



The City of Northlake Northlake News

August-September 2024

City Desk

by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin

Northlake Continues to Evolve

Even though the City of Northlake celebrated its 75th anniversary last month, our community continues to evolve and reinvent itself.

Most recently, demolition has started on the old Norkol Building at the end of Garnet Drive in the City's industrial area north of Grand Avenue. This property had originally started out as a Montgomery Ward's warehouse in the 1960's, and then was home to Norkol, a company that handled bulk purchases of paper.

Norkol recently sold the building, and the property is being redeveloped as a data center by T-5 Data Centers. This will be the City's 5th data center, making Northlake a key location for today's technology-based economy.

Also, Show Flooring, located near the Wal-Mart, will be moving to Chicago where they had purchased a building to serve their growing business. Ross Dress for Less will take over that space. Work on the conversion to Ross will soon begin.

On another note, Paisan's Pizza has changed course and will not be building out their location in Northlake. The property is up for sale and we are confident that it will also be redeveloped successfully.

Work on the Tollway/North Avenue area continues and should be completed sometime next year. We are looking forward to the improvements which will improve traffic flow in the area, keeping our community a desirable place for business as well as a great place to make a home.

The City has completed approximately 80 lead water service replacements this year, at no added cost to our residents, and is in the process of formulating next year's program with the goal of completing 100 additional replacements. So far 11 lead services on Roy Avenue between Belle and Country Club have been identified and will be replaced as part of a water main replacement on that block.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer.

Jeffrey T. Sherwin
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Nancy Pauletto
City Clerk

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Paul Straube, 1st Ward
Penny Feldmann, 1st Ward
Art Garcia 2nd Ward
Jaime S. Contreras, 2nd Ward
Juan Urbina, 3rd Ward
Norman Johnson, 3rd Ward
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Looking north
on Wolf Road
at Doyle Drive.
Former
Northlake
Lutheran Church
is pictured.

Summer Concert Series

Grant Park Gazebo

Wolf and Country Club

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!



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:

- Able to attend the youth commission meeting on 10/9 at 5:00 at the Sandy Vasquez Community Center, 316 N. LaPorte,
- 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

The Annual Senior Citizen Dinner Thursday, October 24, 2024

Monty's
703 S. York Road
Bensenville



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

Assigned Seating Tickets available at
Northlake City Hall during regular office hours until
October 12th.

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



How Does Your Home Measure Up?

Summer is here and Code Enforcement will be resuming their patrols in the City. Below is a list of some of the items they will be looking at to assure the exterior surfaces and surroundings are up to code. This checklist will help keep you safe and your property in good condition.

- Address Numbers must be easily seen from the street and be at least 4 inches tall and contrasting colors.
- Roofs cannot be missing shingles or show any defects that would allow rain or snow to leak through, or any signs of sagging.
- Gutters must be anchored to the roof, with downspouts properly connected and free from obstruction.
- Sump pumps and downspouts shall discharge onto your own property in such a manner as to not create a nuisance to neighbors or public property.
- Window glass cannot have cracks or holes. Window frames must be in good condition.
- Doors and door frames must be in good condition and weather tight.
- Exterior surfaces, such as siding, soffit and fascia must be free of holes and be properly painted and weather proofed.
- Driveways and walkways should not have serious cracks, deterioration or settlement that might cause a trip hazard.
- Accessory structures such as decks, detached garages, porches, pools and retaining walls must be structurally sound and in good condition.
- Decks must be in good condition. Always check that handrails and guardrails are secure. Any loose boards may need to be screwed down.
- Garbage and debris need to be cleaned up. Unused tires, garbage, grills, etc. can be unsightly and may attract insects and rodents, and will need to be removed from your property.
- Fences need to be structurally sound. Replace any broken or damaged fence boards.
- Pools shall be in good working order. Check your pool liner and any electrical or gas pipe for faulty equipment or connections. Pools not in use need to be drained so they don't harbor mosquitos.
- Recreational vehicles (boats, campers, trailers) may not be stored in the front yard or on the driveway. When stored in the side or rear yard, they must be placed upon either asphalt or concrete and be screened on three sides by fencing or non-deciduous plants that are at least five feet in height.
- Trees that are diseased, dying or dead shall be removed from your property.
- Grass and weeds shall be maintained to 8 inches or less.

Permits are not required for painting, carpeting or flooring, landscaping (as long as it does not change the grading) or sealing your driveway. Any other work, you need to check with the building department before work is started. If you have any questions, call 708-343-8700.

