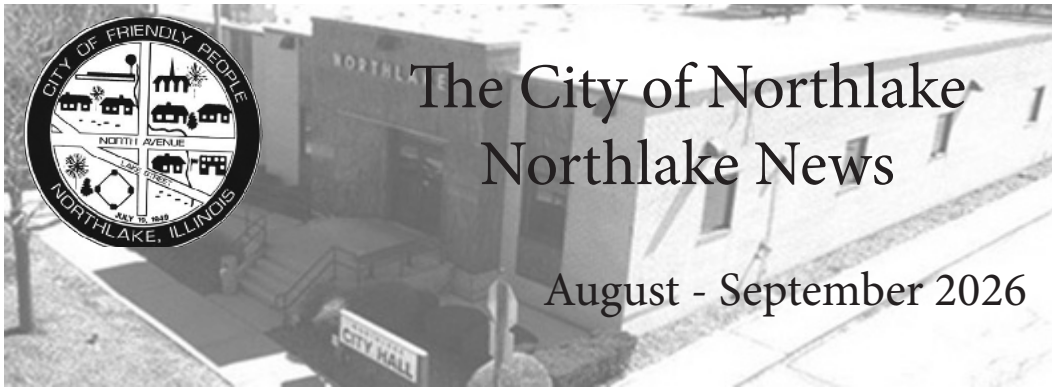




The City of Northlake Northlake News

August - September 2026

City Desk

by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin

City of Northlake and Veterans Park District Combine Forces for New Ice Rink

The City of Northlake and the Veterans Park District have teamed up to bring an ice rink to area residents this winter. The rink will measure 32 feet x 60 feet and will be located on the site of the former Northlake Lutheran Church/City Centre at 112 N. Wolf Road. Ice will be maintained through the season (roughly Thanksgiving to St. Patrick's Day) with the use of chilling equipment which will maintain a skateable surface in air temperatures of up to 50 degrees. The rink is portable and will be taken down for the warmer weather. The rink is also expandable should demand warrant it.

This follows the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation in Northlake which benefits all of our residents. Other examples are the expansion of Kahl Park, Posphalla Park and Friendship Park which all came about through intergovernmental agreements between the City, School and Park Districts. We are targeting Thanksgiving as the opening date for the new ice rink.

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Police Pension Funding Level Continues to Rise

A while ago, the State of Illinois passed legislation requiring all Police and Fire Pensions to be funded at the 90% level by 2040. I am happy to report to you that the latest actuarial report on the Northlake Police Pension Fund shows that the funding level is at 84.72% as of December 31, 2025. The City is well on its way to achieving the 90% funding requirement much earlier than the 2040 deadline imposed by the State. This has been accomplished through financial discipline and good management practices, not through borrowing or other risky financial strategies.

New Businesses Come to Town

Take Five Oil Change has opened at 31 W. North Avenue next to Farmer's Best Market. Besides oil changes, Take 5 offers a range of drive through services such as air filters and wiper replacement and free tire pressure checks and other services. Get a quick oil change and more at the new Northlake Take 5.

Dulce Frio opened at 46 E. North Avenue, next to the Wisdom II senior building. Besides offering handmade churros and coffee, they offer an extensive menu of desserts and beverages, featuring ice cream, lattes, frappes, cold brew and many other tempting treats. See Dulce Frio on Facebook and Instagram @ dulcefriochochurroscafe.

Mary's Salon has found a permanent home at 220 E. North Avenue. Originally located at 107 N. Wolf Road, the Salon moved due to the construction of a storm water management area. Temporarily locating to 404 E. North Avenue, they found a new home at 220 E. North Avenue last year when they purchased and remodeled the building. They offer haircuts, fades, styling, eye brow waxing, chemicals and ear piercing. Call for an appointment.

Crave Cookies recently opened at 75 W. North Avenue. They sell fresh baked cookies in dozens of varieties. They also have a variety of sodas loaded with lots of flavor.

We wish them all the best in their new locations.

