



# *Northfield Village News*

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Mayor Jesse J. Nehez

Council meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

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**Issue #7**

## **From Mayor Jesse J. Nehez** [mayor@northfieldvillage-oh.gov](mailto:mayor@northfieldvillage-oh.gov)

First and foremost, I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Our first holiday party planned by the Northfield Village Recreation Board was held at the Fire Station on December 14. The event was a huge success, with over 250 people attending. There were great things to eat and crafts and coloring contests for the children. Because of the success of this holiday party, Council and I plan to make it an annual event. The Recreation Board is planning another fun filled gala in the spring featuring the Easter Bunny. Look for more information regarding that party in the near future.

Council and I are in the process of implementing a senior trash program that will cover the rubbish pick-up fees for the Village's senior citizens. We hope to have this program in place prior to the second quarter of 2015.

I hope everyone has had a great start to their new year. I look forward to a successful year for the Village in 2015.

## **From Alan Hipps/Ward A** [warda@northfieldvillage-oh.gov](mailto:warda@northfieldvillage-oh.gov)

Happy New Year Northfield! We had a lot to celebrate in 2014, but I particularly want to congratulate all of the contestants in the first annual Ward A Lawn-Up Northfield competition. The judges were impressed by Ward A's landscapes and are excited for the 2015 competition. The 2014 winners were: Most Improved--73 Fell (\$200 prize); Best Curb Appeal--93 Beech (\$200 prize); Best Back Yard--127 Chestnut (\$200 prize); Mayor's Choice--81 Chestnut (\$200 prize); and Junior Gardeners--93 Beech and 127 Chestnut (\$50 prize each).

There is a lot in store for 2015.

Winter Season: Spread the winter cheer in Ward A by building and decorating a snowman in your front yard. While not a formal competition, it would be great to fill the neighborhood with snowmen. Get creative!

Spring Season: Northfield has a colorful Easter Egg Hunt to look forward to this spring.

Summer Season: Second Annual Ward A Lawn-Up Northfield Landscape Competition. Put your property up to the challenge.

Fall Season: Annual Ward Party, Fall Harvest Celebrations, and much more to come.

## **From the Police Department**

The Police Department asks residents to be conscious of the snow parking ban on Village streets when snow exceeds two inches. In addition, please do not park in front of fire hydrants or in other areas where parking is prohibited. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

## **From the Fire Department**

Happy New Year! Here is what is going on at your fire station.

The Village Fire Department ended 2014 with 664 emergency calls for service, an increase of 34% over 2013. We are currently staffing 3 firefighters 24 hours a day 7 days a week, along with employing a part-time Fire Chief and additional inspectors needed to conduct the Department's fire prevention program. The majority of our firefighters are paramedics and work either full-time or part-time as firefighters in other communities throughout Northeast Ohio.

In addition to handling emergency medical and fire calls, the Fire Department offers a variety of other services. We offer home and commercial fire and safety inspections, residential lock boxes, CPR and Blood Borne Pathogen courses, fire hydrant use permits, station tours, and a variety of community events throughout the year. We are excited to announce a 2015 partnership with Kiddie Safety Products that will allow us to donate smoke detectors to those in need in our community. If you would like to know more about any of our programs or activities, please contact Chief Jason Buss at 330.523.9422 or [firechief@northfieldvillage-oh.gov](mailto:firechief@northfieldvillage-oh.gov).

The Fire Department would also like to recognize the Recreation Board for the amazing holiday event featuring Santa Claus that was put on at our station on December 14 with the assistance of our Department. The event was a great success and has generated many positive remarks from people in the community. With so many places now charging to get a picture with Santa, it was nice to offer that service to the community for free. About 100 children visited the station, along with over 150 adults. The three winners of the coloring contest and their families won a ride on the fire truck on December 22. We look forward to working with the Recreation Board next year to make this event even bigger.

As always, the Fire Department strives to treat the Village's residents and visitors as we would our friends and families. With our partnership with University Hospitals, we provide cutting edge emergency medical care. Through grant opportunities, we have updated most of our firefighting equipment to industry leading standards, giving our firefighters the tools they need to handle any emergency that occurs. Our firefighters are proud to have the opportunity to serve the community.

#### **From the Service and Building Departments**

**Leaf Program:** The Leaf Pick-Up Program for this season has been concluded. If you have any remaining leaves that have not been picked up, they must be bagged and put out with your weekly trash.

**Senior Snow Plow Program:** Please be reminded that the Service Department will not plow driveways until we have had at least 4" of snow and are caught up with the Village roads. If any senior citizen has missed the sign-up deadline, please contact my office at 330.468.4363 if you would like to be included in this program.

**Mailbox Policies and Procedures during Snow Plow Season:** As winter approaches, we would like to remind you that it is the responsibility of each resident to ensure that their mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand snow and slush being plowed off of the road by Village trucks. Please examine your mailbox and post to determine if it is sufficiently stable. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged from being hit with plowed snow or slush or because the boxes are too close to the street as defined by the postal regulations.

**Homes for Sale:** All homes for sale in the Village require a point of sale inspection. In order to allow for a smoother transaction for everyone involved, please request this point of sale inspection prior to listing or advertising the home for sale. Delays in requesting inspections and repairing violations will impact the ability to close your sale in a timely fashion. If you have any questions regarding the process or want to request a point of sale inspection application, you can do so on the Village website at [www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov](http://www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov) or call 330.468.4363.

**Emergencies and Contact Information:** To report any road or sewer concerns such as potholes or sewer back-ups during regular business hours between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. M-F, call 330.468.4363. Calls of this nature outside of regular business hours should be made to Service Superintendent Jason Walters at 330.760.4644.

The Service Department and Building Department appreciate your assistance and cooperation.