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WINTER 2014

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FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LEON ROCKINGHAM, JR.



In an effort to celebrate our great city and the holiday season, over 250 North Chicago residents and visitors joined the City of North Chicago for our tree lighting ceremony on Monday, December 9, 2013. Festivities included a choral presentation from North Chicago High School, a bell choir

performance by the Praise Ringers of Gurnee and a musical selection from local singer, Tina Green.

After the esteemed music performances, I had the honor of lighting the city tree and guests received a special treat with the addition of a spectacular fireworks display sponsored by North Chicago Community Bank, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and two Elves from the North Pole. Refreshments and holiday treats were served, and families stayed to visit Santa's Castle.

We are happy to be able to provide such a top-notch event for the citizens and visitors of North Chicago. Each year our tree lighting ceremony grows, and with the addition of fireworks, we had an even bigger crowd. No amount of snow, ice, wind, or cold can keep North Chicago from celebrating the magic of Christmas. We are still receiving thank you calls and emails; our residents are very pleased and my staff and I are happy with the results. [See photos on page 10.]

Moving forward, I wanted to include information regarding the Affordable Care Act in my message because I feel it is extremely important that each North Chicago resident receive the information necessary to get the benefits available. There are many organizations within our community that offer assistance in enrolling the new Health Insurance Marketplace mandated by the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as "Obamacare."

Enroll Lake County, the Lake County Health Department, the Alliance for Human Services and the YWCA will assist residents in navigating the new Health Insurance Marketplace now through March 31, 2014. Trained and certified navigators have completed 40 plus hours of training and are certified by the Illinois Board of Insurance. Please be sure to review pages 8-9 for complete details on resources that are available to you!

The city has had a change in the Comptroller's Office, as John Gantz retired after 12 years of service. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Gloria Gibson as the new Comptroller for the City of North Chicago. In this role, Ms. Gibson will direct all financial aspects of the city including accounting practices, budgeting, financial planning, interface with the financial community, financial analysis, and monitoring of financial performance.

In addition, I have been appointed to the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Executive Board for a third term. The significance of sitting on the IML Board, is that it gives North Chicago and all of Lake County a powerful voice in Springfield, to ensure state legislative decisions benefit our citizens. The Illinois Municipal League believes in keeping decision-making local by remaining a community-focused lobbying and educational organization, with "people" being its "special interest."

In other important news, the Citizens Advisory Committee is being established to encourage frank, respectful and open discussion of issues affecting the public, the people of the City of North Chicago, and the Police Department and seeks to foster greater education and understanding of relevant issues and much more. More details to be announced at the Citywide Ward Meeting / Press Conference on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Foss Park Youth Center, 1730 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago. For more information, please call my office, 847-596-8610.

As a friendly reminder, as Mayor, I host Fifth Monday meetings to give residents an informal open forum to gather, to discuss issues, and ask questions of me. Please mark your calendars for the 2014 Fifth Monday Meetings: March 31, June 30, September 29 and December 29.

With the New Year upon us, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for working together to make our progress possible. Let's continue to "Grow North Chicago" in 2014. As always, please feel free to visit city hall anytime, we are here to serve you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leon Rockingham, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mayor, City of North Chicago

WEATHER ADVISORIES

Be Informed • Find Answers • Make Requests

Living in the Midwest calls for extreme weather conditions, whether it's cold or hot, it is best to be prepared. Each resident should be aware of the city's communication efforts. Please arm yourself with the knowledge and services that are available to you from the City of North Chicago.

Whether it is a community gathering or emergency situation, the City of North Chicago has many ways for residents to get connected and get informed. Visit NorthChicago.org to sign-up for Blackboard Connect and E-Updates. Be sure to visit the Citizens Communication Center to Find Answers, Ask Questions and Make Requests. "Like Us" at [Facebook.com/NorthChicagoCityHall](https://www.facebook.com/NorthChicagoCityHall).

For general questions, call the Community Information Office, 847-596-8640.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

In an effort to keep North Chicago residents informed of emergencies, safety warnings, or pertinent community messages, the city sends out Blackboard Connect automated messages to every phone landline within the city's database. In addition, residents and business owners are encouraged to register for Blackboard Connect at the city's website to receive these important messages via text, email and/or mobile phone. Visit NorthChicago.org to register today! **As an incentive to utilize Blackboard Connect, every new registration between January 1, 2014 and April 1, 2014 will be entered for a prize to be awarded in May, 2014.**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Citizens Communication Center gives North Chicago residents the ability to access city information from the comfort of their own home. The Citizens Communication Center makes it easy to find answers to frequently asked questions and to submit service requests, such as reporting an alley or roadway that needs to be plowed to Public Works. Residents can also provide feedback, share information with neighbors and keep a record of their questions and requests. Visit the Citizens Communication Center at NorthChicago.org today!

