



The City of Northlake Northlake News

February-March 2025

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City Desk By Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin **Looking Towards 22nd Century**

It is hard to believe that we are already 25 years into the 21st century. It seems that we were just celebrating the turn of the century not that long ago.

What is also mind boggling is the thought that decisions we make today will have a far reaching effect to our community in the 22nd century. Things like water main replacement, infrastructure up grades and land use and development decisions will have a long lasting impact.

Just as the decisions and actions taken in 1950 still have an effect on Northlake in 2025, we must be thoughtful and deliberate in our decisions and actions in 2025 as they will surely still have an impact in 2100.

The City of Northlake is beginning 2025 on a positive note with major development taking place, major infrastructure improvements being undertaken and a strong financial footing, thanks in large part to the balance our community enjoys between residential, industrial and commercial property uses. I don't know if our civic leaders in 1950 were thinking about 2025 when the community was in its formative stages, but those early land use decisions have certainly been beneficial to us in 2025.

I have often referred to a quote written by President Franklin Roosevelt on the day before he died. "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

So in that vein, let us begin the work for 2025 as well as 2100.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

City Hall will be closed
Monday, February 17, 2025
for President's Day

"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.
The complete video will be available February 14, 2025.

No Increase in Garbage Fees for 2025

Expenses and revenues in the garbage collection fund were analyzed and it was determined that revenues for 2025 will cover the expense of garbage collection and that there is no need to raise the monthly fee charged to residents.

Two factors have made this possible. The first being the new garbage contract entered into a few years ago with Lake Shore Recycling which had more favorable rates than the previous contract and the second being revenues generated by the waste transfer station in the form of “tipping fees” paid to the City.

February is National Spay/Neuter Month

The Department of Animal & Rabies Control will be offering a rebate for spay/neuter costs in the month of February.

The Cook County Department of Animal & Rabies Control are doing their part to help solve our country’s pet overpopulation problem. Cook County residents can have their dogs, cats, or ferrets spayed/neutered during the month of February and save \$40 through their veterinarian.

How the rebate program works:

1. You must be a Cook County resident.
2. Call your veterinarian to ask if she/he is participating in the Cook County spay/neuter rebate program.
3. Schedule an appointment in February with a participating veterinarian.
4. Bring your cat, dog or ferret in for spay/neuter surgery. Limit is two pets per household.
6. All pets must either receive a rabies vaccination and tag the day of surgery or have a current rabies vaccination and tag to qualify for the program.

Contact your local veterinarian for more information. Or you can go to the County site at CookCountyIL.gov/service/spay-and-neuter-program-0.

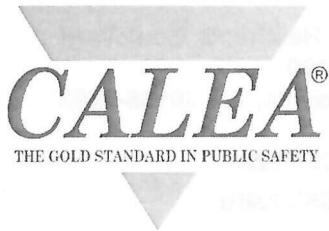
In addition, for Northlake residents only, bring your cat or dog in to a participating veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, anytime during the year, and you will receive a \$20 rebate from the City of Northlake. To participate in the program, your pet must be inoculated with the rabies vaccine. To receive your \$20 rebate from Northlake City Hall, you must bring in proof of residency and proof of the procedure from your veterinarian including a receipt.



Kiwanis Builders Club Donation

The Mannheim Builders Club, sponsored by the Northlake Kiwanis Club, made a generous donation to the Northlake Police Department in support of their Angel Tree project to help support families in need. The club members are supported by their school sponsors Mrs. Terrie Hafertepe and Ms. Noelle Lowther.

The Northlake Kiwanis Club added a donation of books.



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November 16, 2024

Chief Ken Beres
Chief of Police
Northlake Police Department
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Chief Beres:

CALEA® Accreditation serves as the *International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies*. This correspondence serves to recognize the Northlake Police Department has been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation effective November 16, 2024, for the Fifth time. This award remains in effect for four years and the agency retains all privileges associated with this status during that period.

The process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed with an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement. Structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

CALEA Accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, well managed, transparent, community-focused public safety agency. To this end, an agency must maintain its accredited status by remaining in compliance with CALEA standards at all times.

