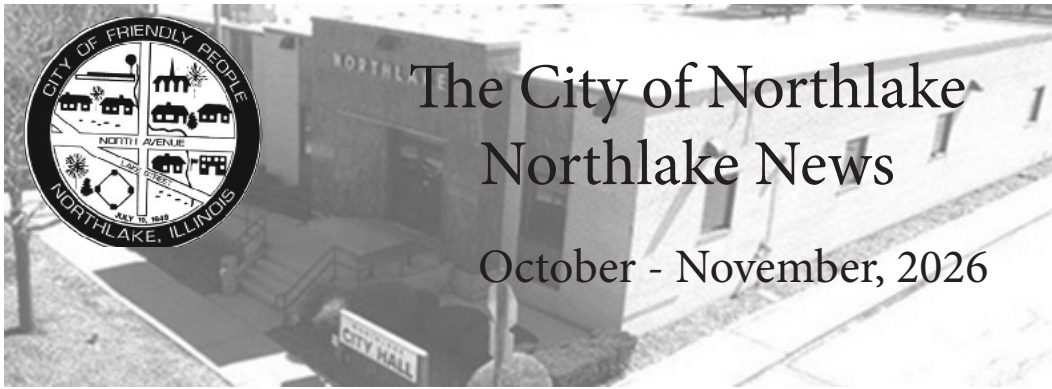




The City of Northlake Northlake News

October - November, 2026

City Desk

Illinois Attorney General Sues ABC Plumbing

The Illinois Attorney General has sued ABC Plumbing, charging fraud and deceptive practices. The details are in the following Press Release from the Attorney General.

Along the same lines, as you know, the home improvement industry has a fair share of companies who will take advantage of unsuspecting homeowners. Just because a company advertises on TV doesn't mean they are reputable. When it comes to sewer and water issues, I strongly suggest that you call our Public Works Department at 708-562-0940 for guidance. While they may not be able to solve your problem, they can provide valuable advice so that you will be armed with some knowledge when dealing with contractors.

As far as all home repairs, I suggest rather than picking someone off the TV, that you use local contractors. Always ask for references on work they have done in the area, contact those people as well as your friends and neighbors for references for a reliable contractor. Facebook or community page sites are also a good source to find contractors. But always, always check out the contractor, get quotes from several contractors, and again check their references and visit their current jobsite. You can tell a lot about a contractor by the way they maintain their job site.

Never pay a contractor the full amount up front, payment should be made in stages as the work progresses. Be wary of a contractor who tells you to apply for the building permit as the homeowner doing the work – they are most likely trying to hide something. Never hire a contractor who knocks on your door unsolicited by you, who tries to offer you a deal because they are in the neighborhood working on the next block or happen to have leftover materials. The driveway sealing scam or insect treatment scams are good examples of this tactic. Be wary of offers of free installation or 2 for the price of one. No company can legitimately stay in business doing work for free or giving away materials – they will inflate prices elsewhere to make up the difference. Lastly, be very careful of financing offers. Many times an unscrupulous contractor will make more money on the financing than the job itself. Above all, take your time, don't be pressured into signing a contract. If the contractor won't let you think about the deal for a few days before making a decision, that's a bad sign for trouble ahead. Get multiple quotes, take your time. Talk to friends and neighbors.

Be very careful and cautious. In the words of one of our Presidents – "Trust but verify." My father was a carpenter, as were my brothers, and I worked a fair share of construction jobs while going to school, and I can tell you that as in any profession, there are a lot of snakes out there, but there are also a lot of honest dedicated craftsmen who take pride in their work and genuinely want to help people. They just don't advertise on TV.

