



The City of Northlake Northlake News

April-May, 2023

Jeffrey T. Sherwin
Mayor
Nancy Pauletto
City Clerk

Aldermen
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
Francine Patti, 4th Ward
Rich Grochowski, 4th Ward

55 E. North Avenue
Northlake, IL 60164
708-343-8700

www.northlakecity.com
[or like us on](#)
[facebook](#)

City Desk by **Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin** **Lead Water Service Line**

Public Act 102-0613 requires the City of Northlake to take an inventory of all water service lines in the City to determine what type of material they are made of. Typically, water service lines are made either of copper or lead, but occasionally it can be galvanized steel.

Northlake has been tracking water service lines since 2018 either through the water main replacement program, home sale inspections or through service calls. The City has completed a large portion of this inventory, but a 2024 deadline for the submission of the inventory to the State is fast approaching. We need your help. Enclosed with the news letter is a brochure and form for you to conduct your own inspection and report back to the City on the type of material your water service is made of. It simply requires you to scratch the service line with a screw driver, sandpaper or emery board to reveal the type of material you have. Obviously, if it looks like a new penny, its made of copper. If its silver or greyish in color it is either lead or galvanized steel.

The new law requires that all lead and galvanized water service lines must be replaced by the City of Northlake by 2042. The water service line is the responsibility of the homeowner from the point of connection at the watermain all the way into the house. The law provides that the City may charge the property owner for the cost of replacement, however, the City of Northlake's position is that even though the water service line belongs to the property owner, the City will replace and pay for the new copper line.

If the property owner refuses to allow the City to replace their water line, then it will be up to the property owner to replace the water service line at their expense at the time the property is sold.

House "flippers" must replace the line at their expense before the house can be resold.

The City's experience so far has been that approximately 20% of the water service lines encountered are lead.

There are approximately 3,000 service lines in the City's system, and potentially there are 600 lines that need to be replaced at a cost of \$6 to \$8 million. The City has until 2042 to accomplish this task.

There has been a lot of talk from Washington and Springfield about providing funding for this monumental task, but so far, the only help has been a trickle of low interest loans. The City is not interested in taking on additional debt. Starting in 2021, as part of any water main replacement project, the City replaces the water service line when a lead service line is encountered.

This year the City will begin replacing lead service lines in areas where water mains were replaced prior to 2022. The initial pilot program will be replacing approximately 20 water services on Dewey between LaPorte and Roy and on the 0 to 100, 100 and 200 blocks of Bernice.(Continued on page 2.)

City Hall will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day.

City Desk (Continued from page 1)

Once we have experience with this initial phase, the City hopes to expand the program to approximately 50 replacements in 2024. If the City is able to maintain this pace, all of the lead service lines would be replaced by 2035, well ahead of the 2042 deadline imposed by the State.

Should grant funding become available to the City of Northlake for this project, we will take full advantage of it in order to accelerate the replacement program. I ask that you contact our State Senator, Don Harmon at 708-848-2002, or go to his web site at “Illinois Senator President Don Harmon,” and our State Representative, Norma Hernandez at 708-365-8498, or “district@repnormahernandez.com.” Ask them to provide grant funding for lead water service replacement.

In the meantime, please complete the survey so that we can continue this process. By completing the survey, you will avoid having to schedule an appointment to have someone from our Public Works Department come out to inspect. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

8 Ways to Conserve Water

1. Water your lawn and/or garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation and lessen the amount of water needed.
2. Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and water is not wasted on your house, the sidewalks or the street.
3. Repair leaking faucets and toilets; this is the number one water waster in homes.
4. Install a rain barrel to capture and re-use stormwater.
5. Spread a layer of organic mulch around plants to retain moisture and save water, time and money.
6. Check your shower to see if it fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds. If so, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model. If you shorten your shower by a minute or two, you will save up to 150 gallons per month.
7. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
8. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.