**City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026
for Labor Day**

City of Chicago Unilaterally Raises Water Rates

On June 1, the City of Chicago unilaterally announced a water rate increase in the amount of 1.85% to all its customers, including the suburban communities it sells water to.

As a result of Chicago's action, the residential water rate in the City of Northlake will go from \$10.65 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.85 per thousand gallons effective June 1st, 2026.



Automatic Bill Payment System

The City of Northlake offers an Automatic Bill Payment System for your City Utility Bill, where money can be directly deducted from your checking or savings account to pay the bill. If you are interested, you must come into City Hall to fill out the forms. Bring in a voided check or proof of a savings account in your name or visit our website at NorthlakeCity.com.

2026 Spring Planting List

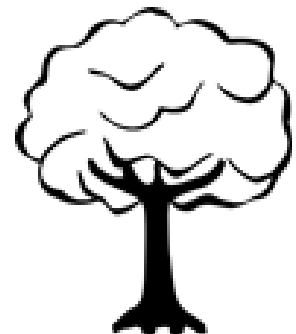
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Trees for Fall 2026

Trees for the Spring 2026 planting are complete. If you have room on your parkway to provide a home for a tree for fall, 2026, call Public Works at 708-562-0940 to pick from the list of trees for the fall 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.



Concert in the Park
Wednesday, August 19
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Grant Park Gazebo
Lavergne and Golfview

Yendry Céspedes Band

The Yendry Céspedes Band performs a diverse range of Latin music from Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Spain, Colombia, and America, they offer a unique and unforgettable musical experience.

Led by the multi-talented musician Céspedes, Founder of the Latin Music Academy the Yendry Céspedes Band offers his smooth vocals and a mastery over a variety of instruments creating a rich and diverse sound that will have you dancing the night away.

Their extensive repertoire of original songs and international favorites ensures that there's something for everyone to enjoy.



Concert in the Park
7:00 P.M.

Grant Park Gazebo
Wednesday, September 2
Lavergne and Golfview

Paulie & The Shakers

Paulie & The Shakers is a fun, versatile, variety cover band - bringing the ultimate music experience with Pop, Rock, Country, & Dance Hits - Classics to Current!

Serving the Chicago metropolitan area, their performances are 100% live with no backing tracks or pre-recorded content. These dynamic and versatile performers have decades of experience providing professional entertainment throughout Chicagoland. Grab your lawn chairs and get ready to dance and have fun with a concert full of your favorite hits and good times!



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.



KIDS' BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Thursday, August 6

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)



Corporate Sponsors Make City Events Possible

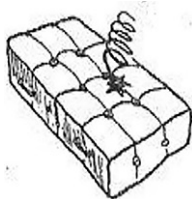
I would like to thank our corporate sponsors who contributed to make our programs possible. Without their help, Boofest, the Senior Citizen Dinner and Winterfest would be on the endangered species list.

I would also like to thank Champion Logistics Group for sponsoring the annual car show on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Come out to Centerpoint on Saturday evening with a picnic dinner and enjoy the spectacular fireworks display.

We are fortunate to have great support for our programs. 2026 Sponsors: Champion Logistics Group, Dunkin'/Baskin, Ancel Glink, P.C., Knight Enterprises, Inc., Gremley & Biedermann, Inc., Francisco & Sons Landscaping, Morgan Cremation Services, Winking Dog Restaurant, Enhanced Networks, Inc., Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd., Happy Tapper, Christopher C. Burke Engineering, Ltd., D & P Construction Co., Inc., State Representative Brad Stephens, Victoria Restaurant, Super 8 Motel, State Senator Don Harmon, Best Quality Cleaning, Do-Rite Home Remodeling.

Wrapping Mattresses

Please wrap all mattresses in plastic when putting them out with your trash. Make sure they are completely covered. This is done for the health and safety of the refuse collectors.



