



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk by Jeffrey T. Sherwin

No Increase in City's Share of Property Tax Bill

In December, the City Council approved the 2023 budget and tax levy. The budget provides that all operating and infrastructure maintenance and investment could be accomplished without increasing the City's share of the property tax bill for the fifth year in a row. The City's share of the tax bill is roughly 11% of the total. In addition, the City Council voted to abate all debt service (bond) tax levies for the next year.

The budget reflects the City's strong budgetary performance and equally strong reserve position. The new budget provides for more than \$6 million in capital investment (infrastructure), in particular, a substantial water main replacement project in the residential area behind City Hall which was first developed in the late 1930's.

In addition to significant infrastructure improvements, the budget also provides for a substantial Police Pension contribution of just over \$1.5 million which will help meet the City Council's long range priority of reaching 100% funding well before the statutory requirement of 2040.

Congressmen Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and Mike Quigley Secure Grant for City

Congressmen Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and Mike Quigley secured funding for sanitary sewer rehabilitation for the City of Northlake in the amount of \$3.2 million. The Northlake grant was part of the fiscal year 2022 Funding Bill passed by the U.S. Congress in December. Congressmen Garcia and Quigley secured approximately \$43.5 million in funding for various community based projects in their districts as part of the overall Federal investment package.

City, Water Reclamation District Announce New Partnership

The City and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) have entered into a partnership agreement for the installation of permeable pavers for the parking areas at Millennium Park along Wolf Road and LaPorte Avenues. Once completed, the parking areas will be able to retain over 33,000 gallons of storm water for each rain event rather than having this run off end up in the City's storm sewers and ultimately in the creek. The agreement provides that the MWRD will provide \$361,000 in funding for the project which represents approximately 80% of the cost. The project will be built this year.

Back Yard Chicken Update

After the mail in ballots were counted by the Cook County Clerk, the back yard chickens increased their margin of victory from 1 vote to 4 votes with the final result being 1,019 in favor and 1,015 against. A City Council Committee, chaired by Alderman Penny Feldmann, will be researching the issue and will forward recommendations to the City Council.

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Youth and Community Events Commissions in Need of Members

If you are interested in serving on either the Youth Commission or the Community Events and Affairs Commission, please contact the Mayor's office at 708-343-8700.

The Youth Commission is responsible for various programming for our younger residents, and Community Events and Affairs is responsible for overall programs. The summer concerts, Winterfest, Boofest and Northlake Community Days are programs both commissions work on.

Property Tax Due Date

Cook County property owners will have an extra month to pay their First Installment property taxes this year.

HB 5189 makes Monday, April 3, 2023, the new due date. Property taxes are mailed twice a year. First Installment bills are usually due on March 1, and are 55% of the previous year's total amount.

First Installment bills will be mailed out in late February or early March, but bills are available right now at cookcountytreasurer.com for payment or viewing.

To make a payment or download a copy of your tax bill, visit cookcountytreasurer.com:

- Select the blue box labeled "Pay Online for Free"
- Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number
- There is no fee if you pay from your bank account
- Payments made at cookcountytreasurer.com before 11:59 p.m. on April 3 will be recorded as on time.

Partial payments are accepted. Late payments are charged 1.5 percent per month, as required by Illinois law.

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.



2023 Meeting Schedule

City Council and Finance Committee:

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

January 9, February 13, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 12, July 17, August 14, September 11, October 2 and 16, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18

Board of Police Commission

6:00 at Police Department: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 26

Community Events and Affairs

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

Senior Citizen Commission

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

Youth Commission

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

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 old style television sets (with tubes) and computer monitors, you must purchase a sticker from City Hall. 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.

Kiwanis Korner

Many of you ask "What is Kiwanis"? Kiwanis is an international organization serving the children of the world.

