

Northfield Township Road District

NEWSLETTER
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Highway Commissioner

From the Highway Commissioner

Dear Residents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Another Challenging Year. I'm sure we can all agree that this past year has been another challenging one. And, like most government agencies and businesses, the Road District has had its share of challenges too.

During the pandemic, the County again allowed residents to delay making their real estate tax payments by one month. This delay required the Road District to stretch our already thin reserve funds even thinner. Despite this setback, the Road District was able to repave Oak Avenue, Maple Avenue and Cumberland Avenue in Northbrook. The Road District was also able to complete much needed reconstruction of the Linneman Street sidewalk and storm drain re-configuration.

In the meantime, the Northfield Township Road District safely and effectively adjusted its services by following strict CDC, State, and Local health mandates and guidelines. The Road District has continued to implement a thorough staff training program on the protocols for Covid-19, and continues to adhere to all social distancing policies for anyone in the facility, while remaining available to our residents.

The Road District's Unique Role. I often hear misconceptions about the services and operations of the Road District, and I would like to explain the unique role the Road District has in the community. Unlike the State of Illinois, Cook County, or the municipalities, the Northfield Township Road District relies solely on capped real estate taxes as its only source of funds. For example, a typical home valued at \$400,000, both the incorporated and the unincorporated homeowner pay the Road District approximately \$66.00 per year. Half of the incorporated homeowner's \$66.00 (\$33.00) goes back to the municipalities for their Road projects. The remaining monies are applied toward the following tasks in areas under the Northfield Township Road District jurisdiction, which serves over 86,800 residents in unincorporated Northfield, Northbrook, Glenview, Prospect Heights, Deerfield, Wilmette, Glencoe, and Des Plaines:

- Maintaining and resurfacing the unincorporated roads that are not controlled by a municipality, Cook County, or the State of Illinois.
- Replacing deficient storm sewers and maintaining storm sewer system.
- Maintaining emergency storm services, public streets, sidewalks, street lighting, and signs.
- Operating a cutting-edge Recycling Center that provides extensive free document shredding, and electronics, paint, oil, tire, fluorescent light bulb and chemical recycling.
- Managing a reforestation program that shares the cost of planting new parkway trees, and trimming trees and bushes on the right-of-way in the unincorporated areas.

When you consider the comprehensive services provided, the Northfield Township Road District is an exceptional value to the taxpayers of each Township it serves.

A Year Into My Second Term. I've been honored to continue serving as your Highway Commissioner, and I'm focused on the following goals:

- Continuing to provide funding for resident programs such as recycling, flooding, road repairs, plowing, tree trimming, and on-going street maintenance.
- Continue to develop a township wide comprehensive recycling program for all the municipalities the Road District services. Our objective is to create a homogeneous, community recycling center, efficiently funneling all recycling into one centralized location.
- Provide the Township's residents with excellent service by adapting to our ever-changing environment; succeeding with effective planning and teamwork; and successfully responding to emergency situations.

Strong Teamwork. I feel fortunate not only to be your Highway Commissioner, but also blessed to have a great staff at the Road District. My team and I share a common goal: to provide the Township's residents with excellent service, 24/7, and to let our good work and deeds speak for themselves. We continue to adapt to our ever-changing environment, succeeding with effective planning, especially during emergency response situations. It is my mission to continue the fine work the Township's residents have received in the past, and to improve and update our area whenever possible.

Building Relationship/Open Communication. I've had the pleasure of meeting with many of you at various Homeowner's Association meetings, in person and on zoom or social media, and I look forward to meeting many more. Feel free to reach out to me at any time at NTRoad@Northfieldtownship.com. As always, I welcome your feedback and input! With your help we can continue to make the Township a great place to live. For up-to-date information, please visit our website and follow us on @NorthfieldRoads on Facebook and @NorthfieldRoads on Twitter to learn more about the new steps we are taking to improve community.

Together in Service,

Tim Rueckert

Highway Commissioner,

Northfield Township Road District.

