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## News from North Chicago

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



While the events of the last several months have been challenging, now is the time to begin healing. I am hopeful that leaders in this community and ordinary citizens will join me with that goal in mind. We have made major changes to the Police Department in light of some unfortunate incidents. Our new Interim Chief of Police, James Jackson has been aggressively

reviewing policies and procedures and improving areas where necessary. I have tasked him with ensuring that the North Chicago Police Department offers appropriate and lawful safety services to the citizens and visitors of our city.

In the immediate aftermath of the arrest and subsequent death of Darrin Hanna, I pledged to the residents of North Chicago that this matter would be taken seriously and it would be investigated thoroughly. We have lived up to that pledge. There have been investigations conducted by multiple sources including the Lake County Coroner, Lake County State's Attorney, the Illinois State Police, and the City of North Chicago. Upon those investigations, Interim Chief Jackson has issued appropriate and just discipline actions where necessary. I feel confident in the Chief's decision and support him fully.

In the coming months, residents should expect to hear from me as we reach out looking for ways to foster a more healthy and productive relationship between the fine men and women of our Police Department and North Chicago citizens.

Moving forward, North Chicago is receiving plans for business expansion and business relocation possibilities within our city. I am working diligently with these organizations to welcome them to North Chicago and secure jobs for our citizens.

We are making tremendous strides in the Sheridan Crossing development. The State of Illinois allocated \$75 Million in the

form of Midwest Disaster Bonds, making funding available to potential Sheridan Crossing businesses. This provides companies with an easy financing source for their enterprise, which is especially attractive during the current state of the economy. The city has signed an official development agreement with Weston Solutions, allowing the firm to pursue businesses for the Sheridan Crossing. This, coupled with the bond allocation is a huge step in the process; we hope for major tenant announcements later this year.

Helio Precision Products, LLC located at 3601 Skokie Hwy (Rt. 41) has just added 68,000 square feet to its production area and offices. Helio Precision Products, LLC employs upwards of 250 individuals. Subway has recently opened a new store and franchise offices at 3020 Skokie Highway (Rt. 41), and C.Y.O.C, Create Your Own Cheesecake & Cheesesteak has opened at 2314 Green Bay Road, with great reviews.

As this year's 7th Annual Community Days celebration on August 4 & 5 approaches, I am reaching out to area ministers to hold an evening "Uniting for Peace" gathering on August 3. The idea is to gather near the event grounds and pray for a peaceful and successful weekend. More details will be announced, and all are welcome to participate.

I would like to give a personal thank you for all of the condolences I have received through the passing of my wife, Gwen. Your thoughts and prayers have helped me through this difficult time.

Our city is on the rise, with a strong foundation of city government, advancements in infrastructure and economic development, and new visionary leadership at the school district and park district. It takes a whole community to make the kind of progress that the North Chicago needs and deserves. Take a look around, 'Growing North Chicago' is not just a concept - it's a reality.

*Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.*

## PUBLIC WORKS



### City gets new water meters

Starting this month, residents and businesses will receive letters from Professional Meters, Inc. (PMI) explaining the meter installation process and scheduling access to properties. This is a required program designed to replace existing water meter reading equipment. Access to residential and business water meters will be necessary for approximately 30 minutes.

The system will produce efficiencies and cut overall costs, saving taxpayer \$1-million over the next 20 years. It is a fixed network, enabling all meter readings directly from city hall through a powerful radio. 'Live' readings can be taken daily or hourly allowing city staff to monitor water leaks or unusual usage at a property and provide ease in closing-out a water account.

The system not only detects water leaks but also can protect from theft. The city will now have the ability to detect line tampering and fraudulent water hook-ups. Property owners can receive an accurate description of usages and subsequently, rate increases or decreases with the new meters.

“Upgrading our water meter reading is one of many steps we are taking to revitalize North Chicago. City staff has worked hard to bring this program to our residents and, now with the city council’s approval, we will all benefit from the accuracies and efficiencies the new meters bring to North Chicago,” said Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

### New sewer lining on Hervey

The City of North Chicago was recently awarded a \$101,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IL DCEO) to undergo a sewer-lining project on Hervey Avenue between 14th Street and Argonne Drive this spring.