The Northlake Kiwanis Club was chartered in 1955. Our focus is to instill the importance of service and giving back to the community through our sponsored youth organizations; K-Kids for 3rd through 5th grade, Builders Club, 6, 7, 8th grade and Key Club at the high school level. We are all volunteers, giving back to the community in many ways,

We depend on donations to support the services we provide. Our pancake breakfasts and peanut day fundraisers support our book giveaways at Winterfest and the Northlake Library and our eyeglass program for students identified as needing financial assistance through the school system. We also sponsor local baseball, football, and softball leagues in Northlake and Leyden Township.

Pictured are students from Mannheim Middle School Builders Club. We recognize their fundraising efforts to make local families' holidays joyful through donations to the Leyden Township Food Pantry and donating Christmas gifts to the Northlake Police Departments Project Angel Tree. Kiwanis commends them for their service and caring for others.



Have a Happy
Valentine's Day!



City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 For President's Day

KIDS' VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT NIGHT

Please join us for a fun evening of crafts.

Where? Sandra Vasquez Community Center
316 N. LaPorte

When? Wednesday, February 8, 2023
5:00 to 6:30

Cost? FREE! FREE! FREE!
(Sponsored by the Northlake Youth Commission)



Trees Available for Spring 2023

Trees for the Spring, 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.

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.

1. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heaters.
2. Never use your oven to heat the home.
3. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
4. Always use the right kind of fuel for fuel burning space heaters.
5. Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your furnace and fireplace very year.
6. 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.
7. Test smoke alarms at lease once a week.

Have a safe and happy
St. Patrick's Day!



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Many home owners will be taking on home improvement projects. If you are having work done on or in your home, please remember the following permit and code requirements:

Hours for construction are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Typically, a permit is required for the following common projects: additions, bathroom remodels, decks, driveways, electrical upgrades, fences, kitchen remodels, patio, patio cover/overhangs, roofs, sewer, sheds, siding/gutters/downspouts and window replacements.

Application Requirements:

- **Application:** Filled out completely.
- **Plat of Survey:** Submitted along with all permits for all outside projects (new construction, additions, fence, patios, decks, driveways & sheds).
Plat of Survey **must be current** and reflect all structures on the property. Applications will be denied if a current plat of survey is not submitted with the application.
- **Site Plan:** Required for new construction, drawn to scale, with the building dimensions noted. The site plan can be shown on the plat of survey. New construction plans are reviewed by a consulting building official.
- **Engineering / Grading Plan:** Required for new construction. Engineering/grading plans are reviewed by a consulting engineering for storm water management compliances.
All engineering review fees are paid by the building permit applicant.
- **Topographical Survey:** Flood zoned residents are required to provide this survey for any new outdoor projects or any alteration.
- **Copy of Contract or Estimate:** Details the scope of work and the cost of the job.
- **Contractor's License:** All contractors are required to be listed on a permit application and be registered with the City.
- **Permit Card:** Required to be displayed in a window or door that faces the street and is un-obstructed. Failure to display the permit card will result in a fine.
- **J.U.L.I.E.:** Please call before you dig, **811 or (800) 892-0123**. It's FREE & they will arrange to come to your property and mark the locations of the underground utilities.

Inspections: Inspections will be listed on the Permit Card. The owner/contractor is responsible for obtaining all inspections. **Failure to call for an inspection can result in dismantling of finish surfaces or removal of drywall for inspection purposes.** It is recommended that a homeowner does not make their final payment to their contractor until a final inspection has been completed and approved. This protects the homeowner by ensuring that the contractor has done the work according to the plans approved by the Building Department and the City Code.

Permits shall become invalid if work does not start within 6 months, see expiration date on permit card. If work has been started, the permit is valid for 1 year from day of issuance.

If you have questions about building permits or possible violations, please contact the Building Department at (708) 343-8700 or visit the City of Northlake's website at www.northlakecity.com/departments/building.

Yard waste pick up begins April 7, 2023
Branch pick up begins the week of April 3, 2023

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product emits greenhouse gasses that contribute to climate change and requires a lot of materials and energy. Raw materials must be extracted from the earth and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment and save money.

