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2020 WINTER

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From the desk of Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

The holidays are generally my favorite time of year. What we have all gone through this past year I think it will make the time with family that much sweeter.

I ask that you join me in sending prayers to those who have been

affected by the COVID-19 virus. It has been painful to watch those who have suffered themselves or have had a loved one get sick, or die from COVID. It appears we are on the cusp of new progress toward fighting this disease and bringing our life back to a semblance of normalcy. In the memory of those who have not survived this pandemic, it is imperative that we continue to practice safety and follow the guidelines set forth by the public health officials.

The bioscience community in North Chicago made headlines across the world as the leader in COVID-19 detection. Abbott Laboratories developed the groundbreaking rapid COVID-19 test, AbbVie is working on antiviral therapies and donated over \$35-million to COVID-19 relief and Rosalind Franklin University dean, Dr. Archana Chatterjee, is serving as an adviser for COVID-19 vaccine development. I am proud to have these bioscience leaders call our city home.

Despite the difficulties, 2020 is a year of growth and accomplishments for the City of North Chicago. Our city's Economic and Community Development Department worked throughout the obstacles of the pandemic to bring new projects to life for the city. Developments planned for the near future include progress with the Sheridan Crossing development, the planned development and groundbreaking of a 3-acre truck stop along Route 41, and the opening of a Sprinter dealership. This continued economic growth along with our blight reduction and strict attention to our revenue and spending allows us to adopt balanced budgets with no increases in the tax levy. But the accomplishments are throughout North Chicago, not just the city. Our schools continue to see dramatic improvements in almost every type of measurement and our residents are getting engaged in the



State Representative Rita Mayfield, Lake County Sheriff John Idelberg, Midwest Veteran's Closet Executive Director Mary Carmody, and North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new location of the Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago on October 31, 2020.

community and our neighborhoods continue to become safer.

During a year where negative police interaction in communities was spotlighted across the country, I continue to be proud of the men and women of the North Chicago Police Department and the way they serve the residents of our city. This year, our police department implemented additional resources to help combat crime which makes our neighborhoods safer, while continuing to build relationships with our residents. A few months ago, our police department resumed community foot patrols, which allow our residents and officers get to know each other better.

As we move from the fall and into the holiday season, leaving behind us some of the most stressful non-normal months of 2020, I want to thank you for all you have done to keep our community as safe and as "normal" as possible. It's been difficult and our community has stayed strong.

I trust and pray that you will make the remainder of this year one of the best holiday seasons ever. North Chicago is so fortunate to have the partnerships and resilient spirit that enables us to continue to move forward steadily, even in challenging times. All my best wishes to you during this season and beyond.

Leon Rockingham, Jr.

North Chicago COVID update:

As of December 1, 2020: The State of Illinois remains in Phase 4 of Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan, with Tier 3 mitigation restrictions. These restrictions place additional limits on bars, restaurants, and other retail establishments. Tier 3 mitigation restrictions also limit the gathering of people at both indoor and outdoor locations.

In North Chicago, as with most of the state, we are experiencing a large resurgence of COVID. Please continue to adhere to the guidance from local and federal health

City Hall hours:

Due to the new COVID mitigation restrictions, the North Chicago City Hall hours of operation are updated. Following guidance from health officials, the hours may change again. For the most up to date hours of operations for City of North Chicago public buildings, visit www.northchicago.org, or call 847-596-8600.

Hotline, COVID testing:

Because not everyone has access to the Internet, the City of North Chicago established the North Chicago COVID-19 Hotline: 847-596-8643. This phone number is updated regularly with the latest pertinent COVID information. COVID testing is available to you in and around North

officials. The most up to date COVID information for North Chicago residents is available on the COVID-19 Resource Page on the city's website, www.NorthChicago.org, or via the city's COVID-19 telephone hotline, 847-596-8643.

Throughout the pandemic, the CDC recommends the 3 W's to help stop the spread of COVID: Wash your hands. Watch your distance and Wear your mask.

As of the publication of this newsletter, city buildings are open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 847-596-8626.

