



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin **Public Works Repurposes Flagpole**

Our talented Public Works Department once again repurposed a flagpole that was located at the former Aspire Bakery Facility on Northwest Avenue, moving it to Creekside Park. The Public Works Department also was able to reclaim office furniture, guardrails, parking blocks, ladders, maps, buckets and various other useful items from the building which is slated for demolition later this year.

One of the advantages of today's electronic world is that I get to follow what's happening in other communities. One trend I have noted is the construction of new Village Halls, Police Stations, Fire Stations and other facilities at price tags of \$50 million or more, often replacing buildings that are only 50 years old or less.

The cost of new furniture often runs into the millions. While I can't pass judgment on the need for these new facilities, I can tell you that older buildings, when properly maintained throughout their lifetime, can serve the community for 100 years or more.

Our City Hall dates from 1960, and has been continually upgraded and maintained over the years and is in good condition. It should continue to serve our community well into the foreseeable future. Seventy five percent of the furnishings in City Hall have been reclaimed from other businesses over the years. We are still using desks from Automatic Electric dated from the 1950's, making them older than City Hall. Those steel desks from that era are built like tanks and will probably still be used 50 years from now.

The fire station maintained by the Northlake Fire Protection District, dates from 1953 and through the years additions and updates have been made, keeping the building relevant in 2025.

West Leyden High School was built in 1959, and School District 212 has maintained and updated the building over the years and it is a fully functional building meeting the needs of students in 2025.

Roy School dates from 1946 and Westdale School dates from 1953 and District 83 has meticulously maintained, enlarged and enhanced these buildings over the years so that they meet today's needs.

The Northlake Middle School and Riley School date from the early 1970's and recently received an update from District 87.

The City's Public Works building dates from 1971 and was rebuilt after the 1975 tornado. Again, this facility has been maintained over the years and will continue to serve our community for many years to come.

I am not against new construction. There are times when a new building makes the most sense. The City built a new police station in 2009, allowing City Hall to
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expand into the space formerly occupied by the old police station. The new station was designed to accommodate future growth. Veteran's Park District built a new fieldhouse at Grant Park in 2006, which replaced an undersized and non-functional building. The library built new additions to its original building which dates back to 1964 in order to keep up with today's requirements.

Maybe it's my Northlake upbringing in that I think you should take care of what you have, re-use or re-purpose where possible before tearing down and replacing.

With proper maintenance and thoughtful updates, there is no reason a building like our City Hall, which cost \$200,000 to build in 1960, would need to be replaced by a \$25 million building in the foreseeable future.

I commend our other taxing bodies for following the same philosophy.

New Swing Set Ordinance

The City Council recently passed an ordinance regulating the location of swing sets. Swing sets must be located in the back yard and are not permitted in the front yard. Enforcement of the ordinance will begin in six months, so there is plenty of time to relocate swing sets to the back yard.

Youth Commission in Need of Members

The Youth Commission is responsible for various programming for our younger residents. They meet once a month and for various events in the City such as Boofest where they put together and run the Haunted Trail, and Winterfest, in which they do crafts, and Eggstravaganza.

If you are interested in serving on the Youth Commission, please contact the Mayor's office at 708-343-8700.

Noise Ordinance

Per Noise Ordinance number O-11-2023, Live bands and amplified music needs to be turned down so as not to disturb neighbors. Friday and Saturday, the music needs to be reduced by 10:00 p.m. On Sunday through Thursday, the music needs to be reduced by 9:00 p.m.

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City Hall will be closed
Monday, September 1, 2025
for Labor Day!
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Annual Senior Citizen Dinner
Thursday, October 23, 2025

Monty's
708 S. York Road
Bensenville



Cocktails begin at 11:00 a.m.
Dinner - 11:30 a.m.
Cash Bar

Assigned Seating tickets available at
Northlake City Hall during regular office hours until October 11th.

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



Vegan option available upon request at time of ticket pick up.

Concert in the Park
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
7:00 P.M. Grant Park Kiwanis
Gazebo
Between Wolf and Lavergne



Prairie Station is the Chicagoland's most exciting and talked about modern country band playing the hottest music from today as well as yesterday's country and country rock staples you miss and love.

At their interactive and energy filled show, you'll hear favorites like Luke Bryan and Morgan Wallen, on up to Miranda Lambert, Shania Twain, Johnny Cash and so much more.