Composting

What is composting? Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as leaves and food scraps, into a soil like material called humus. Humus is often used as a fertilizer to enrich soil and plants

What should I compost? Composting is an eco-friendly activity that lets you reduce your family’s waste while also creating healthy soil feeder. Composting is good for the environment and provides you rich fertilizer. You can mix your compost with organic fertilizer and sprinkle on your garden to grow healthy produce and beautiful flowers.

How do I compost at home? There are several great sites on the internet to help you get started composting: www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home; www.facty.com/network/how-to/how-to-compost-at-home/1/; www.agrothrive.com/blogs/garden-tips/how-to-compost-at-home-6-easy-steps

Things that can be composted: coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, fruits and vegetables, grass clippings, hair and fur, hay and straw, houseplants, leaves, nutshells.

Things that should NOT be composted: coal or charcoal ash, dairy product and eggs, diseased plants, fats, grease, oils, meat or fish bones and scraps, pet feces or litter, yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides.

2023 Holiday Week Garbage Collection Schedule		
Holiday	Normal Service Date	Holiday Service Date
Memorial	Friday, June 2	Saturday, June 3
Independence Day	Friday, July 7	Saturday, July 8
Labor Day	Friday, September 8	Saturday, September 9
Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 24	Saturday, November 25
Christmas Day	Friday, December 29	Saturday, December 30

Creating a Pollinator Garden

A pollinator garden is a safe haven for bees, butterflies, moths, humming birds and other creatures that carry pollen. They help convert flowers into fruits, nuts, grains and seeds, including those of more than 150 different North American food crops. Due to habitat loss, pollinators face difficult tasks of finding flowers. With our ongoing destruction of natural landscapes in the building of urban and rural structures, pollinators have faced steady habitat depletion. Many of them no longer have resting places or food, and so are declining alarmingly, particularly bees and butterflies.

It's safe to say that most people, when they make their annual trip to the nursery, don't have gardening for pollinators on their minds. In fact, they're not thinking about urban ecology at all. That means making our cities friendly to pollinators and other plants and animals that used to live here freely.

One of the biggest problems is our obsessions with lawns. Without flowers of any kind, these homogenous species are useless to pollinators in terms of nutrition. Cropped so short, they don't provide cover or nesting habitat either (important for many species of native bee, which build solitary homes on the ground).

How to create the garden.

While almost any space can support pollinators, growing conditions can determine what grows and where. First make sure insecticides are not regularly used in the spots you've chosen for plants. Also, determine if the soil is typically moist or dry, and that the sun does not make that spot baking hot. Then choose plants that work best. Native plants take root and grow better and bring in more pollinators.

Plant in groups of 5 to 7 of the same plant to make it easier for pollinators to forage. Plants that grow taller should be at the back of the garden.

Put up a hummingbird feeder. They play an important role in pollinating.

Harvesting rain water can help make sure you have enough water for your plants and it saves on your water bill. Also, using compost helps the garden grow.

For more information on Pollinator Gardens you can visit: www.ecogardens.com.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Pet owners are reminded of the following City ordinances regarding responsible pet ownership:

- ☉ Dogs must be properly restrained at all times. All pets should be on a leash or kept on private property.
- ☉ City Ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. This applies to pets being walked on public sidewalks and parkways, in parks or elsewhere in the City.
- ☉ It is unlawful to allow a pet to trespass on private or public property anywhere in the City.
- ☉ **Pet owners who violate these regulations are subject to fines.**

Also note that Centerpoint Preserve is not an area to let dogs run loose.

Your cooperation helps to keep our community a pleasant one for residents with and without pets. Thank you.



NORTHLAKE AREA KIWANIS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday, May 13, 2023
8:00am - 12:00pm (Noon)

Grant Park
44 W. Golfview Dr.
Northlake, IL 60164

\$5.00 - Adults & Seniors
\$4.00 - Children (4-12)
***Free children under 3**

Pancakes & Sausage
Orange Juice
Milk & Coffee

Raffles
Book Giveaway

City Services

Selling your home: All property sales in Northlake requires the following:

1. Payment of a \$250 fee for single family home and condo pre-sale inspection.
2. Proof of payment of all money owed to Northlake including: water bills, liens, grass cutting fees, snow plowing fees, taxes, etc.
3. Transfer stamp on "original" deed.

