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## News from North Chicago

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### From the desk of Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.



Hello fellow citizen,

I hope you have had a positive start to this new year. As a community, we have been through a lot; however, I believe we are growing stronger every day. We continue to address issues head-on while moving forward together.

By laying the foundation of qualified and experienced staff, we've been able to promote the city's true image – one that's positive and represents the hard working men, women, and children who call North Chicago their home.

I have appointed James Jackson as our new Police Chief. Since coming on board, Chief Jackson has developed strategies to improve law enforcement operations in the North Chicago Police Department, including implementing new policies and procedures in order to better the department's service to the citizens of North Chicago. I will continue to work with Chief Jackson to ensure that the North Chicago Police Department operates in an honorable manner.

We have hired six new officers for our Police Department. Two of the six are already on the street, while the remaining four are attending the Police Academy. I am proud to report that all of our recruits at the academy are scoring in the top 10% of their class and will be ready to serve North Chicago in late August 2013. At this time, the Police and Fire Commission is currently looking to establish a new list for future hires.

I recently appointed three Department Directors. Dell Urban is the city's new Fire Chief, she is the first female Fire Chief in North Chicago, and has over 23 years of public safety

experience. Ms. Antoinette Powell came on board as the city's new Human Resources Director; she has over 16 years in the human resources field specializing in employee relations and labor relations. Steve McInnis has been appointed as my Chief of Staff. Along with managing the department directors and focusing on budget solutions, Steve is spearheading the city's efforts in Strategic Planning. Steve is serving in dual roles, as he continues with the responsibilities of Building Commissioner.

Our city staff members have been working diligently to maintain a sustainable budget, making changes without cutting essential services to our citizens. As we increase our tax base and revenue generating sources, we are also focused on controlling costs. Some additional revenue will come as the result of the recent annexation of property on Route 41, which includes Full Moon Restaurant and Meyer Materials. Our policing agreement with Naval Station Great Lakes also brings funds into the city, without compromising services.

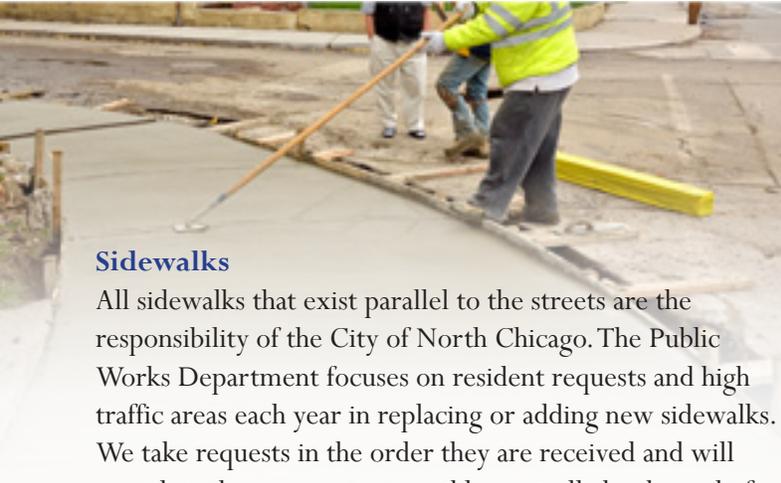
In helping to augment the city's budget, my staff has been aggressive in pursuing grants that benefit the city. From 2007 to 2012, we have collectively applied for grant amounts exceeding \$26.8 million. Of that amount, the city has been awarded and received over \$14 million with another \$1.7 million in grant requests still pending. With a success rate greater than 50% we will continue to seek grant funding and as we move forward, while maintaining the financial stability for the City of North Chicago.

I hope that while reading through this newsletter you will come to realize all the positive things that are going on within North Chicago. I am optimistic that with this information, you have a renewed sense of our community's forward progress. As always, please feel free to visit city hall anytime, we are here to serve you.

*Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

Many times residents want to know who is responsible for certain maintenance issues involving the Public Works Department. Here's a quick and easy reference guide for who is responsible for sidewalks, driveways, sewer, water, streets, alleys and trees in the City of North Chicago:



### Sidewalks

All sidewalks that exist parallel to the streets are the responsibility of the City of North Chicago. The Public Works Department focuses on resident requests and high traffic areas each year in replacing or adding new sidewalks. We take requests in the order they are received and will complete them as soon as possible, typically by the end of the year at the latest.

Sidewalks perpendicular to the streets are called "carriage walks." These walkways allow pedestrians to walk directly from the street to the entry of a residence. These types of sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner.

### Driveways

Many people ask if the city takes care of the portion of the driveway that is within the right-of-way of the street. The basic answer is "no." While it is true that a portion of the driveway lies within the city owned right-of-way, a driveway is considered a private improvement. A driveway from garage or end all the way to the curb of the street is the responsibility of the homeowner.

### Sewer and Water Service

A sewer or water service runs from the house all the way to the sewer or water main. The Main can be located within the street or within the grass right-of-way of the street. This means that your service may connect to the main on the other side of the street. No matter where the main lies, the service is the responsibility of the homeowner from building to main, not just the right-of-way, the sidewalk, or the curb.

### Streets and Alleys

All streets and alleys that are city owned are the responsibility of the City of North Chicago. The Public Works Department is responsible for the curbs and roadways including any traffic signage and striping. The city is not responsible for the grass cutting of the right-of-way. The grass along city roads that are cut by the city include the median of Argonne Drive, the median of Adams Street, a portion of the edge of Hillcrest Avenue and some areas along Sheridan Road.

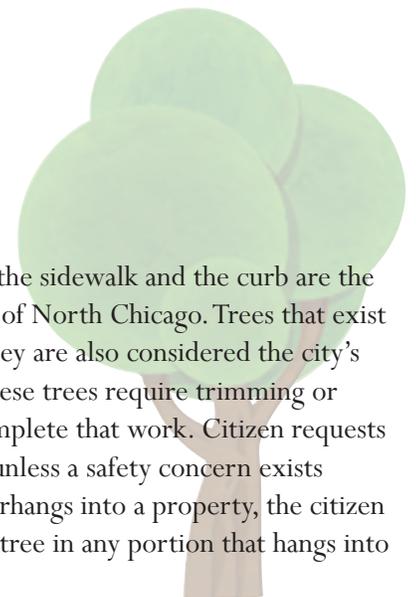
Some streets within the city are not the responsibility of the city. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for Buckley Road; Sheridan Road, south of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; Route 43, Waukegan Road; Route 41, Skokie Highway; and Route 131, Green Bay Road. The city is not responsible for any of the curbs, pavement, medians, or storm sewers within these roads.

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) is responsible for 14th Street (west of Green Bay Road) and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

A few roadways in North Chicago have unusual jurisdiction. Sheridan Road is owned by IDOT but is maintained by City of North Chicago. Lewis Avenue is owned by LCDOT but is maintained by City of North Chicago. 10th Street and a portion of 14th Street (from Green Bay to Glenn) is owned and maintained 50/50 by the City of Waukegan and the City of North Chicago.

### Trees

Trees that exist between the sidewalk and the curb are the responsibility of the City of North Chicago. Trees that exist at the very edge of the alley are also considered the city's responsibility. If any of these trees require trimming or removal, the city will complete that work. Citizen requests typically take precedent unless a safety concern exists elsewhere. If the tree overhangs into a property, the citizen has the right to trim that tree in any portion that hangs into their property.



## Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction Plans

### County Plans

The City of North Chicago is working with the Lake County Division of Transportation to completely fix 14th Street from Green Bay Road to Jackson Street. As this project will be funded by federal dollars, a lengthy process of design and permitting is required. The Phase I, which is the preliminary design study, will be completed during 2013. The Phase II, which is the final design phase, will be completed in 2014 and 2015. Construction for the project is anticipated for 2016. Until then, the city will continue to fill potholes as needed to keep the roadway in a safe drivable condition.