A winter storm? In the midwest?
But that NEVER happens.

Except every year.
Since forever.

Be prepared.



BE PREPARED FOR THE SNOW SEASON

Public Works coordinates with the Fire Department to ensure that any high-risk residents are taken care of by having roadway access to their properties so that first responders can get to the front of their property from the roadway in times of need.

Each alderman supplies us with a list of high-risk residents that we put on a priority list to assist first in the case of a major snow storm. We keep this list so that in times of emergency, we can plow those streets first so that Emergency personnel can get to the residence quickly, safely, and without incident.

- A high-risk resident is one who needs to get to scheduled doctor appointments such as dialysis.
- A high-risk resident is not one who is generally elderly or handicapped.
- A high-risk resident is one who would need immediate attention at any time during the storm that would pose a risk to their health in an immediate way.

Please understand, the City of North Chicago Employees do not provide the following services:

- Shoveling of Driveways
- Shoveling of public sidewalks
- Shoveling of private sidewalks (carriage walks)

For those residents that could use extra help, we ask friends, neighbors, and families to assist them by helping shovel driveways, by checking on those that may have lost their heat, and by working together to ensure the health and safety of those around them. Alley potholes are filled when needed and typically are done as one big project near the beginning of the paving season as well as one more time at the end of the season. We try and completely replace an alley's pavement that is at the end of its useful life once every two years. We focus most of our funding on our roadways, but as we see the importance of our alleys, we know that we need to pave them when possible.

THE PUBLIC WORKS WINTER LIMERICK

“Winter Reminders”

*This is a winter reminder of what to do
When the snow starts to fall and the temperatures cool.
Whether it be how to be safe, or how to stay warm,
This public works limerick will keep you from feeling
you live on a farm.*

*Parking on streets can prevent snow from being plowed,
Or plowing you in could turn a day from sunny to cloud.
Helping your neighbors shovel sidewalks and drives,
Are a great way to keep you all safe and alive.*

*Using your legs to shovel will keep your arms feeling good,
And asking neighbor kids to help will improve your neighborhood.
Don't oversalt or you will just have a bunch of excess,
Because if you do, in your house will be quite a mess.*

*When the cold drops all frigid and way below zero,
Check on your elderly neighbors and you'll be a hero.
City hall is used as a warming center in times of need,
Staying warm helps while you deal with a cough and a sneeze.*

*Some like winter and some do not,
But don't we all like hot chocolate?
Allow the changing of seasons to bring us together,
And just be mindful of our crazy Illinois weather.*

STORMWATER TIP #11

If you choose to use sand for traction on your sidewalks and driveways, use it minimally and sweep it up as soon as possible so that it does not fall into the nearby storm sewers.

SALTING ROADS INEFFECTIVE IN EXTREME COLD TEMPERATURES

The effectiveness of salt is sensitive to small differences in pavement temperature. The minimum practical application range for salt is a pavement temperature of 10-15 F and above. As the temperature falls below 10-15 F, salt loses its melting power and becomes ineffective. Chemicals exist that melt snow and ice at temperatures below zero, but they are very expensive and would quickly deplete a city's snow-removal budget.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WATER SHUT-OFFS

Effective November 1, 2013, the City of North Chicago Public Works Department will conduct regular water shut-offs throughout the entire 12-month calendar. Please plan accordingly. Note: Changes to the current water billing cycle will be announced in early 2014.

CITY YARD PUBLIC ACCESS

The City Yard, located at 1421 Renken Avenue, formerly known as the “Street Department” will no longer be open to the public; however, public access is available by request by calling 847-596-8870.

The gate will be open 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Fridays for electronics recycling drop-offs.



SUMP PUMP TIPS:

- Don't direct your sump pump pipe to the side yard. You could flood your neighbor. This is also against City Code.
- Don't direct your sump pump toward the sidewalk or roadway. This causes ice to form or can cause the pavement or sidewalk to wash away.
- If possible, direct your sump pump into a rear yard or large grass area. While you want to get the water out of your house, for the benefit of future generations, we want to get that water back in the ground to keep the underground aquifers flowing.
- If necessary, ask the public works department if you can connect your sump pump to a nearby storm drain. That can also solve your problems.
- Make sure you maintain your sump pump. Mechanical devices do not last forever. They need serviced from time to time to make sure they will run when you need them most.

