



The City of Northlake Northlake News

October-November, 2023

City Desk by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin City Completes Lead Service Pilot Program

The water and sewer service lines that connect a home to the City's water and sewer systems belong to the individual property owner. Some of the water service lines are made of lead. These lead lines could infiltrate the water with elements that can negatively impact your health.

The State of Illinois has mandated that water suppliers, such as the City of Northlake, must replace the lead service lines. The cost of this replacement can be charged entirely to the property owner, or the City could assist by splitting the cost, or by paying the cost entirely through the use of loans, bond issues or higher water rates. The City is in the process of identifying the location of lead water service lines, and it is estimated that there are approximately 400 (out of 3000 customers) of these lead lines.

The City has opted to replace the lead service lines at no cost to the homeowners. Replacement of the lead service line was completed for 22 homes this year under a pilot program. The program was successful and provided valuable experience for the City. We will expand the program to include between 100 and 150 homes next year.

One of the things I was most surprised at was the lack of interest on the part of homeowners in the program. Out of the initial 22 homes selected, our response rate was about two thirds, with the rest of the residents not responding despite receiving 3 notices in both English and Spanish. The City sought replacement homes to complete the program and it took contacting 12 or more homes to fill the remaining 6 spots in the program.

The non-responding homeowners will be added to the list for next year, or future year's programs.

The City is working toward a goal of replacing all of the lead service lines within 5 years. Once this program closes, any non-responding homeowners will bear the entire cost of replacement of the lead service line at the time their home is sold.

The City will be sending out notices to potential participants in the next phase of this program toward the end of this year or very early next year.

Please do not ignore this important notice. It will not only be better for your family's health, it can save you substantial money as well.

Previously, the City had sent out lead water line surveys. If you have not completed the survey, or if you are not sure if you have a lead water service, please contact the Public Works Department at 708-562-0940. I can not stress the importance of this program enough and encourage your participation.

Jeffrey T. Sherwin
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Nancy Pauletto
City Clerk

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Paul Straube, 1st Ward
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Alex Sosa 2nd Ward
Jaime S. Contreras, 2nd Ward
Juan Urbina, 3rd Ward
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Francine Patti, 4th Ward
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Last branch pick up November 6, 2023.

Last yard waste pick up December 29, 2023



Pictures above left to right: Northlake Kiwanis members Len Zeilinski, Jeffrey Sherwin, Ken Beres, Lisa Bauer, Director of General Assistance and Michelle Torres, Director of Social Services.

Northlake Kiwanis Donates to Leyden Food Pantry

On September 14, the Northlake Area Kiwanis Club made a donation to the Leyden Food Pantry of \$250 in food and \$250 in cash for a total of \$500. The Leyden Food Pantry assisted over 370 households (1,046 individuals) in our community last year. The Food Pantry depends on contributions from the community to run the program and needs your support year-round, not just during the holidays.

If you would like to contribute to this charitable cause, there are a number of ways you can do this. The Food Pantry accepts donations of unexpired, nonperishable food items, personal items, toiletries, new clothing, new, unwrapped, toys and monetary donations. There is a drop off box at Northlake City Hall and also at the Township Offices at 2501 N. Mannheim, Franklin Park, next to Denny's. Monetary donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Township office. Please make all monetary donations payable to "Leyden Community Food Pantry."

Most needed items: cereal, chili, coffee, condiments, cookies/crackers, deodorant, juice, laundry detergent, mashed potatoes, mac n' cheese, peanut butter and jelly, rice, pasta sauce (plastic preferred), shampoo, soap, tissues/toilet paper, \$10 target gift cards, toys and games (8+ years old).



Kiwanis also donated school supplies to the Township School Supply Drive. Pictured are: Jack Tobin, Lee Trevino, Lisa Bauer, Director of General Assistance and Kiwanis President Nancy Tobin

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



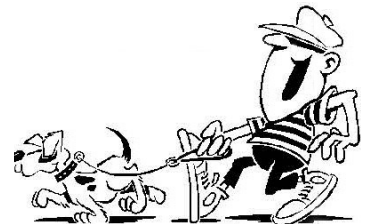
The 411 on Recycling

What <i>Can</i> Be Recycled	What <i>Cannot</i> Be Recycled
• Newspaper • Mixed Paper: advertisements, direct mail, office paper, stationery, envelopes, paper bags, gift wrap • Magazines, catalogs and telephone books • Cardboard and boxboard • Soda and beer carrying cases • Glass bottles and jars • Aluminum cans and foil • Tin and steel cans, including empty aerosol cans • Plastic bottles and containers coded #1- #7 (except #6) • Six or twelve pack rings • Milk and juice cartons (Plastic bottles – not cartons)	• Soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues • Plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or utensils • Plastic bags and film • Styrofoam or packing peanuts • Disposable diapers or rags • Needles or syringes • Mirror and window glass, compact fluorescent and other light bulbs • Electronic items • Printer or toner cartridges • Toys and ceramics • Motor oil, insecticide and hazardous chemical containers

