

The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk

Infrastructure Investment Continues in 2026

by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin

Spring is here and the City's investment in re-vitalizing and upgrading our community's infrastructure continues. Here is what's on tap for 2026:

1. Replacement of the water main and sanitary sewer rehab on Victoria Drive from the school to Roy Avenue, street resurfacing when water main work is completed;
2. Replacement of water main and sanitary sewer rehab on East Drive, street will be resurfaced when water main work is completed;
3. Water main up grades and street resurfacing for Palmer Avenue between Wolf Road and Addison Creek;
4. Replacement of water main and sanitary sewer rehab on Whitehall from Wolf to Prater, street will be resurfaced when water main work is completed;
5. Water main replacement sanitary sewer rehab for West Drive, street will be resurfaced when water main work is finished;
6. Water main replacement and street resurfacing, Soffel Avenue between 45th and 43rd;
7. Completion of Phase II of the Ful Roy Park reconstruction which will have a new water feature.

The City was successful in obtaining \$360,000 in funding through Cook County programs to assist with the Victoria Drive project and over \$400,000 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Ful Roy Park program.

In addition, Senator Don Harmon has been instrumental in securing funding from the State of Illinois for the almost completed Railroad Avenue reconstruction project and the ongoing replacement and rehabilitation of the City's main pumping station and 3,000,000 gallon reservoir.

Representative Norma Hernandez was instrumental in securing funding for the replacement of the emergency power generator at City Hall which should take place this year.

After many delays due to the Tollway reconstruction project. The water system interconnection with the Village of Franklin Park will finally be completed this year. Senator Don Harmon was instrumental in obtaining funding to assist with this project which will provide a second source of water to the City of Northlake.

The traffic signal project at Palmer and Wolf will be completed very soon. The City was fortunate to obtain funding through IDOT for this project as well as the signal replacement at Wolf and Wiltse. 80% of the project costs were covered with this assistance.

We will continue to replace lead water services this year at no cost to the resident. Our goal is 100 replacements for 2026.

Hopefully the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will complete its work along Addison Creek on the City's south side and we will be able to complete the landscaping and drainage improvements in the area.

We are fortunate that the City of Northlake is in a strong financial position to be able to keep investing in our community's infrastructure.

As always, a big thank you to all of you for making Northlake the strong vital community that we all call home. Let's enjoy spring!

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City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day.

Branch Pick up Regulations

- Branch pickup begins April 1st through November 7th
- Branches are picked up on the first Monday of each month
- Branches must be out at curb no more than 1 week prior to pickup
- Individual branches must be **NO MORE** than 6" inches in diameter and a maximum of 8 foot in length.
- Branches must be neatly stacked with the cut ends towards the street. Unorganized piles will **NOT BE** picked up.

Duty to Remove Debris and Stumps

If the property owner hires a private contractor to remove tree(s) from the owner's property, it shall be the responsibility of the private contractor to remove **ALL** branches and debris generated by their service.

Materials such as construction wood, fencing, door, and branches with nails or spikes will not be taken and must be disposed of by the resident through other means.

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.

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 City Hall to see if anyone who requests funds is registered with the Police Department.

American Legion Post 888

241 East North Avenue
Northlake IL 60164

2026 Calendar of Fundraising Events

March - Fish Fry every Friday evening During Lent
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Raffles – 50/50

April 24 – Taco Dinner – 5:30 – 7:30 - Raffles – 50/50

May 15 - Spaghetti Dinner - 5:30 – 7:30 -Raffles – 50/50

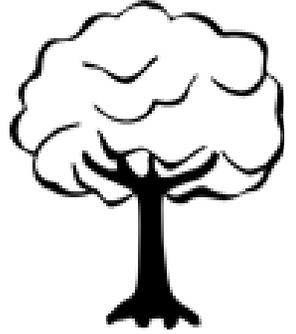
May 16th & 17th – Poppy Day Drive Thru – Parking lot. Please stop in our drive thru, make a donation and get your fabric poppy. 100% of all donations go to help our Veterans, Active Military and their families. For more information visit us on facebook @ www.facebook.com/AuxiliaryUnit888
or call us at 630-635-5421 for more information.

Trees for Spring 2026

Trees for the Spring 2026 planting are complete. If you have room on your parkway to provide a home for a tree for spring, 2026, 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.



The City of Northlake

OPEN HOUSE

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

NORTHLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT
55 E. NORTH AVE.

SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026
11AM-2PM

JOIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND NORTHLAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

POLICE STATION TOURS
FOOD
DRINKS
RAFFLES
ACTIVITIES
TOUCH-A-TRUCK

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE BACKUP DATE IS
JUNE 6, 2026

“Journey Down Addison Creek”

Order the complete Northlake History Video!

All episodes on one flash drive - \$5.00

Contact City Hall at 708-343-8700

Or stop in at 55 E. North Avenue

The complete video is now available!

New Dates for Community Days - July 24, 25 and 26, 2026

New E-Bike and E-Scooter Rules Approved by City Council

In November, the City Council approved new rules for e-bikes and e-scooters. The new rules state that operators of these devices must follow all rules of the road, including stop signs and stop lights, and they can not be ridden on sidewalks. Helmets are required, and persons under age 16 can not operate them unless they are accompanied by an adult. E-bikes are also placed in different classes, with different rules for each. To see the complete version of the rules and regulations for e-bikes and e-scooters, go to NorthlakeCity.com.