ASPHALT TRAINING

Learning to Improve Our Future

Here in North Chicago, we anticipate that Public Works crews will be doing a much larger amount of patching in the future, as roadway resurfacing funds continue to decrease. Therefore, we are preparing our crews to be able to do larger patching in the future by giving them training, guidance and practice now. With the potential of the purchase of a paver in the next 3-5 years, and the continued deterioration of roadways, we see this training as a start to the overall future need of the city for the sustainment of the roadway system.

The Streets and Utilities Division of the Public Works Department spent an entire day on October 2, 2013 training with Tim Murphy of Murphy Pavement Technology. They spent the morning learning the theory behind asphalt, and they spent the afternoon allowing Mr. Murphy to critique our methods and practices to improve and enhance the work that we do.

CDL PROGRAM – A SUCCESS!

To assist the Public Works Department in finding qualified candidates and to assist the North Chicago residents in building their resumes, the city offered assistance in obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (Class B with air brake certification) in August of 2013. After advertisement through Community Days, the city newsletter, and the News Sun, we have had over 50 applicants.

Phase I of the program consists of an application, a background check, and passing the written exams. Phase 2 consists of driving trucks for the Public Works department and completing skills testing and pre-inspections to prepare themselves for the driving portion of the exam. We hope at the end of the program that more North Chicago residents can find work due to the new addition to their resume, and possibly, someday, as others retire, we will be able to find local employees to fill spaces within our Public Works Department.

CDL PROGRAM GRADUATES - CONGRATULATIONS!

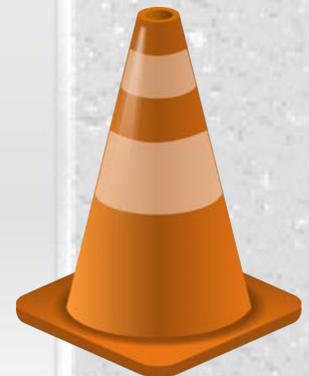
Cornelius Orsby, J.T. Jones, Andrew Usher, Kelly Jones, Louis Richardson and Curtis Spencer

SPRING CONSTRUCTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Our annual roadway project has been approved by city council. It includes Wallace Avenue, 18th Street (Natoma to east end), 1600 block of Kemble Avenue, and the alley located in the 1100 block east of McAlister.

Our project will start earlier than normal next year with bidding in January and work to begin potentially as early March depending on weather. This year, the first part of construction will be to replace a water main in Wallace Avenue. This work will begin first. After that, starting in late April or May, paving will be completed until late June on all the roadways.

We are looking at changing our asphalt designs to find a longer lasting mix that will allow us to extend the life of our roadways as budget challenges reduce our funding in the near future.



2013 THE YEAR OF TREES

Over 60 trees and almost 70 stumps have been removed from the parkways this year in an effort to clean the urban forest from dead trees and reduce the safety hazards to the motoring public and neighboring properties. We have more trees that need removal, including not only some additional dead or dying trees, but also those that are diseased or insect infested.

Public Works crews sat through a class on tree disease and insects that also included how to trim a tree, how to remove a tree, and how to plant a tree. The seminar also included an hour-long safety video on how to use a chainsaw properly.

The city received \$40,000 from the Delta Institute through the Emerald Ash Borer grant for Urban Restoration. The US Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative sponsored this grant. The grant allows approximately 70 trees to be installed within the city's parkways. KGI Landscaping has been awarded the contract to plant these trees.

Instead of replacing trees that were taken down with these new trees back in those exact locations, the city is focusing on blocks of specific streets to create neighborhood or boulevard characteristics by planting the trees in a symmetrical design where possible. This also allows public works crews to more easily maintain the trees as they begin their young life by watering when needed and mulching as appropriate. Trees are targeted for installation on Argonne, Arrington, Kennedy, and possibly Park Avenue.

There are two main diseases that have infested the region's trees: Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Luckily, these problems only occur on elm trees

and certain species of ash trees. While other nuisance insects and nuisance seasonal disease affect trees, they generally are more of a nuisance than a problem, which kills the trees. The Emerald Ash Borer leaves a "D" shaped hole when it bores into a tree and ultimately kills the inner bark of a tree. If a tree is newly infested, there are chemical treatments that can be used by landscape companies to save the tree. If the tree is significantly affected, tree removal is the best option. If you use cut down trees in your yard at a vacation spot in Wisconsin, Indiana, or Michigan or other destination, do not take any of your tree debris out of the state. The goal is to eliminate the spread of the insect and to keep it quarantined in Illinois. It is found in many other states; however, we are collectively attempting to keep it from affecting new areas.

The city is required by the grant to use local funds as a matching source. The city is matching the grant funds through the use of public works labor to remove trees and stumps. The other source of matching comes from a Tree Inventory. The inventory will provide a location, size, type, and condition of the tree and will assist in advising us on what measures to take to enhance and improve the urban forest through trimming, removal, and pruning. Davey Resource Group was awarded the contract for the tree inventory.