Responsible Pet Ownership

Pet owners are reminded of the following City ordinances regarding responsible pet ownership:

- ☉ Dogs must be properly restrained at all times. All pets should be on a leash or kept on private property.
- ☉ City Ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. This applies to pets being walked on public sidewalks and parkways, in parks or elsewhere in the City.
- ☉ It is unlawful to allow a pet to trespass on private or public property anywhere in the City.
- ☉ **Pet owners who violate these regulations are subject to fines.**



Also note that Centerpoint Preserve is not an area to let dogs run loose.

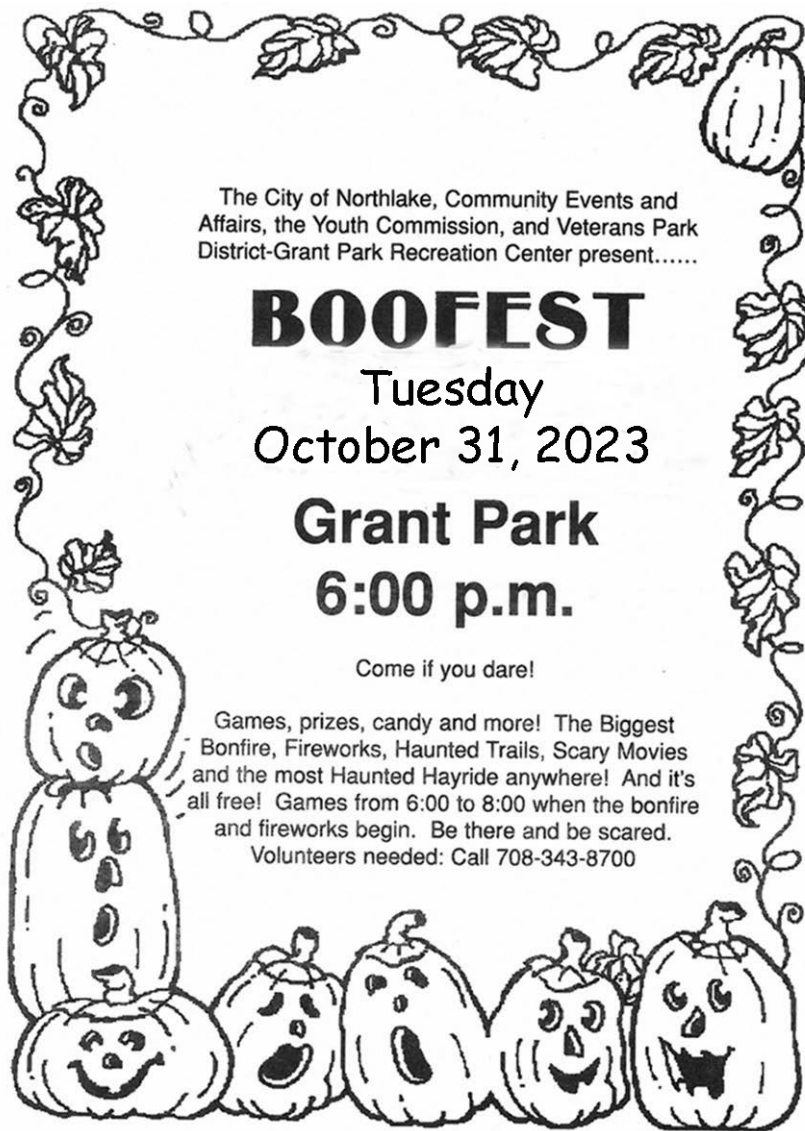
Your cooperation helps to keep our community a pleasant one for residents with and without pets. Thank you.

Trees Available for Fall 2023

Trees for the Fall, 2023 planting are available. If you have room on your parkway to provide a home for a tree, call Public Works at 708-562-0940 to pick from the list of trees for the spring planting.