While the county performs the needed design, the city will coordinate and work in conjunction with the county to replace the city owned water main that has caused much of the distress to this major roadway. Once complete, 14th Street will be in brand new condition much like the project that occurred on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Lake County Division of Transportation also has plans to resurface Lewis Avenue in 2016.

### City Plans

#### 2013 Roadway Resurfacing Plans

20th Street.....Natoma to the east end

Lincoln ..... 18th to Argonne

11th Street .....Lenox to Sheridan

Morrow ..... Hervey to Davis

Dugdale..... Argonne to 20th

Questions and comments are always welcome at 847-596-8870. North Chicago residents may also contact the Public Works Director/City Engineer directly at 847-596-8691.



Park Avenue  
BEFORE



Park Avenue  
AFTER



19th Place  
BEFORE



19th Place  
AFTER

## Changes in Waste & Recycling Collection

### New contract:

The city has completed negotiations for a new refuse hauling and recycling collection agreement, effective November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2017. The objective of our negotiation was to provide quality services to our citizens while containing the cost for those services. Our objective was achieved through an improved "Take All Service" agreement, coupled with containing and **reducing rates**.

### New collection rates:

The new single unit monthly rate is \$18.12 compared to the previous rate of \$19.22, **a rate reduction of \$1.10 or 5.7%**. The agreement continues to offer the 10% discount for eligible senior citizens as well as extending the same discount to eligible disabled citizens. Applications for the senior/disabled citizen's discount are available at the Payment Center in City Hall or online at [www.northchicago.org](http://www.northchicago.org).

### New name:

The City of North Chicago's contracted waste and recycling services company, Veolia combined with Advanced Disposal to create the largest privately held services company in the United States. The joint company will be operating under the Advanced Disposal Services name. The transition will be seamless to you with the exception of future logo changes on company communications, Advanced Disposal branded collection vehicles and containers and a redirect to the Advanced Disposal website for service inquiries.



# Advanced Disposal

## Tire Pick-up Schedule 2013

Advanced Disposal will perform North Chicago residential tire pick-up schedule for 2013. Four (4) tires per unit will be collected during the tire collection week. Note: tires must be off the rim.

- Week of March 11, 2013
- Week of June 10, 2013
- Week of August 26, 2013
- Week of October 21, 2013

Contact: Advanced Disposal, 847-623-3870,  
[AdvancedDisposal.com](http://AdvancedDisposal.com)

### Landscape waste:

During the landscape waste season, Advanced Disposal will provide collection of up to six containers or bundles per week of landscape waste contained in biodegradable Kraft bags, waste containers not exceeding 33 gallons and appropriately marked, and bundled tree branches and brush from the curb. During the months of October and November, residents may place out an unlimited amount of landscape waste at no additional cost.

### Electronics recycling year round

Did you know that most electronics are no longer allowed in landfills? The trash hauler is not allowed to pick these items up anymore. The city has partnered with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) so that citizens may bring electronics to the City Yard at 1421 Renken Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. except holidays. For special assistance, residents may call 847-596-8870. It is important that these items are taken to the yard for collection as electronics are not allowed to be left on the curb.

To learn more about Advanced Disposal, please visit [AdvancedDisposal.com](http://AdvancedDisposal.com). If you have questions about the name change, please contact the Customer Care representatives at 847-623-3870.

## New recycling carts:

By now, residents should have received a blue 65-gallon recycling cart. This will replace your current recycling bin. Feel free to keep your old bin or leave it curbside and Advanced Disposal will pick it up. During the month of March, beginning March 1, 2014 and each subsequent March thereafter, residents may increase their recycling collection cart size from 65-gallon to 95-gallon at no cost.



## What goes in the blue recycle cart?

Please refer to the handy curbside recycling guide below:

### Curbside Recycling Guidelines

#### PAPER PRODUCTS – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Corrugated boxes should be flattened and cut to a 2' x 2' size. Bundle them with twine or tape into a stack no higher than 10 inches.
- ✓ All recycle materials can be placed in the blue cart.
- ✓ Please remove plastic food liners from boxes.