KIDS' BINGO

Thursday, September 10

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)

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

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.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Many home owners will be taking on home improvement projects. If you are having work done on or in your home, please remember the following permit and code requirements:

Hours for construction are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Typically, a permit is required for the following common projects: additions, bathroom remodels, decks, driveways, electrical upgrades, fences, kitchen remodels, patio, patio cover/overhangs, roofs, sewer, sheds, siding/gutters/downspouts and window replacements.

Application Requirements:

- **Application:** Filled out completely.
- **Plat of Survey:** Submitted along with all permits for all outside projects (new construction, additions, fence, patios, decks, driveways & sheds).
Plat of Survey **must be current** and reflect all structures on the property. Applications will be denied if a current plat of survey is not submitted with the application.
- **Site Plan:** Required for new construction, drawn to scale, with the building dimensions noted. The site plan can be shown on the plat of survey. New construction plans are reviewed by a consulting building official.
- **Engineering / Grading Plan:** Required for new construction. Engineering/grading plans are reviewed by a consulting engineering for storm water management compliances.

All engineering review fees are paid by the building permit applicant.

- **Topographical Survey:** Flood zoned residents are required to provide this survey for any new outdoor projects or any alteration.
- **Copy of Contract or Estimate:** Details the scope of work and the cost of the job.
- **Contractor's License:** All contractors are required to be listed on a permit application and be registered with the City.
- **Permit Card:** Required to be displayed in a window or door that faces the street and is un-obstructed. Failure to display the permit card will result in a fine.
- **J.U.L.I.E.:** Please call before you dig, **811 or (800) 892-0123**. It's FREE & they will arrange to come to your property and mark the locations of the underground utilities.

Inspections: Inspections will be listed on the Permit Card. The owner/contractor is responsible for obtaining all inspections. **Failure to call for an inspection can result in dismantling of finish surfaces or removal of drywall for inspection purposes.** It is recommended that a homeowner does not make their final payment to their contractor until a final inspection has been completed and approved. This protects the homeowner by ensuring that the contractor has done the work according to the plans approved by the Building Department and the City Code.

Permits shall become invalid if work does not start within 6 months, see expiration date on permit card. If work has been started, the permit is valid for 1 year from day of issuance.

If you have questions about building permits or possible violations, please contact the Building Department at (708) 343-8700 or visit the City of Northlake's website at www.northlakecity.com/departments/building.

Free Mulch

If you are in need of mulch, Public Works is providing it free of charge. For more information, call Public Works at 708-562-0940.

Noise Ordinance

Per Noise Ordinance number O-11-2023, Live bands and amplified music needs to be turned down so as not to disturb neighbors. Friday and Saturday, the music needs to be reduced by 10:00 p.m. On Sunday through Thursday, the music needs to be reduced by 9:00 p.m.

Branch Pick up Regulations

- Branch pickup begins April 1st through November 7th
- Branch pick up begins on the first Monday of each month. It may take several days to get to your house
- 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.

RESIDENTIAL KEEPING OF CHICKENS

On March 7, 2023, the City Council approved an ordinance that allows residents to keep chickens (hens) in the rear yards of their single-family home, with a permit issued by the City.

Overview

- A permit must be obtained before keeping chickens (hens) and a coop.
- Only residents of single-family homes (R1 Zoning District) are eligible for backyard chickens (hens) permits and a minimum lot size of 7500 square feet. Check your property’s zoning online.
- Up to 6 hens and no less than 2 are allowed. No roosters are allowed.
- Chicken coops are allowed as a type of accessory structure and must be at least 10 feet from all property lines.
- The coop must have a minimum of 4 square feet per hen and a maximum of 50 square feet will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure. The outdoor run must have a minimum of 8 square feet per hen and a maximum of 100 sq. ft.
- Residents who do not comply with Municipal Codes Section 2-5-5B-1 will be subject to enforcement action.

Residents will require the following:

- An application
- Building Permit
- A plat of survey showing the chicken coop location and setbacks from the property lines
- Chicken coop plans
- Electric plans (if applicable)

The application has a \$25 fee.

For further information, please check our website at: www.northlakecity.com.