Keeping Cool

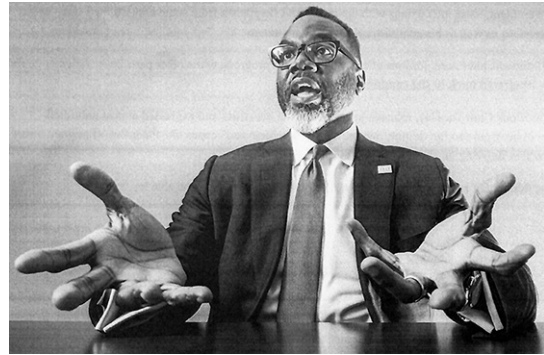
Many cities across Illinois have had prolonged heat indexes over 100 degrees this summer. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises the public to drink more water than usual, and not to wait until thirsty during times of extreme heat. Other tips include wearing light-weight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothes.

Make sure the blinds are down and the curtains closed in your home. Also, try not to run the dishwasher or laundry machines until after dark.

Don't forget, your pets also need protection from the hot weather.

Notice

Neither the City of Northlake, nor the Police or Fire Departments are soliciting funds by phone, mail or any other means.



Chicago Unilaterally Raises Water Rates

On June 1, the City of Chicago unilaterally raised the water rates charged to Northlake by 4%. As a result, Northlake water rates will increase by 3 ½%. The old rate was \$10.29 per 1,000 gallons. The new rate will be \$10.65 per 1,000 gallons.

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 October 9 at 4:30 p.m at City Hall, 55 E. North Avenue.
- 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, 10/31/24.

Please contact:

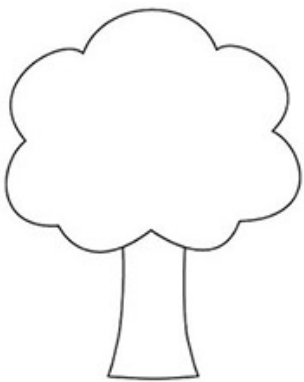
Sheila Morgan 708-334-0315

OLD FIRE HYDRANTS AVAILABLE

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.

This will be the last chance for Northlake Residents only. They will go on E-Bay to the general public on October 1.



Trees for Fall, 2025

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

KIDS' BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Thursday, August 14
5 PM to 6:30 PM

(or until supplies run out)

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

*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*

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KIDS' BINGO

Thursday, September 11
5 PM to 6:30 PM
(or until the prizes run out)

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The 411 on Recycling

What ~~Can~~ 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)

What Cannot be Recycled

- Soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins, tissues
- Plastic take out containers, cups, plates, 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

Leyden Community Food Pantry 501 (c)(3)

REGISTRATION

First time clients are required to fill out a participation form and provide proof of Leyden Township residency before their first visit.

HOURS OF OPERATION

We operate Monday - Friday, by appointment only. Call Michele or Lisa to schedule a date and time.

Michele: (847) 451-5117

Lisa: (847) 451-5112

LOCATION

Our food pantry is located at:
Leyden Township Town Hall
2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131

MOST WANTED ITEMS

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| • CEREAL | • LAUNDRY DETERGENT |
| • CHILES | • MASHED POTATOES |
| • COFFEE | • PASTA SAUCE |
| • CONDIMENTS | • PEANUT BUTTER |
| • COOKING OIL | • PUDDING |
| • CRACKERS | • RICE |
| • JELL-O | • PERSONAL CARE ITEMS |
| • JUICES | (Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine products) |

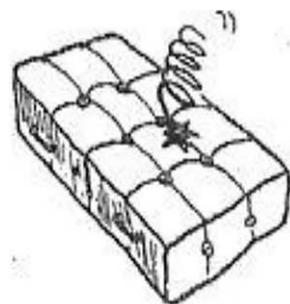
For the safety of our clients, we cannot accept expired food.

Free Mulch

If you are in need of mulch, Public Works is providing it free of charge. For more information, call Public Works at 708-562-0940.

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.



2025 Griddle Winner

Roselin Delgado is the current Kiwanis griddle winner. She has been a resident in Northlake for 2 years. She heard about the raffle when she came into City Hall recently. Roselin says she will be the one using the grill. Pictured left to right: Yoselyn Estrada, Roselin Delgado, Zita Calderon.



