



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk

by Jeffrey T. Sherwin

Referendum Results Provide Some Guidance to City Council

The City of Northlake had two advisory referendums on the November 8, 2022 ballot. The first question was whether to allow backyard chickens. The vote was almost evenly split with 1007 “no” votes and 1008 “yes” votes, resulting in no clear mandate for either direction. A City Council committee will study the matter and will investigate how other communities have dealt with the issue and report back to the full City Council before spring, 2023

The other question, dealing with regulating live bands and amplified music in the residential area resulted in 1169 votes in favor of regulation and 846 votes against. These results were more clear cut in giving the City Council direction in this area. This matter has been before the City Council many times and has no easy answer that will please everyone. Certainly residents should be allowed to have parties and be able to enjoy their yards with music as part of the mix.

Other residents are also entitled to enjoy their property in peace and quiet with the windows open during the summer time.

The problem arose due to inconsiderate neighbors playing music well past 10 p.m., sometimes past midnight, at volumes that could be heard several blocks away, sometimes every weekend.

Over the winter, the City Council will craft some sort of regulations to cover live bands and amplified music, most likely with a cut off time, level of volume, number of times per year and other common sense regulations. The City Council will also look at what other communities do in this area as well. Hopefully some sort of reasonable regulations will be in place by spring.

These are issues that not everyone will be able to agree on, but hopefully a consensus will be reached going forward.

On another matter, our Operation Round Up program for water bills has been in operation for a little less than 2 years. Approximately \$3,500 has been raised in this period, and 17 residents received assistance with their water bills as a result.

The program is simple. If you opt in, your water bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar amount with the spare change going into the assistance fund. For example, if your bill is \$53.43, it would be rounded up to \$54.00 with the additional .57 cents going into the assistance fund. There are six water bills per year, so the most anyone would contribute would be \$5.94 per year, (if all of your bills ended up in .01), the least anyone would contribute would be 6 cents, if all their bills ended up at .99 cents. The program is voluntary and you can opt out at any time.

If you are interested, in participating, please contact the water department at 708-343-8700. Your generosity will stay in our community and is certainly appreciated by those in need.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

New Smoke Detector Law

Effective January 1, 2023, a new state law will require that all battery powered smoke detectors (i.e., those that are not hardwired) must be replaced with detectors that feature self-contained, non-removable, 10 year sealed battery.

This will apply to single family, multi-family, rentals, condominiums and town homes. The law requires that a smoke detector be placed inside every bedroom and also outside the bedrooms within 15 feet of the bedroom doors. One detector is required per story, including basements but not including unused attics.

Those exempt from the requirement are: home with hardwired smoke alarms or smoke alarms running on Wi-Fi or low powered radio frequencies.

Christmas Recycling List

Even if you have been a good recycler all year long, what to do with holiday decorations and gift wrap may present a challenge. Here is the list of recyclable and non-recyclable.

Recyclable: Gift boxes, tissue paper, shoe boxes, holiday cards/envelopes, gift bags
(paper) and wrapping paper (non-metallic).

Non-recyclable: bubble wrap, foam peanuts, ribbon and bows, sticky gift labels, coated gift
bags, metallic wrapping paper, soiled disposable tableware, tree decorations.

House Numbers

Time can be critical in an emergency and responding fire and police personnel must be able to find your address quickly before they can help you. Northlake City Ordinance states that you must have numbers (not words) that have to be at least 2 1/2 inches tall. However, the police and fire strongly urge larger numbers (four to six inches) to make visibility greater. Numbers in cursive are especially difficult to read at night or during stormy weather.

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.



Come in out of the cold and Join us for an evening of

KIDS' BINGO

Wednesday, Jan.11, 2023

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

(or until the prizes run out)

Sandra Vazquez Community Center

316 La Porte

FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE

(Sponsored by the Northlake Youth Commission)

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

Be a Good Neighbor

Residents are reminded to not blow or shovel snow onto the street when cleaning driveways or sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant in front of or near your home, please be a good citizen and keep it free of ice and snow. It can be a matter of life or death for firefighters to be able to locate and get to the hydrants quickly in a fire emergency. If possible, please help elderly neighbors with their sidewalks and by clearing snow from school bus stops and school crossings.

Northlake Cares

What Is The Northlake Cares Program?

The Northlake Cares program is a voluntary registry for vulnerable populations in our city. The program enables the Police Department as a partner, to obtain critical information which assists an officer in responding to calls for service involving an individual with Alzheimer's disease, blindness, autism, Down's syndrome, deafness, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and other physical and developmental disabilities which may affect the way individuals interact and respond to law enforcement officers.

Benefits to the Northlake Cares program include providing peace of mind to caregivers, promoting officer safety and helping us to better interact with service calls involving individuals with medical and/or developmental disabilities.

How It Works

Northlake Cares is voluntary for those participating and all information is kept confidential. Information entered by residents into the Northlake Cares application is added to our current police records management system. Special situations remarks are also included, along with other information for the specific address provided by the resident. When our local communications center receives a call for service and the address is associated with an address previously registered in our Northlake Cares system, our local dispatchers will indicate this is Northlake Cares address to our responding officers and EMS.

Partnerships

Key to the success of the program are the strong partnerships formed with our police department, our special needs community and loved ones and referral agencies.

Residents/Caregivers of person that reside in Northlake interested in receiving more information for this program, can send an e-mail to policeinfo@northlakecity.com. Please include your name, address and current contact cell phone number.