Trees are known to be an important resource in the health and sustainment of the public. Trees provide oxygen to us while taking away the carbon dioxide that we exhale. A tree environment is a healthy environment. Trees also provide an increase to property values. Generally, people prefer living next to houses that are nicely landscaped or buy houses, which have a green feel to it. Houses with few to no trees or landscaping typically have a reduced value to their property.

CITY TO UPDATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

North Chicago was awarded a Local Technical Assistance Grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to update the Official Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is essentially a guide for how the City should grow and prosper. It provides goals and strategies to reach those goals. The current Comprehensive Plan was approved in 1996 and does not reflect current practices and policies. The update process will include citizen outreach and public participation. The update process is expected to begin early in 2014 and will take approximately 12 months.

EMERGENCY REHAB ASSISTANCE

The City's Emergency Rehab Program can help you make it through a winter emergency. Funds are available to homeowners for emergency repairs to furnaces, water heaters, roofs, window and the like. Contact the Economic Development Department at (847) 596-8670 to see if you qualify.

MAYOR ROCKINGHAM RALLIES NORTH CHICAGO BUSINESS OWNERS TO 'GET YOUR BUSINESS ONLINE'

In a partnership with Google, Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. announced a city initiative to get North Chicago's businesses online through Google's Get Your Business Online program.

Although 97% of Internet users are now looking online to find local products and services, 58% of American businesses still do not have a website. Through increased participation in the Get Your Business Online (GYBO) program, Mayor Rockingham hopes to close that gap.

Get Your Business Online provides small business owners with a custom domain name, web hosting and access to educational resources -- all free for one year. Since its debut in July 2011, the program has helped over 135,000 businesses successfully get online and start growing.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and businesses that are online grow faster and are twice as likely to create jobs," said Mayor Rockingham. "Their stories of success are our stories of success, and that is why I am proud to launch this initiative in North Chicago."

10TH STREET CLEANUP

On September 28th, volunteers from North Chicago, Waukegan, the US Marine Corp, FIST and other organizations joined together for the first annual "Into the Streets" Celebration. Organized by AmeriCorp and the Hispanic American Community Education and Service, Inc. (HACES), volunteers including Mayor Rockingham, Mayor Motley from Waukegan and several alderman helped to spruce up the appearance of the 10th Street business area by picking up trash, trimming weeds, and painting a mural. 10th Street is the dividing line between North Chicago on the south side of the street and Waukegan on the north side of the street. The goal of the event was to bring the communities together and encourage joint cooperation to make the area more attractive for new businesses. Check out the new mural that was painted on the east side of the building located at the northwest corner of 10th Street and McAlister.



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Local business owners learn about GYOB at the city's open house on October 24.



"Petie" the unofficial city GYOB mascot. Photo courtesy of Petie's owner, Kathy Maguire, owner of Modern Tattoo, located at 3121 Beacon Street in North Chicago.

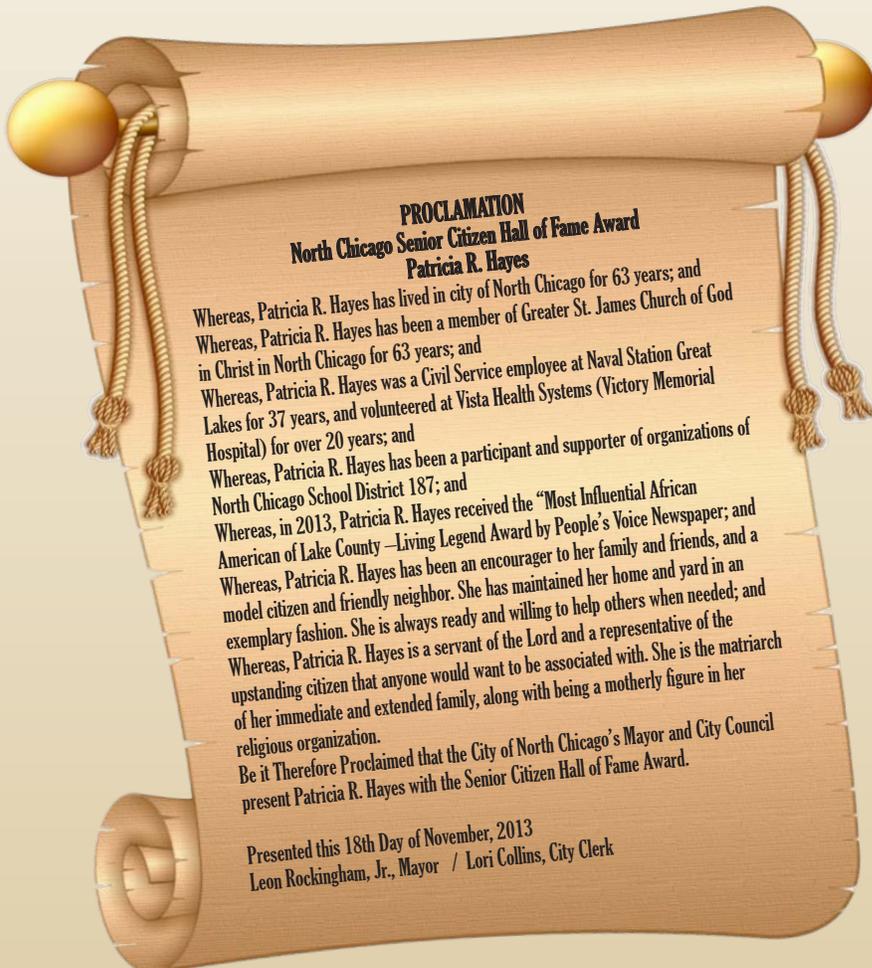
North Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award

