



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk

by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin

City Bans Sale of Tianeptine, Known as “Gas Station Heroin”

In April, the City of Northlake banned the sale of Tianeptine, also known as “gas station heroin.” This unregulated product mimics the effects of opiates and was readily available and sold in smoke shops, convenience stores and gas stations. An overdose of this unregulated product can cause death.

Fortunately, only one Northlake retailer had this dangerous product on the shelf, and they immediately removed it when they were informed of the new ordinance.

However, this product is still available on line or at other retailers outside of Northlake. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is now warning people not to buy any tianeptine products, including those sold under the brand name Neptune’s Fix. The manufacturer has since issued a voluntary recall. While action by the City of Northlake is a step in the right direction, a more comprehensive approach to this problem is needed.

New legislation sponsored by Illinois Senator Dick Durbin and Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal would label these products as drugs and put them under federal control and regulation. Senator Durbin stated, “Dietary supplements are never tested like prescription drugs. It’s always a risk. But an overdose of Vitamin C is not going to kill you. An overdose of tianeptine will.”

Run Down Strip Center to Make Way for Storm Water Management

The City of Northlake acquired the run-down strip center on the corner of Wolf Road and Wiltse Drive as a result of non-payment of real estate taxes for several years. The City assisted in relocating the existing tenants to new locations. The vacant property was used by the Northlake Police and Fire Departments with other area departments for training. The building will be demolished and the area will be landscaped and utilized for storm water management.



Water Quality Report

The City of Northlake is posting the 2023 Water Quality Report on the website. It includes basic information regarding the source of your drinking water and the levels of any contaminants, compliance with water rules and educational material. To view our report, go to www.northlakecity.com/2023ccr/, or to obtain a copy, call 708-562-0940.

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Congratulations to the 2024 Graduating Class!

Leyden Rho Kappa National Seniors Honored

On May 7, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin was the Keynote Speaker at the Induction Ceremony for the Leyden High School Chapter of the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society. This Society is a national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Rho Kappa is overseen by the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS). The mission and purpose of Rho Kappa is to promote scholarship and to recognize academic excellence in social studies in secondary school environments and the community.

In order to be inducted into the Leyden Rho Kappa chapter, students need to show the following:

Academic Excellence

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in all academic and social studies courses
- Completed two core social studies courses or four semesters of social studies
- Be enrolled in at least one honors or advanced social studies course.

Leadership: Character and Integrity

- Obtain Letters of Recommendation from staff members
- Essay expressing how social studies has inspired them in their lives

Service: Civic Engagement

- Demonstrate participation in service events and a desire to become more civically engaged

Mayor Sherwin spoke of the need and importance of Civic Engagement prior to the graduating students receiving honorary Chords to be worn at the upcoming graduation ceremony in addition to their caps and gowns. The sponsors of Rho Kappa are Dan Hogan, teacher at the West Campus and Bernadette Ryan, teacher at the East Campus, who presented the Chords to the students. Opening remarks were given by Dalilia Kendic, West Rho Kappa President. Priscilla Bedoy, a West Leyden Senior was the student speaker, and closing remarks were given by Korneliusz Kopera, West Leyden Vice President of the chapter.

The following students receive their chords:

West Leyden: Dalila Kendic, Sienna Mireles, Korneliusz Kopera, Sophia Barandiaran, Amira Amata, Isabella Ambeliz, Maya Rubio, Anthony Flaco, Ariel Diaz, Joyslyn Maldonado, Rubi Corral, Sophia Cabrera, Brisa Acosta, Priscilla Bedou, Adrian Robledo, Liam Fazzi, Katlyn Marshall-Lang, Hugo Lechugo, Jorge Sari, Sarah Monarrez, Citlalic Navar, Zulema Navar, Alia El-Hindi, Estrella Rodriguez, Britney Orcullo, Melanie Alvarenga.