City Hall will be closed on Saturday, December 24,
Monday, December 26, 2022, Saturday, December 31
and Monday, January 2, 2023 for the
Holidays.

E-Bill

The City of Northlake has upgraded its computer system and is able to offer the utility bill in E-Bill form. An E-Bill is an electronic version of your water bill that you can view and pay online. It will be e-mailed directly to you every 2 months. E-bills contain all the same information. You can print or save it on your computer. For more information, contact the water department at 708-343-8700.

Christmas trees will be picked up January 7th and 13th.
Please remove any tinsel, ornaments or lights.

Solicitors Warning

The City of Northlake, the Northlake Police Department and the Northlake Fire Department are **NOT** asking for donations from residents of Northlake. If you receive a phone call, or someone solicits door to door, before you donate, call Northlake Police Department at 708-531-5755 to see if anyone who request funds is registered with the Police Department.

City Hall will be closed January 16, 2023 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



*Have a safe, happy and healthy
Holiday Season!*

The 411 on Recycling

The new recycling carts that replace the smaller recycling bins have been a success. Many people have commented that the community looks neater and cleaner.

To keep Northlake's recycling program on a successful track, we are asking that you do your part. **Household waste should never be placed in the recycling carts.** Doing so, contaminates recyclable materials and the recycling cart will not be emptied.

The system works best when everyone does it correctly. Here are a few reminders about the recycling program:

- Use only the recycling carts that have been provided. However, additional recyclables that do not fit in your cart can be collected in another recycling bin or paper bag.
- All containers to be recycled should be rinsed and free of food.
- Broken down cardboard boxes can be placed next to the cart.
- DO NOT use recycling carts for any other type of refuse.

Below is a list of items that can be recycled in the Northlake program. Many items that are not accepted may be recycled by other means. Contact city hall at 708-343-8700 for more information.

What <i>Can</i> Be Recycled	What <i>Cannot</i> 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)	• Soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues • Plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or 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

Electronic items can be dropped off at the Public Works Building, 100 W. Palmer, Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$5 Stickers need to be purchased for TVs or computer monitors. They can be purchased at CityHall or Public Works.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell





Winter



WONDERLAND



Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

In Partnership with The City of Northlake and
the Kiwanis Club of Northlake

Friday, December 9 at 5 PM

HOLIDAY FUN! VISIT SANTA CLAUS!

Free family event with inflatables, holiday-
themed crafts, family bingo,
free hot dogs* and sleigh rides!

*While supplies last.

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Obituaries

Burns, Nancy J. 88 of Northlake, passed away at home on September 22, 2022. Visitation was held at Northlake Funeral Home. Interment was private.

Rae, Thomas K. "Shots" age 71 of Northlake, formerly of Chicago. Beloved husband of Patricia A. Rae, nee Abbott; brother of the late Robert Rae and David Rae; uncle of Jayson (Colleen) Lichtenberger Lauren (Peter) Miller; great uncle of Theodore Miller and Charlotte Miller. Thomas was lying in state at St. John Vianney Church, Northlake. A live stream of the Funeral Service was available to be viewed at www.memorialsive.com/rae. Arrangements entrusted to Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd., Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove.

Memorials appreciated to: ALSAC/ St. Jude Children Research Hospital 5501 N. Cumberland Ave. Suite 101 Chicago, IL 60656 or [American Cancer Society](http://AmericanCancerSociety.org) 1 E. Wacker Drive Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60601.

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.

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.



Triton College Presents Holiday Festival of Trees

Get into the holiday spirit with Triton College's Holiday Festival of Trees drive-through event, Friday, December 9, 2022 – Monday, January 2, 2023, on Triton's Circle Drive. Everyone's invited to drive through our main campus entrance and experience the rows of brightly lit trees. Selfies and family photos are encouraged.

The speed limit of Circle Drive is 10 m.p.h.

Please use caution and watch for pedestrians and children.

For More information, please call 708-456-0300, ext. 3290.

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And the disabled
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to replacing cabinet hinges,
no job is too small. The
service is free, however,
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is required.
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847-455-8616

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.



Calendar of Events – 2022/2023

December	January
December 5 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00	January 2 - City Hall Closed for New Year's Day January 9 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00
December 13 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	January 10 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
December 14 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30	January 11 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
December 19 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. – 10:00	January 16 - City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Day
December 19 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00	January 16 - Senior Citizen's Commisison - 10:00
December 20 - Court	January 17 - Court
December 26 - City Hall Closed for the Christmas Holiday	January 24 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00



You can make a difference. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. It's time to be Thankful for our Blessings; and to help others who are less fortunate.

City Hall & Police Department employees, Northlake's Elected Officials, local businesses, Howard H. Rohde Post 888 American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and residents have been helping the less fortunate in our community during the Holiday Season since **1994**. The program provides for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and gifts for the children. The remainder of the proceeds help our residents all year long when a personal or financial crisis arise.

We are asking for monetary donations, gift certificates, toys or if you prefer you may pick the name of a child off the Angel Tree located in the Records Division of the Northlake Police Department and purchase Christmas gifts for them. Please make checks payable to the NLPD Holiday Cheer Program. ***Any contributions are greatly appreciated!***

Please drop off donations by Friday, December 9th. If you have any questions please contact Debi Rail at (708) 531.5755 or drail@northlakecity.com.

Thank You!!!