**ACCEPTABLE:**

- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Books
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Phone Books & Catalogs
- Office Paper (Any Color)
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Non-corrugated Cardboard (Cereal Boxes, Soda Pack Boxes)

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Tissue Products and Paper Toweling
- Frozen Food Boxes
- Dairy Carton Boxes
- Paper Contaminated with Food Residue or Other Debris
- Pizza Boxes or Carryout Food Wrappers

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#### GLASS – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Recycle clear, green, brown, and tinted glass.
- ✓ Please rinse out and remove lids and caps.
- ✓ It is not necessary to remove paper labels.

**ACCEPTABLE:**

- Any Color Glass Bottles, Jugs or Jars
- Glass Beverage & Glass Food Containers

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Ceramic Items (Dishes, Vases, Cups)
- Drinking Glasses or Crystal
- Light Bulbs
- Window or Auto Glass

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#### PLASTIC – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Make sure container is labeled ♻️ 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 on the bottom.
- ✓ Please rinse out and remove lids and caps.
- ✓ It is not necessary to remove paper labels.

**ACCEPTABLE:**

- Soda Bottles
- Milk & Water Jugs
- Laundry Bottles
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion & Cosmetic Bottles

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Motor Oil & Antifreeze Bottles
- Styrofoam or Microwave Containers
- Plastic Bags
- Medical Supplies
- Plastic Toys, Flower Pots or Garden Plastics
- Pesticides or Herbicide Containers
- Dairy Tubs (Butter, Margarine, Yogurt, Sour Cream)

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#### CANS – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Please rinse out all cans.
- ✓ It is not necessary to remove paper labels.

**ACCEPTABLE:**

- All Aluminum Cans
- All Steel or Bi-Metal Cans
- Metal Lids & Bottle Caps

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Aluminum Foil & Pie Tins
- Paint Cans & Aerosol Cans
- Car Parts, Nails & Screws
- Pots & Pans
- Gasoline Cans & Scrap Metal

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TRASH

## Building & Community Development

### City Demolition Program

Also known as the North Chicago Blight Busting Program, it is responsible for the management of dilapidated, abandoned buildings; both commercial and residential. Since its beginning in 2007, the program has been responsible for going after buildings that were in a severe state of disrepair or had become nuisance properties, attracting animals, squatters, gangs and drug activity. Approximately 45 of these properties were actually demolished as a result of court orders; severe damage by fire; or demolished by the owner or bank due to the poor condition of the building.



Likewise, approximately 65 residential buildings have been rehabilitated during the same period of time and are now viable single family homes or multi-unit dwellings that are nice looking and occupied, even though they were at one time destined for demolition.

With the exception of emergency demolitions due to fire, or demolitions by owners, the actual process the city has

to go through for a demolition order is quite cumbersome and time consuming. The process normally takes upwards of nine months before a demolition order is actually issued to the city.

The process starts with the identification of the building, doing a title search for the property and then mailing letters to everyone on the title search of the city's intention to file a demolition complaint. The letters include a list of major items that have to be corrected. A certain period of time is given for the interested party to respond to the letter.

If there is no response, the next step is to file a demolition complaint in Circuit Court, again with all information, building violations and pictures. At that time, the court sends out notifications with a set time to respond.

If there is no response, the court then holds a final hearing to go over the condition of the property and eventually grants the demolition order.

The demolition is not conducted immediately upon receipt of the order from the court. There are environmental issues that have to be taken care of and then finally bids are requested for the demolition.

When the demolition is complete, all costs associated with the demolition are placed as a lien against the property.

The city has been successful in recovering the liens when the properties are sold or redeveloped.

By keeping to the rule of keeping the rehabilitation of residential buildings equal to or greater than those being demolished, we will have brighter, cleaner neighborhoods to enjoy.

## Economic Development

### City Housing Rehab Program updates

The City of North Chicago is pleased to announce exciting changes to our Housing Rehab Program. Under the old rehab program, the specific dollar amount used to rehab a qualified owner's home was reduced by 50% after ten (10) years from project completion.