East Leyden: Isabel Aguilar, Jazzy Baker, Olivia Barnas, Anastasiia Buratynska, Rosalie Buttitta, Yuliana Castro, Chris Cervan, Alexas Giannoulis, Gabriela Gniecki, Alexandra Holubowicz, Natalie Juszczuk, Chloe Kovacevich, Jessica Kovacheva, Monico Krol, Sovayda Limon, Begzada Livadic, Kayla Mata, Sana Nimer, Zoe Palma, Katie Quijano Mori, Andres Rivera, Michael Rosso, Olivia Rutkowski, Sara Sakinovic, Mariya Todorova, Mihail Velikov, Mia Yelich, Jasmin Ambrocio, Isabella Cano, Sherlyn Cebrero, Natalia Hernandez, Ryan Martin, Patryk Michalik, Karla Mora, Ayah Najimi, Patrycja Niznik, Isabella Ortiz, Jacob Porras, Angela Raimondi, Andriana Slysh, Zofia Szumilas, Nevaeh Vanlenza



Northlake Kiwanis Book Giveaway

The Northlake Area Kiwanis Club participated in the Northlake Library District's April 27 event, Día de los Niños, by distributing free books to children. Over 100 books were given to children who attended the event. Childhood literacy is one of the core functions of the Northlake Area Kiwanis Club. Literacy is a key factor for personal and financial success and it is important to encourage people to read while they are young so that they will carry this skill forward as they approach adulthood. Volunteers from the Northlake Middle School and Proviso West High School assisted with the book giveaway.



Community Days June 28, 29 and 30, 2024



North American Midwest Carnival

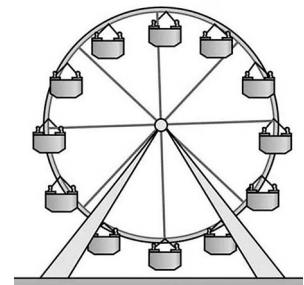
June 28, 29 and 30, 2024

6:00 - 11:30 Friday

3:00 to 11:30 Saturday

3:00 - 10:00 Sunday

Point of Purchase (POP) Tickets: \$34



Saturday, June 29, 2024

Fireworks

Approximately 9:30 p.m.

Rain date: June 30



Also: DJ and Food Vendors

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Showcase Classic Car Show

9:00 to 3:30

Centerpoint Preserve



Grant Park

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m to 12

Bingo 1:00 til prizes run out

Inflate- a - fest 11:00 - 2:00

Touch a Truck 10:00 - NOON



The City of Northlake in partnership with Leyden Township.
Veterans Park District and Northlake Kiwanis

Summer Concert Series

Grant Park Gazebo
Wolf and Country Club

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Rosalba Valdez

Rosalba Valdez is a Mexican-American singer/songwriter from Chicago. Rosalba has a passion for uplifting others through music, community work, and more. Recognizing her passion for music early on she also learned about the importance of speaking out against the injustices in her community. Her new single, "LUCHA DE FAMILIAS," reflects different stories in the immigrant community and calls on the Latine diaspora to stand united for social change.

Also known for her Tribute to Tejano music star Selena, Rosalba's performance will include a variety of Rosalba's own music from her debut EP, "Yo Soy Mexicana," and newest singles in 2024 at festivals and other cultural events throughout the Chicagoland area.



Wednesday

August 21, 2024

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Yankee Cowboy

The Midwest's Hottest Country Rock Band: Yankee Cowboy! Upbeat, exciting, modern country music with rockin' blasts from the past! This dynamic group is known for their big sound, 3-part harmonies, energetic stage presence, and tight musicianship. Everyone of all ages will enjoy Yankee Cowboy. Grab some friends and come out to the show and see what all the buzz is about!



Grill Raffle

One griddle cooking station is being raffled off for residents. It is a 36" Blackstone gas griddle cooking station. The griddle would make a good addition to your back yard.

There will be 400 tickets sold at \$5.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Club of Northlake. You can buy a ticket at City Hall. The winning ticket will be drawn on Monday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. You need not be present to win.



Alderwoman Penny Feldmann Receives Life Saving Award

On April 1, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin presented Alderwoman Penny Feldmann with the City of Northlake's Life Saving Award as a result of her swift actions in saving a resident's life.

