



# The Village of Northfield Newsletter

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Mayor Jesse J. Nehez

4th Quarter 2017

Congratulations to our new Chief of Police, John Zolgus, who was sworn in September 23rd, 2017. Chief Zolgus, has served for the Village for 24 years.



Trick or Treating for the Village will be on Tuesday October 31st from 6pm till 8pm!



Veterans Day gathering will held Sunday November 12th 2017 from 6pm till 8pm. All Veterans are welcome to join us please R.S.V.P by November 5th. Call Tiffany at (33) 468-4366 or email officeassistant@northfield-oh.gov.

## **Department of Public Service Superintendent H. Jason Walters**

### **Service Department**

#### ***Village Leaf Collection***

Leaf collection is scheduled for October 30th thru November 22nd.

Collection will begin on the East side of the Village with Ward C, then Ward B. After completion of the East side, the Service Department will move to the West side of the Village to Ward A, then Ward D. The leaf collection schedule can also be picked up from the Service Department at 199 Ledge Road or by calling (330) 468-4363.

Once we have completed a street we will not return. If a resident has remaining leaves, please bag them for rubbish pickup. Bags should not be more then 40lbs.

#### ***Senior Resident Driveway Snow Plowing Program 2017-2018***

Sign-up for residents age 65 years and older have begun and will continue thru October 31st. A new application must be filled out annually in order to receive this service. Applications can be filled out directly at the Service Department at 199 Ledge Road or downloaded from the website [www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov](http://www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov) and submitted in person. Your ID must be submitted at the time of your application and photo copied along with a \$5.00 non-refundable fee. Payment can be made by check or cash, exact change is necessary.

### **Sewer Department**

#### ***Sewer Cleaning***

Sewer cleaning began in August. Please leave your toilet lids down when not in use. Please be advised, bubbling sounds and splash back in toilets and drains might be experienced and is completely normal.

#### ***Other News***

Village offensive grass/weed ordinance amendment; The height requirement for grass and weeds was amended from eight inches in height to six inches. You can review this ordinance on the website [www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov](http://www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov).

The projected end date for the Presidential Subdivision paving is October 23rd. If you have any questions regarding the Presidential Subdivision please feel free to contact the Service Department for further information at (330) 468-4363.

### **Police Department Chief John Zolgus**

The Village annual Fright Night Celebration will be held October 31st from 6pm till 8pm. It will be located at Village Hall Police Department garage. Refreshments and snack will be provided.

Please follow the Northfield Village Police Department Facebook page for notifications.



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October 2, 2017

Village of Northfield Residents

RE: Proposed Macedonia Regionalization Study

Dear Residents:

The City of Macedonia has requested the Village, along with the Townships of Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills, to participate and share the cost of a \$21,500 feasibility study that would examine the impact of merging services such as the communities' Police, Fire, Service, and Zoning Departments, as well as the Administrations and communities themselves. The study would be performed by a Chicago firm that was selected by the Mayor of Macedonia without any input from the Village or other communities.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Council and I have determined that the Village's participation in this study would not constitute a productive use of Village funds or Village employee time. Northfield Center Township has also advised me that it will not take part in the study.

Council and I wanted to make you aware of this decision in the event you receive misinformation claiming your Village officials, by declining to participate in the study, are not interested in saving taxpayer's money. The Village has decided not to take part because Council and I am confident that this study, and the tens of thousands of additional dollars it would take to perform more studies before any consolidation could be considered and implemented, would demonstrate that Village residents would not save money and receive improved services from any consolidation proposal.

I have taken part in similar discussions at different times over the past several years with other Nordonia Hills communities about combining fire and ems services. None of those proposals would have benefitted the Village's residents. The proposal to create a joint fire district would have resulted in higher property taxes for Village property owners and longer response times in the Village. In 2016, in conjunction with its offer to provide fire and ems service to Northfield Center Township, the City of Macedonia made a proposal to provide fire and ems service to the Village. The cost for that service was significantly higher than what it costs the Village to operate its own Fire Department and would have resulted in decreased staffing in the Village and longer response times. In addition, it would have replaced Village employees with employees that are not as familiar with the Village and its residents and resulted in the loss of Village control over the priorities and direction of the Department.

As Mayor of the Village, I work hard to maintain positive relations with our surrounding communities and their elected officials. I make sure our departments and employees maintain cooperative working relationships with their peers in nearby communities. The Village Police and Fire Departments regularly provide mutual aid to and receive mutual aid from surrounding communities when needed. The Village Service Department has provided assistance to the City of Macedonia when its streets have flooded. The Village has participated in joint road and infrastructure projects with Macedonia, Sagamore Hills, and Walton Hills in the past several years.

The Village presently contracts for services in areas in which it is in the best interests of the Village to do so. Examples of such action are the Village's contracts with the City of Macedonia for dispatch and jail services. If I believe additional consolidation of those types of services will benefit the Village in the future, the Village will explore those options.

Council and I are proud of our Fire, Police, Service, and Zoning Departments. We have worked hard to operate those departments in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner. Unlike the City of Macedonia, the Village has not taken any action to increase taxes on its residents, businesses, and property owners since 2005 (over 12 years). We want to continue to make sure the Village of Northfield residents, businesses, property owners, and visitors are those departments' and employees' first and only priority. Merging and/or giving up control of our Fire, Police, Service, and Zoning Departments or Administration does not accomplish that goal.

The feedback I have received from residents is that we want to maintain local operational and financial control over our Fire, Police, Service, and Zoning Departments and Administration and do not want to become part of Macedonia. Participating in a costly and time consuming consolidation feasibility study that benefits Macedonia but not Northfield does not further those priorities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Jesse J. Nehez