Dear Northfielders,

As 2021 winds down and we begin to look forward to a new year full of possibilities, I think it is important to pause and reflect on the many accomplishments of the past year. Despite a challenging time, our wonderful Village has made it through with great resilience. Our businesses are coming back strong, our residents continue to be excellent neighbors and community stewards, and our local government has never faltered in providing essential and life-saving services.

This year, the Village has seen many successes including partnering to vaccinate 10,000 community members at New Trier High School, the IDOT approval of the Happ Road and Skokie Valley Trail Phase I Studies, the strengthening of our Police Pension Fund, a comprehensive update of the Village Code, maintaining our AAA bond rating, and much more. These accomplishments would not be possible without the hard work of my fellow Village Trustees Barnaby Dinges, Todd Fowler, Matt Galin, Tracey Mendrek, Charlie Orth, and Tom Whittaker, along with our dedicated former Trustees and the residents who volunteer on the Village’s Architectural Commission, Board of Police Commissioners, Plan and Zoning Commission, Police Pension Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals (please see page 4 for a listing of Board and Commission members).

Similar to those that serve on the Library Board, School Boards, Park Boards, or other local philanthropic organizations, these residents work tirelessly to plan, research, analyze, and implement programs that affect the quality of life in our community and make it a better place to live and work. I am extremely thankful for the strong volunteer spirit here in Northfield, it is one of the things that makes our Village so great. If you are interested in serving or learning more, I encourage you to visit www.northfieldil.org/serve.

I am also appreciative of the Village’s extraordinary staff that continues to go above and beyond to ensure the Village runs smoothly and that our residents are protected. Our Community Development, Finance and Administration, Fire-Rescue, Police, and Public Works Departments are staffed with exceptional professionals that continue to impress me with their dedication to serving others through this challenging time.

Lastly, I am thankful to each of the Village residents. Every day, I see great examples of Northfielders being kind and supportive neighbors. It reminds me that it is the resiliency of our people and the close-knit nature of our community that makes it so special.

I hope that you enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season with family and friends!

Sincerely,
Greg Lungmus,
Village President
Northfield Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 1
5:30 - 7:00PM
Clarkson Park

Join us for a festive tree lighting, Santa visit, music, food, activities and family fun
Leaf Season

Autumn is here, and so are the leaves! Shredding leaves with a mulching mower and leaving them on your lawn to decompose is the most environmentally friendly option for disposal. This will enhance your soil with valuable nutrients and act as a natural weed control agent. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the street, as this can create safety issues and clog storm drains and pipes.

DID YOU KNOW? It is against the Village Code to park on any Village street or in any Village parking lot between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Violators can be cited.

Free Safety Seat Check

Did you know the Police Department offers free child safety seat installations for Northfield residents? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that up to 46% of safety seats are improperly used or installed, which can lead to serious injury in an accident. Call the Police Department at (847) 446-2131 to schedule an appointment with a certified safety seat installer, and they can walk you through the proper installation techniques. Safety seat checks are $50 for non-Northfield residents.

Featured Artist: Northfield Community Nursery School ‘Winter Happiness’

This November and December, the Village Hall Art Gallery will feature art created by Northfield Community Nursery School students. Northfield Community Nursery School has six classes including 81 students from ages 2-5. Their exhibit is titled ‘Winter Happiness’ and will feature all of the things that bring joy in our cold-weather months!

Please join us on December 7 for a gallery opening from 5:00-7:00 PM at Village Hall. You can also view the art any time Village Hall is open, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. The last day for yard waste and compost collection will be December 6.

Right of Way Use

Did you know that anyone wishing to use a Village right of way must demonstrate a compelling need and enter into a formal license agreement? As part of their review of license requests, the Village Board will consider the impact on surrounding properties with regard to storm water runoff, screening, noise, light intrusion, right of access, and liability. Licensees will be required to insure against and hold the Village harmless from any liability associated with the proposed private use. Driveways, mailboxes, private street signs, and sprinkler systems are exempt from the licensing policy as long as they are installed in compliance with Village Code and policy. The right of way policy is available for review at www.northfieldil.org/ROWPolicy.

Do you live adjacent to a Village-owned right of way? Disposal of trash or yard waste on Village-owned property impedes storm water drainage and is a violation of Village Code. If you have disposed of anything on the Village’s property, please remove it immediately. If you see someone dumping on the Village’s property, please let us know by calling (847) 784-3551.
Thanks to our Board and Commission Members!

