



Northfield Village News

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Council meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 pm; Village Hall

Village Website: www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov

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From Mayor Jesse J. Nehez

First and foremost I would like to welcome Tim Clymer, Northfield Village's new Finance Director to the Northfield Village administration team. Tim comes to us with a very impressive background in the world of Finance. He is the Fiscal Officer in Brooklyn Heights, a Village similar in size to Northfield Village. He has many great ideas for the Finance department and we all look forward to working with Tim in helping to make his transition a success.

Second Northfield Village has finished two road projects this year that are fully paid for with no loans. Summit Ave. and Elm St. were a complete success. Village Council and myself are extremely pleased to be able to pay for these roads in full.

Last, I am going to be out and about this summer visiting the residents of Northfield Village to find out what concerns that you, as a Village resident, might have. I am looking forward to meeting our residents and hearing their concerns. Council and I hope everyone is off to a great start this summer season. It is our wish that every resident remain safe and enjoy the wonderful joys of the summer season.

Input on Quarterly Newsletter:

What would you like to see in your quarterly newsletter? Do you have questions that you would like answers to? Please let us know. Please e-mail your topic suggestions or questions to:

newsletter@northfieldvillage-oh.gov

or give a call to the Village and let us know your thoughts.

Upcoming Events in Northfield Village:

- Senior Center at Epiphany Lutheran Church each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Block Watch 7-16, 8-20 and 9-17; 6:00 pm Village Hall
- Emergency Siren Testing April-October; 1st Wednesday/month between Noon & 3pm
- Community Days at Akron Zoo 8-24 thru 8-28 Tickets available: 7-1 at Service Dept 199 Ledge Rd. (2 ticket max)
- Northfield Village Concert in the Park- 7-6 ; Summit Plaza 6pm – 8pm
- Northfield Village Fire Dept "touch a truck" open house 9-20; (more info to follow).

From Alan Higgs Ward A:

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Now that summer is here, 14 Northfield Village Residents are rolling up their sleeves and entering their properties in the first Annual "Lawn-Up" Ward A Competition. Soon colorful lawn signs will go up to mark the competitors. The entire community can be involved in this green initiative, even if you're not officially enrolled. In addition to the registered entries, Mayor Nehez and landscape experts will also award one street with the title of "Best Landscaped Block." Keep up the good work in Northfield Village, and we'll find out the winners at the end of the summer:

Northfield Village Fire Dept on Facebook:

Like them on Facebook: The Northfield Village Fire Department has a Facebook Page. Fire safety information that is now being provided to the public and businesses increases the safety of all of our residents and visitors.

From the Fire Department:

The Northfield Village Fire Department is thrilled to release the results of our ISO evaluation that occurred in October 2013. Our Fire department was last evaluated April 1999 and at that time, received a rating of 6 on a 1-10 scale (lower number is better). **Our new rating is 3. That result ranks us in the top 6% of the fire departments in the country.** This dramatic improvement in our rating should lead to decreases in the insurance premiums that all Northfield Village residents and business owners pay. **The new rating will take effect 7/1/14. What does that mean to you? Call your insurance company and let them know that public protection classification has been lowered from a 6 to a 3. This dramatic improvement may lead to a decrease in insurance premiums you pay.**

This reduction in our Fire Dept's ISO ratings was achieved in large part because of the tremendous support Mayor Nehez and Council have shown the Fire Dept over the past year, with respect to permitting the Dept to receive additional training, equipment and manpower. In 2013, staffing was increased to 3 firefighters each 24-hour shift/7 days a week. In addition, the Chief's position was established as a 20 hr/week part-time position dedicated solely to administrative responsibilities. A 12-hr/week fire prevention officer position was also added. The above staffing enhancements were a major factor in improving the Dept's classification.

The restructuring of the Fire Chief's responsibilities has permitted the Dept. to operate much more efficiently. Records are kept more regularly and more organized, routine tasks and maintenance are completed timely, and oversight of day to day operations now exist in order to ensure smooth and efficient delivery of services. The Fire Dept also greatly improved its classification due to enhancements to its fire prevention and public education programs. The NVFD added a part-time fire inspection program to insure all Village businesses are inspected. The fire prevention bureau conducts building plan reviews, fire protection system testing oversight and annual fire inspections.

In addition to all of the above, NVFD entered into Automatic Mutual Aid agreements with Macedonia Fire and Fire District 27 last year. By automatically responding to fire alarm calls and training together, all departments in the Nordonia Hills area have received a tremendous boost in their ISO classifications.

From the Police Department:

We all love our pets, but due to our hectic lives, some animals often spend many hours alone at home. To maximize our time with our pets, we take them along for a ride as we run errands. However, this love for our pets and desire for their companionship can quickly turn deadly. We go into the grocery store for "just a minute" and twenty minutes later after running into a neighbor or remembering just one more thing to buy, our quick errand has become our pet's struggle to survive.

When it comes to pets in cars, common sense rules. Since you cannot take them into most businesses with you, leave them in the comfort of their home. Many people think that parking in the shade, cracking the windows, or running the air conditioning from home to the store keeps Fido safe from the heat. However, studies have shown that this did not impact the rate at which temperature increased inside a vehicle. So, what can you do to help. Pass this info onto your fellow pet lovers and leave your pets at home!

Outside temp (degrees)	Inside car Temp (degrees)	Time to reach inside car temp
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
95	145	15 minutes

From the Service Department:

Our crews are working on patching holes weekly, as well as the repair of catch basins. Thank you for your patience. If there is an area of concern, please give us a call at 330-468-4362.

Spring cleanup was a tremendous success with many residents taking advantage of the dumpsters provided at our Service buildings on Ledge Road and Houghton Road.

Building & Zoning: Point of Sale Inspections:

Anyone selling a home in Northfield Village must have a point of sale inspection done before the sale can be complete. Point of Sale inspections are external inspections to assure that all homes are brought up to code and are within our maintenance standards.