For instance, if \$20,000 was used to rehab a particular owner's home, a zero percent-deferred loan would then be generated with no monthly payments in that amount, and a lien would be recorded against the owner's mortgage. After ten (10) years, the original loan amount was reduced by 50% (or \$10,000) of which the owner (or heir) would eventually be obligated to repay upon the sale of the home, refinancing or passing of the owner.

The new or "restructured" deferred loan process is similar to above with one major exception. **Each year the specific dollar amount used to rehab a qualified owner's home (maximum limit \$40,000) will be reduced by 1/15th per year. So, after fifteen (15) years the owner owes \$0!**

**That is right! If you live in your newly rehabbed home for the following fifteen (15) years, all rehab expenses incurred up to \$40,000 are eliminated and during that entire time, you have no monthly payments to worry about.**

The Economic Development and Building and Community Development Departments believe this newly restructured program makes the decision process easier knowing that the necessary repairs for your home are available to you and your family, without the burden of inevitable long term re-payment.

If you are interested in applying or re-applying for the Housing Rehab Program, please call our office 847-596-8670 or come in to see us soon. We will be happy to process your information to see if you qualify.

### Before



### After



### Business updates

Despite the current economic climate, North Chicago businesses continue to grow:

- Collision Solutions expansion and addition of auto-related services
- C & M Recycling has purchased an adjacent apartment complex on Hervey Avenue and demolished the structure to expand
- Helio Precision, Inc., which employs 200 jobs in North Chicago also recently, completed a massive expansion of their production area located on Rt. 41
- After a brief departure, ULINE returned to North Chicago
- Dollar General built a brand new store on Lewis and MLK
- Subway Restaurant rehabilitated a facility on Route 41
- Vista Health Systems opened a medical office at Grant Place
- The Mulch Center opened a retail outlet on Route 41
- Rosalind Franklin University is expanding
- A new auto body repair shop on 14th Street
- JT Landscaping expanded on 23rd Place with a new building
- A catering service has purchased property on Sheridan Road with plans to also open an outdoor bistro

We continue to work with new business prospects as well:

- Working with two developers interested in new construction to bring in additional general retail along Green Bay Road
- PRD Associates has preliminary plans to build a 10,000 sf. shopping center at Buckley and Green Bay
- Family Dollar is looking at sites for a new, larger store to replace their existing store on MLK

## Welcome to Shop North Chicago!

In order to promote city businesses and spur the local economy, the City of North Chicago has launched **Shop North Chicago** an online directory of businesses and organizations in our city. The program is offered at no charge to our business community. The service provides all local businesses with an interactive web page on the city's website, [northchicago.org](http://northchicago.org), that directs citizens to business profiles designed and updated by each local business.

By offering businesses the ability to display information such as new merchandise or services, current coupon offerings, available job openings and other topical news, the city can

help make their business community more available and more vibrant.

With **Shop North Chicago**, citizens go to one central location on the city website to search for local businesses. Citizens have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine store hours and find the business location as well as sign up for automatic updates on their favorite businesses.

For more information, please contact the Economic Development Department, 847-596-8670.



### Shop North Chicago! It's easy!

- Go to [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org)
- Click on Shop Local icon

**Shoppers:** Surf around the North Chicago Business Directory to find services, restaurants and shops in North Chicago! You can also sign up for Email Notifications, check out Job Opportunities, find coupons, sales and more!



**Businesses:** If you haven't already, claim your business - it's free! By registering with Shop North Chicago, your company receives an added web presence that can boost business. Upload your information, menus, hours, coupons, photos and more. The program automatically shows your business on a map and provides directions to your location.

**Business Directory Page:** 5-Points was one of the first businesses to register with Shop North Chicago. As you can see, they were able to upload information on their business and add a photo. There is more information too - visit Shop North Chicago to learn more today.



# Citizens Communication Center coming to northchicago.org

In an effort to increase communications with residents, the City of North Chicago will be adding a **Citizens Communication Center** to our website. Citizens will have the ability to find and retrieve city information from the comfort of their own home.