Trees absorb storm water runoff, absorb various pollutants, produce oxygen and help reduce summer temperatures. Trees also improve property values as well, and studies have indicated that a block with mature trees also tends to slow down traffic. Trees also absorb and reduce urban noise – produced by airplanes, cars and other sources.

Remember – trees located on the parkway or in the City's right of way cannot be cut or trimmed without the permission of the City. The right of way is generally the area 20 feet from the back of the curb. If in doubt, or if a tree in this area needs attention, call Public Works at 708-562-0940.



The City of Northlake, Community Events and Affairs, the Youth Commission, and Veterans Park District-Grant Park Recreation Center present.....

BOOFEST

**Tuesday
October 31, 2023**

**Grant Park
6:00 p.m.**

Come if you dare!

Games, prizes, candy and more! The Biggest Bonfire, Fireworks, Haunted Trails, Scary Movies and the most Haunted Hayride anywhere! And it's all free! Games from 6:00 to 8:00 when the bonfire and fireworks begin. Be there and be scared.
Volunteers needed: Call 708-343-8700

**Trick or Treat
Hours 2:00 to
7:00 p.m.**

The Northlake Youth Commission
Seeks
ghouls, phantoms, ghosts, & other
spiritual beings
To join us in putting on our

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED TRAIL

You will need to be:

- At least 16 years of age
- Able to attend the youth commission meeting on 10/25 (6:30pm City Hall: 55 North Ave. next to Burger King)
- Open to wearing a costume & make-up or mask
- Ready to perform no matter what kind of weather
- Available from at least 2:00pm (or right after school; whichever is earlier) until about 8:30pm on Thursday, 10/31/23.

Trick or Treat Safety Tips

- Be sure your child's costume is flame retardant and warn him/her to avoid open flames.
- Be sure the child's costume is visible at night.
- Be sure to have the child carry a flashlight or glow stick at all times.
- Have your children cross the street only at well-lit crosswalks and intersections.
- Tell your children not to eat any candy until you can check it for tampering.
- If children are trick or treating alone, remind them to never enter a stranger's home and to stay outside the door.
- Have a safe and happy Halloween!



HALLOWEEN KIDS' CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a free, fun evening of
crafts!

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023

4:30 – 6:00

Sandy Vasquez Community
Center

316 N. LaPorte

Sponsored by the Northlake
Youth Commission

Decorate a Cookie and Hot Choccolae Night

Join us for a free, fun evening
of crafts!

On November 8, 2023

4:30 – 6:00

Sandy Vasquez Community
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Wildlife Season

Many residents call about numerous sightings of skunks, possums, raccoons and stray cats throughout town. If you are experiencing problems with these animals, call Public Works for assistance. You can obtain a trap for public works for a \$60 refundable deposit. Once an animal is captured in the trap, call public works and they will come out first thing in the morning to take it away. You will be able to get the trap returned, or it will be turned in for you to receive the refund.

Public works phone number is 708-562-0940. Their hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In the meantime, there are a number of steps you can take to discourage wild life from hanging around your home.

1. Keep your grass cut and gardens trimmed of excess growth.
2. Keep your firewood in a rack at least 12 inches off the ground.
3. Get rid of accumulated junk and debris which provide hiding and nesting places.
4. Keep your garbage in cans with lids securely attached – not in plastic or paper bags, or in plastic bags or cans with no lids.
5. Don't leave cat or dog food out for your pets or neighborhood cats.
6. Fill in all voids under storage sheds – these animals love to nest under sheds. Your shed should be built on a solid concrete or gravel base with wood retainers.
7. Patch all holes in your garage or shed siding to make sure these animals don't set up winter residence in your garage or shed.
8. Close off any access under your porch or low lying deck.

Remember, these few simple steps will encourage this urban wildlife to move on. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

What To Do With Leaves

There are some procedures you need to remember regarding the leaves that fall at this time of year.

- Do not rake the leaves to the curb or pile them in the parkway. They will wash into the storm drains.
- Don't use plastic bags to collect the leaves.
- Put them into paper bags or yard waste containers.
- Put them out with the yard waste to be collected on Fridays.

Automatic Bill Payment System

The City of Northlake offers an Automatic Bill Payment System for your City Utility Bill, where money can be directly deducted from your checking or savings account to pay the bill. If you are interested, you must come into City Hall to fill out the forms. Bring in a voided check or proof of a savings account in your name.

The Annual Senior Citizen Dinner Thursday, October 26, 2023

Monty's
703 S. York Road
Bensenville

Cocktails begin at 11 a.m.