Improvements are possible through IL DCEO in relation to the storms that hit the area in 2008 stemming from Hurricane IKE. This stretch of sewer was severely impacted from the storm’s excess rain, which subsequently caused accelerated damage to the underground infrastructure. The new lining will reduce sewer backups in this area.

The city has a Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Guide available in city hall and at [northchicago.org](http://northchicago.org), which provides citizens with tips to keep the sewers clean of debris and other substances. The City of North Chicago encourages citizens to follow these tips to reduce potential backups within their residences.

### Water Plant

The Water Plant continues to make major improvements regarding the purification and distribution of water throughout the city.

#### Completed projects:

- Installation of New Variable Frequency Drives and other motors with the use of \$800,000 worth of grant funding
- Replacement of screens that filter mussels, fish, and other debris
- Convert to energy efficient lighting through \$11,000 IL DCEO grant
- Upgrades to the filters and heating system, which will lower electricity costs and improve efficiencies

#### Upcoming projects:

- The water plant currently uses gas chlorine as its main disinfectant. Within the next 2-3 years, the plant will convert to a liquid system, increasing safety measures, while modernizing our operation.
- Overhauling the water intakes, to reduce and eliminate the nuisance zebra mussels and provide general maintenance

## Public Works beautifies city

The Public Works Department works hard to beautify North Chicago through many initiatives.

- ☑ Graffiti is removed as quickly as it appears. The location that receives our largest amount of graffiti is within our alleys. Residents are encouraged to battle this disturbance themselves, but in an effort to keep our community clean and beautiful, the city will continue painting over any graffiti with white paint. It is the property owner's responsibility to paint the area with the customized colors.
- ☑ Traffic signage is shiny and new. This program will continue through the coming years to meet a federal mandate concerning the reflectivity of signs. While it makes the sign easier to read at night and improves safety, it also provides a more positive aesthetic view during the day.
- ☑ Areas get new parking stripes. The striping at City Hall and the City Yard were repainted last summer and Great Lakes Train Station and the Water Plant parking area will receive a fresh coat this year.
- ☑ City entrance signs receive touch-up. New paint brightens the signs from weather damage and welcomes visitors to North Chicago.
- ☑ Litter is being controlled. The alleys and major thoroughfares have received a good amount of litter control over the past year and this process will continue into 2012. The city is always looking for volunteers that would like to assist with maintaining the amenities like the paths, benches, and trash containers. Please call 847-596-8870 if you'd like to help.
- ☑ Detention areas will receive upgrades. We encourage residents to use Gillette Pond on 16th Street and the city hall pond as walking paths and recreation areas.
- ☑ Visit the City Yard & Water Plant. This winter, we made major improvements to our City Yard and Water Plant by repainting some of the office areas, bathrooms, doors, and floors. Feel free to schedule a tour at our Water Plant (847-596-8880) or drop by our City Yard with any requests you may have and see the improvements.

## Service Line Warranty Program now available to North Chicago residents

The City of North Chicago is introducing a new, optional program available to homeowners, provided through the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program administered by Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). The Service Line Warranty program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines.

“Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for the sewer lines that go from their houses to the point of utility maintenance. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive,” said Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expense involved with a sewer line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family's budget. This new program will offer warranty protection to help cover the costs of a break.

City of North Chicago residents will see offers in their mailboxes soon. The cost for citizens who choose to purchase the warranty protection is \$5.50 per month. It will cover sewer line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional allowance of \$4,000 for public street cutting, if needed. The program is offered at no cost to the City of North Chicago, and no public funds are used to promote the program. If you have questions about the warranty program, you may contact the City Engineer at 847-596-8691.

## 2012 Roadway Maintenance Plan

The following streets will be resurfaced during the spring and summer of 2012 :

- 1400 and 1500 block of Park Avenue
- 19th Place – west of Green Bay
- 20th Street – west of Natoma
- 20th Street – west of Dugdale
- Alley – 2100 block between Lewis and Kemble

## Public Works: Street Division Updates

The city is installing sidewalks along Broadway and Lewis, near South School, AJ Katzenmeier School, and near Novak-King School along with miscellaneous repairs throughout the city.