CALEA congratulates the Northlake Police Department for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence through accreditation. CALEA Accreditation is the *Mark of Professional Excellence* and should be displayed proudly by those who have earned this honor.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Hartley, Jr.
Executive Director

Heating Safety Tips

Heating equipment is one of the leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the winter months. Some simple steps can prevent most heating related fires from occurring.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat the home.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel for fuel burning space heaters.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your furnace and fireplace very year.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a week.

PARKING

City regulation states that there will be no parking on all streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Also, on north-south streets, there is no parking on the west side of the street at any time. On east-west streets, there is no parking on the north side of the street at any time.

Garbage Pick Up

Occasionally, you may have additional items or cans which may be placed for pick up if they have a tag attached to them. The cost of the tag is \$1.50 each and will be available at City Hall (55 E. North Avenue), Walgreen's (North and Wolf) and Public Works (100 W. Palmer).

Yard waste must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or a container NOT larger than 33 gallons (maximum weight – 60 pounds). Yard waste in plastic bags or oversized containers will not be picked up.

If you have metal items, such as appliances, water heaters, storm doors, lawn furniture, etc. you should place these items out on Thursday without a tag as the recyclers will most likely pick up these items quickly. You can always add a tag in the morning.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at 708-343-8700. With your cooperation, this program will successfully serve the residents of Northlake.

Just a Reminder

All electronic items must be disposed of at Public Works, 100 W. Palmer. Do not leave them out for garbage collection. They will not be picked up. For televisions with picture tubes and old style glass computer monitors, you must purchase a sticker from City Hall or Public Works. The cost is \$5.00. The sticker must be affixed to these items. There is no charge for any other item. Public Works is open 7:30 to 3:00 Monday through Friday.

Why Does The Snow Plow Deposit Snow At The Edge Of My Driveway?

Public Works in most towns use angled snow plows for snow removal. The major advantage of a side-angle plow is that it enables efficient and rapid snow removal. With this type of plow it is not possible to prevent a pile of snow from forming in front of a driveway. Drivers cannot lift their plows at driveways during snow removal. Doing that would increase the time it took to remove the snow from the streets and would leave piles of snow that could create a dangerous driving condition.

Though this may be an inconvenience for some, it is a necessary tradeoff for the removal of snow from the rest of the street.

Cook County Treasurer Urges Seniors to Take Advantage of Property Tax Deferral Program

Amid growing concerns that increases in property tax bills are pushing senior citizens to leave their homes, Cook County Treasurer reminded senior homeowners today of a state program that allows them to defer paying their property taxes.

The Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral Program allows property owners aged 65 or older to “borrow” money from the state to cover their property taxes. This program operates as a loan with a simple annual interest rate of 3%, providing financial relief to eligible seniors.

“Our senior homeowners are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their taxes. This program can make the difference among staying in their home, falling behind on their taxes or selling their home.”

To be eligible, property owners must meet the following criteria:

- Be 65 years of age or older on June 1 of the year the application is filed.
- Have an annual household income of \$65,000 or less.
- Have lived in the home for the past three years.
- Have no overdue property taxes or pending special assessments.
- Have adequate fire or accident loss insurance.

The program allows deferring up to \$7,500 annually in property taxes. If the bill is greater, the homeowner is responsible for paying the difference. Deferred taxes must be paid immediately upon the sale or transfer of the property, or within one year after the taxpayer's death.

Applications for fiscal year 2024 will be available in January 2025 and must be submitted by March 1, 2025.

At cookcountytreasurer.com under the “Seniors” tab, you can find information about the program, a link to a downloadable brochure and an application that can be printed. In addition, the Cook County Treasurer's Office has created a video in English, Spanish and Polish on the website and social media platforms.

Recently, lawmakers reduced the program's interest rate by half to 3%. Previously, participants paid an annual interest rate of 6% for fiscal years 2022 and earlier. Additionally, the maximum deferral limit increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500, while the annual income household for eligibility rose from \$55,000 to \$65,000.



KIDS' VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT NIGHT

Sandra Vasquez Community Center
316 N. LaPorte

Wednesday
February 12, 2025
5:00 to 6:30

FREE! FREE! FREE!
Sponsored by the Northlake
Youth Commission

Come in out of the RAIN and
Join us for an evening of

KIDS' BINGO
Thursday, March 13, 2025
5:00 to 6:30 P.M.