Dinner – 11:30

Cash Bar

Assigned Seating only. Tickets available at
Northlake City Hall
during regular office
hours until
October 13th.

Proof of residency required for free tickets.
Non-residents may purchase tickets for \$25 each.

City Hall will be closed
on
Friday,
November 10, and Sat-
urday, November 11 for
Veterans Day
and
Thursday through Sat-
urday,
November 23-25, 2023
for the
Thanksgiving
Holiday!



IMPROV COMEDY IN NORTHLAKE!

October 27 and November 17, 2023

8:00 to 10:00

\$15.00/per person

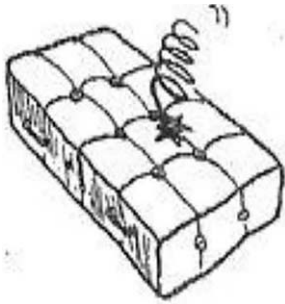
LIVE! at NORTHLAKE CITY HALL

www.incognitomodeimprov.com



Obituary

Rae, Patricia, nee Abbott, Age 69 of Northlake, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Thomas K. Rae, aunt of Jayson (Colleen) Lichtenberger and Lauren (Peter) Miller. Great aunt of Theodore Miller and Charlotte Miller. Mass was held at St. John Vianney Church. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Memorials appreciated to: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 424 E. 92nd Stree, New Yor, NY 10128-6804.



Wrapping Mattresses

Please wrap all mattresses in plastic when putting them out with your trash. Make sure they are completely covered. This is done for the health and safety of the refuse collectors.

Reminder About Tents

Tents, defined as any portable structure, including sunscreens, with or without walls, made of canvas or other like materials, need to be dismantled from the front yard between November 1 and April 1. This ordinance, O-16-2002, includes poles, stakes, wires and ropes.



FOR RESIDENTS SOUTH OF NORTH AVE.

Handyman Program

For Proviso Township

The Handyman Program, a part of Senior Services in Proviso Township, is available to homeowners over age 60 residing in the township. For a \$5.00 fuel fee, the handyman will visit your home and make small repairs, charging only for the cost of any needed parts. The handymen, are available by appointment . Call 708-547-4001.



FOR RESIDENTS NORTH OF NORTH AVE.

Leyden Handyman Program



For Senior Citizens And the disabled

From changing a light bulb to replacing cabinet hinges, no job is too small. The service is free, however, reimbursement for parts is required.

Call for more information:
847-455-8616

Calendar of Events – 2023

October	November
October 2 – Branch pick up begins	November 6 - Last branch pick up for the year begins
October 2 - Finance Meeting – 6:30	November 6 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
October 10 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	November 8 - Youth Commission Meeting - 4:30
October 11 - Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30	November 10 - 11 City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
October 16 - Finance Meeting – 6:30	November 14 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	November 20 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
October 16 - Senior Citizen’s Commion Mtg. - 11:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
October 17- Court	November 20 - Senior Citizen’s Commisison Mtg. - 11:00
October 24 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00	November 21 - Court
October 31 - Boofest – Grant Park Recreation Center, 6:00	November 23 - 25 - City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
	November 28 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

Classified Ads

Electrical work: No job to small. Reasonable prices. Licensed and bonded in Northlake. Call Adam at 708-228-7114.

Snow Removal Application Form

The City of Northlake offers snow removal services to property owners who are over 65, disabled, handicapped and/or have severe health problems and have no one else who is able to help them with snow removal. Those interested in snow removal must re-apply every year. Deadline is November 4. No exceptions. Be sure to turn in your completed application before November 4, 2023. New applicants must submit medical verification from a doctor to City Hall in order to be eligible. Billing is \$15 per removal.

**Remember: THE SNOW PLOW WILL MAKE ONE PASS ONLY ON YOUR DRIVE WAY.
No sidewalks. No stairs.**

Please mail or bring your form to: Northlake City Hall, 55 E. North Avenue, Northlake, IL 60164

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Initial each line as it applies to you:

_____ I am 65 years of age or older and neither myself, a family member, a relative or a neighbor are able to plow my driveway. Include a copy of your drivers license or picture ID that has date of birth.

_____ I am disabled and under 65. I will present a current medical verification from doctor or a Secretary License Disability Placard, or registration of disability through Social Security, along with a State of Illinois photo ID.

****Arrange for snow plowing bills from 2022/2023 to be paid in full so you can be added to the list for 2023/2024.**

By submitting this documentation, I hereby voluntarily release protected health information to the City of Northlake that is otherwise protected by law, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HEPPA).