Thank You for Supporting Our Recycling Program

STARTS 4/4/22 ENDS 10/28/2022 • Mon - Fri • 7AM - 3PM

Please pull up to the north end of the garage building at 237 Melvin Dr. Northbrook, ring the bell and we will help you take the recyclable material out of your car.



The Northfield Township Road District will share with residents and businesses the cost of approximately 25 new parkway trees in 2022. Trees will range between 3 and 3 1/2" inches in diameter and a property owner's share will be \$300 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. There is a limit of two trees per property, providing there is adequate room within the public right-of-way. (Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.) The trees will be planted during May, June and if necessary, early October as weather permits. There is a 15-month one-time replacement guarantee for each tree. Guarantees do not cover tree death due to obvious owner neglect, including over or under watering. The Northfield Township Road District will provide property owners with tree-care instructions. Trees must be planted equidistant from curb and sidewalks, at least 35' from any other parkway tree, at least 10' from a driveway or street light and at least 45' from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines. Locations must be at least 5' from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Indicate the number and type of 3-3 1/2" diameter trees (limit of two at \$300 each) on Tree Guide (right).
 - No trees are available for planting on private property.
 - Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, Northfield Township Road District staff will call you to select an alternative.
2. Orders must be submitted on this form by May 2, 2022, and will be processed in the order received. Northfield Township Road District funds and tree quantities are limited, so **PLEASE ORDER EARLY!**
3. Draw a simple sketch of your property in the box below. Indicate pertinent landmarks such as building, driveway, utility structures, etc. Place an X at the location where you want your tree planted, and place an arrow indicating North. Residents may suggest locations, but Northfield Township Road District personnel will make final decisions to ensure uniformity with utility system and sight-line guidelines.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____

(WORK): _____

Complete and return this form and your check made payable to the **NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT** by Monday, May 2nd, 2022 to:

Tim Rueckert, Highway Commissioner
 Northfield Township Road District
 237 Melvin Dr.
 Northbrook, IL 60062

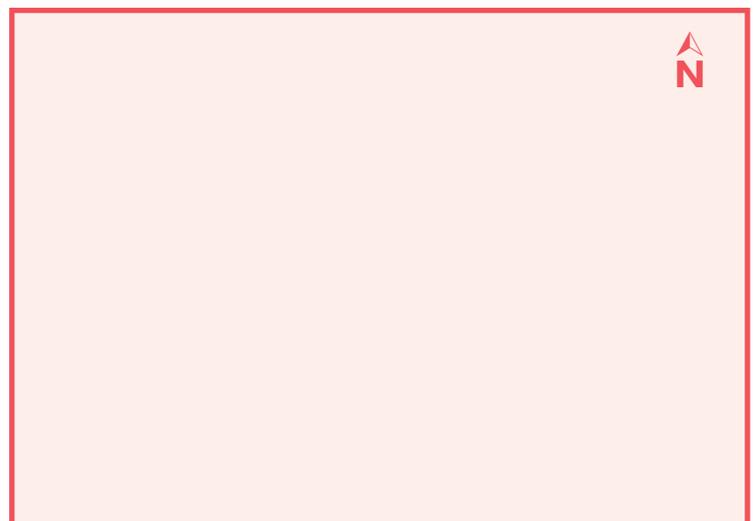
TREE GUIDE

- FREEMAN MAPLE**
 Crown: Moderately oval Height: 50' Width: 30'
 Growth Rate: Medium Size: Large
 Summer Foliage: Light green to green
 Fall Foliage: Red
 Fruit: Seedless

- SWAMP WHITE OAK**— (Our favorite indigenous oak)
 Crown: Oval Height: 60' Width: 50'
 Growth Rate: Moderate to fast Size: Large
 Summer Foliage: Emerging purplish green changing to dark green
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown
 Fruit: Acorn with long stem

- TRIUMPH ELM**— (Resistant to Dutch elm Disease)
 Crown: Upright symmetrical Height: 55' Width: 45'
 Growth Rate: Medium Size: Large
 Summer Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Yellow
 Fruit: None

- ORNAMENTAL PEAR**
 Crown: Moderately pyramidal Height: 35' Width: 25'
 Growth Rate: Moderate Size: Medium
 Summer Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Red purple (persisting to early winter)
 Fruit: White spring flowers, pea-sized fruit



2022 BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE

Northfield Township – Unincorporated Areas Only

In our continued effort to provide this service to residents of unincorporated Northfield Township, free brush pick-up will happen during the months of May, June, and September. Please follow the pick-up times and requirements below so that we may have a safe and expedient brush pick-up.