Residents should be aware that in 2011, the North Chicago Public Works Department began sweeping streets every other week during the summer months. That schedule will continue in 2012. During times of major debris such as spring or after storms, the sweeper will be used more often as needed. A major tree trimming program and tree removal program will begin this summer.

We strongly encourage residents to contact the Public Works City Yard with concerns of potholes, broken sidewalks, and tree issues at 847-596-8870.

## Building and Community Development

### Grass Cutting

#### *Keeping our city green and beautiful*

It's that time of year again when we must turn our attention to our yards and grass cutting. Property owners are reminded that grass and weeds cannot exceed 5 inches in height. Grass cutting includes trimming grass and weeds around structures such as mailboxes, fences and foundations. Please pick up all paper and trash before mowing so it does not get chopped up and left on the lawn; this will also help protect yourself and your equipment. If your grass is so high that it leaves large clumps, please rake up the grass clippings. All grass clippings can be placed in paper yard bags and set out with your garbage on normal pick-up days. Remember, property owners are responsible for all areas on their property, to include the parkways and areas behind fences on alleys. Lastly, please do not blow grass into the streets. This grass accumulates in the storm sewers and can cause them to back-up and cause flooding which may affect you or your neighbors.

### Landlord Licensing

Landlord license renewal is due May 1, 2012. If you have not renewed your license for the period May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012, you will need to do so at the same time. The Landlord Licensing ordinance which was approved by City Council in June of 2010 allows for significant penalties for late application filing. The ordinance can be found on the City website at [www.northchicago.org](http://www.northchicago.org). Don't be late!

### Business Licensing

All businesses will be inspected by the Building and Community Development Department. The inspections will be looking at general safety and code compliance with the business. Additionally, we will be looking at the cleanliness of the exterior property of each business. If fencing needs to be installed or repaired; if there is trash accumulation; if the building needs a fresh coat of paint; these things will be noted on the inspections.

We want businesses to thrive in North Chicago and in order to do that they must be attractive to customers. The Building and Community Development Department will work with each business owner to help with ideas to improve images.

## Coming This Summer! E-Cycling is E-Z in North Chicago

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.  
**North Chicago Public Works**  
1421 Renken Avenue • 847-596-8870

### Acceptable items

- Televisions
- DVD/CD Players
- Printers
- Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Video Games
- Computers
- Fax Machines
- Monitors
- Small Household Appliances
- Stereos

### Electronics Banned From Landfills

As of January 1, 2012, televisions, monitors, computers and printers have been banned from landfills, according to the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act.

More info at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)

## Eastern Carpenter Bees



Property owners should beware of Eastern Carpenter Bees. Although they are an excellent pollinator, which is very good for the environment, they can cause major damage, over time, to wood structures. The primary difference in the appearances of a bumblebee and the carpenter bee is the shiny black abdomen.

**Nesting** - Female carpenter bees make nests by tunneling into wood. They make an initial hole in an overhang, eaves trough, or similar structure, tunneling upward if the grain is horizontal and sideways if the grain is vertical. Then, they make one or more tunnels at a right angle. The final nest usually resembles a T and can have up to three T-shaped layers. Unlike termites, carpenter bees (also called woodcutters) do not eat wood. They discard the bits of wood, or use them to make partitions (walls) inside the tunnels of their nests. The tunnel functions as a nursery for brood and the pollen/nectar upon which the brood subsists. Males will visit flowers only to feed themselves, spending the rest of the time hovering in their territory and investigating any movement, or guarding flowers where they might encounter females. Females spend the majority of their time gathering nectar and pollen to provision

their nests. They also regurgitate some of the food to male relatives during the mating season, in the males' roosting sites.

**Deterrence** - Pollinator decline is a serious environmental issue and carpenter bees are being valued increasingly as important pollinators.