Ways to reduce and reuse:

- Reuse or repurpose items such as old clothing, cloth grocery bags and containers to prevent waste.
- Donate unused clothing, electronics and building materials to make sure others can reuse them.
- Buy products made with recycled materials. Check labels to see if a product or its packaging is made from recycled materials.
- Maintain and repair products, like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.
- Borrow, rent or share items that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools or furniture. Reduce your food waste by shopping smart, buying what you need, composting food scraps and donating unused food to food banks or shelters.

Benefits of donation:

- Prevents usable goods from going into landfills
- Help the community and those in need.
- Tax benefits may be available.

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new product.

Benefits of recycling include:

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals.
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials.
- Saves energy
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials.
- Supports American manufacturing and conserves valuable resources
- Helps create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the U.S.

Curbside recycling is very common. Check with City Hall for a complete list of recyclable materials. The City also collects pharmaceutical drugs for proper disposal at the Police Department drop box. You can also recycle electronic waste at Public Works located at 100 W. Palmer.

KIDS' BINGO

wednesday, March 8, 2023

5 PM to 6:30 PM

(or until the prizes run out)

Sandy VaSquez Community Center

316 La Porte

(between La Porte & Wolf Roads)

B I N G O				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE		49 69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE

(Sponsored by the Northlake
Youth Commission)

Obituaries

Oneby, Gail F., formerly of Northlake, now of Lincoln Nebraska passed away on Nov 27, 2022. She was born on May 24, 1937 to Harry R and Lillian L Wittenberg in Chicago, IL. She attended Providence Catholic High School for girls, graduating 1955. At age 17 she began her secretary career at the NARAB real estate association downtown Chicago, primarily coordinating hotels, restaurants, and travel for association members from around the country. At age 15, she met the love of her life, James E Oneby, when a friend convinced her to attend a Native American dance event in 1953. They married May 10, 1958. Gail left her secretary career to raise their four children. In 2017 they retired to the Legacy retirement community in Lincoln Nebraska to be with family. She is survived by her husband, Jim, children Debi (Thomas) Jaster, Michael (Jennifer) Oneby, SherriLynne (Mark) Hansen, and Misha (Stephani) Oneby, six grandchildren, and many friends. Visitations and memorials are in Lincoln Nebraska. Any memorials are suggested to Habitat for Humanity or Doctors Without Borders.

Princen, Rose. Wife of the late Stephen Madalinski and Laverne Princen. Mother of Stephen (Kathleen) Madalinski, William (Kathleen) Madalinski and Alicia (Lynn Willis) Bruno. Grandmother of Karen (Jim) Genis, Stephen (Peggy) Madalinski, William Madalinski, Suzanne (Adam) Wienicki, Dominick Bruno and Lindsay (Tom) Monostori. Great grandmother of 19, preceded in death by 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Funeral arrangements by Northlake Funeral Home.

Prescription Drug Drop Off Box at Police Dept.

It may not be safe to dispose of medications by flushing them down the toilet or pouring them into the sink. It could be polluting the waterways in Illinois. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has seven water reclamation plants working to treat discarded water leaving the homes in the Chicago area. The process can remove many things, however, it is not designed to deal with prescription drugs. So they are returned to the waterways in Illinois.

Return unwanted or expired medication to a take-back program. This is the most environmentally safe way to dispose of these medications and will keep seniors, children and pets safe. The Northlake Police Department has a drop box located on the north end of the building. Drug drop off is anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information call 708-531-5755.

For Residents South of North Avenue

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.



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

February 7 – Community Events & Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	March 6 – Finance Meeting – 6:30
February 8 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30	City Council Meeting – 7:00
February 13 – Finance Meeting – 6:30	March 8– Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	March 14 – Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
February 20 – Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00	March 20 – Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00
Samdra Vasquez Community Center	Sandra Vasquez Community Center
February 20 – City Hall Closed –President’s Day	March 20 – Finance Meeting – 6:30
February 21 - Court	City Council Meeting – 7:00
February 28 –Police Commission at P.D.– 6:00	March 21 – Court
	March 28 – Police Commission at P.D. – 6:00

GRASS CUTTING 2023 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.

ATTENTION: April 8th 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 2021-2022 to be paid in full so you can be added to the list for 2023.

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).