PICK-UP TIMES:

Brush bundles should be placed at the roadway edges by May 2nd, June 6th and September 6th if you live south of Willow Road and by May 16th, June 20th and September 19th if you live north of Willow Road.

MONTH OF MAY

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday May 2nd.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16th.

MONTH OF JUNE

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 6th.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 20th.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6th.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, September 19th.

REMEMBER, ONCE WE HAVE GONE THROUGH AN AREA, WE WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED DATE

- PLACE CUT ENDS TOWARD THE ROADWAY. CREWS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PICK UP MATERIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- Brush bundles 4 feet or shorter must be tied with no more than 4 feet of twine at the largest part of the bundle. These brush bundles should be no larger than 16 inches in diameter. WIRE MUST NOT BE USED since it is dangerous and harmful to crew and equipment.
- Brush bundles must be free of stumps, root balls, dirt and stones, metal, construction material and other trash. Nothing in garbage cans, boxes, bags, or any other container will be picked up.
- Branches should be no larger than 16 inches in diameter. These branches do not have to be cut into smaller bundles. Place these branches in a long, low pile.
- Any tree, bush, or plant that has thorns must be tied separate from the other brush. Follow the instructions given in the second requirement for procedures in securing this brush. Please leave this brush to the side of all other brush.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions, please call the Road District at (847) 724-7055. You may also e-mail us at ntroad@northfieldtownship.com.

NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY BRUSH PICK-UP NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE. PLEASE SAVE THIS NOTICE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

WHY PRUNE?

While pruning does enhance the appearance and value of your landscape, its importance is more than cosmetic.

- Proper pruning is essential to the health of ornamental and shade trees.
- Proper pruning can be used to train growth patterns of young trees.
- Proper pruning removes weak, dead, storm damaged or interfering branches.
- Proper pruning minimizes the risk of storm damage.
- And proper pruning provides clearance for streets, sidewalks, driveways, structures, and overhead lines. More than a “haircut” for your trees and shrubs – pruning is a way to help them live longer, healthier lives.

PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING

The Road District will continue to trim parkway trees on rights-of-way at various locations. Work has begun and should go on thru April.

Tree trimming is performed on five-year cycles to maintain form and to remove dead, diseased, unattractive and low branching limbs, which are possible hazards to pedestrians, cyclists, and all forms of vehicular traffic. Our goal is to remove lower branches to a minimum height of 14 feet in order to diminish these prospective hazards.



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PROGRAMS

ANNUAL PARKWAY
TREE OFFER

BRUSH PICKUP

Be responsible and recycle. A brochure is available on our web page at www.northfieldtownship.com. Click on the recycling icon.

2022 Sensitive Document Shredding

At these one day recycling events, we will collect our regularly accepted recyclables as well as sensitive documents to be shredded.

You are limited to a maximum of three (3) containers, such as paper grocery bags or computer paper boxes, per vehicle/household/event.

Documents will not be accepted for shredding with paper clips, metal binders or any other metal or plastic.

SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS ONLY - No junk mail, ads, books, newspapers & magazines etc.

NO BUSINESS SHREDDING IS ACCEPTED.

Saturday, April 23 at Northbrook Metra Station, 1401 Shermer Rd, West side of commuter lot, **9AM to 12PM**

Wednesday, May 11 at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM;**

Saturday, June 11 at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM;**

Saturday, July 16 at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM;**

Wednesday, July 27 at North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd. in **Northfield, 9AM to 1PM;**

Saturday, August 20 at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM;**

Saturday, September 17 at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM;**

Saturday, October 15* at the Township Road District garage, 237 Melvin Dr. in **Northbrook, 9AM to 1PM.**

THIS IS OUR LAST SHREDDING EVENT FOR THE YEAR