In an effort to honor and recognize North Chicago's senior citizens, the city has established a Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award. All inductees will receive an official proclamation in their honor as well as a photograph displayed in the North Chicago City Hall Council Chambers for the period of one year.

Even though all North Chicago seniors are revered among the community, this award was established specifically for long-term residents. Nominees must be 70 years of age, reside in North Chicago and have resided in the city for at least 50 years. The one exception to the rule pertains to seniors who have met the age and resident requirements

but have had to move out of the city for reasons of health or income.

Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Recognition will be awarded quarterly at a North Chicago City Council Meeting of the following months: February, May, August, and November - beginning November 2013. Nomination Forms are available online at NorthChicago.org and at the Mayor's Office, 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064. The first North Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame inductee is Patricia R. Hayes; she was presented with a proclamation on November 18, 2013.



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT - ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN NORTH CHICAGO

As mentioned in Mayor Rockingham's message, there are many organizations within our community that offer assistance in enrolling the new Health Insurance Marketplace mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), otherwise known as "Obamacare."

This page is a local resource of information regarding the ACA, to help ensure that each North Chicago resident receives the information necessary to get the benefits available.

All of the listed organizations are working together, for the betterment of the lives of North Chicago citizens, please read through the information and choose which option best meets your needs.

YWCA LAKE COUNTY IS AN ENROLLMENT SITE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

YWCA Lake County Main Office
1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 180 - Gurnee
Walk-ins are Welcome!
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

North Chicago Public Library
2100 Argonne Drive - North Chicago
Walk-ins are Welcome!
Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lake County Health Department Alliance for Human Services / Enroll Lake County!
2 E. Rollins Road, Round Lake, IL 60073
By Appointment Only!
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Attend an ACA Workshop
YWCA Lake County Main Office
1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 180 - Gurnee
Monday - English 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Spanish 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- You will need to bring: Social Security Numbers (or document numbers for legal immigrants)
- Employer and income information for every member of your household who needs coverage (for example, from pay stubs or W-2 forms - Wage and Tax Statements)
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering members of your household

ENROLL LAKE COUNTY!

Most individuals will be required to have health insurance in 2014. Enroll Lake County! has trained and certified Navigators to confidentially answer questions and help you enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace.

Call (847) 377-4999

THIS SERVICE IS FREE

- Appointments and consultations offered Monday-Saturday
- The Health Insurance Marketplace closes March 31, 2014

Did you know?

- ALL children, under age 19, are eligible for health insurance or Medicaid, regardless of their parents' immigration status.
- Neither Homeland Security, nor the Department of Justice will have access to your personal information.
- Young adults, over 19, are now eligible for adult Medicaid.
- No-one can be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition, like asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, or even cancer.
- All plans under the Affordable Care Act are required to cover preventive care, like annual routine physicals, vaccinations, mammograms, and high blood pressure screenings.

You can enroll online at GetCoveredIllinois.gov or call Enroll Lake County! If you need local help enrolling, finding an enrollment location, have questions or simply need more information, please call 847-377-4999.

North Chicago Enrollment Locations

- The Alliance for Human Service
1801 Sheridan Road (Grant Place)
- Enroll Lake County!
1801 Sheridan Road (Grant Place)
- Lake County Health Department
2215 14th Street
- Nicasa
2031 Dugdale Road
- Rosalind Franklin Health System
3471 Green Bay Road
- North Chicago Library
2100 Argonne
(Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Visit Enroll Lake County! Online
www.enrolllakecounty.com

INSCRIBA A LAKE COUNTY!