Grill Winner

Steve Rivera is this year's winner of the Kiwanis grill. Steve has lived in Northlake for 26 years. However, he just bought a new house in Northlake and he won a new grill. He's a very lucky man. Steve said he found out about the raffle when he came into City Hall after just buying the house.

Right: Steve pictured with his daughter Dulce.



City Hall will be closed Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labor Day!

Go Paperless - Save \$5 on your Water Bill

When you register to have your water bill emailed, you'll receive a \$5.00 credit on your next bill. As long as you remain signed up for electronic billing, you'll enjoy a \$5 savings every billing cycle until August 2025.*

It's easy to sign up.

- Visit the payment portal at www.invoicecloud.com/northlakeil
- Sign in or register now
- Sign up for paperless

We will continue to offer a variety of payment methods to accommodate your needs, including:

1. Pay online at www.invoicecloud.com/northlakeil
2. Sign up for AutoPay
3. Pay by phone at 855-943-2370
4. Mail a check to City of Northlake, 55 E. North Avenue, Northlake, IL 60164
5. In person at City Hall
6. Drop of slot (rear of City Hall Building).

*The incentive is only for our paperless billing program.

KIDS' BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

5 PM to 6:30 PM

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

*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*
(Sponsored by the Northlake
Youth Commission)

KIDS' BINGO

Wednesday, September 11

5 PM to 6:30 PM

(or until the prizes run out)

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

*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*
(Sponsored by the Northlake
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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.



Commemorative Cups

The City of Northlake is selling commemorative mugs and cups for the 75th anniversary of the City. These items are available at City Hall for \$3.00 each. The imprint on the cups and mugs is blue. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to noon.

Noise Ordinance

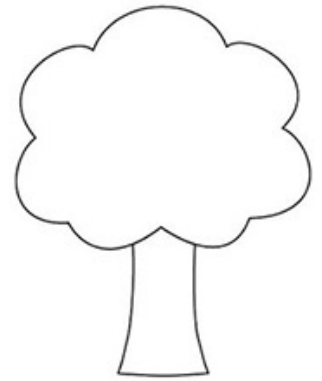
Per Noise Ordinance number O-11-2023, Live bands and amplified music needs to be turned down so as not to disturb neighbors. Friday and Saturday, the music needs to be reduced by 10:00 p.m. On Sunday through Thursday, the music needs to be reduced by 9:00 p.m.

Trees Available for Fall 2024

Trees for the Fall, 2024 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.



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.

Your pets also need protection from the hot weather. Make sure you provide sufficient water for them.

NOTICE

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



Men's 16" Major / Open Roster
Men's 16" A/B Division
Coed 14" Mushball

Thursday, August 1 – Sunday, August 4

Veterans Park District hosts its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

Team spots fill up fast for this yearly event so register your team now! We are looking for:

- 8 Men's 16" Major teams 'Open Roster'
- 12 Men's 16" A/B Division teams
- 12 Coed 14" Mushball teams

Don't miss this action-packed weekend of softball, food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

- A deposit is required to hold your spot or you can pay the fee in full.
- Registration will be taken throughout the spring and early summer.
- Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to all winning teams of each tournament.

Game times to be announced.

Non Refundable Deposit: \$100 (applied towards balance).

Fee: \$200

Check [quickscores.com/vpd](https://www.quickscores.com/vpd) for league updates.

For more information or to register a team, contact Joe Serpico at (708) 870-4780.

Pawsitively Feral

Have you noticed groups of feral cats, known as colonies, in your neighborhood? Healthy, stable cat colonies bring lots of upsides to a community. However, feral cat colonies need care, support, and management to thrive.

We want to introduce you to Pawsitively Feral, a 501(c)(3) animal welfare group focused in the Northlake and Leyden Township area. Pawsitively Feral provides a community hub for feral cat information and support. We're here to help you learn more about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) care for feral cats.

In TNR, we: (T)rap feral cats; (N)euter or spay cats to control population growth; (R)eturn the cats to the area where they live

While individual cats are at the vet, they are vaccinated and treated for fleas and ticks. This helps our local feral cat population stay happy, healthy, and disease-free.

Why do we trap the feral cats we care for? Some people worry that trapping cats is cruel. However, just think about how scary vet visits are for cats. Using safe, humane traps keeps cats from getting too stressed out. It's the best way to make the experience easy on feral cats and the vet staff. Trapping also protects you from bites and scratches.