On behalf of all Northfield residents, we extend our appreciation to the following residents for their service to the community:

**Village President**
Greg Lungmus

**Board of Trustees**
Barnaby Dinges
Todd Fowler
Matt Galin
Tracey Mendrek
Charles Orth
Tom Whittaker

**Architectural Commission**
Tev Bond, Chair
Andy Bowyer
Jeffrey Eigel
Joe McInerney
Patricia Morrell
Nancy Nazarian
Kathryn Talty

**Plan & Zoning Commission**
Bill Vaselopulos, Chair
Todd Berlinghof
Connie Berman
Jack Brannigan
Dan deLoys
Kathy Estabrooke
Steven Hirsch
Bill Kelly
Jennifer Sucher

**Police Pension Board**
Gordon Scott
Donald Whiteman

**Zoning Board of Appeals**
Richard Crotty, Chair
Cheryl Charnas
Robert Hayward
Christine Geraghty
Ron Cohen
John Goodwin
Tom Macina

**Kickstart the holiday season by donating to Toys for Tots!**

Please bring unwrapped toys to the Fire-Rescue Facility (1800 Winnetka Avenue) or Village Hall (361 Happ Road) Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM November 15 through December 15. Toys for Tots helps less fortunate children in our community experience the joy of the holidays. Thank you for your generosity!

Parking is not allowed on the west side of North Happ Road. Parking is limited to the east side of the road, with permit only. Permits can be obtained by calling the Police Department at (847) 446-2131.

Get to Know a Northfielder

Chad Jones grew up in the northwest suburbs and attended Southern Illinois University where he pursued his passion for piloting and received a degree in Aviation Management. After graduating, he pivoted to begin a career in law enforcement as a Police Officer for Round Lake.

Chad served as an Officer in Round Lake for five years before joining the Northfield Police Department, where he has spent the last 22 years. He held the position of Detective for four years and was promoted to Corporal in 2020. He says his favorite part of his job is helping people.

Chad lives in Palatine and spends his free time playing golf, salsa dancing, and completing DIY projects. He will be retiring from the Village this fall and is excited to spend the next chapter of his life flying private jets. Please join us in thanking Chad for his service to our community!

**North Happ Road On-Street Parking**

Help us Clear the Hydrants!

This winter, please help the Fire-Rescue Department by clearing three feet of snow around fire hydrants in your neighborhood and a path to the street in case they are needed for firefighting efforts!

Village Board Meeting Schedule for 2022

Village Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, with the exception of the December meeting.

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- December 6
Snow and Ice Control Plan
The Public Works Department uses a Snow and Ice Control Plan to ensure that roads and critical sidewalks remain passable during winter’s unpredictable weather. The Plan includes one salting and eight plowing routes. Public Works crews begin plowing when snowfall reaches two inches of accumulation and attempt to remove snow during slow traffic hours.

If the forecast indicates long periods of snow and large amounts of accumulation, crews plow in intervals to prevent accumulation. After routes are plowed, all major Village streets, intersections, and slippery spots are salted.

Sidewalks in the central business district and along school routes are also cleared as part of the Plan. Northfield crews only clear Village streets, and residents on private streets are responsible for contracting independently for snow removal.

The Village is always looking for ways to improve services and reduce our impact on the environment. Public Works proactively pretreats roads with a salt brine and beet juice mixture before snow and ice events to increase the effective temperature range of the salt, ensure less is applied, and reduce the amount scattered off the roadway. Public Works has also focused on improving the efficiency of the mechanical removal of snow and ice prior to salt treatment to reduce the amount of salt needed. With these innovative methods, we can assure more efficient salt usage and less impact on the environment, while maintaining a high level of public safety.

Snow Removal Responsibilities
The Village is only responsible for plowing local streets. If you have a concern regarding snow plowing on one of these streets, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 441-3810.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) maintained roads include Willow, Waukegan, the Eden’s Expressway, and Hibbard (Willow to Illinois). IDOT can be reached at (847) 705-4227.

Contact the Cook County Highway Department at (847) 827-1164 for snow plowing concerns regarding Sunset Ridge, Wagner (south of Willow), Winnetka, West Frontage, East Frontage, Happ (Willow to Illinois), Orchard (West Frontage to South Happ and East Frontage to Linder), and Linder (north of Orchard).

Snow Parking Restrictions
To allow for safe and effective snow plowing, during a snowfall of three or more inches, vehicles cannot be parked along any roadway or in a Village parking lot. Vehicles that are not moved will be towed at the owner’s expense.

This winter, please be a good neighbor by shoveling and de-icing your sidewalks.
Your neighbors thank you!
Ask a Snow Plow Operator

LUKE
What could Northfielders do to help you do your job?
It would be helpful if residents brought in their garbage cans as soon as possible- it’s hard to navigate around them without knocking them over. It’s also important that when they shovel or snow-blow to not direct it into the street.