Chicago. The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center developed an interactive map to show what is available. The map is available on the North Chicago COVID Resource Page on the city's website or call 2-1-1.

How to Protect Yourself When Going Out

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- Choose a mask with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric that fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Stay 6 feet apart and avoid crowds. The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.
- Avoid indoor spaces as much as possible, particularly ones that aren't well ventilated.
- Wash your hands often.
- Use soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

STOP THE SPREAD

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY
Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

WATCH YOUR DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK
Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH
Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.

IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY
Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.

Source: World Health Organization

North Chicago's student worker program continues despite COVID



Participants in this year's North Chicago Student Youth Employment Program took part in the Engaging Local Government Leaders #CityHallSelfieDay on August 14, 2020.

year, North Chicago Community High School senior Jaried Washington, III will remain with the city for the year.

Washington says the Summer Youth Employment Program has been helpful as he prepares to enter college next year with aspirations to become a video game designer. "This program gives me worthwhile experience with video production, along with exposure to how every department of the city operates," Washington said.

During a time of challenging workplace restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, the City of North Chicago found a way to successfully continue the city's Congressionally recognized Summer Youth Employment Program.

The student worker program is designed to improve opportunities for youth in the workforce, provide them with access to quality training, and skills that are purposeful and relevant, and to inspire their civic engagement.

The program offers summertime employment and learning opportunities for North Chicago high school students each summer. In addition to working 25 hours a week, student participants attend weekly classroom sessions that cover financial responsibility, skill-building exercises, CPR and first aid certification, career opportunities in the field of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). In previous years, students have participated in field trips to the Federal Reserve Bank and Fermilab.

At the end of each summer, one student is picked from the group to continue his/her employment at City Hall throughout the school year. This



City of North Chicago Chief of Staff Deb Waszak reviews a project with North Chicago High School Senior Jaried Washington, III.

North Chicago wins 2020 Insurify's "Best Up and Coming Housing Markets" award



New home construction earlier this year on Kennedy Drive

Based on existing growth, current trends, and forecasts, the City of North Chicago is the top up and coming housing market in Illinois. Cities across the nation were evaluated based on relative changes in home value over the past decade, and trends in both value and sales prices over the past year along with forecasted 2021 home values.

"The City of North Chicago has seen a tremendous resurgence in residential development in our community," North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham said. "The city has had a sharp focus on cleaning up neighborhoods with our Blight Busting program. Economically, unemployment has seen historically low levels."

Since 2017, the City of North Chicago demolished 26 vacant and abandoned properties. Additionally, numerous other properties in the city renovated and returned to productive use. More demolitions are scheduled.

Geographically, the City of North Chicago lies within three different township boundaries, Waukegan, Libertyville and Shields Townships. Shields Township Assessor Scott Helton says the increase in residential property values over the past five years has been, "amazing." He attributes the growth in property values to the sharp increase in owner occupied housing.

North Chicago road construction update

Dugdale water main extension

The Dugdale water main project connected the 12-inch water mains on Dugdale Road from 18th Street to Kennedy Drive. This improvement will allow improved fire flows, redundancy, and improved reliability in the water system for residents. Additionally, this project included the construction of a multi-use path for pedestrian travel.

14th Street water main replacement

In coordination with Lake County's work on the reconstruction of 14th Street, City of North Chicago crews replaced the existing old cast iron water main located under the roadway. The project scope included installing a new 12-inch ductile iron water main, water valves, water service lines, pavement patching, sidewalk, and curb removal & replacement, and site restoration. As part of this ongoing project, it is anticipated the 14th Street will be resurfaced from Jackson to Sheridan in 2021.

2020 road resurfacing program

The 2020 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Road Resurfacing Program focused on roadways in North Chicago that had significant deterioration and required repair and resurfacing. Roadways that included in this year's program were Adams Street (14th Street to 10th Street), Glendell Avenue (Juneway Terrace to Bayshore Drive), and Elizabeth (Argonne to 18th Street). The asphalt resurfacing improves the safety and rideability of the roadway. In addition to the road work, the parking lot at the Naval Station Great Lakes Metra Station was resurfaced. Funding for the Metra parking lot was provided through an intergovernmental agreement between the City of North Chicago and Metra.



