

# About Us

A question that we hear frequently is, “What is a caucus and what does it do?”

Well, here is how we describe the Northfield Caucus. The Northfield Caucus is a citizen’s organization composed of individuals from the ten geographical districts within the Village, representing the interests of all residents in matters of village government.

The caucus system is a responsible alternative to multi-party politics. It has proved to be an expeditious, economical, and productive method of securing capable, interested citizens to serve as Village President and Trustees.

The responsibilities of the Northfield Caucus are:

- To develop a platform of goals and policies, to serve as a guide to Village officials in the operations of Northfield.
- To locate, screen, and recommend a slate of candidates to serve on Northfield’s Board of Trustees.
- To conduct a biennial meeting of Village residents, to whom the platform and slate of candidates are presented, the meeting is held in January of each election year.
- To support and promote the election of the Caucus slate of candidates in general elections, which are held every two years in April.
- To locate and recommend, to the Village President, candidates for appointment to non-elective commissions, whenever manpower is needed.
- To similarly locate, screen, and recommend, to the Village President, candidates for appointment to the Board of Trustees, should a mid-term vacancy occur.
- To serve as a conduit of information between Village officials and Northfield residents.

- To become active in important local issues, when appropriate, representing the best interests of the residents of Northfield.
- To select Northfield residents to represent the Village on the Winnetka Caucus Library Standing Committee

Service on the Caucus is a voluntary activity and each Caucus member represents approximately 50 households. Officers are elected at the biennial meeting for two-year terms. Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms. Business operations of the Caucus are funded by voluntary contributions of Northfield residents. General Caucus meetings are open to the public and the press.