The **Citizens Communication Center** gives North Chicagoans the option to find answers to commonly asked questions and to submit service requests, such as reporting a pothole to Public Works. Residents can also provide feedback and share information with neighbors through this comprehensive tool.

Communicate with the City of North Chicago! It's Easy!

- Go to NorthChicago.org
- Click on Citizens Communication Center Icon

“The **Citizens Communication Center** has the ability to connect the city as an organization internally as well as providing a more efficient and higher level of service to our citizens,” stated Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

The **Citizens Communication Center** is set to launch in Spring 2013.

For more information, please contact the Information Technology Department, 847-596-8640.



	<b>Find Answers</b> Browse all answers Search for a specific answer
	<b>Ask a Question</b> Send us a question
	<b>Make a Request</b> Report a problem
	<b>My Action Center</b> Check status of submitted questions and requests

**Citizens:** Browse around the FAQ section for a quick response to common questions. Ask city staff a question that will be tracked and answered in a reasonable amount of time. Make a request directly to city staff; you can report problems such as a sidewalk repair. Access the My Action Center to communicate with city staff and to review all of your requests and questions.

# Coming Soon!

# Citizens Communication Center

at northchicago.org

## Finance Department

### North Chicago citizens saving 43% on electricity costs

On March 20, 2012, North Chicago voters approved an electric referendum authorizing the city to seek lower electric rates on behalf of our residents and small commercial businesses.

Last May, the city signed a two-year agreement with Direct Energy Services, which offered North Chicago one of the lowest electricity supply rates in the area. The Direct Energy Services rate is 4.789 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared to the ComEd rate of 8.360 cents per kilowatt-hour, a 43% rate savings. Residents and small commercial businesses were automatically enrolled with Direct Energy unless they had a pre-existing contract with another electric provider or if they chose to opt-out of municipal aggregation and continued to receive their electric from ComEd.

Residents and small commercial businesses enrolled with Direct Energy Services continue to receive only one bill from ComEd, which includes the electric supply charge from Direct Energy Services. ComEd will continue to charge for delivering electricity. Customers will continue to contact ComEd for all service problems, outages or downed power lines.

If you opted out to remain with ComEd and now want to switch to Direct Energy Services, you may do so by contacting Direct Energy at 866-760-6040 and ask to enroll in the aggregation program.

### Summary results of North Chicago Electric Aggregation

<b>Eligible accounts that enrolled in the program:</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>Eligible accounts that chose to "opt-out" of the program:</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>North Chicago power supply rate:</b>	<b>4.789 cents per kilowatt-hour</b>
<b>ComEd power supply rate:</b>	<b>8.360 cents per kilowatt-hour</b>
<b>Rate savings:</b>	<b>3.571 cents per kilowatt-hour</b>
<b>Percent savings:</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Annual cumulative savings:</b>	<b>\$1,050,000.00</b>
<b>Annual average single-family household savings:</b>	<b>\$282.00</b>

### E-pay

In an effort to offer the most payment options to North Chicago residents, the city is accepting payment using MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards for utility payments online. This will require the user to enter their account number. There is a convenience fee charged for using this system. The fee is not charged or collected by the City of North Chicago.

For more information, please contact the city at 847-596-8620.

### ACH Payments

The City of North Chicago is accepting ACH Payments for water bills. The Automatic Bank Payment Authorization form is available at [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org) or at the Payment Center. A copy of a voided check is also required. Submit information to the City of North Chicago Payment Center, 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064. For more information, contact 847-596-8647.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### No Burning Ordinance

The City of North Chicago has a No Burning Ordinance; it was adopted in 1996.

3-2-19: - BURNING ALLOWED BY SPECIAL PERMIT:

There shall be no burning, except by special permit.

A special permit can be obtained from the North Chicago Fire Department Station at 1850 Lewis Ave during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Permits must be requested at least three days advanced.