Roadway resurfacing on Adams Street

North Chicago receives community revitalization grant

The City of North Chicago received a \$250,000 Community Revitalization Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Strong Communities Program. The funding from the grant will be used for the demolition of seven houses as part of the City of North Chicago Blight Busting program. After the demolition, the city will return the newly cleaned up residential lots to productive and taxable use. The city works with several community nonprofit organizations to build affordable housing aimed to help build a healthy and growing community. This project is scheduled to begin in December and is expected to be complete by Spring 2021.

North Chicago Economic Development update:

Sheridan Crossing
Groundbreaking of new development planned for Spring 2021
220,000 square foot distribution facility

Ricky Rockets \$10,000,000 redevelopment project
New truck stop/gas station off Route 41 Groundbreaking planned for 2021

North Chicago Blight Busting
Demolitions resume Mid-December 2020

Wingstop
Currently under development - 2710 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Best Market
New ownership Interior Renovation.
Planned completion 1st Quarter 2021



D187 STRONGER THAN EVER!

We are so proud of the entire D187 community who has come together and has responded to these times with tremendous success! We owe much of this success to our fabulous teachers – both those who chose the profession as well as the parents and caregivers who have been thrust into this by the school closure in March. This is proof that by working together, we can do anything and are stronger than ever!

D187 DATA DOWNLOAD

36%

the percentage of newly hired teachers who are people of color

+9 percentage points

the two-year increase in teacher retention in D187

2,300

the number of Chromebooks distributed to D187 students

400% +

the percent increase of KIDS/Kindergarten readiness achievement data over the last three years

D187 CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD

While these are challenging times, we remain **true to our commitment to equity and to our mission** to empower each child to write their own story of success, and to prepare each child, academically and socially, to pursue and realize their unique purpose. **Remote learning has not held us back and in many ways has made us more creative and accelerated efforts in key areas:**

- **D187 is 100% 1-to-1** as each student now has a Chromebook and we are providing hot spots to our families
- **Careful attendance tracking and follow-up** to make sure students are getting what they need from remote learning
- **Increased focus on social-emotional learning and support in every school:**
 - Social workers are working harder than ever to stay connected to our students
 - Expanded social-emotional programming with our two partners, Umoja and Mindful Practice, who are working to provide support to both students and staff
 - Full-time social and emotional learning teachers at both elementary schools
- Green Bay Early Childhood Center, North Chicago Community High School, Alexander Elementary School, AJ Katzenmaier Academy, and Forrestal Elementary School have **completed construction projects to support and enhance student learning** when they can safely return
- Thanks to ongoing, strategic financial planning, **D187 is prepared to meet the financial challenges that school districts across the country are facing due to COVID**



ANNOUNCING THE D187 PARENT RESOURCE CENTER WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

D187 is committed to helping our families support their children. The Parent Resource Center (PRC) is a dedicated space located in the high school for parents to come for information and support. The PRC provides classes, training sessions, and information to help D187 families navigate their students' remote and in-person education. Currently, the PRC is focused on providing tech support and helping families complete financial aid forms (FAFSA) for students going to college. The PRC's offerings will continue to grow as the needs and interests of families grow. And to ensure access for all families, the PRC offers day and evening hours.



This is my community! I grew up in North Chicago and I'm a proud graduate of NCCHS. I am honored to serve as D187's Family/Community Liaison and Director of the new Parent Resource Center (PRC). The goal of the PRC is to offer a one-stop-shop for our families, providing information and support to help them help their children. Make sure to stop in – we're here to help!

— Ebony Wilson, D187 Family/Community Liaison and Director, Parent Resource Center



EL DISTRITO 187 ¡MÁS FUERTE QUE NUNCA!