ERIC
What do you wish Northfielders knew about what you do?
The road is nasty in front of me and nice and clear behind me. Cars seem to stay right behind me and I’m always worried they’re going to try and pass. It’s never a safe idea to pass a plow.

BILL
What’s the best thing about your job?
The work we do is important. We clear roads for motor vehicles and emergency vehicles during heavy storms. It’s about safety – public safety.

BRENDAN
What’s the hardest part of your job?
When plowing snow, we have to deal with multiple weather conditions, like freezing rain. 80% of our storms come in as rain first, then change over to ice and then snow. The ice on the plows, windshields, and hydraulic cylinders means slower reaction times on the plow.

TED
What do you wish the Northfielders knew about your job?
Our equipment is 60,000 pounds of iron and I have to constantly watch for cars trying to pass me so I don’t hit anyone. I think it’s a lot harder to drive this heavy machinery than people think. We don’t have the reaction times that a small car does, and we have limited visibility. We really need people to give us plenty of room to do our jobs so that we can all be safe.

ANDREW
What could Northfielders do to help you do your job?
When we have a snowfall of three or more inches, it’s very important that vehicles aren’t parked in any Village parking lot or along any roadway so we can clear the road completely.

MATT
What’s one of your biggest challenges on the job?
The most difficult part of my job is not knowing when I’ll be called in to plow and the long hours during a snow event. We work in 12-hour shifts and we’re always on call during the winter months.

BRANDON
What’s the most rewarding part of your job?
I think the most rewarding part of my job is making sure everybody gets to where they’re going safely. That’s our biggest goal – my biggest goal. I know my family travels on these roads and I want them to get there safe, so I view everyone else like my family too.

The Village thanks our Snow Plow Operators for everything they do for our community!
Sidewalk Improvements
As part of the Village’s annual Sidewalk Replacement Program, we survey the community for hazardous public sidewalks and curbs that are in need of repair or replacement. This fall, 3,600 square feet of new sidewalk was laid to ensure safe and walkable routes for pedestrians.

Roadway Maintenance Program Completed
This year, the Village undertook improvements on segments of many roadways throughout town as part of our annual Roadway Maintenance Program. Ongoing maintenance ensures our roadways stay in great shape for years to come!

Sewer Root Control
Did you know that the Village conducts regular sanitary sewer maintenance to manage tree root growth? Roots are attracted to water vapor that escapes through tiny cracks or loose joints in sewer pipes, causing roots to move towards and penetrate these small openings. Once roots enter the pipe, they feed off the water and begin to grow inside the pipe. This continues throughout the winter, even when trees appear to be dormant. The Village regularly treats sanitary sewer lines for roots to prevent blockages and the damage they cause. This year, roughly 4,000 linear feet of pipes were treated.

Village Board Actions
The Village Board of Trustees met on August 17 and September 21 and took the following actions:

- Reappointed Richard Crotty, Cheryl Charnas, Ron Cohen, John Goodwin, and Thomas Macina to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Connie Berman, and Jennifer Sucher to the Plan and Zoning Commission; and Nancy Nazarian to the Architectural Commission
- Appointed Jack Brannigan to the Plan and Zoning Commission
- Approved a proposal with Patrick Engineering for the Phase II and Land Acquisition Services for Happ Road, in the amount of $963,607
- Approved a proposal with Christopher Burke Engineering for the professional engineering services for the Bosworth Pedestrian Bridge, in the amount of $59,000, plus a $10,000 contingency to address IDNR permitting requirements
- Approved a resolution extending the existing lease with Crown Castle, at 1800 Winnetka Avenue, until November 30, 2021
- Approved a Special Use for Happ Fields LLC in order to operate a restaurant at 300 Happ Road
- Approved an amendment to Appendix C, Safety Codes to grant the Zoning Board of Appeals authority to require compliance bonds and their possible forfeiture as a condition of granting a building permit extension
- Approved an amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-11, to allow Private Street signs in the Village right of way
- Approved a waiver of the bidding process and the award of a contract to Hoerr Construction, Inc. in the amount of $37,397, for emergency sanitary slip lining on Somerset Lane and Harding Road
- Approved the purchase of two 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Pursuit Vehicles for $73,605 and an ordinance declaring existing squad cars as surplus
- Approved the purchase of one Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford for $37,061 and an ordinance declaring one pickup truck as surplus
- Approved the purchase of one Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford for $36,871 and an ordinance declaring one pickup truck as surplus
Pumpkin Composting

Did you know that pumpkins are a fruit and are made of 90% water? When your pumpkin’s life on your front porch is over, don’t throw it in the garbage! Pumpkins (and other organic material like food scraps and yard waste) thrown in your garbage are sent to a landfill, where it decomposes without oxygen and produces methane gas—a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide!

