer will call you to let you know, and will schedule a pickup window for you.
3. **PICKUP** - Come to the Winnetka Library during your scheduled pickup time. To keep us all safe, a librarian will meet you outside and place materials in your popped trunk or on a table for walkup service.



4. **ENJOY** - Please enjoy your materials and hang onto them until the library announces that we are ready to accept returns. The library is unable to accept returns at this time.

Thank you for understanding that there may be extended waiting times to receive newly placed holds due to increased demand. The library is excited to be able to serve patrons during this difficult time, and looks forward to seeing you at a curbside appointment soon!

All library staff working curbside service will be provided with disposable gloves, disposable masks, and other PPE as needed, per the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control. The Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District buildings will remain closed to the public for the time being.

For additional information visit: <https://www.winnetkalibrary.org/curbside-pickup/>

New Trier High School Graduation Announcement

Today the Village received the following important announcement from New Trier High School concerning seniors' graduation on May 31:

The New Trier Parents' Association and parents of 2020 Seniors invite our community to join in a celebration to recognize seniors community-wide on May 31, 2020. This is the date of New Trier's Commencement. We are asking residents to light up their homes to honor all community seniors. We hope that all communities within the New Trier High School District will post this flyer in their community newsletters and on their social media platforms as soon as possible. Due to the special circumstances surrounding this year's senior class, many residents have asked what they can do to celebrate them and we feel that this is a great opportunity to show our support collectively. We also hope that this will support local businesses by creating additional awareness about the date for New Trier's commencement.



We are hopeful for a beautiful evening where our neighbors can participate in an environmentally friendly way, using existing lighting supplies and methods. By supplies, we are referring to lanterns or luminaries (paper bags containing lit candles that are stabilized in sand or dirt).

This is a wonderful idea and an appropriate celebration of our seniors' graduation. I encourage everyone to honor our graduates by creating a festive light show at their homes on May 31.

Local Hero

Dr. Dan Friedman is a Northfield resident and a Clinical Psychologist. In addition to growing an isolation beard, he has created several free services to assist his patients, their families, and the Northfield community, beyond traditional psychological services.

Dr. Friedman has set aside hours during the day and evening, including weekends as open call hours. Folks can set up a call in advance or directly contact him during these hours for 20-minute check-in sessions. Many students and families have also taken advantage of the office's open text threads for quick questions or thoughts.

If you need Dr. Friedman's assistance, you can reach him at drdanfriedman@gmail.com, or text him at 773/818-9940.

Thank you, Dr. Friedman, for helping your neighbors during this time of stress and uncertainty. We are proud to call you our neighbor.



Joan Frazier
Village President

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