Block Party Request: An application must be completed and returned to the Clerk's office at least 2 weeks in advance. The application includes signatures of 51% of the block residents to show approval of the event. There is no charge for this service.

Garage/Estate Sale: A permit is required at no cost to the resident. Two garage/estate sales are permitted per household per calendar year, for three consecutive days each. This does not include the City Wide Garage Sale held in September.



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

KIDS' BINGO

Wednesday, May 10, 2022

5:00 to 6:30 P.M.

(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
Youth Commission)



LEYDEN TOWNSHIP

Community

HEALTH FAIR

Saturday,
May 20, 2023

Bradley A. Stephens
Community Center
2620 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131
1:00pm - 4:00pm

For more information contact:

Melissa Bukovatz
Director of Community Relations
Ph. (847) 451 - 5122
mbukovatz@leydentownship.com

Save
T.H.E.
DATE

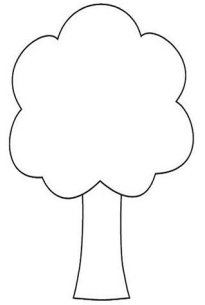
LEYDEN
TOWNSHIP

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.

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.



Community Garage Sale



SATURDAY, APRIL 29

9 AM - 2:30 PM

Inside the GRANT PARK GYM
44 W. GOLFVIEW DR., NORTHLAKE

Free entry to shop and browse around.

Have items to SELL !!! Call 708-343-5270 to reserve your space.



(708) 343-5270 | VPD PARK.ORG | FOLLOW US ON



PERRY'S PIZZA JOYNT

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

On April 5, 2023,

Perry's Pizza Joynt will close forever.

For more than 40 years, this restaurant has been at the center of our family and the heart of this community and because of that, this moment is bittersweet. As we head into these final days, we didn't want to miss the chance to thank all of you who came through these doors to share good food, friends, and family. We especially want to express our sincerest gratitude to those who entered through the back door, our staff, who made our father's dream a reality and "the Joynt" such a special place.

We hope "the house that Jack built" will live on in your memories the way it will in ours.

Thank you!

The Perry Family

Springtime Preparedness

Severe weather, in the form of tornadoes, lightning, flash floods, damaging winds, and destructive hail, strike Illinois each spring, summer and fall. In some cases, we see this weather unfold with incredible violence.

Take the following actions when a Tornado Warning has been issued, when sirens have been activated or when a tornado has been sighted near your area:

- Go immediately to your predetermined shelter, basement or the lowest level of the building. In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture.
- If there is no basement, go to an interior hallway or a small interior room without windows. Stay away from outside windows and walls. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture and hold onto it. Use pillows or mattresses to protect your head and neck.
- If you are in a mobile home, get out and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and large hallways.
- If you are in a vehicle, immediately exit it and take shelter in a nearby building. Tornadoes can easily lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air. Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle as your movement may be hindered.
- If you are outside and there is no shelter nearby, go to a low-lying area such as a ditch and shield your head. Try to make yourself the smallest target possible and beware of the potential for flash flooding.

References: www.iema.illinois.gov



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 the Northlake Police Department at 708-531-5755 to see if anyone who requests funds is registered.

Obituaries

Biddle, Steven J., age 69, of Northlake, Illinois, passed peacefully in his sleep from complications of a stroke on October 5, in the early morning hours of February 3, 2023, in hospice care at Elmhurst Hospital. Steven was Director of Engineering with Global Video of Chicago for many years. When his diabetes made it difficult to travel, he worked from home, doing video post production closed captioning for television programs whose producers did not have their own inhouse closed captioning capabilities. Steven is survived by his older brother, Charles. He was predeceased by his father, Loran, and his mother, Dorothy.