Electronic Recycling

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 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.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Northlake Citywide Garage Sale September 19, 20 and 21, 2025



Join over 100 Northlake households having a garage sale. complete list of garage sales will be available at City Hall after noon on September 18th. List will also be available on line at: Northlakecity.com

To have your name included on the list, fill out the form below and mail or bring to:

City Hall, 55 E. North Avenue, by September 17th, at 12:00 p.m.

Citywide Garage Sale Registration Form

Please print.

We will hold our garage sale on (circle days): Friday Saturday Sunday

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (only for City Hall) _____

Ferguson, Jeffrey, Retired Railroad Worker (Chicago Northwestern and Union Pacific Railroad), Firefighter – Northlake, IL Fire Department (1976–1985), Treasurer (1985–1990) and President (1990–2020)

Jeffrey Reed Ferguson, a devoted family man and proud retiree of both the railroad and fire service, passed away peacefully on May 14th at the age of 76. Born on July 10th, 1949, Jeffrey dedicated much of his life to hard work and service. He built a long, honorable career on the railroad, followed by years of courageous service as a firefighter — both roles reflecting his strong sense of duty, resilience, and commitment to others.

After retirement, Jeffrey embraced the simple joys in life. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast who found freedom on the open road, and a passionate gardener who shared his love for the soil and seasons with his wife, Merry Ferguson. Together, they created a home full of beauty, love, and deep-rooted companionship.

Jeffrey's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Merry, and their children: Diana (Mark), Rita, Ronda (Doug), and Jeffrey (Lauren). He was a proud grandfather to Michael, Samantha, Kelsey, Rylen, and Mia, who brought him endless joy and laughter. His legacy of love, integrity, and quiet wisdom lives on in each of them.

A private service was held at St. Andrew Catholic Church, with a celebration of life to follow at a later time.

Jeffrey will be remembered as a steadfast soul who worked hard, loved deeply, and rode freely. His spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched."

Maggio, Christine was daughter of late Dolores and Edward Weber Sr.; beloved wife of late Anthony Maggio Sr.; dear mother of Anthony Jr. (Jeannine) Maggio, Julie Anne (Wayne Guziak) Maggio and the late Annette who passed at 2 1/2 years old in 1963; fond sister of late Edward Weber Jr, Diane (late Frank) Pietrie, and late Elizabeth. Visitation was at Northlake Funeral Home. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Criss, Jerry was an extremely positive man, who loved his family and was active in his community. R. Jerry Criss, 65, of Northlake, died on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

He was born in 1959 to Ronald and Kathleen Criss. Jerry grew up in Northlake with his sister Karyn going to the local schools, Roy Elementary School, Mannheim Middle School, and West Leyden High School. He met his wife, Kathy at West Leyden, and they married after college. He and Kathy remained in Northlake where they raised their daughter, Madison. He loved his family more than anything else.

Jerry was always an active and committed member in the schools whether it was as the president of PTAs or encouraging parent involvement. He also started a K-Kids group at Roy Elementary where he and his daughter attended. This group focused on building kids' self-esteem and community service. He was also a part of Kiwanis and helped out with many community events.

Jerry worked for Primerica for 40 years. He worked diligently and grew his business quickly. He made friends wherever he went with his friendly and positive personality. He is known for many different things, from his stories and encouraging words to his humor and positive spirit. He was Mr. Positive to his family, friends, and countless others. He always had a listening ear and uplifting words to share.

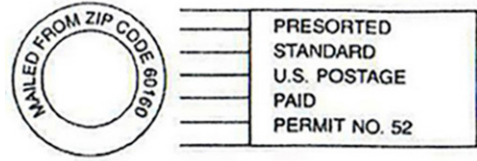
His service was held at Andersen-Morgan Funeral Home in Franklin Park, IL. More importantly don't forget to stay positive and spread kindness. In the spirit of Jerry, enjoy life and get involved with your friends and family, in the schools, and in your community.



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 or visit the payment portal at www.invoicecloud.com/northlakeil.

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Calendar of Events – 2025

August	September
Aug 4 - Branch pick up begins	Sep 1 - City Hall Closed
Aug 4 - Finance Meeting - 6:30	Sep 8 - Branch pick up begins
City Council Meeting - 7:00	Sep 9 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.- 6:30
Aug 12 - Community Events & Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	Sep 11 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
Aug 14 - Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30	Sep 15 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
Aug 18 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30 Vasquez Community Center	City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Aug 19 - Court	Sep 15 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30 Vasquez Community Center
Aug 20 – Concert in the Park – 7:00	Sep 16 - Court
Aug 26 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00	Sep 23 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00