Se le va a requerir a la mayoría de la gente que tenga seguro médico en 2014. Enroll Lake County! ha entrenado y certificado asesores para confidencialmente responder sus preguntas y ayudarlo a inscribirse en el nuevo mercado de Seguros médicos.

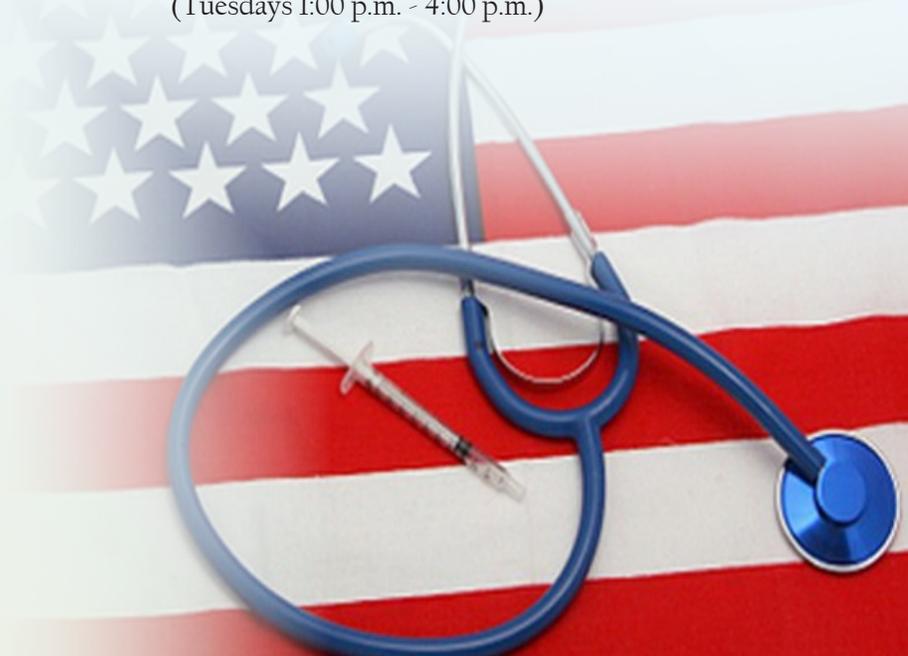
Llame al (847) 377-4999

ESTE SERVICIO ES GRATUITO

- Usted podrá ser elegible para subsidios para ayudar a pagar el seguro médico
- Usted puede ser elegible a través de la expansión de Medicaid
- No podrán negarle cobertura médica si tiene condiciones pre-existentes
- Todos los planes cubren beneficios importantes, como las visitas al médico, hospitalizaciones, medicamentos recetados, y más
- Citas y consultas se ofrecen de lunes-sábado
- El Mercado se cierra 31 de marzo de 2014

North Chicago lugares de inscripción

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North Chicago Celebrates the Holidays

CITY GIFTS HOLIDAY MEALS

On Thursday, December 19 the City of North Chicago continued its 7-year long tradition of presenting families with holiday meal food baskets, complete with all the trimmings for an at-home Christmas dinner.

Back in 2007, Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. challenged his staff to display charity towards one another. That spirit of giving led city employees to collect enough food to feed three families within the community. Since then, the city has been able to utilize various donations to feed up to 50 families per year.

The baskets filled with non-perishable items also include a gift card for the purchase of perishables like meat or milk that will round out dinner for an entire family. North Chicago School District #187 social workers, local churches and charitable organizations chose the recipients based on need.

“Giving is the greatest part of this time of year. Thankfully, we are once again able to give holiday meals to the families of our community,” stated Mayor Rockingham.

NORTH CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL BAND VISITS MEMPHIS AND PERFORMS AT LIBERTY BOWL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



The NCCHS Band was invited to perform in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Football Game in Memphis, Tennessee on December 31, 2013. In order to make the trip, the band had to raise over \$15,000 and with hard work, determination and community support, the band exceeded its goal. For many of the students, this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. In addition to practicing with other high schools from around the nation, the Warhawks performed in a parade, visited Graceland – the home of Elvis Presley, attended a rodeo and toured the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit at the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

The NCCHS Band is always looking for community support for upcoming programs and events. If you are willing and able to support the North Chicago Community High School Band, please contact Robert Presley, North Chicago Community High School, Music Director, 847-372-8937.

TREE LIGHTING 2013



Lake County Honor Flight trips are available to veterans at no cost

North Chicago is an official Honor Flight Hub that transports America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. The Lake County Honor Flight was founded by the Exchange Club of North Chicago in 2013.