Visitation for Steven Biddle was held at Northlake Funeral Home

Maggio, Sr., Anthony. March 4, 2023, Mr. Maggio is the beloved husband of Christine; dear father of Anthony Jr. (Jeannine), Julie Anne (Wayne Guziak) and the late Annette who passed at 2 1/2 years old in 1963; fond brother of Farranne Maggio. Visitation for Anthony Maggio, Sr. of Northlake Funeral Home. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



2023 Registration New Season! New League

Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Grant Park Recreation Center
44 Golfview, Northlake

Football
Tackle – 5 year old – 8th Grade
Cheer
7 Year old – 14 Year old

Football and Cheer Fee: \$300/child
\$150. Due at registration for each participant
Copy of Birth Certificate is needed
Child must be present at registration
Contact: president@leydenbeas.com for questions



Northlake Knights Baseball Spring 2023 Registration



We are proud to announce that Online registration is now open. You can find us on Facebook or use the QR Code at the bottom of this page!

Registration in person will be March 4TH, 2023!

Who: Boys & Girls Grades Pre K thru 12th
At: Grant Park Recreation Center
44 West Golfview Dr., Northlake IL 60164
From: 10am-2pm
*At this time you will also be sized for an uniform

**** A COPY OF THE PLAYERS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED ****

Also on March 12th there will be an evaluation of each player

Registration Fees (\$5 more In-Person)

All do at time of Registration

Tee Ball PreK/K - \$40
Pinto 1st/2nd - \$80
Mustang 3rd/4th - \$100
Bronco 5th/6th - \$110
Pony 7th/8th - \$120
Colt 9th/10th - \$195
Palomino 11th/12th - \$195
Candy Fundraiser - \$60
*refundable through selling candy
Volunteer Fee - \$25
*refundable through volunteering



QR Code Registration Online is already open.

For Information please call: Chuck Fredrickson (President) - 708-372-5982
Eddie Chaidez (Vice President) - 630-362-4401

Planning a Remodeling Project

If you are planning to add a home addition or do any remodeling project this spring or summer, you first need to contact the Northlake Building Department. Many remodeling jobs require building permits. Depending on the job, you may even need some rezoning approval. Permits are required to insure that the building meets the minimum standard of safety assured by building codes. Also permits can guarantee that a contractor is bonded and the homeowner is protected from fraud. If you have any questions, please call 708-343-8700 and ask for the building department.

Calendar of Events - 2023

April 3 - Branch Pick Up Begins	May 1 - Branch Pick Up Begins
April 3 - Finance Meeting – 6:30	May 1 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
April 11 - Community Events & Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	May 9 – Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
April 12 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30	May 10 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30
April 17– Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00	May 15 - Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00
At the Community Center	At the Community Center
April 17 – Finance Meeting – 6:30	May 15 – Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
April 18 - Court	May 16 - Court
April 25 – Police Commission Mtg.- at P.D. – 6:00	May 23 – Police Commission Mtg. – at P.D. – 6:00
	May 29 - City Hall Closed – Memorial Day

“Identity Theft”

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



The Northlake Police Department is sponsoring
“Document Shredding Day”

On Saturday, May 6, 2023 from
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.

Howard H. Rohde American Legion Auxiliary Unit 888, Poppy Days

Meeting the continuing needs of our veterans should be the concern of every American who values his or her freedom. The Auxiliary promotes the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifices our military have made. Please consider a donation to your local American Legion Auxiliary.

American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days

All donations will be used by the American Legion Family for their programs
That support veterans, the military community and their families.
Checks can be made to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 888
Please include this coupon. A receipt will be sent back.

Donation from: _____

Donation amount \$ _____ Check if receipt is needed _____

Send Donations to: Howard H. Rohde, Auxiliary Unit 888, P. O. Box 3180, Northlake, IL 60164