On March 18, a resident collapsed on the sidewalk in front of City Hall after leaving a City Council meeting. A small crowd had gathered, trying to comfort the unconscious resident as he lay on the sidewalk. Alderman Feldmann, a Certified Nurse Midwife, happened to be driving by on her way home from the meeting and jumped out of her car, immediately assessing the situation, listened for a heart beat and began administering life saving CPR. She kept at it until the Northlake ambulance arrived and the paramedics took over, treating the resident at the scene and while on the way to Gotlieb Hospital.

The resident had regained consciousness by the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital and is making a good recovery at home.

Alderwoman Feldmann had just received her CPR re-certification the day of the incident. Thanks to her quick thinking and calm actions, the resident is making a good recovery.



Summer Safety Reminders

- Never leave a child unattended at a pool, not even for a second. Have a cellphone nearby to call 911 in an emergency.
- If you own a pool, make sure it has a four-sided fence and a self-closing, self-latching gate. Remove the ladder if the pool is not in use.
- Hot tubs should be covered and locked when not in use.
- Drowning victims need CPR right away, even before the paramedics can get there – Learn CPR.
- Enroll your child in swim lessons. Children from families that do not swim are more likely to drown.
- If you go boating, have your child wear a life jacket **every time**. Nine out of ten people that drown during a boating accident are not wearing a life jacket. Alcohol is involved in one of every five boating fatalities.

Each year over 50 children die because they were left alone in a car during warm weather.

- A child should **never** be left in a car unattended, even with the windows slightly open. The temperature can reach 140 degrees very quickly.
- Teach children to never play in any vehicle or in the trunk of a vehicle.
- Call 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. Fire Department professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.

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.

Spring Tree Planting Completed

The City of Northlake completed the Spring 2024 tree planting during the first week of May. Urban trees have many benefits: they help mitigate the “heat island” effect caused by concrete and asphalt absorbing the sun’s heat; they improve air quality by absorbing carbon; they help absorb storm water; and, improve property values as well as absorbing some of the normal everyday noise we encounter in an urban area.

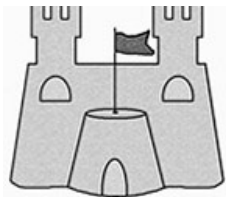
Since 1997 the City of Northlake has planted close to 4,000 trees. While that may seem like a lot, many were replacements of existing diseased or dead trees and not all of the new trees survived. There are still a lot of empty parkways throughout the City. If you have an empty parkway and are interested in providing a home for a tree, please contact the Public Works department at 708-562-0940 to reserve your tree in the fall planting.

Two final thoughts. If you have a new parkway tree, you can help out by making sure the tree is watered on a regular basis. This is especially important during the first 2 years after planting until the tree gets established. Also, please remember that parkway trees can not be cut or removed without the permission of the City. The parkway is generally the area 20 feet from the back of the curb.

If you have a concern about a tree in this area, please call the Public Works Department at 708-562-0940.

Spring 2024 Plantings

Skyline Honey Locust 328 Morse 401 S. 45 th 200 S. Roberta (2) 300 Village (2) 325 Westward Ho Centerpoint (3)	Autumn Blaze Maple 301 S. 45 th (3) 359 Whitehall 301 Country Club 105 Franklin (2) McDonalds (Wolf Side) 105 Golfview (2) 200 Wagner (2) 216 S. Roy 217 S. Roy (2)	Redpointe Maple 411 E. Morse 413 E. Morse 418 Lemoyne (2) 101 S. Dodd 136 N. Roberta 169 Westward Ho 244 MacArthur 204 Whitehall 301 Bernice (2) 623 N. Roy 200 E. Hayes (2)	Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac Soffel & 44 th (2) 201 Village 332 Village (2) Parkview & Prater 515 N. Laporte 359 Whitehall (2) 141 N. Roy 301 Victoria (2)
Eastern Redbud Maple 46 th & Hirsch 201 Village 79 West Dr. (2) 357 Lyndale 200 S. Wolf (4) Centerpoint	Magyar Upright Ginko Centerpoint 325 Victoria 38 S. Roberta 504 N. Geneva (2)		Sentry American Linden 331 E. Morse (2) 424 E. Morse (2) 204 S. 45 th (2) 109 N. Roberta 117 N. Roberta 260 MacArthur (2)