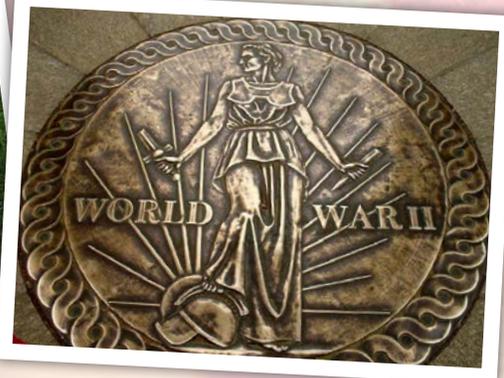
Each year, Lake County Honor Flight plans to take multiple trips to Washington D.C. to help fulfill the Honor Flight Network's ultimate goal in "Helping every single veteran in America, willing and able of getting on a plane or a bus, visit THEIR memorial." The trip includes a personal guardian, airfare, ground transportation, tours, meals, hotel accommodations and more! Priority is given to the senior veterans; World War II, Korean War and Vietnam survivors.

BE A HERO - HONOR A VETERAN TODAY!

Register a veteran or apply to be a guardian, applications are available at North Chicago City Hall Payment Center and Community Information Office, 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago.

Contributions are welcome!
Sponsorships are available!
Contact: 224-572-9888
LakeCountyHonorFlight@Gmail.com

LAKE COUNTY



New Illinois State Laws

ILLINOIS BANS HAND-HELD CELL PHONES, JANUARY 1

A new state law prohibits drivers from using hand-held cell phones on the road beginning January 1, 2014. Drivers that do not adhere to the ban will be fined \$75. For every subsequent offense, the fee increases by \$25 with a maximum fine of \$150. Although drivers cannot use hand-held cell phones, they are permitted to use cell phones with hands-free technology such as Bluetooth.



HEFTY FINES FOR CIGARETTE LITTERING

A new amendment to the state's littering law promises hefty fines to anyone caught throwing a cigarette butt out of a car window or onto the ground in any public place. Beginning January 1, 2014, offenders could face up to a \$1,500 fine. Violators convicted of this Class B misdemeanor could even receive up to six months of jail time.



HOME SECURITY

The North Chicago Police Department has teamed up with ADT to offer two alarm packages to North Chicago residents.

ADT Safewatch Quick Connect – (With Phone Line)

Includes 2 door contacts, 1 motion detector, 1 control panel, 1 keypad, 1 battery backup, yard sign and window stickers for \$49, subject to monitoring agreement at \$42.99/month.

ADT Safewatch Quick Connect Wireless System with Cellguard - (No Phone Line) Includes 2 door contacts, 1 motion detector, 1 control panel/keypad with battery backup, yard sign and window stickers for \$99, subject to monitoring agreement at \$44.99/month.

These packages are available for a limited time. For more information, call 847-276-8391.



North Chicago kids fix bikes; learn skills, in 10-week program

During the end of the year, nine students from Neal Math and Science Academy participated in a bike repair program. This program not only provided hands-on repair skills, but also provided valuable life lessons. At the end of the 10-week training, students that successfully completed the program received a bike that he or she had fixed with their own two hands! Safety helmets were also gifted. All other bikes repaired during this program were donated to families in the North Chicago community.

The bike repair program was made possible through the combined efforts of Holy Spokes Bike Ministry, the North Chicago Police Department Juvenile Division, Foss Park and the Exchange Club of North Chicago. We look forward to welcoming this program back in 2014. For more information, contact Detective Rollins, 847-596-8747.



Mike Slade, Demonte Collins, Nayala Jordan and Jacquelyn Farillas



Mike Rivi, Ed Hoffmeister, Mike Slade, Lieutenant McClary, Angela Smith, Yun Chen, Paul Sagendorph and Colten McDonald



Antonio Bradshaw and Ed Hoffmeister



Students learn hands-on bike repair skills

North Chicago Animal Control Contact Information

If you ever need to contact the North Chicago Animal Control Officer, Dana, for any animal related complaints please call the non-emergency number, 847-596-8774. The animal control office is not open 24 hours a day. Calling this number will assure that someone, either animal control or the police, will come out and look into the situation.



Find us on
Facebook

[Facebook.com/FriendsOfNorthChicagoAnimalControl](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfNorthChicagoAnimalControl)

Safety Tips from the C

Your safety is of the utmost importance to the North Chicago Police Department. In an effort to help and educate our residents, we would like to share the following safety tips with you.