Jeffrey T. Sherwin
Mayor
Nancy Pauletto
City Clerk

Aldermen
Paul Straube, 1st Ward
Penny Feldmann, 1st Ward
Alex Sosa 2nd Ward
Jaime S. Contreras, 2nd Ward
Juan Urbina, 3rd Ward
Norman Johnson, 3rd Ward
Francine Patti, 4th Ward
Rich Grochowski, 4th Ward

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Last Branch Pick up November 2, 2026
Last Yard Waste Pick up December 26, 2026

Saturday, October 31, 2026
Trick or Treat Hours 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Attorney General Raoul Sues ABC Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric For Unfair, Deceptive Business Practices

Arlington Heights Home Repair Company Misled Consumers to Sign Contracts with Hidden Costs, Repairs Often Incomplete by Unlicensed Technicians

Chicago – Attorney General Kwame Raoul today filed a lawsuit against ABC plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric, Inc. (ABC) for its deceptive business practices that mislead consumers, most often senior citizens, to sign a contract for home repair work at inflated prices by unlicensed technicians while they also unknowingly waive their statutory rights to cancel the contract.

“ABC Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric’s deceptive business practices are not only illegal but also disheartening because those practices target senior citizens,” Raoul said. “When consumers reach out to home repair companies like ABC, they trust the company will present honest prices for complete work. Instead, ABC took advantage of its customers. I will continue to defend the rights and peace of mind of Illinois consumers by ensuring home repair companies uphold Illinois law that protects our consumers.”

Raoul’s lawsuit claims ABC violates the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, Deceptive Trade Practices Act and the Illinois Home Repair and Remodeling Act. As a result, the complaint seeks a permanent injunction to stop current and prevent future violations, rescind all contracts entered into due to unlawful practices, as well as civil monetary relief for the violations.

“No homeowner should be taken advantage of when dealing with a plumbing emergency — especially the most vulnerable among us,” said James F. Coyne, Business Manager of the Chicago Plumbers Union, Local 130, UA. “All Illinois residents should be able to trust their plumber to solve their emergency effectively and professionally. Plumbers’ Local 130, UA, applauds Attorney General Kwame Raoul for enforcing the Illinois Plumbing License Law and protecting Illinois residents. Our more than 6,000 licensed, bonded professionals complete a five-year apprenticeship and complete continuing education requirements annually. Local 130 takes great pride in upholding our motto ‘The Plumber Protects the Health of the Nation’ and today, Attorney General Raoul and his team have protected the health of all Illinois residents by taking on ABC.”

Raoul’s lawsuit alleges ABC technicians enter consumers’ homes to review the consumer’s initial home repair issue but then inspect other areas of the home without asking permission. When the technicians inevitably find additional issues, they are presented to consumers as emergencies, or even life-threatening hazards that require immediate remedy. Technicians then present consumers with a digital tablet to sign to initiate the work, but consumers are often not allowed to read what they are signing. Raoul’s lawsuit alleges that, in some instances, consumers did not understand they were actually signing a contract or that the contract contained language waiving their three-day right to cancel the contract.

Raoul claims these upselling techniques are frequently aimed at senior citizens, who rely on ABC to complete urgent work that they are unable to repair themselves. When ABC completes the overpriced and often unnecessary work, it is frequently sloppy or incomplete and sometimes performed by unlicensed technicians. If the consumer attempts to cancel the contract, they discover they have unknowingly waived their right to do so.

Bureau Chief Greg Grzeskiewicz, Deputy Bureau Chief Jacob Gilbert, Supervising Attorney Janice Parker and Assistant Attorneys Amanda Palmer and Samuel Young worked on the lawsuit for Raoul’s Consumer Fraud Division. (Article reprinted from Office of the Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s web page, September 3, 2026.)



Sewer Lining Grant Awarded

Congressman Chuy Garcia and his Chief of Staff, Patty Garcia, present \$3,200,000 representing the completed sewer lining grant awarded to the City of Northlake. Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Garcia, the City was able to rehabilitate and line over 2 miles of sanitary sewer on Lake Street and Roy Avenue during 2025-26.

THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE, COMMUNITY EVENTS & AFFAIRS, YOUTH COMMISSION &
VETERANS PARK DISTRICT-GRANT PARK RECREATION CENTER PRESENTS...

FREE!

