



New State Restrictions Stall Restaurants' Cold Weather Plans

For many local restaurants, outdoor dining during the summer and fall was a lifeline for their businesses. Now, just as adjustments were being made to both prolong the outdoor season and reassure guests that indoor dining is safe, restaurants find themselves grappling with new restrictions triggered by a resurgence in suburban COVID cases.



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Retailers Ramp Up New Strategies as Holidays Approach

Without doubt, the 2020 holiday shopping season will be drastically different from years past. Local retailers are facing the challenge head on, offering special services and taking advantage of technology to connect with consumers. The goal: deliver the convenience of online shopping while preserving the personal touch that inspires loyalty to small businesses.



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Data Reveals Pandemic's Hit to Local Economy

The economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will be closely examined by Northbrook's Board of Trustees in November, as they begin the delicate process of budget planning for the next fiscal year. Data presented by Village staff to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) illustrates significant impacts from declining sales tax collections, increasing unemployment, and rising vacancy rates for commercial properties.



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Village Enlists Community Participation to Develop Climate Action Strategies

Northbrook will assemble a working team of officials, residents, and business community representatives to define local goals and strategies to address climate change. The Board of Trustees approved the team approach to developing policy following a recent presentation by Village consultant paleBLUEdot on the long term impact of current practices.

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Nominees Slated for 2021 Chamber Board

The Chamber's Nominating Committee has announced a slate of candidates to fill vacancies on next year's Board. Candidates slated for Board positions include Lee Brooks, Bell Flavors & Fragrances; Mark DeBartolo, Len Roofing & Remodeling, and Amy Kahhat, First Bank of Highland Park. New Board members will begin three-year terms on the Chamber's leadership body beginning in January 2021.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

First Friday Networking Breakfast

Friday, Nov. 6 @ 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, Nov. 9, 16, and 23 @ 3:30 p.m.

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

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Ask the Experts: Networking 101

Wednesday, Nov. 11 @
3:30 p.m.

In an age of remote work and virtual meetings, learn how you can continue to grow your business through networking. Larry Rosenthal, owner of Unique Upholstery, Carpet & Rug Cleaning and one of the Chamber's most experienced networkers will share his best practices.

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Women in Business Event

Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ Noon

Women of the Chamber will welcome Jill Brickman, Northfield Township and Amy O'Leary, Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook who will give updates on the vital work being done by their organizations and how the needs have increased during the pandemic.

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