### Cook with caution

Not surprisingly, two-thirds (67%) of home structure fires involving cooking equipment begin with the ignition of cooking materials, including food. Fat, grease, cooking oil and related substances were first ignited in half (52%) of the home cooking fires that begin with cooking materials. Roughly, three-quarters (72%) of the civilian deaths, injuries (77%), and direct property damage (74%) associated with cooking material or food ignitions resulted from these fat, grease or cooking oil fires.

Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not use the stove or stovetop. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly; remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch on fire, including oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from the stovetop.

If you have a cooking fire:

- Get out and close the door behind you to help contain the fire
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave
- Be sure others get out and you have a clear way out
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires
- Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop
- Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed

### Dryer fires

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them. Use these helpful hints to prevent dryer fires:

- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then be washed and dried as usual
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry
- Remove lint that has collected around the drum
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating
- Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you
- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow
- Keep dryers in good working order
- Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed



## Remembering Kilo



The City of North Chicago regrets to announce the loss of Kilo a loyal, dedicated and essential member of the North Chicago Police Department's K-9 Unit. Kilo was hired as a K-9 police officer for the City of North Chicago on June 10, 2006 and was the sole partner of K-9 Officer Jayson Geryol.

Kilo will be remembered for his tenacious work ethic; he was always ready to work. He achieved some of the highest percentages locating subjects in building and area searches, tracking, locating articles, locating narcotics, and protecting his partner. Kilo will be sorely missed yet never forgotten by the North Chicago Police Department, his partner, and his family.



### Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is a 10-week program designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn about issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the City of North Chicago. Community oriented policing like the Citizens Police Academy plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. The goal is to strengthen communication and create a partnership between North Chicago citizens and North Chicago Police Officers in order to establish a safer community.

## Police Department Promotions



Ofc. Corey Marquardt promoted to Sergeant. Also pictured: Chief Jackson and Mayor Rockingham. (Not pictured) Ofc. Val Nash promoted to Sergeant.



Ofc. Tremaine Nixon sworn in as a new officer. Also pictured: Chief Jackson and Mayor Rockingham



Sgt. Richard Wilson promoted to Lieutenant. Also pictured: Chief Jackson and Mayor Rockingham

## ANIMAL CONTROL

The City of North Chicago recently hired Dana Deustch as the new Animal Control Warden. Ms. Deutsch brings a multitude of experience and compassion for animals to the North Chicago Police Department. Prior to her appointment, Dana was actively involved in supervising the proper care, maintenance and rescue of animals in numerous locations throughout the State of Illinois. During the past two months, a new volunteer program has been

implemented within the North Chicago Police Department, specifically focusing on the Animal Care Facility and the security and care of rescued animals.

“Our new animal warden is very knowledgeable and deeply committed to animal care. She brings a fresh and professional environment to our facility,” stated Chief of Police, James Jackson.

### **NORTH CHICAGO DOG OWNER TIPS:**

- Register dogs with the City of North Chicago AND Lake County
- Have your tags on your dog when walking it
- Ownership tag – your name, address, phone number
- Inoculation Tag – Veterinarian shot required through Lake County
- Have your dog on a leash - No exceptions!
- Have a plastic bag with you and clean up after your dog

### **SUPPLY YOUR DOG WITH:**

- Adequate Shelter and protection from the weather - contact Animal Warden for advice, 847-596-8875
- Sufficient quantity and quality of wholesome food and water
- Veterinary Care when needed to prevent suffering
- Humane care and treatment

### **MAKING A COMPLAINT ABOUT AN ANIMAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

To have an animal-related complaint investigated contact: North Chicago Animal Warden at 847-596-8875 or North Chicago Police Department at 847-596-8774.

### **WHAT KIND OF COMPLAINTS DOES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO?**

- Animal neglect / cruelty
- Animals allowed to run loose by their owners
- Injured wildlife
- Animals in peril
- Animal bites to humans
- Dogs threatening or attacking humans or other animals
- Illegal ownership of dangerous animals

### **WHAT DO I DO IF AN ANIMAL BITES ME?**

Any time a domestic animal bites a human, it must be observed for rabies by a veterinarian. Wild animals that bite humans must be euthanized and tested for disease. Always get immediate medical attention.