E-Bike Injury Prevention

According to the American College of Surgeons, more than 1 million electric bicycles were sold in the United State in 2022 with a projected annual growth rate of 10%. These increasing sales have driven an increase in injuries among riders.

Annually, over 20,000 people are injured while riding e-bikes, with about 3,000 requiring hospitalizations. The number of actual injuries is likely underreported. Injuries tend to be more severe than when riding a manual bicycle.

Head injuries occur most frequently with only 1/3 of injured patients using helmets. Helmets, certified by the Consumer Product Safety Committee, are intended for bicycle speeds 20 miles per hour and under. The Department of Transportation certified helmets for speeds above 20 miles per hour.

Springtime Preparedness

Severe weather, in the form of tornadoes, lightning, flash foods, 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



Win a Kiwanis Griddle

The Northlake Kiwanis Club is raffling a 36" outdoor gas griddle. The griddle would make a great addition to your back yard.

There will be 400 tickets sold at \$5.00 each. You can buy a ticket at City Hall. The winning ticket will be picked on Monday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Give Them Distance: Don't risk it. Slow down and change lanes

We've all been there: pulled over on the side of the road due to a flat tire or engine trouble, cars and trucks speeding past us within only a few feet of our vehicle. This is the difficult and dangerous reality faced by our police officers, first responders, firefighters and roadside workers every day.

A coalition of public safety leaders throughout the state recently launched Give Them Distance, a road safety campaign to educate drivers about Illinois' Move Over Law.

While drivers may be familiar with the Move Over Law as it applies to emergency vehicles and maintenance workers, many do not know that in Illinois, this law was expanded January 1, 2017, to require passing drivers to slow down and change lanes when approaching any vehicle with hazard lights flashing.

Drivers who fail to comply with the Move Over Law face serious penalties, including:

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- 2-year suspension of driving privileges
- Jail time, in extreme cases

Help us remind everyone of this simple-to-understand road safety message; whenever approaching any vehicle on the side of the road with emergency or hazard lights flashing, drivers should slow down and change lanes safely.

Please visit GiveThemDistance.com and the Give Them Distance Facebook page to learn more about Give Them Distance and help spread this vital road safety message.

Leaky Toilets Cost Money

High water usage can often be blamed on a leaky toilet. Don't let a leaky toilet add to your water bill. Ask for your free toilet kit at City Hall. This is a quick and easy way to check and can save you money in the long run.

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.

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BINGO				
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8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

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

KIDS' BINGO

Thursday, April 9, 2026

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
Youth Commission)



Mother's Day Plant

Thursday, May 14, 2026

5:00 to 6:30

(or until the crafts 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)

**WILD
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WESTDALE**
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
6:00PM - 9:00PM

WESTDALE PARK
3045 N SANDRA AVE
MELROSE PARK

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Terrorism Awareness

The Northlake Police department has a working relationship with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force. The Task Force works in collaboration with Local, County, State and Federal Law Enforcement, private and non-governmental partners, hospitals, statewide first responder associations and mutual aid organizations. The mission is to achieve and sustain risk-based target levels of capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from these incidents in order to minimize the impact on lives, property, and the economy.

Intelligence gathering is the key to successfully combating terrorism. If you suspect terrorist activity please report it to our Police Department by dialing 911.

Learn more about the mission of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force by visiting their website at <http://www.state.il.us/iema/ittf>.

Information on identifying terrorist activity can be found by viewing the Publications, Videos and PSAs located on the dropdown menu listed under ITTF Links. The Illinois Terrorism Task Force may also be reached at (217)558-1334.

Calendar of Events – 2026

<p>April 6 - Branch Pick Up Begins</p> <p>April 6 – Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00</p> <p>April 9 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 4:30</p> <p>April 14 - Community Events & Affairs Mtg. – 6:30</p> <p>April 20– Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00 At the Community Center</p> <p>April 20 – Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00</p> <p>April 21 - Court</p> <p>April 28 – Police Commission Mtg.- at P.D. – 6:00</p>	<p>May 4 - Branch Pick Up Begins</p> <p>May 4 – Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00</p> <p>May 12 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30</p> <p>May 14 – Youth Commission Mtg. – 6:30</p> <p>May 18 - Senior Citizens Commission Mtg. – 10:00 At the Community Center</p> <p>May 18 – Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00</p> <p>May 19 - Court</p> <p>May 25 - City Hall Closed – Memorial Day</p> <p>May 26 – Police Commission Mtg. – at P.D. – 6:00</p>
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“Identity Theft”

Help the

Northlake Police Department

Prevent the theft of **YOUR** identity.

The Northlake Police Department is sponsoring



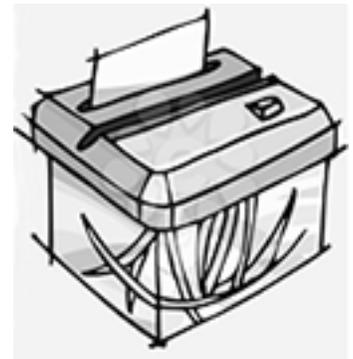
“Document Shredding Day”

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

To help prevent the theft of

YOUR identity.



Residents are encouraged to bring your no longer needed documents to the police department for shredding.

| Branch Pick Up Begins April 6 |

| Yard Waste Pick Up Begins April 3 |