¡Estamos bien orgullosos de toda la comunidad del Distrito 187 que se ha unido y ha respondido a estos tiempos con un tremendo éxito! Gran parte de este éxito se lo debemos a nuestros fabulosos profesores – los que eligieron la profesión, así como los padres y cuidadores a quienes les fue impuesto por el cierre de las escuelas en marzo. Esto es prueba de que trabajando juntos, podemos hacer lo que sea y somos más fuertes que nunca!

DESCARGA DE DATOS DEL DISTRITO 187

36%

el porcentaje de profesores recién contratados que son personas de color

+9 puntos porcentuales

el aumento de dos años en la retención de maestros en el Distrito 187

2,300

la cantidad de computadoras Chromebooks distribuidas a los estudiantes del Distrito 187

400% +

el porcentaje de aumento de los datos del logro de preparación de KIDS/Kindergarten durante los últimos tres años

EL DISTRITO 187 SIGUE AVANZANDO

Si bien estos son tiempos desafiantes, seguimos **fieles a nuestro compromiso con la equidad y con nuestra misión** de empoderar a cada estudiante a escribir su propia historia de éxito, y prepararlos académica y socialmente, con el fin de persuadirlos a cumplir su propósito. **El aprendizaje remoto no nos ha detenido y de muchas formas nos ha hecho más creativos y ha acelerado los esfuerzos en áreas clave:**

- **El Distrito 187 es 100% 1-a-1** ya que cada estudiante ahora tiene una computadora Chromebook y estamos proporcionando puntos de acceso wifi (hotspots) a nuestras familias
- **Control de asistencia cuidadoso y seguimiento** para asegurar que los estudiantes están recibiendo lo que necesitan del aprendizaje remoto
- **Mayor enfoque en el aprendizaje socioemocional y apoyo en cada escuela:**
 - Los trabajadores sociales están trabajando más duro que nunca para mantenerse conectados con nuestros estudiantes
 - Programación socioemocional ampliada con nuestros dos socios, Umoja y Mindful Practice, quienes están trabajando para proveer apoyo a los estudiantes y al personal
 - Maestros de aprendizaje social y emocional a tiempo completo en ambas escuelas primarias
- Las escuelas Green Bay Early Childhood Center, North Chicago Community High School, Alexander Elementary School, AJ Katzenmaier Academy, y Forrestal Elementary School han **completado los proyectos de construcción para apoyar y mejorar el aprendizaje de los estudiantes** cuando puedan regresar con seguridad
- Gracias a la continua planificación financiera estratégica, **el Distrito 187 está preparado para afrontar los retos financieros que los distritos escolares en todo el país enfrentan debido al COVID**

ANUNCIANDO EL CENTRO DE RECURSOS PARA PADRES DEL DISTRITO 187 - ¡ESTAMOS AQUÍ PARA AYUDAR!

El Distrito 187 está comprometido a ayudar a nuestras familias a apoyar a sus niños. El Centro de Recursos para Padres (PRC, por sus siglas en inglés) es un espacio dedicado para que los padres vengan a recibir información y apoyo. El Centro de Recursos para Padres proporciona clases, sesiones de capacitación e información para ayudar a las familias del Distrito 187 a navegar la educación remota y en persona de sus estudiantes. Actualmente, el Centro de Recursos para Padres está enfocado en proporcionar apoyo técnico y ayudar a las familias a completar los formularios de ayuda financiera (FAFSA, por sus siglas en inglés) para los estudiantes que van a asistir a la universidad. Los servicios del Centro de Recursos para Padres seguirán aumentando a medida que las necesidades y los intereses de las familias aumenten. Para garantizar el acceso a todas las familias, el Centro de Recursos para Padres ofrece horario diurno y vespertino.



¡Esta es mi comunidad! Yo crecí en North Chicago y estoy orgullosa de haberme graduado de la escuela secundaria NCCHS. Es un honor para mí servir como Enlace de la Familia y la Comunidad y como Directora del nuevo Centro de Recursos para Padres (PRC, por sus siglas en inglés) del Distrito 187. El objetivo del Centro de Recursos para Padres es brindar a

nuestras familias un lugar exclusivo que proporciona información y apoyo para ayudarles a ayudar a sus hijos.

