

Village of Northfield Trustee 2023

Tom Whittaker



Vote for Tom Whittaker on April 4, 2023

I want to begin by thanking the Northfield Caucus for slating me for Village Trustee! I have lived in Northfield for 40 years and have served the residents in the Village of Northfield for 20 of those years in various capacities. In my early years, I worked part-time for the Village as a Summer Help Public Works employee. I also served as a Firefighter and Paramedic with Northfield Fire/Rescue as soon as I was eligible at age 18. After starting a family, I've spent my time volunteering in various capacities, including the District 29 PTO, the New Trier Strategic Planning Committee and Booster Club.

My choice to live here, as well as bring up my family in this amazing community was an excellent decision. I am a loyal Northfielder and I want to see our community continue to thrive. As time has progressed, so has my desire to continue to serve the residents of Northfield. With two growing boys, the time, and ability, I feel that I have served as a valuable member of our Village Board and I look forward to continuing that work.

The past four years have not been typical for any of us. A global pandemic caused all of us to pause and adapt, and I am proud of my work as a Village Trustee in seeing the Village through this unprecedented time in our history. As a member of the Board, I was part of establishing the "Shop, Eat, Explore Northfield" campaign that promoted our local restaurants and small businesses when they needed it most. The fact that Northfield's downtown remained vibrant throughout the pandemic is a testament to the success of the campaign and the loyalty of Northfielders to local business owners. Safety being a large priority for the Village, I served on the Safe Routes to School initiative, seeking opportunities and funding to create safe passage ways for Northfield students to get to and from elementary and high school. My interest and past experience also led me to be appointed to the Red Center Board of Directors and most recently I was selected to serve as Vice Chair of that Board. Finally, the environment was also a topic of focus for me, as I served as the Village Board representative on Go Green Northfield and spearheaded a Village wide cleanup in partnership with the children and staff at school District 29.

Going forward, I will continue to focus on fiscal prudence, continued economic strength and growth, keeping up the post covid momentum and adapting to the changing needs of residents both young and old. With the population growth over the last several years, and the many young families from the city and surrounding suburbs now calling Northfield home, there is the need to explore and create new attractions downtown to keep them here for years to come. I will advocate for new Senior Housing Options, ongoing stormwater management, the development of the Skokie Valley Trail, oversight of the Happ Road reconstruction and ongoing support of the Fire and Police Departments in new initiatives to improve the health, safety and well being of our community.

Again, thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve this community for another four years!!!