Go Green Northfield, the Northfield Park District, and the Village are partnering to compost those pumpkins instead! Pumpkins are full of nutrients that make great compost for the garden. Drop your pumpkin off in the dumpster located in the parking lot of the Community Center (401 Wagner Road) November 1-15. Painted pumpkins will be accepted, but make sure to remove any non-organic decorations, such as candles and googly eyes!

Recycle Your Live Holiday Trees and Wreaths

Waste Management will pick up live trees and wreaths at your curb during the first two weeks of January. Trees must not be bagged and cannot be decorated or taller than six feet. Trees that are recycled will go to a composting facility where they will produce a useful end-product. Trees collected by Waste Management after the second week of January will be treated as trash and sent to a landfill.

Help the Environment by Shopping Locally!

Northfield businesses make it easy for you to shop for locally sourced ingredients for holiday entertaining and sustainable holiday gifts. Locally owned businesses tend to make more local purchases, which means less transportation, lower energy and fuel costs, and less excessive packaging. You can further reduce the environmental impact by bringing your own shopping bag!

When you stop into one of Northfield’s many small businesses, the money you spend retains jobs and keeps your tax dollars in your community and working for you, your family, and your neighbors. Northfield’s many small businesses contribute to the positive character of the community, making the Village a great place to live, work, learn, and play. Shop local this holiday season and reap benefits far beyond the gifts and goods you’re buying!
November 29 – January 31

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
NORTHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Accepting mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights & extension cords

Go Green Northfield | Northfield Park District | Village of Northfield
in partnership with Elgin Recycling
Sheila Mulchrone opened Zen Butterfly Massage in 2018 to assist clients in their integration of body, mind, and spirit. She believes in effective massage therapy treatment in conjunction with healthy life choices, and that together they pave the road to living your best life.

After having children, Sheila found she could not rely on modern medicine to meet all of her children’s needs. This led her to switch careers from Information Technology and Fashion Design to what she calls her destiny- Alternative Healing. She has been practicing healing for over eight years, and her experience ranges from providing services in hotel spas to focused therapeutic clinical settings.

In addition to being a licensed Massage Therapist, Sheila is certificated in a wide array of advanced healing techniques including Reiki, Ancient Rainbow Conscious Healing, stationary and gliding cupping, medical massage, pre and post-natal pregnancy massage, reflexology, craniosacral treatment, lymphatic drainage (Vodder method), Chakra balancing, and sacral and solar plexus release. In addition, she is a certified Dahn yoga instructor.

Sheila works intuitively to customize each massage to decrease pain and discomfort and increase her clients’ quality of life. She offers traditional techniques including Swedish and couples massages, as well as specialty options like cupping and Himalayan salt stone.

Call Sheila at Zen Butterfly Massage today at (847) 445-2593 to schedule your appointment at her office at 1780 Maple Street, Suite 30. Don’t want to make the drive? Sheila will come to you for on-location service. She also offers customized gift certificates, which make the perfect holiday gift!

Shop Local, Shop Sustainable in Northfield
Don’t forget to join your neighbors and friends in supporting your local Northfield businesses on Saturday, November 27!
Letters to Santa
Write to Santa Claus! Santa will be accepting letters from November 15 until 4:00 PM on December 17. He will write back and let children know that he received their requests. Please make sure your return address is printed clearly. Santa will be very busy making toys and checking his list twice, and will not be able to answer any letters after December 17. Drop your letters in Santa’s mailbox in the lobby of the Northfield Community Center and they will forward them to Santa, or send them to:
Santa c/o Northfield Park District
401 Wagner Road
Northfield, IL 60093

Clarkson Park Outdoor Ice Rink
The outdoor ice rink in front of Clarkson Lodge will be open mid-December through February, weather-permitting. Look for the flag outside Clarkson Lodge to confirm whether the rink is open: green for open and red for closed. Also, check the Park District website www.northfieldparks.org or Facebook page for ice rink status.

Red Invitation Sale
You’ll find something for everyone at the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce Red Invitation Event! This highly anticipated tradition for Northfield retailers offers customers special extras and discounts. Shoppers will find clothing, household goods, gifts, and much more! You will find the perfect unique gift for that special someone while enjoying the outstanding service and convenience shopping small allows. Be sure to treat yourself by stopping at a participating restaurant for a warm beverage or glass of wine, then eat-in or carry-out a delicious meal – a gift to yourself after a busy shopping day!

Calendar of Events

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