

City Desk By Jeffrey T. Sherwin, Mayor Church Building to Make Away for Open Space

The City of Northlake acquired the former Northlake Lutheran Church building approximately 15 years ago. The thought at the time was that because of its central location, adjacent to the Midland Trail and Grant Park, the building could be used for community purposes.

Former State Representative Kathleen Willis had her office located in the building for 10 years, and the Veterans Park District operated a pre-school program there as well. Representative Willis lost her re-election bid in 2022 and the office closed. The Veterans Park District pre-school closed shortly after that due to competition from the public schools who now offer similar programs.

The building has a complicated layout due to additions built in the late 1950's resulting in 4 different levels, none of which, except the ground level, is ADA accessible which made large parts of the building unusable for public purposes.

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The City went out to bid for the installation of an elevator which would make 85% of the building accessible to people with disabilities. The bids for this work came back at between \$1 million and \$1.3 million. The City Council took a hard look at this and determined it was not in the best interest of taxpayers to invest that kind of money into a building that still had a complicated layout even though it would be ADA accessible. A new 2,500 square foot building could be built for the same amount as retrofitting the elevator. It was decided that the best course of action would be to demolish the building and use the space for other public purposes.

Whatever furniture and furnishings that were in the building were taken to City Hall and sold to the public with the proceeds going into the Operation Roundup fund to assist residents in need pay their water bills. Some of the material has been re-purposed in City Hall. The balance of salvageable items, such as doors, light fixtures and plumbing fixtures have been donated to Habitat for Humanity for re-use.

We expect demolition to be completed this fall. Several ideas have been floated for the site. The most popular being pickle ball courts.

The site also has possibilities for a replacement building for the Vasquez Center currently located in Millenium Park. That facility is extremely popular, being utilized every weekend and several times during the week by various community groups and families. The Vasquez Center is in good condition and should not need replacement in the foreseeable future, but the option for re-location down the road is now available.

The Northlake Lutheran Church building has served the community well for 85 years. We are looking forward to continuing its legacy by using the site to further serve our community.



Branch Pick Up Begins April 7
| Yard Waste Pick Up Begins April 4 |

Leyden Township Breaks Ground for New Senior Building and Senior Center

A ground breaking for the new senior building and senior center for Leyden Township was held on February 10, 2025.

The new complex being built by Leyden Township will feature 80 units with a mix of 1 and 2 bedrooms. The Carl Fiorito Senior Center will be located next door to the new building and will offer all of its current regular programming as well as transportation services.



Leyden Senior Apartment

The site for the new facilities was occupied by the V-Inn (formerly known as O'Hare Kitchenettes) which was purchased by Leyden Township and demolished.

This project is a major milestone in the clean up and revitalization of Mannheim Road.



Leyden Mayors join groundbreaking. Pictures are: Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Northlake Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin, Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco Biscaglio, Rosemont Mayor Brad Stephens, River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin and Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa.



Carl Fiorito Senior Center



Win a Kiwanis Griddle

The Northlake Kiwanis Club is raffling a 36" outdoor gas griddle. The griddle would make a great addition to your back yard.

There will be 400 tickets sold at \$5.00 each. You can buy a ticket at City Hall. The winning ticket will be picked on Monday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

2025 Holiday Week Garbage Collection Schedule

Holiday	Normal Service Date	Holiday Service Date
Memorial	Friday, May 30	Saturday, May 31
Independence Day	Friday, July 4	Saturday, July 5
Labor Day	Friday, September 5	Saturday, September 6
Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 28	Saturday, November 29
Christmas Day	Friday, December 26	Saturday, December 27

"Identity Theft"

Help the

Northlake Police Department

Prevent the theft of **YOUR** identity.

The Northlake Police Department is sponsoring



"Document Shredding Day" Saturday, May 31, 2025 10:00 a.m. – noon

To help prevent the theft of **YOUR** identity.



Residents are encouraged to bring your no longer needed documents to the police department for shredding.

Solicitors Warning

The City of Northlake, the Northlake Police Department and the Northlake Fire Department are **NOT** asking for donations from residents of Northlake.

Before you donate, call City Hall to see if anyone who requests funds is registered with the Police Department.





Have you ever wanted a fire hydrant as a lawn ornament in your back yard? Now's your chance. There are a limited number of old hydrants available at Public Works for \$50.00 each. Come over and pick out your very own hydrant. Public Works will deliver it to your home. Paint it up in your favorite team colors. It will certainly be a conversation piece. Your dog will thank you.

This offer is open to Northlake residents only, limit one hydrant per household. All proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the City's Operation Round Up Fund which is used to assist residents in need pay their water bills.