Asegúrese de visitarnos - ¡estamos aquí para ayudar!

— Ebony Wilson, Enlace de la Familia/Comunidad, Directora del Centro de Recursos para Padres del Distrito 187

North Chicago Police Department implements ShotSpotter gunshot detection technology

The City of North Chicago implemented the use of ShotSpotter technology to help combat gun violence. The real-time alerts notify police precisely when and where gun incidents occur, resulting in a faster, more accurate response to the scene to better recover evidence, interview witnesses, and attend to gunshot victims. The overall goal is to reduce gun violence and improve the safety of the community.

Funding for ShotSpotter was provided by a grant from North Chicago-based pharmaceutical company AbbVie Inc.



ShotSpotter helps police departments transform their practices from reactive to proactive by eliminating the reliance on delayed and vastly underreported 911 calls. Research shows fewer than 20 percent of gunshots are called into 911. ShotSpotter instantly notifies officers of gunshot crimes in progress, enabling them to mobilize strategically with real-time data delivered directly to dispatch centers, patrol cars, and smartphones. The gunfire data also enables law enforcement agencies to improve evidence collection, prosecution, and overall police effectiveness.

North Chicago public safety fair goes virtual

With COVID restrictions preventing many of the regular in-person events this year in North Chicago, many of our events have gone “virtual.” The North Chicago Public Safety Fair, hosted by the North Chicago Public Safety Committee move to the city’s website. This is where you view videos of this year’s virtual public safety fair, plus all of the other virtual events online on the city’s website, www.northchicago.org.

In addition to the virtual event, the Exchange Club of North Chicago sponsored a “Public Safety Kit” giveaway at the North Chicago Fire Station. Three hundred kits were distributed, which included hand sanitizer, face coverings, candy, and coupons for Rocky’s Pizzeria and Ice Cream.



Members of the North Chicago Public Safety Committee, Third Ward Alderman Carl Evans, First Ward Alderman Michael R. Jackson, and Committee Chair/Second Ward Alderman Bonny Mayfield, with North Chicago Fire Chief Dell Urban.



North Chicago Seventh Ward Alderman Kathy January helps members of the North Chicago Fire Department distribute safety kits.



North Chicago Police Officers volunteered to hand out candy to neighborhood children in several areas around the city.

North Chicago Police Detective Flores helps hand out Halloween candy to neighborhood children.

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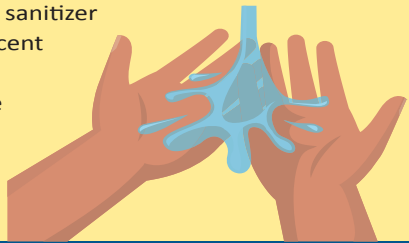
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COVID-19 Social Distancing

Protect yourself and your community

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you don't have soap or water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you're sick.



Change your daily habits

Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.



Work with your employer

Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel large meetings or conferences.



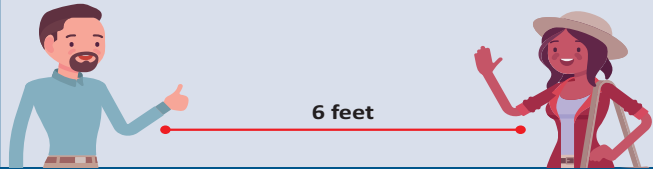
Universities and colleges

Implement web-based learning and cancel campus meetings and gatherings.



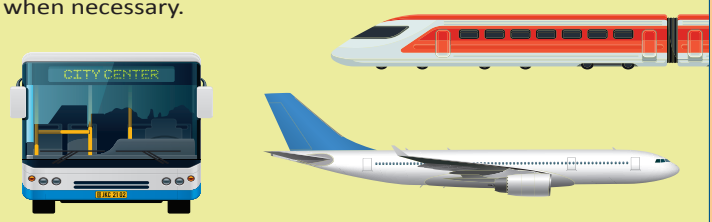
Keep at least six feet between you and others.

Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.



Public transit

Avoid public transit, if possible, and travel only when necessary.



Crowded places

Avoid crowded places. Gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people.



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