BOO FEST!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2026

6:00 PM

GRANT PARK

GAMES // PRIZES // CANDY // FIREWORKS

**THE BIGGEST BONFIRE, HAUNTED TRAILS &
MOST HAUNTED HAYRIDE ANYWHERE!
GAMES FROM 6-8PM WHEN THE BONFIRE &
FIREWORKS BEGIN.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CALL: 708-343-8700



Boutique Le Northlake Opens at City Hall

The City of Northlake has recently started a program to try and keep clothes out of the landfill. The City is offering new and gently used polo shirts, t-shirts, tops and hoodies in the lobby of City Hall all for \$1.00 each.

Mixed in among the items are some brand name clothing. We are also accepting clean, new and gently used tops, hoodies, sweatshirts, polo shirts and t-shirts to stock the racks. All proceeds go the Operation Round UP to assist those in need in paying their water bills. Check out the selection. New items come in every week.

Pocket Prairie at West Leyden

Four years ago, freshmen Javier Gomez and Wiktor Mindowicz proposed starting a pocket prairie at West Leyden High School. During that time, roughly 2000 square feet of native species have been planted providing a vital habitat for local wildlife to thrive. They have documented migrating warblers, hummingbirds, eight different species of bees, and many butterflies including monarchs and their caterpillars.

With the support of Mayor Sherwin, the Leyden administration, Leyden's building and grounds employees, and their fellow ecology club members, Javier's and Wiktor's original vision will be fully realized. They wrote and submitted a grant that was fully funded which will allow them to invest \$6,000 to substantially expand the pocket prairie, add interpretive signage, place a nesting box, and launch webcams for anyone interested in keeping tabs on the local ecosystem. The grant called "Power for Good" is being provided by ComEd and Open Lands. When complete, a large prairie planting will exist on school grounds that will provide the community an immersive resource that can be enjoyed by many.



Trees for Spring 2027

Trees for the Spring 2027 planting are complete. If you have room on your parkway to provide a home for a tree for spring, 2027, 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.

SJV Ladies' Guild presents
SOUPS On!

French Onion

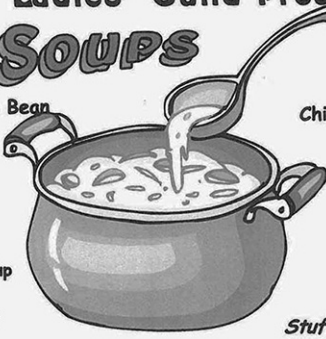
Escarole, Sausage & Bean

Beef Barley

Beef & Cabbage

15 Bean Vegetable Soup

Cream Of Potato



Chicken & Wild Rice

Split Pea & Ham

Chicken Noodle

Halloween Chili

Stuffed Green Pepper Soup

Join us for **"ALL YOU CAN EAT" HOMEMADE**
 Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

St. John Vianney Gym •
 27 N. Lavergne Ave. • Northlake, IL

Tuesday, October 20,
 from 5:30 to 8:00
 Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
 \$10 for Adults
 \$5 for children 12 and under

Bring the whole family!!!
 It's just what the doctor ordered

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED



Kiwanis Griddle Winner

This year's winner was James Connolly. James and his brother bought a house in Northlake about 8 years ago. Previously they lived with a relative in Northlake. James is very excited about adding this new addition to his relatively new home.

What To Do With Leaves

There are some procedures you need to remember regarding the leaves that fall at this time of year.

- Do not rake the leaves to the curb or pile them in the parkway. They will wash into the storm drains.
- Don't use plastic bags to collect the leaves.
- Put them into paper bags or yard waste containers.
- Put them out with the yard waste to be collected on Fridays.



SIP & PAINT FOR KIDS

Thursday, November 12, 2026
 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)

Trick or Treat Safety Tips

- Be sure your child's costume is flame retardant and warn him/her to avoid open flames.
- Be sure the child's costume is visible at night.
- Children should be able to see everything around them. Make sure the eye holes in their masks are wide enough. Or, better yet, paint their face using kid-friendly, glow-in-the-dark face paint.
- Be sure to have the child carry a flashlight or glow stick at all times.
- Have your children cross the street only at well-lit crosswalks and intersections.
- Tell your children not to eat any candy until you can check it for tampering.
- If children are trick or treating alone, remind them to never enter a stranger's home and to stay outside the door.
- Have a safe and happy Halloween!