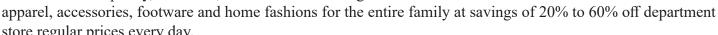
"Journey Down Addison Creek"

Order the complete Northlake History Video!
All episodes on one flash drive - \$5.00
Contact City Hall at
708-343-8700
Or stop in at
55 E. North Avenue
The complete video is now available!

Ross Dress for Less Opens

The Ross Dress for Less store in Northlake opened Saturday, March 8, 2025. The 24,000 square foot store is located in the Northlake Commons Shopping Center in the former location of Show Flooring which had moved to a larger facility a few months ago.

The company had \$20.4 billion in revenues in 2023, and is the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the United States, located in 43 states, Guam and the District of Columbia. Ross offers first quality, in season, name brand and designer







POLICE DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, & NORTHLAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN!

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH 2025
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
T NORTHLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT
(55 E. NORTH AVE.)

*In the event of inclement weather, the backup date is May 24th.

FREE EVENT

FOOD STATION TOURS ACTIVITIES

RAFFLES TOUCH-A- TRUCK

AND MORE!

Trees for Spring 2025

Trees for the Spring 2025 planting are complete. If you have room on your parkway to provide a home for a tree for spring, 2025, 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.



American Legion Post 888

Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion

241 East North Avenue, Northlake, IL 60164

PRESENTS FRIDAY FISH FRY FUNDRAISER DINNER

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM 03/21/2025 to 4/18/2025

MENU

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE: FRENCH FRIES, COLE SLAW, BREAD & BUTTER, DESSERT, COFFEE YOUR CHOICE OF SALAD

3 PIECE COD DINNER - \$14.00; 1 PIECE COD & 4 SHRIMP COMBO DINNER - \$15.00 6 PIECE SHRIMP BASKET DINNER - \$15.00; EXTRA 1 PIECE OF SHRIMP or 1 Piece of COD - \$2.00 (NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED)

Pre-Purchases are recommended – See the bartender on duty for tickets

Legion Game will follow all dinners ** 50/50 fundraiser pulled at each dinner** Tickets can be purchased at each dinner for Raffles or contact the Auxiliary at Auxunit888events@gmail.com ALL OF OUR HELP ARE VOLUNTEERS AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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.





Mother's Day Plant Thursday, May 8, 2024 5:00 to 6:30

(or until the crafts run out)
Sandy VaSquez Community Center
316 La Porte

Springtime Preparedness

Severe weather, in the form of tornadoes, lightning, flash foods, damaging winds, and destructive hail, strike Illinois each spring, summer and fall. In some cases, we see this weather unfold with incredible violence.

Take the following actions when a Tornado Warning has been issued, when sirens have been activated or when a tornado has been sighted near your area:

- Go immediately to your predetermined shelter, basement or the lowest level of the building. In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture.
- If there is no basement, go to an interior hallway or a small interior room without windows. Stay away from outside windows and walls. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture and hold onto it. Use pillows or mattresses to protect your head and neck.
- If you are in a mobile home, get out and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and large hallways.
- If you are in a vehicle, immediately exit it and take shelter in a nearby building. Tornadoes can easily lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air. Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle as your movement may be hindered.
- If you are outside and there is no shelter nearby, go to a low-lying area such as a ditch and shield your head. Try to make yourself the smallest target possible and beware of the potential for flash flooding.

References: www.iema.illinois.gov

Give Them Distance: Don't risk it. Slow down and change lanes

We've all been there: pulled over on the side of the road due to a flat tire or engine trouble, cars and trucks speeding past us within only a few feet of our vehicle. This is the difficult and dangerous reality faced by our police officers, first responders, firefighters and roadside workers every day.

A coalition of public safety leaders throughout the state recently launched Give Them Distance, a road safety campaign to educate drivers about Illinois' Move Over Law.

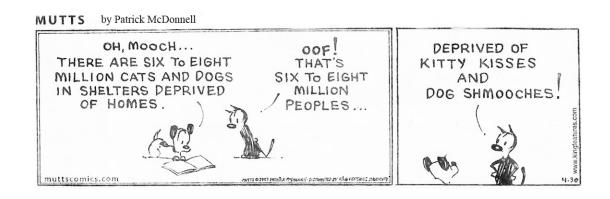
While drivers may be familiar with the Move Over Law as it applies to emergency vehicles and maintenance workers, many do not know that in Illinois, this law was expanded January 1, 2017, to require passing drivers to slow down and change lanes when approaching <u>any</u> vehicle with hazard lights flashing.