TNR keeps cat colonies stabilized. Healthy, stable cat colonies give us great pest control, making it so that we don't have bad rat problems in Northlake and Leyden. We don't want feral cat colonies to grow too large, or suffer from health problems, but many residents love the presence of these feral furry friends, and would miss them if they were gone. That's why we always return cats to their home turf after trapping and neutering/spaying.

You can become a registered colony caregiver, entitling you to legal protection for supporting cats that aren't wild animals, but also aren't pets.

Pawsitively Feral works with colony caregivers to manage kittens. Springtime is kitten season! After socialization, kittens can become domesticated and loving house pets.

For more information on TNR, or if you need help with feral cats near you, reach out to Pawsitively Feral. We provide TNR training, supply traps, make site calls, and take cats to be fixed and treated at low-cost vets. We also find homes for barn cats! And, we can connect you with sponsors to become a registered colony caregiver.

If you're concerned about feral cats near you, Pawsitively Feral responds rapidly with knowledgeable, hands-on help. Reach out to Pawsitively Feral for all your feral cat care questions and TNR support needs.

You can help community cats in our coverage area by donating to us today through our website, www.pawsitivelyferal.org We accept in-kind donations, and have wish lists on Amazon and Chewy for cat food and more. Or, get involved as a volunteer!

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

Monday through Friday, by appointment only.

Call Michell at 847-451-5117

Or Lisa at 847-451-5112

Location:

Leyden Township Town Hall

2501 N.Mannheim Road

Franklin Park, IL 60131

Most wanted items:

Cereal, Chiles, Coffee, Condiments, Cooking oil,

Crackers, Rice, Jello, Juices, Rice, Pudding

Pasta Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter

Laundry Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine

Products, Diapers

For the safety of our clients, we cannot accept expired Food

Obituary

Jablonski, Ronald Joseph, 68, of Northlake. Passed away on May 12, 2024 at Beloit Memorial Hospital. Born on December 13, 1955, in Elmhurst, Ron was the son of Chester and Rose Jablonski. He grew up in Northlake, where he forged lifelong connections and cherished emories. Ron developed a love of fishing, raising dogs and playing polka music on his accordion. In 1995, Ron married the love of his life, Sharon, a talented seamstress, who won his heart by agreeing to craft a hot dog costume for a college presentation. Their bond flourished over the years alongside the shared companionship of their beloved dogs, most recently Sadie, Ron's faithful friend. Ron was greatly devoted to family. He shared a special bond with his twin sister, Renee and brother, Robert. As a stepfather, he took immense pride in his 5 stepchildren, 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, loving them all as his own. He is survived by his wife Sharon, his older brother Robert (Maryann) and twin sister Renee, stepchildren Cathy, Bonita, Rich, Patrick and Tom, 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and beloved dog Sadi. Ron is preceded in death by his father Chester and mother Rose and his grandson Joseph Helmick USMC. Visitation was held at Sax Tiedeman. Interment was at Queen of Heavens Cemetery.



Voter Registration On-Line

Election day is November 5, 2024. As is always true, this is a very important election. It is, first of all, for the president of the United States. There will also be other candidates and important referendums. Your vote does count.

If you have not yet registered to vote, or recently changed your address, you can register on line. The Illinois State Board of Elections' on line voter registration application can be found at:

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

- You must be a United States Citizen.
- You must turn 18 on or before the date of the General or Consolidated Election
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction
- You may not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

After registering to vote, you can request an application to vote by mail in the November election. To do so, go to <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail> It only takes a few minutes to fill out the application.

Voting is your right and responsibility as a citizen. Please exercise it.

FOR RESIDENTS SOUTH OF NORTH AVE.

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.

Leyden Handyman Program



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 – 2024

August

Aug 5 – Branch pick up begins
 Aug 12 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Aug 13 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
 Aug 14- Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30
 Aug 19 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. – 10:00 at
 Vasquez Community Center
 Aug 20 - Court
 Aug 21 - Summer Concert
 Aug 27 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

September

Sept 2 - City Hall Closed
 Sept 3 - Branch pick up begins
 Sept 10 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
 Sept 11 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
 Sept 16 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Sept 16 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. – 10:00 at
 Vasquez Community Center
 Sept 17 - Court
 Sept 20-22 – City Wide Garage Sale
 Sept 24 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Northlake Citywide Garage Sale

September 20, 21 and 22, 2024

Join over 100 Northlake households having a garage sale.

A complete list of garage sales will be available at City Hall after noon on September 19th. 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 18th, 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*) _____