GOING OUT OF TOWN SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Trim shrubbery so it does not block windows or doors and insure that your home has adequate lighting after dark.
- Leave a spare key with a neighbor or relative instead of keeping it outside. If you choose to place a key outside, insure that it is not kept in a nearby flowerpot, etc.
- Use timers on lights, radios, and television sets to give the impression that someone is home when the house is unoccupied. Timers with a built-in random time function to vary the time that lights, and other appliances are turned on, are best for accomplishing this task.
- Change all of the old locks immediately after moving into a new home or apartment to eliminate the possibility of someone using any old keys that may have been lost.
- Insure that all ground-floor windows and doors have secure dead-bolt locks.
- Before leaving home, insure that your garage door is completely closed. If an interior door connects the garage to your home, insure that the door is also locked.
- Keep upstairs windows locked. Someone could climb a nearby tree to gain access to a second-floor window. Prune any large trees to keep limbs away from the house.
- Empty boxes from newly purchased electronic equipment are an inviting sign to opportunistic thieves. Destroy boxes as soon as possible.
- Keep an outside light on all night, not just when you go away.
- Lock garbage cans in a storage room, or have someone share their garbage with you while you are gone.
- Leave window coverings, as they normally would be.
- DO NOT stop deliveries. Have a neighbor pick them up for you, as well as circulars that accumulate by the front door.
- Arrange to have your mail picked up while you are away.
- Turn your telephone ringer down to low or turn on the answering machine.
- Store outdoor items such as lawn furniture, garden tools and hanging baskets in a secure area.
- Consider asking a neighbor to park a vehicle in your driveway during your absence.
- Leave a phone number with a neighbor where you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

- Park in highly visible lots where there is a lot of activity.
- If you are parking during the daytime and are not planning to return to your vehicle until after dark, pick a well-lighted area to leave your vehicle.
- ALWAYS lock your doors—even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Don't leave anything visible inside of your vehicle—even something as simple as spare change or a cellular phone. Thieves are opportunists!
- If you think that someone is following you, don't stop at your car. Instead, keep walking and try to find help.
- If you drive a sports utility type vehicle with a high road clearance, be careful of someone hiding underneath. Don't forget to look underneath your vehicle as well as the back seat before entering.

ATM SAFETY TIPS

- Choose an ATM that is in a well-lighted area.
- If you need to use an ATM after dark, ask a friend to accompany you.
- Don't initiate a transaction if there is anyone around that you find suspicious.
- Put away your cash, card, and receipt before leaving the ATM machine.

As always, call the North Chicago Police Department, 847-596-8774 if you see something suspicious! For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

City of North Chicago

The North Chicago Fire Department would like to remind everyone that home fires and Carbon Monoxide poisonings are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating. Winter fires and Carbon Monoxide poisonings can be prevented!

HEATING

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards. The misuse of wood stoves, portable space heaters and kerosene heaters are especially common risks.

All heating equipment needs space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away. Supervise children whenever a wood stove or space heater is being used. Have a three-foot "kid-free" zone around open fires and space heaters.

CARBON MONOXIDE

Each year in America, more than 150 people die from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products. These products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. The North Chicago Fire Department would like you to know that there are 3 simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms and vice versa. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and the sound of CO alarms!
- If you hear the CO alarm, call 9-1-1 from a fresh air location - outdoors or by an open window.

HYPOTHERMIA

People who are exposed to extreme cold or work in cold environments may be at risk of cold stress. Extreme cold weather is a dangerous situation that can bring on health emergencies in susceptible people, such as those without shelter, outdoor workers, and those who work in an area that is poorly insulated or without heat.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of hypothermia can vary depending on how long you have been exposed to the cold temperatures.

- Shivering
- Fatigue
- Loss of coordination
- Confusion and disorientation
- Late Symptoms
- No shivering
- Blue skin
- Dilated pupils
- Slowed pulse and breathing
- Loss of consciousness

Take the following steps to treat a person with hypothermia:

- Call 911
- Move the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- Remove their wet clothing.
- Warm the center of their body first-chest, neck, head, and groin-using an electric blanket, if available; or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Warm beverages may help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After their body temperature has increased, keep the victim dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.
- If victim has no pulse, begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

MAKE STREET ADDRESS VISIBLE

Also as a reminder for our community, please be sure to have a visible street address on your mailbox or doorways. This will help North Chicago's first responders find your address in case of an emergency at your home or place of business.

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What is the Citizen's Advisory Committee?

The Citizens Advisory Committee is being established to encourage frank, respectful and open discussion of issues affecting the public, the people of the City of North Chicago, and the Police Department and seeks to foster greater education and understanding of relevant issues and much more.

Who will be a part of the Citizen's Advisory Committee?

- North Chicago residents, 18 years or older, that represent diverse community interests
- Committed to meet regarding community concerns in the City of North Chicago and the Police Department
- Committed to attend trainings, including the Citizen's Police Academy in April 2014
- More details to be announced at the Press Conference

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