Drivers who fail to comply with the Move Over Law face serious penalties, including:

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- 2-year suspension of driving privileges
- Jail time, in extreme cases

Help us remind everyone of this simple-to-understand road safety message; whenever approaching any vehicle on the side of the road with emergency or hazard lights flashing, drivers should slow down and change lanes safely.

Please visit <u>GiveThemDistance.com</u> and the Give Them Distance Facebook page to learn more about Give Them Distance and help spread this vital road safety message.



Werba, Diane Marie, née Roposa, 60, passed away peacefully at her home in Northlake, IL on January 29, 2025. Diane was the beloved mother of Scott (Emily) Werba; proud grandmother of Blake Werba; dear wife of Mark Werba; cherished daughter of the late Louis and the late Rosalind Roposa; loving sister of Michael Roposa; treasured niece of Mariane Demetrion and the late George Demetrion; fond cousin of Andy, George, and Tim Demetrion. Diane is survived by her son, Scott, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, brother, husband, Mark, the Werba family, the Demetrion Family, the Mungovan family, and wonderful friends.

Diane grew up in Chicago and went to St Williams before going Notre Dame High School. She was head cashier at Butera, where she met Mark.

If the weather was nice, you could find Diane relaxing out on her patio, tunes blaring out her stereo, a fresh, ice-cold can of Pepsi in hand, ready to start up a conversation with whoever decided to stop by. If you found yourself lucky enough to have known Diane in any capacity, you would know that she loved deeply and brought a sense of warmth and levity anywhere she went.

Her humor had the ability to cut through the most somber of moments and fill the room with laughter and smiles. She had a knack for making any mundane moment feel special. An example that encapsulates just the kind of person she was is when she began throwing Scott's annual Tonsil Parties to celebrate the day he had them removed. This is just one of the many ways she made everyone feel special and loved. She took so much pride and joy in being Scott's mom. She didn't take the role of being a mom lightly, as she often hosted all of Scott's friends at the house and made sure everyone felt welcome, loved and fed.

She received her most important role in April of 2023, when she became Grandma DD to Blake. The two quickly became best friends as Diane would share in reading books, dancing, and going for walks together.

Visitation was held at Andersen-Morgan Funeral Home.

Smedberg, Donald F., 82, of Northlake, IL, born May 26, 1942, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, February 16, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Christine, his siblings Ruth, Rolfe (Alice), and William C. (Joan), and his great niece Zoe Patterson. He is survived by his siblings Karl (Wendy), Steven (Josie) and Irene Martin; his nephew/nieces Lonnie (Emily) Martin, Michael, Chrissy (Andy) Patterson, Steve E.(Monique)Smedberg; and great nephew/nieces Jacob, Cameron, Tony, Nathan, Charlotte, Avery, Sawyer, Adeline and Gwendolyn.



City Services

Selling your home: All property sales in Northlake requires the following:

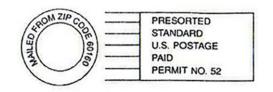
- 1. Payment of a \$250 fee for single family home and condo pre-sale inspection.
- 2. Proof of payment of all money owed to Northlake including: water bills, liens, grass cutting fees, snow plowing fees, taxes, etc.
- 3. Transfer stamp on "original" deed.

Block Party Request: An application must be completed and returned to the Clerk's office at least 2 weeks in advance. The application includes signatures of 51% of the block residents to show approval of the event. There is no charge for this service.

Garage/Estate Sale: A permit is required at no cost to the resident. Two garage/estate sales are permitted per household per calendar year, for three consecutive days each. This does not include the City Wide Garage Sale held in September.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 for Memorial Day.

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Calendar of Events – 2025			
APRIL	MAY		
April 7 - Branch Pick Up Begins	May 5 - Branch Pick Up Begins		
April 7 – Finance Meeting – 6:30	May 5 – Finance Meeting – 6:30		
City Council Meeting – 7:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00		
April 8 - Community Events & Affairs Mtg.	May 8 - Youth Commission Mtg 4:30		
-6:30	May 13 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.		
April 10 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30	-6:30		
April 15- Court	May 19 - Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. –		
April 21 – Senior Citizens Commission Mtg.	10:00 At the Community Center		
– 10:00 at the Community Center	May 19 – Finance Meeting – 6:30		
April 21 – Finance Meeting – 6:30	City Council Meeting – 7:00		
City Council Meeting – 7:00	May 20 - Court		
April 22 – Police Commission Mtg at P.D. –	May 26 - City Hall Closed – Memorial Day		
6:00	May 27 – Police Commission Mtg. – at P.D. –		
	6:00		