KIDS FREE SAND CRAFT NIGHT

Sandy Vasquez Community Center

316 N. LaPorte

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

5 PM to 6:30 PM

(Sponsored by the Northlake Youth Commission)

Obituary

Marksteiner, Helen, age 87 of Northlake, passed peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2024, surrounded by her family. Helen is survived by her brother, James Canavan, and sister-in-law, Rose Deutsch; her children, JoEllen (Robert) Ridder, Karen (Patrick) Ryan, Tim (Cherie) Marksteiner, and Joe Marksteiner; her many grandchildren, Magen (Scott) Straz, Michelle (Kyle) Cummings, Katie, Bridget, Stephen, Kyle (Jessica) Bice, Sarah, Robert (Cristina) Marksteiner, Megan, Amy, and Mallory; her beloved great-grandchildren, Harrison, Nolan, Isobel, Damian, Isaiah, and Cameron; and her many dear friends. Helen was a proud woman of faith, and she gave much of her time to the church and her parish, St. John Vianney. Helen was the treasurer of the St. John Vianney Ladies Guild for over 20 years, and she volunteered to run the Religious Goods Store that served parishioners for several years. She also began the treasured tradition of Donut Sunday at her parish, at the request of St. John Vianney's pastor, Father Luke. Helen was a southside Chicago native, avid bingo player, and steadfast White Sox fan who proudly celebrated her strong Irish heritage. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who enjoyed extolling the many achievements of her family. Helen will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Services were held at St. John Vianney church. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



Padilla, Thomas "Tom", 85-years old, passed away on April 29, 2024. July 18, 1938-April 29, 2024. Tom is now reunited with his beloved wife, Joannie (Roach) of 45 years, who also passed away on the same day 18 years ago. Loving father of Daniel (Kim), Diane (Bryan), and Patrick (Leslie), proud grandfather of Nick (Sam), Alyssa, Josh, Aiden, Catarina, Alex, and Colin, and great-grandfather of twins, Brynn and Mackenzie. Tom, a veteran of the U.S. Army, also served as Alderman in Northlake for 37 years. Tom was one of the forces that brought curbs and storm sewers to the City of Northlake while serving as an alderman in the 1980's. Tom was an avid gardener, Cubs fan, and loved Sunday dinners with his family. Visitation was held at Andersen-Morgan Funeral Home with a mass St. John Vianney. Interment was at Queen of Heavens Cemetery.



Tree Removal Assistance Program

The City's tree removal assistance program helps pay for the removal of dead or diseased trees. The City will lend up to 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$2000.00 per tree. This money will be placed on a lien on their property and will not have to be repaid until the property is sold. No interest will accrue on this loan.

In order to qualify, the resident needs to come to City Hall to fill out an application, which includes agreeing to placing a lien on their property for the amount of the City's expenditure. Public Works will inspect the tree to determine if it meets the criteria for the assistance. No work will begin until the approval of the application.

The homeowner needs to submit two estimates from a licensed and insured tree service company for the cost of removing the tree and stump.

If you think you have a tree that needs to be removed, start the process with City Hall.

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.

Recycle collection notes

Cardboard boxes must be in pieces no larger than 3' x 3'

Cardboard and paper must be free of food contamination. Food contaminated pizza boxes are not accepted.

Styrofoam is not accepted in recycle bin.

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 for Juneteenth and Thursday, July 4, 2024 for Independence Day.

Calendar of Events – 2024

June

June 3 - Branch pick up begins
June 10 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
June 11 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
June 12 - Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30
June 12 – Concert in the Park – 7:00
June 17 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30
Sandra Vasquez Community Center
June 18 - Court
June 25 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00
June 28-30 – Community Days

July

July 1 - Branch pick up begins
July 4 - City Hall Closed
July 9 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
July 10 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
July 15 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30
Sandra Vasquez Community Center
July 15 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
July 16 - Court
July 23 - 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.

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 Clerk’s office.

“Identity Theft”



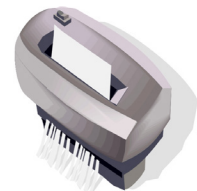
Help the
Northlake Police Department
Prevent the theft of **YOUR** identity.

The Northlake Police Department is sponsoring
“Document Shredding Day”

Saturday, June 15, 2024

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.