Carpenter bees are sometimes dissuaded from making nests in painted or stained wood. Paint is a better deterrent than stain, and bare wood is very inviting to a bee looking for a place to start a new nest. However, the carpenter bee will nest in almost any soft wood, particularly if it is exposed to the sun. In cases where carpenter bees persist in spite of paint, the edge of the wood can be covered with a narrow strip of flashing or screening, and painted, thus providing a physical barrier.

The Eastern Carpenter Bee is faithful to its home, preferring to lay eggs in the same hole it was born in and hibernated in. Females who leave the natal tunnel prefer to live nearby, often digging a new hole a few inches away in the same piece of wood. Over many years, the bees may almost completely hollow out a single board, or a few boards, without ever touching adjacent pieces. Thus, carpenter bee habitations tend to remain clumped in one area. Because each female produces only a few young bees each year, their numbers grow slowly.

Since previous nests are the primary nests each year, blocking or poisoning nests can often backfire on the homeowner, by encouraging the carpenter bee to bore new nests. Over time the burrowing of these new holes may weaken structures.

## Attention: Building Contractors and Job Seekers

Are you a building contractor looking for work? Are you unemployed or seeking a job change? If so, we'd like to know who you are.

The Sheridan Crossing Development will generate both temporary construction jobs and permanent jobs. To ensure that North Chicago contractors and residents are considered for these jobs, the Economic Development Department is establishing a database of local building contractors and persons

seeking work. Our goal is to work with our partner in the development, Weston Solutions, to encourage the hiring of local tradesmen to assist with the construction, and to encourage the businesses that locate in the development to hire local residents for full and part-time positions. While we cannot guarantee employment, this is a great opportunity to put our citizens back to work and benefit from this new development. Contact the Economic Development Department at 847-596-8670 for more details on how to sign up.

## Building Permits

Building permits are required for most any major work being performed in private or commercial properties. Applications for permits become permanent records for the property for future potential buyers to see what kinds of maintenance or remodeling has taken place for a specific address. Permits applications also allow the department staff to be able to review your project and make sure that it will be constructed correctly and safely.

Home owners are allowed to do work themselves for most projects. If you live in the home (owner occupied) you are allowed to do your own plumbing work as long as you plan on residing at the property for at least six months following completion of the plumbing work. You may also do electric work with the exception of electrical meter/service panel work. This type of work must be done by a licensed electrician.

- Under no circumstances may major electrical or plumbing work be done in a rental property by the owner.
- All work under a building permit will be subject to inspections. When you pick up your building permit, you will be informed when you must call for inspections.
- No work is to commence prior to the issuance of the building permit unless approved to do so by the Director of Building and Community Development.

### Field Correction Notices

Field Correction Notices are sent to property owners when a code violation exists and needs to be corrected. The intent is not only to correct safety problems but to also help with the appearance of our City.

If you receive a field correction notice and have any questions, please contact the Building and Community Development Department to speak with the Code Enforcer that generated the notice.

Every Field Correction Notice will identify the violation, the reference and what needs to be done to correct it. It will also have how many days are being allowed to correct the problem.

### Application requirements for Building Permits

To apply for a building permit you will need an application which is available at the Building and Community Development Department or online at [www.northchicago.org](http://www.northchicago.org). Along with the application the following information must be provided:

1. A complete statement of work (tell us what you plan to do). We want to understand clearly so that we may help you avoid mistakes or pitfalls which may make your project more costly. If a contractor is doing the work, then we need a job proposal that is signed by both you and the contractor.
2. Drawings are very helpful in helping us to help you. Architectural drawings are only needed for major construction or when required by the Director of Building and Community Development when the project is complex and possibly structurally compromising. The architectural plans must be stamped by the architect and signed.
3. If you are building a deck, shed, garage, patio, you will also need a plat of survey. If you do not have one, there may be an old one in the permanent file for the property. If none is to be found you can have one done, which could be expensive, or accurately map out your property. The reason this is needed is to make sure that you are not exceeding the allowable lot coverage per zoning requirements and that you will not be encroaching on your neighbors' property.

