



Trustees Plan to Avoid Tax Levy Increase *Early Retirements for Top Staff Included in Cost-Cutting Measures*

Recognizing the harsh impact of the pandemic on local residents and businesses, the Northbrook Board of Trustees endorsed a proposed 2020 property tax levy that is essentially unchanged from the previous year. The total Village portion of the tax levy would be \$21,865,790, a reduction of approximately \$17,000 compared to 2019. The challenge for the Village will be how to cut costs given the dramatic fall in sales taxes and other revenue sources caused by the pandemic.

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Caucus Candidates Named for April Local Elections

The value of experience was a recurring theme at the Northbrook Caucus Town Meeting, held virtually on November 15. The meeting of approximately 400 residents approved the nomination of Kathryn Ciesla as Village President, filling the seat of retiring President Sandy Frum.



Kathryn Ciesla

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Affordable Housing Standards Going to Trustees in December

Northbrook's Village Board will consider the recommendations of the Plan Commission on a new affordable housing policy on December 8, including a series Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code text amendments. The amendments under consideration have the stated goal of providing "affordable housing for low-to-middle income households in order to increase housing opportunities for a diverse population and to provide housing for those who live or work in the Village."

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New Restaurants Coming to White Plains and Downtown Northbrook

Despite the challenges facing the restaurant industry, Northbrook is welcoming new eateries offering varied menus. Fans of Indian cuisine are looking forward to the imminent opening of Maharaj Indian Grill, and springtime will bring gourmet pizzas with wine pairings at Napolita Pizza and Wine Bar.



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Holiday Events Brighten December

While the holiday season will look different this year, local businesses and organizations are finding innovative ways to promote a festive spirit. Socially distanced, drive thru, and virtual opportunities are available to entertain your family safely. Be sure to check out these special events.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

First Friday Networking Breakfast

Friday, Dec. 4 @ 7:30 a.m.

Meet up via Zoom with 100 of your fellow members to build connections. The event will include introductions, breakout rooms, and trivia contests with prizes.

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Business Roundtables

**Mondays, Dec. 7, 14, 21
and 28 @ 3:30 p.m.**

Get energized for the work week by discussing business challenges & opportunities.

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Ask the Expert: *Cyber Security Threats You Must Protect Against Now!*

**Wednesday, Dec. 9 @
3:30 p.m.**

Karla Zehnder, CEO of [Hodgson Consulting & Solutions](#), will provide valuable information on how to protect your business from devastating ransomware attacks, bank fraud, negative online PR, and data breach lawsuits.

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