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 10/8 at 5:00 at the Sandy Vasquez Commu-
nity 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 Friday, October 30, 2026

Please contact:
Sheila Morgan 708-334-0315

The Annual Senior Citizen Dinner
Thursday, October 22, 2026

Monty's
703 S. York Road
Bensenville

Cocktails begin at 11 a.m.

Dinner – 11:30

Cash Bar

Vegetarian Option Available

Let us know if interested when
picking up tickets

Assigned Seating Tickets available at
Northlake City Hall during regular office
hours until October 9th.

Proof of residency required for free tickets.

Non-residents may purchase
tickets for \$25 each.

Leyden Commuinity Food Pantry

Donations:

Food and Hygiene: Donations may be
Dropped off during business hours at

2501 N. Mannheim Road, Franklin
Park, IL 60131

Monetary Donations: Please make
Monetary donations payable to:
Leyden Community Food Pantry

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to

7:-00 p.m.

Contact 847-455-8616, ext. 5136

Wildlife Season

Many residents call about numerous sightings of
skunks, possums, woodchucks and stray cats throughout
town. If you are experiencing problems with these
animals, call Public Works for assistance. You can
obtain a trap for public works for a \$60 refundable
deposit. Once an animal is captured in the trap, call
public works and they will come out first thing in the
morning to take it away. You will be able to get the
trap returned, or it will be turned in for you to receive
the refund.

Public works phone number is 708-562-0940. Their
hours are from 7: 00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through
Friday.

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday November 11, 2026
for Veteran's Day
and
Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 2026 for
Thanksgiving!



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 adopt a child off the Angel Tree located in the Records Division of the Northlake Police Department. Please make checks payable to: NLPD Holiday Cheer Program. Any contributions are greatly appreciated!

Please drop off donations by Monday, December 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Colón at (708) 531-5755 or dcolon@northlakecity.com.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Calendar of Events – 2026

October	November
October 5 – Branch pick up begins	November 2 - Last branch pick up for the year begins
October 5 - Finance Meeting – 6:30	November 2 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
October 8 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30	November 10- Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
October 13 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	November 11 - City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
October 19 - Finance Meeting – 6:30	November 12 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
City Council Meeting – 7:00	November 16 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
October 19 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 1:00	City Council Meeting – 7:00
October 20 - Court	November 16 - Senior Citizen’s Commission Mtg. – 1:00
October 27 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00	November 17 - Court
October 30 - Boofest – Grant Park Recreation Center, 6:00	November 24 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00
	November 26-27 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving

Snow Removal Application Form

The City of Northlake offers snow removal services to property owners who are over 65, disabled, handicapped and/or have severe health problems and have no one else who is able to help them with snow removal. Those interested in snow removal must re-apply every year. Deadline is November 8. No exceptions. Be sure to turn in your completed application before November 6, 2026. New applicants must submit medical verification from a doctor to City Hall in order to be eligible. Billing is \$15 per removal.

Remember: **THE SNOW PLOW WILL MAKE ONE PASS ONLY ON YOUR DRIVE WAY.**
No sidewalks. No stairs.

Please mail or bring your form to: Northlake City Hall, 55 E. North Avenue, Northlake, IL 60164

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Initial each line as it applies to you:

_____ I agree snow will be removed after 2 inches of snow has fallen. Billing is \$15 per removal.

_____ I am 65 years of age or older and neither myself, a family member, a relative or a neighbor are able to plow my driveway. Include a copy of your drivers license or picture ID that has date of birth.

_____ I am disabled and under 65. I will present a current medical verification from doctor of a Secretary License Disability Placard, or registration of disability through Social Security, along with a State of Illinois photo ID.

****Arrange for snow plowing bills from 2025/2026 to be paid in full so you can be added to the list for 2026/2027**

By submitting this documentation, I hereby voluntarily release protected health information to the City of Northlake that is otherwise protected by law, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).