

Northfield Township Road District

NEWSLETTER
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Highway Commissioner

From the Highway Commissioner

Peter T. Amarantos

It's hard to believe that I have been the Highway Commissioner for more than 20 years. My decision to retire from the Highway Commissioner's position was a difficult one. I have been proud to serve the unincorporated residents and all of Northfield Township through the Road District's recycling program. I love my job.

Tim Rueckert will be your next Highway Commissioner, effective middle of May. Tim comes to the position with excellent qualifications and is more than ready to fill this role. He lives in an unincorporated Glenview neighborhood and appreciates the exemplary services provided by the Road District. Tim will continue to meet the Township's challenges with a personal commitment to efficient and affordable governance.

The Current Political Climate: "Too Many Governments"?

Looking toward the future, I have concerns about how not only the residents of Northfield Township are served but the entire state of Illinois. The current political climate has fostered an overgeneralized "Too Many Governments" sentiment, with calls for wholesale eliminations of governmental units. However, experience shows that eliminations based on faulty assumptions will result in more taxes and less service.

Road Districts are a prime example of misunderstood and underappreciated service agencies. Recently, Wheeling Township voted to eliminate its Road District based on a poorly-researched argument that the move would save money. The results have already proven the opposite: Wheeling Township will now be paying 163% more for snow removal for only two months of service versus the costs of its November to March service. Wheeling Township residents are the ones that will have to absorb the extra cost of Wheeling Township taking over the Road District.

Consolidation Does Not Mean Cheaper or Better

Cook County now wants to eliminate the unincorporated areas without a real estate tax reduction. Careful and thoughtful examination of consolidation of any governmental entity must be done in a thorough, case-by-case manner. A rush to eliminate any governmental entity can have a detrimental effect on residents, services, budgets, and taxes. You must know exactly what the entity does. You must know the exact cost and liabilities the entity incurs. What does consolidation mean to the entity taking over? Is the entity taking over going to lose money? Consolidation does not always mean cheaper, and blanket eliminations will lead to sweeping inefficiencies, service shortfalls, and added costs.

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**Thank You for Supporting
Our Recycling Program**



2017 Recycling Drop Off Program

STARTS 3/20/17 ENDS 11/3/17

Mon – Fri • 7AM – 3PM

Northfield Township Road District Garage

1928 Lehigh Avenue, Glenview 847-724-7055

www.northfieldtownship.com and click on recycling icon

Please pull up to the front of the garage building at 1928 Lehigh in Glenview, 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 2017. Trees will range between 3 and 3 1/2" inches in diameter and a property owner's share will be \$150 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 \$150 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 22, 2017, 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 22, 2017 to:

Peter Amarantos, Highway Commissioner
 Northfield Township Road District
 1928 Lehigh Avenue
 Glenview, IL 60026

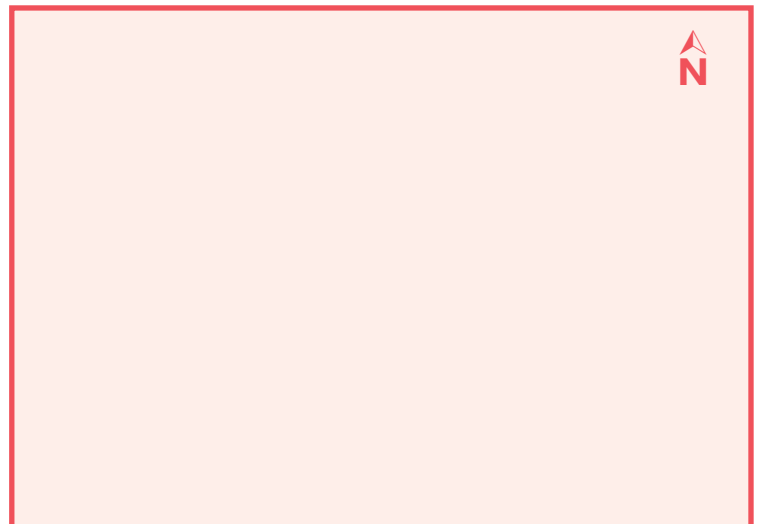
TREE GUIDE

- 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



2017 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 1st, June 5th and September 5th if you live south of Willow Road and by May 15th, June 19th and September 18th 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 1st.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15th.

MONTH OF JUNE

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 5th.

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

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5th.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, September 18th.

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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WHAT'S INSIDE

ROAD DISTRICT
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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.

From the Highway Commissioner *continued*

The county's track record on efficient governance does not inspire confidence. Take a close look at Cook County's relationship with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). CMAP is looking into flooding issues. Why is that a problem? Because it's a triplication of service and a waste of money. The Northfield Township Road District and its engineer came up with solutions to flooding issues within Northfield Township and passed those solutions onto the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The MWRD by law has been charged with storm water solutions in Cook County. And now a third party is going to hire an engineer to look into flooding. Efficient? Cost effective? The solutions for our problems already have been identified. The money for this redundant research comes from hard-earned tax dollars -- tax dollars that should be used to fix the storm water problems or help someone in need.

These issues of all talk and non-action have frustrated me for years. It has always been my goal to make local government more efficient and more responsive to you the citizen taxpayer.

Again, it has been my pleasure to lead the Township's Road District and represent you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In Service, Peter T. Amarantos

Paper Shredding/Recycling 2017 Special Program

At these one day recycling events, we will collect the accepted recyclables as well as paper to be shredded. **You are limited to a maximum of three (3) containers, such as shopping bags or computer paper boxes, per vehicle/household.** Paper will not be accepted for shredding with paper clips, metal binders or any other metal or plastic. **DOCUMENTS ONLY!**

All events will be held on Saturdays unless otherwise noted:

- MARCH 25** MARCH 25 at the Road District garage, 1928 Lehigh Ave. in Glenview, **9AM to 1PM;**
- APRIL 22** APRIL 22 at Northbrook's annual **Earth Day Celebration** on the Village Green, collection on the west side of the tracks in the commuter parking lot, **8AM to NOON;**
- MAY 20** MAY 20 at the Road District garage, 1928 Lehigh Ave. in Glenview, **9AM to 1PM.**
- JUNE 3** JUNE 3 Northfield Farmers Market in the New Trier West Campus parking lot (west lot), 7 Happ Rd., **8:30AM to 12:30PM;**
- JUNE 17** JUNE 17 at LRS Lakeshore Recycling Systems (formerly C&D Recycling), 2300 Carlson Dr., Northbrook east of Shermer Rd. between Willow and Techny, **9AM to 1PM;**
- JULY 8** JULY 8 sponsored by **CIVIC Foundation of Northbrook**, collection site behind Northbrook's Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Ln., **9am to 1pm;**
- JULY 22** JULY 22 at the Glenview Farmers Market at Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Rd., collection on the north side of Wagner Farm, **8AM to NOON;**
- AUG 19** AUGUST 19 behind Northbrook's Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Ln., **9AM to 1PM;**
- SEPT 16** SEPTEMBER 16 at the Road District garage, 1928 Lehigh Ave. in Glenview, **9AM to 1PM;**
- OCT 28** OCTOBER 28 at the Road District garage, 1928 Lehigh Ave. in Glenview, **9AM to 1PM.**

THIS IS OUR LAST SHREDDING/RECYCLING EVENT FOR THE YEAR
Please check our website for the exact location
prior to bringing your paper/recyclables.