



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin Road Construction Update

Well, we've all been putting up with these horrible traffic delays on North Avenue for some time now. First off let me tell you that the City of Northlake is not in charge of this project. The Cook County Highway Department is the lead agency here. But no matter who is in charge of the Lake Street bridge replacement over North Avenue, trying to keep the road open is a complex and difficult job. I'm sure it would be much easier, quicker and safer to close the road down completely, but that is not an option, so we have to have a little understanding and patience. I try to avoid the area if at all possible, taking alternate routes, or scheduling my trips in off peak hours.

The good news and the bad news is that we can expect North Avenue to be squeezed to one lane through the end of July when an additional lane will be opened according to the Cook County Highway Department. They are also looking into adjusting the timing on the traffic signal at Northwest to allow for a longer green light. The really good news is that the project is supposed to be substantially completed by the end of October. So let's all hang in there. The end of October will be here sooner than we think and we will be wondering where the summer went.

Now here is some more construction news----the City will be replacing the water main and rehabilitating Railroad Avenue starting in mid-May. This project will be a major disruption to the businesses on Railroad Avenue, especially to the truck traffic. The Road will be reduced to one lane only, going Northbound. All south bound traffic will be directed to Palmer, then to Wolf. Trucks will proceed north on Wolf to Grand then back to North Avenue by traveling south on Northwest Avenue. We will see significant truck traffic on Palmer and northbound Wolf Road, north of Palmer for the entire summer. Unfortunately, there really is no alternative here. This is the least disruptive choice.

We had considered waiting for the North Avenue project to be finished first, but that still would have not changed the detour route. Prices would be higher next year, and we would have been stretching out this major construction for a longer period. So we figured let's get all of the misery over with as soon as possible. So for those of us, myself included, who have been using Railroad Avenue as a way to avoid some of the traffic on westbound North Avenue, the party's over.

Road construction aside, let's enjoy the summer, because when we are driving on all these new beautiful roads in the fall, we will be wondering where the summer went.

Water Quality Report

The City of Northlake is posting the 2024 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 <https://www.northlakecity.com/2024ccr/> or to obtain a copy, call 708-562-0940.

Congratulations to the 2025 Graduating Class!

Concert in the Park
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Grant Park Gazebo
Between Wolf and Lavergne

Pachanga USA is a “band with a kick” that has earned their reputation because of their amazing talent, variety of great 100% danceable Spanish and English music as a band with a full sound which will bring great entertainment and lots of the most popular songs that people like to listen and dance to.



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 14 at 7:00 p.m. You need not be present to win.



Concert in the Park
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Grant Park 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 our interactive and energy filled shows, you’ll hear favorites like Luke Bryan and Morgan Wallen, on up to Miranda Lambert, Shania Twain, Johnny Cash and so much more.

Assistance Available through CEDA

The 2025 CSBG Scholarship Program for income eligible students in degree programs is now accepting applications for the fall.

Students enrolled full-time in an Illinois college or university may qualify for a scholarship which can range up to \$5000.

For more information, contact csbg scholarship@ceda.org or call 312/259-4237.

City Hall will be closed on
Thursday, June 19, 2025 for
Juneteenth and
Friday, July 4, 2025 for
Independence Day!



Community Days

June 27, 28 and 29, 2025



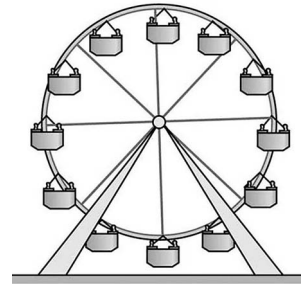
North American Midwest Carnival

June 27, 28 and 29, 2025

6:00 - 11:30 Friday

3:00 to 11:30 Saturday

3:00 - 10:00 Sunday



Point of Purchase (POP) Tickets: \$34

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Fireworks

Approximately 9:30 p.m.

Rain date: June 29

Also: DJ and Food Vendors



Sunday, June 29, 2025

Showcase Classic Car Show

9:00 to 3:30

Centerpoint Preserve

Grant Park



Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast - \$5.00

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 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.

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.

