

The Village of Northfield

April 6, 2020

Dear Northfielders,

If you've been through our village recently, you've noticed our American flag prominently on display throughout the main streets. This was the initiative of Mike Nystrand, who serves the Village as both Fire Chief and head of our Public Works department. The presence of these flags reminds us that we are in fact in this together, and that the American spirit has always been and will always be indomitable.

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, I must emphasize that it is critically important that you continue to stay at home. If you leave your home, practice social distancing at all times, then wash your hands when you return. You should wash your hands repeatedly throughout the day. It has been recommended that you wear a mask when you go into any public places. There is evidence that this strategy is beginning to yield positive results in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, but the situation is still dire and a threat to everyone's health. Please protect yourself, your family, and each person you meet by following these guidelines.

Village

Northfield government is in operation and providing all basic services. If you need a non-emergency Village service, call 847/446-9200, or check our Village website for more contact information (www.northfield.org). As always, dial 911 for emergency assistance.

If your child is celebrating a birthday during the quarantine, the Northfield police can highlight the day by driving by with sirens sounding and lights blazing. If you think your child would enjoy this display, call Chief Lustig at 847/441-3849 to make arrangements.

All meetings have been cancelled this month for the Architectural Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Police Pension Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Northfield Board of Trustees will meet by teleconference on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the Village website (www.northfieldil.org) on April 17. Anyone who wants to listen to the meeting can dial in using the teleconference phone number that will be included with the meeting agenda. If you plan to do so, please mute your phone. We will invite public comment at the end of the meeting. The audio of the meeting will be available on the Northfield website the day after the meeting, and the meeting minutes will be available on the website after they are approved at our next regular Board meeting.



This is a very challenging time for our local businesses. If you can, please patronize them. A link to a chart listing the local businesses offering senior hours, curbside service, and/or meals for off-premises consumption is found at the end of this letter.

Financial Assistance

Northfield Community Development Director Steve Gutierrez is providing information for those looking for economic assistance. Mr. Gutierrez cannot disburse funds or provide financial counseling, but he can provide information on sources of financial help. Some of the available programs include:

- Child Care Help for Pandemic Workers: all essential pandemic workers automatically qualify for Illinois' childcare assistance program. Visit the Illinois Department of Public Health website (www.dhs.state.il.us), and complete the COVID-19 Prioritized Essential Workers Child Care Application.
- Information on unemployment benefits: [click here](#) for State of Illinois information on unemployment benefits and for other employment-related issues; [click here](#) for unemployment benefits information under the recent federal stimulus package (CARES Act)
- Help for consumers struggling to make debt payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic: [click here](#) for information from the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation
- Resources for those searching for a job, job search tips, tools, training and other resources: visit [Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership - Who's Hiring Now](#); [Illinois Worknet Center - Job Finder](#).

For more information, call Mr. Gutierrez at 847/784-3550.

Sources of Assistance

The North Shore Senior Center is closed, but it is still offering some services remotely. For more information, call 847/784-6000. The Senior Center is offering classes on Zoom. See www.nssc.org.

Emotional Support/Mental Health Resources:

- [The Josselyn Center](#) - (847) 441-5600 x1
- [Family Service Center](#) - (847) 251-7350
- [Counseling Center of the North Shore](#) - (847) 446-8060

How Can You Help?

This is a time of need for those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19. You can make a financial donation to the Northfield Township Food Pantry at www.twp.northfield.il.us. To donate to the New Trier Township Food Pantry, visit www.newtriertownship.com.



The Just Harvest Community Kitchen in Rogers Park has seen a steady increase in the number of people they feed since the pandemic began. They need clamshell food containers, powdered milk, canned goods, juice boxes, and more. They are also in need of financial donations. For more information, visit www.ajustharvest.org.

The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood and platelet donations from healthy donors. If you can donate, make an appointment at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Finally, the Office of the Governor, United Way of Illinois, and Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations have united to form a COVID-19 Response Fund. The monies collected will be disbursed to nonprofit organizations across Illinois serving the individuals, families, and communities hardest hit by the pandemic. To donate, visit www.ilcovidresponsefund.org.

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[Click here to view which Northfield restaurants are offering off-premise dining options.](#)