(or until the prizes run out)

Sandy Vasquez Community Center
316 La Porte
(between La Porte & Wolf Roads)

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Dunne, Michael Raymond, 66, of Northlake. Beloved husband of the late Theresa. Loving father of David Dunne and Frankie and Johnnie Pack. Beloved son of Arlene and the late Jerome Dunne. Dear brother of Jimmy and Diana Dunne. Michael served as alderman of the second ward in Northlake from 1999 to 2007. Visitation was held at Humes Funeral Home, Funeral Services and interment private.



Maskeri, Virginia (nee Vassallo), 100, beloved wife of the late Charles A. Maskeri; loving mother of Pamela (Jeffrey) Krawchuk, Debra (William) Piper, Susan (Eugene) Kania, David (Linda) Maskeri and the late Richard Maskeri; cherished grandmother of 14: Philip, Allison, Kathryn, Steven, Christine, Vincent, Michael, Peter, Daniel, Mary Kate, James, Mark, Michelle and Laura; proud great-grandmother of 13: Thomas, Clara, George, Gwendolyn, Annabelle, Lydia, Dominic, Charles, Finley, Sebastian, Walter, Leo and Isabella. Visitation was held at Northlake Funeral Home. Mass was held at St. John Vianney Church, Interment at All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum, Des Plaines, IL.



Trees for Spring 2025

Trees for the Fall, 2024 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.

2025 Meeting Schedule

City Council and Finance Committee:

Finance: 6:30, City Council 7:00 at Council Chambers

January 13, February 10, March 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 16, July 14, August 11, September 15, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15

Board of Police Commission

6:00 at Police Department: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23.

Community Events and Affairs

6:30 at Council Chambers: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

Senior Citizen Commission

10:00 at Sandra Vasquez Community Center: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

Youth Commission

Check newsletter for time and location: January 8, February 12, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

Be a Good Neighbor

Residents are reminded to not blow or shovel snow onto the street when cleaning driveways or sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant in front of or near your home, please be a good citizen and keep it free of ice and snow. It can be a matter of life or death for firefighters to be able to locate and get to the hydrants quickly in a fire emergency. If possible, please help elderly neighbors with their sidewalks and by clearing snow from school bus stops and school crossings.

GRASS CUTTING 2025 APPLICATION FORM

**Grass Cutting Program now includes gutter cleaning
(once in the spring, once in the fall)**

The City of Northlake offers Grass Cutting Services to property owners who are over 65, disabled, handicapped and/or have severe health problems and have no one else in the household who can mow the lawn. We anticipate that the grass will be cut every 10 days. The charge will be \$175 for the whole season, payable at the time of application. Those interested in Grass Cutting must use this form. **Grass clippings will not be raked up.**

ATTENTION: April 12th IS THE DEADLINE.

Please mail or bring this form, along with a copy of your Illinois photo ID (with date of birth) to: Northlake City Hall, Attention: Grass Cutting Program, 55 E. North Avenue, Northlake, IL 60164

**Please note: Even though you may have been on this program in the past,
you must reapply each year.**

The grass cutting program is in operation from April 1 until the end of October.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

- ☐ I am 65 years of age or older and neither myself, a family member, a relative, or a neighbor are able to cut grass. Include a copy of your driver's 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 of State license Disability Placard, or registration of disability through Social Security, along with a State of Illinois photo ID.

NOTE: GRASS CUTTING AND GUTTER CLEANING ONLY. EDGING AND TRIMMING ARE NOT INCLUDED.

****Arrange for snow plowing and lawn mowing bills from 2023-2024 to be paid in full so you can be added to the list for 2025.**

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 Probability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).

Calendar of Events – February/March 2025

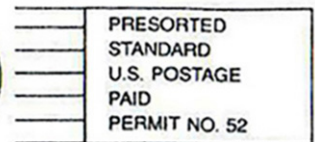
February

February 10 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00
February 11 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
February 12 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
February 17 – City Hall Closed Presidents Day
February 18 - Court
February 25 – Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

March

March 3 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00
March 11 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
March 13 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
March 17 – Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:00
March 17 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00
March 18 - Court
March 25 – Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

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