Beware of Scams

The spring and summer months bring an increase in con artists who prey on seniors and uninformed citizens. They are actually professional scam artists and criminals. They knock on doors and identify themselves as contractors or City employees or tree trimmers.

Their goal is to steal money and other items from unsuspecting victims. They charge high rates and never finish the work or provide very low-quality products. Often they frighten the resident by suggesting the work is necessary to prevent injury or further damage. They trick the homeowner into leaving the house so they can show you the problem, while an accomplice enters the house and steals valuables and money.

Here are some tips to protect yourself and help the police catch these criminals:

1. Never open your door to a stranger or let a stranger into your home. Call 911 immediately if someone pushes their way in.
2. Never leave your home unlocked or go into the backyard with a stranger.
3. Never hide large sums of cash in your home. These criminals know how to find your best hiding places.
4. Never hire a stranger who appears at your door to do unsolicited work in or around your home. Reputable contractors do not sell their services door to door.
5. Ask for identification from anyone claiming to be a City employee or a contractor. If they refuse, call 911 immediately with a description of the person and their vehicle.
6. Call 911 right away if you observe suspicious activity or see a strange vehicle parked or cruising around in your neighborhood.
7. Since these criminals tend to victimize seniors, keep a protective eye out for your older neighbor.
8. Never give out personal information, either in person, on the computer or on the phone unless you solicited the business first.

2025 Spring Tree Planting List

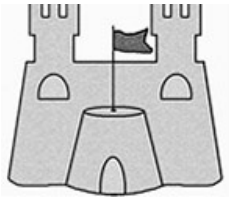
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Trees for Fall 2025

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 FREE SAND CRAFT NIGHT

Sandy Vasquez Community Center
316 N. LaPorte
Thursday, June 12, 2025
5 PM to 6:30 PM

(Sponsored by the Northlake Youth Commission)

OLD FIRE HYDRANTS AVAILABLE

Have you ever wanted a fire hydrant as a lawn ornament in your back yard? Now's your chance. There is 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.



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



How Does Your Home Measure Up?

Spring 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.

River Rocks Available

River rocks are now available to residents of Northlake. River rocks have numerous uses such as landscaping, pathways, edging, walkways, water features, drainage, mulch alternative for garden beds and even arts and crafts.

These rocks are approximately 1 to 1 ½" in diameter and are of a high quality clean gravel. They have a natural and multicolored appearance.

They are located at Public Works, 100 W. Palmer. You can pick them up any time between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are free to Northlake residents only. Contact Public Works with any questions at 708-562-0966.





NORTHLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT **CITIZEN SURVEY**

Committed to Excellence is our motto, and part of that commitment is to provide the best possible service to our community. We invite you to participate in this assessment of police services on any police service you may have recently received from the Northlake Police Department employees.

1. Please rate the Police Department's performance.

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Not Good ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

2. Please rate the competency of Police Department personnel.

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Not Good ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

3. Please rate Police Officers' attitude and behavior.

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Not Good ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

4. How safe and secure do you feel in Northlake?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Not Good ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

5. Please provide any recommendations and suggestions for improvement:

Optional: Name: _____ **Tel:** _____

Address: _____

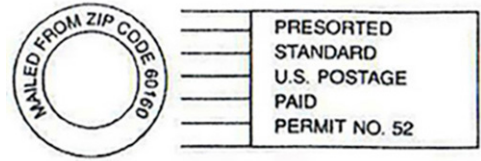
Thank you for the time you have taken to assist us in our efforts to provide exemplary service. Your feedback is essential in helping us fulfill our goal of providing the best service to the community.

Ken Beres, Chief of Police

This survey may be completed on the City web-site www.northlakecity.com/police, e-mailed to policeinfo@northlakecity.com or dropped off at the Police Department

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Calendar of Events – 2025

June	July
June 2 - Branch pick up begins	July 4 - City Hall Closed
June 3 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	July 7 - Branch pick up begins
June 9 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	July 8 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.- 6:30
June 12 - Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30	July 10 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
June 16 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30 Vasquez Community Center	July 14 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
June 17 - Court	July 15 - Court
June 18 – Concert in the Park – 7:00	July 21 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 10:30 Vasquez Community Center
June 19 – City Hall Closed	July 22 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00
June 24 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00	
June 27-29 – Community Days	