If it is going to take a little longer to correct the problem than what has been allowed, please call for an extension. We understand that sometimes these corrections can take money and that may take a little longer to put together. However, a thing like trash/junk/debris doesn't take a lot to get cleaned up. The Building and Community Development Department will work with you to allow you to come into compliance. The key thing for residents; however is to communicate with our office staff. If there is no communication, and we are unaware of what your intentions are, you may end up with a court summons for the City Adjudication Court.

## Tenant Rights

Tenants have every right to live in adequate rental units, which are safe and sanitary. If you experience a problem with your Landlord not living up to the lease agreement then you may call the Building and Community Development Department so that we may investigate.

Likewise, tenants have a responsibility to keep their rental unit clean and sanitary, and if the lease requires, have all utilities turned on. Landlords as well as tenants have joint responsibility to make sure that properties in North Chicago are safe, clean and crime free. Let's all do our part!

## Demolition of blighted buildings continues

The City of North Chicago continues its program of "Blight Busting". Abandoned and or dangerous buildings will be targeted for demolition through the Circuit Court system. The following properties are next for demolition:

1033 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	City Owned
807 Broadway	City Owned
819 Broadway	Court Order
1804 Victoria	Court Order
1800 Sheridan	City Owned
1806 Sheridan	City Owned
2307 Sherman	City Owned

A list of additional properties targeted for demolition will be published on the city website in May 2012.

## Occupancy Standards

Overcrowding in residential dwellings has been a long standing safety problem. The City of North Chicago has set standards for occupancy loads in residential dwellings which are based on square footage and do not attempt to determine the "single family unit"

The occupancy load of any residential unit (single family home; apartments, duplex, etc.) is based on one person per 50 square foot of usable bedroom space. As an example, if an apartment has 3 bedrooms that measure 98, 100, and 120 square feet of usable space then the occupancy load for that apartment is 5 maximum.

Bedrooms in basements or attics are not permitted unless previously approved by the Building and Community Development Department.



## Applications for LEARN Charter School

Learn Charter School is sending out flyers to District 187 families regarding applications for the charter school. The applications can be turned in to their office at 1920 Sherman Avenue, across from Daisy's between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closing date for applications is June 1, 2012.

Lottery drawing will take place on June 6, 2012.

Contact: 847-473-3845 or [www.learncharter.org](http://www.learncharter.org)

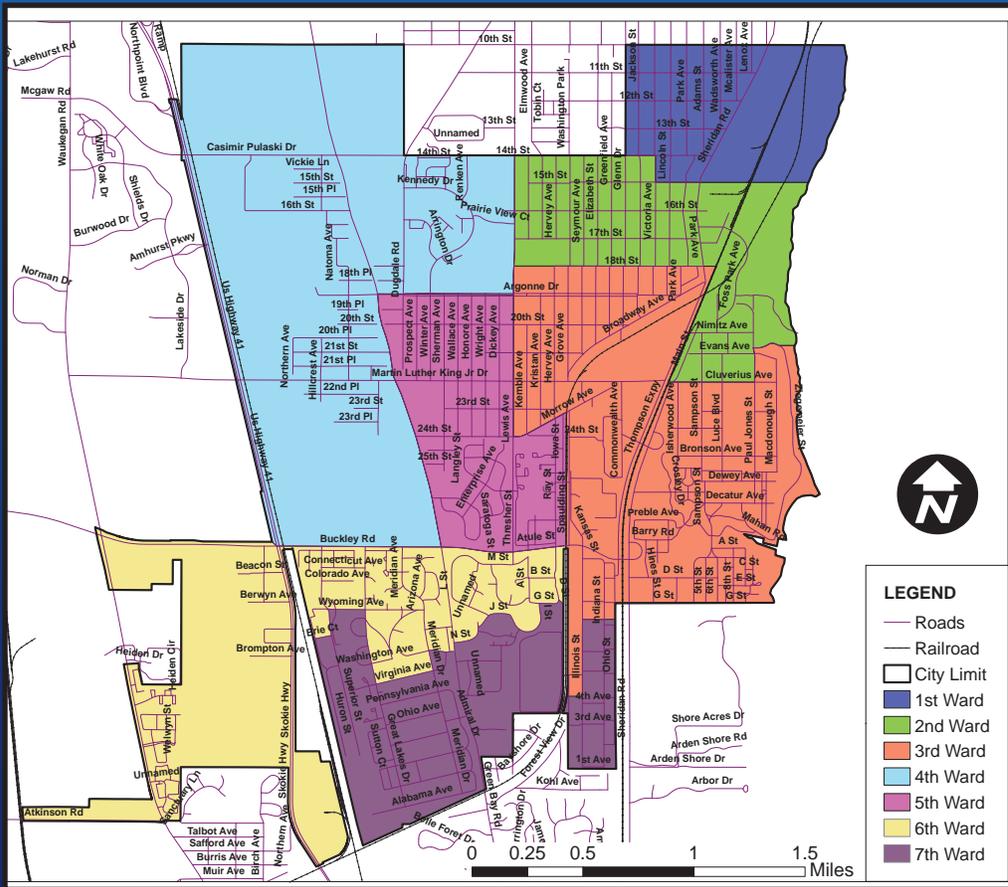
Learn Charter School in North Chicago opens September 4, 2012. Starting grades will be kindergarten-2nd grade and 6th-7th grade, adding a grade each year up to 8th grade. School hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Learn Charter School is a tuition-free public elementary school with extended school day and school year. Learn offers smaller class sizes with low student to teacher ratio, as students receive individualized instruction based on identified academic goals.