Obituaries

Criss. Kathy (Wallen) 1961-2026, was a very creative woman, who loved her family and was always helping others. Kathy Criss, 64, of Northlake, died on June 11th, 2026.

Born in 1961 to Walter (Wally) and Beverly Wallen, Kathy grew up in Northlake with her brother Butch. She met her husband, Jerry, at West Leyden. After reconnecting years later, they married and built a life together in Northlake, where they lovingly raised their daughter, Madison.

Those who knew Kathy will remember her as a calming presence, a source of encouragement, and someone who could always make people laugh. Whether embarking on an adventure, creating something special, or simply spending time with family and friends, Kathy found joy in making life meaningful for those around her.

A talented graphic designer for more than 30 years, Kathy’s career reflected her passion for creativity. She always gravitated towards fields that perfectly suited her artistic talents and ability to connect with people. She had a remarkable gift for turning ideas into reality, whether designing something beautiful, planning a special event, or helping bring a friend’s vision to life. No project was ever too challenging—Kathy always found a way to make it happen.

Kathy was deeply committed to her community and generously gave her time to others. She volunteered with school activities, the PTA, community events, and served as a Girl Scout leader. Helping others brought her great joy, and she was always willing to lend a hand wherever she was needed. Above all, Kathy cherished her family. She treasured the moments spent with loved ones and created countless memories filled with laughter, love, and togetherness.

Kathy’s legacy lives on in the many lives she touched through her kindness, generosity, creativity, and unwavering support of others. In the spirit of Kathy, remember to be kind, laugh often, embrace adventure, and never miss an opportunity to help someone in need. Her service was held at Andersen-Morgan Funeral Home in Franklin Park, IL

Nowicki, Keith of Northlake, IL, passed away on June 15, 2026, at the age of 63. A dedicated worker at the Closet Factory and a passionate bowler, Keith lived a life defined by his commitment to his family. He is survived by his sons, Joshua and Michael; his mother, Judith; and his brothers, Jamie, Brian, Scott, and Jeff. Keith was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathy Nowicki Goetz (2020); He will be remembered fondly for his warmth and character. Keith was also a member of the Northlake Senior Citizens Commission for many years. Interment was private.

Leyden Community Food Pantry 501 (c)(3)

Registration: First time clients are required to fill out a participation form and provide proof of Northlake residency before their first visit. All of Northlake, including the Proviso Township portion south of North Avenue is served by the Leyden Food Pantry.

Hours of Operation: We operation Monday through Friday, by appointment only.
Call Michele or Lisa to schedule a date and time.
Michelle: 847-451-5117 Lisa: 847-451-5112

Location: The food pantry is located at Leyden Township Town Hall, 2501 N. Mannheim Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131

Most Wanted Items: **For the safety of our clients, we cannot accept expired food.**

cereal	chiles	coffee	condiments
cooking oil	crackers	jello	juices
laundry soap	mashed potatoes	pasta sauce	peanut butter
pudding	rice	personal care items	

(deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, etc.)

Calendar of Events – 2026

August

Aug 3 - Branch pick up begins
 Aug 6 - Youth Commission Meeting – 4:30
 Aug 11 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30
 Aug 17 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Aug 17 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. – 10:30 Vasquez Community Center
 Aug 18 - Court
 Aug 19 - Concert in the Park – 7:00
 Aug 25 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

September

Sep 2 - Concert in the Park
 Sep 7 - City Hall Closed
 Sep 8 - Branch pick up begins
 Sep 8 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.- 6:30
 Sep 10 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
 Sep 14 - Finance Meeting – 6:30
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Sep 15 - Court
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 Sep 22 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00



Northlake Citywide Garage Sale September 18, 19, 20, 2026

Join over 100 Northlake households having a garage sale

To have your sale included on the list, fill out the form below and mail or bring to City Hall **before September 16th.**

A complete list of garage sales will be available at City Hall afternoon on September 17th. Lists will also be available online at www.northlakecity.com

Citywide Garage Sale Registration Form

We will hold our garage sale on (circle days) Fri Sat Sun

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (*City Hall use only*) _____