### **WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT AN ANIMAL OR WILDLIFE PROBLEM?**

Administrative Lieutenant Brame:	847-596-8724	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
North Chicago Police Department:	847-596-8774	24-Hour Hotline
North Chicago Animal Warden:	847-596-8875	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Mayor Rockingham hosts Fifth Monday meetings for North Chicago residents

In an effort to enhance communications between the City of North Chicago and its residents, Mayor Rockingham hosts Fifth Monday meetings.

The city holds committee and or council meetings four Mondays of each month; however, for the few times each year that a fifth Monday occurs, Mayor Rockingham will be available in the city council chamber for resident questions and concerns.

“I am hosting the Fifth Monday meetings to give residents an informal open forum to gather, to discuss issues among their neighborhoods, and ask questions of me. My office will always remain open for residents on a daily basis, this is just an added line of communication,” said Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor.

The upcoming Fifth Monday meetings are as follows:  
April 29, 2013; July 29, 2013; September 30, 2013 and December 30, 2013.

### Good work, Officer Smith

The North Chicago Police Department receives many compliments and gestures of gratitude that often go unnoticed. The city recently received this message regarding Officer C. Smith:



“I was in your town on Friday, February 8 to celebrate my son’s graduation from Naval Station Great Lakes Boot Camp. While driving down Buckley Road, my family encountered a young lady stranded in the middle of the intersection at about 8:30 p.m. It was cold and no one was helping her. My wife and I pulled over and we were able to push her out of traffic and to the side of the road. Officer C. Smith was driving past and he stopped to assist. **I would like you to know that Officer Smith was very pleasant, professional and caring!!! It was nice to see such a great attitude and caring nature. Please know that he served your community well that evening.**”  
– Chief Deputy Bill Johnson, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, Sacramento, California.

## We have new and exciting plans for this year! SAVE THE DATE: August 2-4, 2013 8th Annual North Chicago Community Days



We truly pushed the boundaries in 2012, incorporating the "Warhawk Alumni Care" All Class North Chicago High School Reunion, the Health & Wellness Fair and the Uniting for Peace Gathering. We highlighted local businesses and non-profit organizations.

We enhanced our relationship with Naval Station Great Lakes, Forest City and surrounding areas. We ate, drank, shopped, danced, played, learned, prayed and cheered together - united as a community.

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# District 187 Administers Survey to Help Improve Student Learning

Students, parents and teachers weigh in on school climate and learning conditions.

North Chicago School District 187 will join the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in conducting the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey provides a unique opportunity for North Chicago District 187 teachers, students, and parents to have a role in improving their schools. Between Feb. 21 and March 21, 2013, teachers, students and parents will be asked to take a 15-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school’s climate and learning conditions.

Dr. Ben Martindale, Chief Education Officer states, “We encourage all of our certified staff, students, and parents to make their voices heard through this Illinois 5Essential Survey. I am confident that it will contribute to impacting the necessary change in the North Chicago schools. The valuable information that will come out of this survey will be very helpful to our staff, parents and students and our administration as we continue to reform the schools in North Chicago School District 187. This is one of the more

important events of this year, so please take advantage of this opportunity.”

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey (Organizing Schools for Improvement) provides a comprehensive assessment of school organizational culture with actionable reports to help drive school improvement on five indicators or “essentials”: Effective Leaders; Collaborative Teachers; Involved Families; Supportive Environment; Ambitious Instruction.

Illinois 5Essentials generates data that helps schools target resources and make decisions that help accelerate learning and test score gains. Illinois 5Essentials also demonstrates that teachers and students can play a crucial role in school reform: What they share about their schools reliably predicts whether those schools are likely to improve or stagnate.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago is providing Illinois 5Essentials to schools statewide. Teachers, students and parents may complete the Illinois 5Essentials Survey online. For more information visit: <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>

For any questions or concerns, please contact the District 187 Office, 847-689-8150.

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