Learn Charter School has a proven track record of high academic student achievement.

- 83% of Learn students met or exceeded state standards on 2011 ISATs
- 99% of Learn graduates go on to earn a high school diploma
- 95% of Learn alumni matriculate to college

# North Chicago Ward Map



## Get to know your alderman.

Your alderman works daily to improve the quality of life throughout your ward and wants to hear from you about how to do it better

Remember that your alderman is the closest point of contact between the community and the city government as they resolve multiple issues on a neighborhood level.

Contact your alderman by phone, submit a request at [northchicago.org](http://northchicago.org) or send them a letter to 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064

<b>1st Ward Alderman</b>	Ernest Fisher 847-596-8889 ext. 1
<b>2nd Ward Alderman</b>	Bonny Mayfield 847-596-8889 ext. 2
<b>3rd Ward Alderman</b>	Valerie DeVost 847-596-8889 ext. 3
<b>4th Ward Alderman</b>	Bobby Allen 847-596-8889 ext. 4
<b>5th Ward Alderman</b>	Torrance Abrams, Sr. 847-596-8889 ext. 5
<b>6th Ward Alderman</b>	Bob Runnels, Sr. 847-596-8889 ext. 6
<b>7th Ward Alderman</b>	Charles A. January, Jr. 847-596-8889 ext. 7

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Think SAFETY for Spring and Summer

As the spring approaches and summer not far behind, the Fire Department wants you to be safety conscious. Safety is defined as the state or condition of freedom from danger or risk. With this in mind we have to be prepared, such as making sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Almost all U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, but almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes without working smoke alarms. Preparing your family before an emergency will greatly increase their safety in case there is one, such as what should you do if the smoke alarm goes off. Crawl out of bed, stay low, crawl under the smoke, feel the door with the back of your hand, know two ways out of house, when you get out stay out and have a meeting place.

The Fire Department would like to encourage you to call and make an appointment to either visit the fire department or have us visit you to talk about safety in your home and community, we feel it is important to partner with the community prior to an emergency to learn what you may need from us and what we may need from you.

Public Safety personnel feel it is important to respond to an emergency quickly, being able to see your address is a great help. You can help us by making sure your address is visible day or night will be greatly appreciated.

## Do you want a career in firefighting?

The North Chicago Fire Department will be testing for future public servants in the upcoming months! Contact 847-596-8780.



## City of North Chicago recognizes North Chicago High School Boys Basketball Team

The North Chicago High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team and their coach, Gerald Coleman placed second in the Illinois State Championship. Because the team has positively represented North Chicago throughout Lake County, and the State of Illinois with their skills and sportsmanship, Mayor Rockingham and city officials presented the team with Medals of Honor to celebrate this achievement. Team member, Denzal Terrell received a special "Inspiration Award" from the team's Chaplain, Torrance Abrams, Sr., who also serves as the city's fifth ward alderman.



The city offers congratulations to this team: Aaron Simpson, JaVairius Amos-Mays, Jordan Duncan, JayQuan McCloud, Denzal Terrell, Marvin Warfield, Kelly Brown, Kevante Curry, Tyrone Linder, Jamero Shelton, Marzhon Bryant, Kurt Hall, Jarrod Coleman and Patrick Coleman.



Coach Gerald Coleman, Team Chaplain Rev. Torrance Abrams, Sr., Denzal Terrell and Assistant Head Coach Cheryl Coleman



Mayor Rockingham adorns Aaron Simpson with a Medal of Achievement



Alderman Abrams presents Denzal Terrell with the Inspiration Award

## North Chicago gets beautified from “Top Ladies of Distinction” Community Beautification Initiative

High spirited volunteers planted flowers throughout North Chicago, despite the misty, dreary weather on Saturday, May 5. The local chapter of *Top Ladies of Distinction* and *Top Teens of America* gave their time and talents in this community improvement effort. The beautification was facilitated through the city’s Public Works Director, Josh Wheeler “I am happy to help the groups in beautifying the public areas of our city. We always welcome volunteer based civic improvements.”

Members of both groups along with some city employees volunteered their time to plant flowers at City of North Chicago entrance signs, in the planters along Sheridan Road, as well as city hall. “I want to express my gratitude to the Top Ladies of Distinction and Top Teens of America for their dedication to the community. North Chicago is proud to have these types of organizations that enhance the quality of life for our citizens,” stated Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor of North Chicago.

Since its inception, the *Top Ladies of Distinction* organization has expanded its objectives to

include its focus on youth (known as *Top Teens of America*), improving the status of women, service to senior citizens, community beautification and community partnerships. *Top Teens of America* provides opportunities for wholesome development of youth through activities that enhance educational, social, moral, spiritual, cultural and economic development.

Learn more about *Top Ladies of Distinction* at their national website: <http://www.tlodinc.org/>





## TAKE A BITE OUT OF **CRIME**

The North Chicago Police Department, Juvenile Division and Mc Gruff the Crime Dog recently paid a visit to elementary students at Forrestal and Yeager Schools. These and other safety awareness events are an ongoing initiative of the North Chicago Police Department.

### **Attention kids!**

A message from McGruff the Crime Dog:

- Now that the weather is getting warm, it's time to play outside with friends and get some fresh air. But you do need to stay safe and you can even help prevent crime while you having fun in the sun.
- Be sure to take your toys and other things with you when you go inside. You don't want someone to take them if you leave them out.
- Stick with your friends. Remember how to be safe in your neighborhood.
- If someone picks on you, find your friends and walk away. If you see someone being picked on, be a friend and ask that kid to play with you.
- Stay out of the street. Cars make the street a dangerous place to play.
- If you ride a bike, ride right and lock it up before you leave it. If you don't have a lock, talk to your parents about getting one.
- As always, be careful around strangers. Remember never to go anywhere with someone you and your family don't know. If anyone makes you uncomfortable, run away and tell a trusted adult.
- Enjoy the safety and the sunshine!

- McGRUFF



Source: <http://www.mcgruff.org>

For upcoming events and other information, be sure to check out the new 'Juvenile' page in the Police Department section of [www.northchicago.org](http://www.northchicago.org). Also, visit <http://www.bluekidslakecounty.org/> for more child related safety tips.

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# COMMUNITY DAYS

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### Promote your business at Community Days!

**Community Days: 847-596-8640**  
**NCCHS Reunion: 847-602-7410**

**northchicago.org**  
**facebook.com/communitydays**

Presented by: City of North Chicago,  
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## City of North Chicago

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### Contact Information

Emergency .....	911
General .....	847-596-8600
Clerk .....	847-596-8682
Police Dept. ....	847-596-8700
Payment Center .....	847-596-8635
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