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## News from North Chicago

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



Greetings,

As the City of North Chicago continues to move forward, we want you to grow with us. We have implemented some programs and services to benefit North Chicago residents. The Public Works Department is now offering Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

training at no cost to North Chicago residents. This program is designed to give locals the opportunity to join the workforce with a professional skill set for a high-in-demand field. It is our desire to "give back" to our residents, while hoping that some of the trainees even come to work at the City of North Chicago one day.

We have also launched the North Chicago Citizens Communication Center on our website at [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org). Through the Citizens Communication Center, residents can find answers, ask questions, make requests all from the comfort of home. The service allows North Chicago public servants the ability to provide a more efficient and higher level of service to our residents.

The North Chicago City Council recently voted to reduce weekly meetings to bi-monthly committee and council meetings. The meetings now take place on the first and third Monday of each month, with committee starting at 6:00 p.m. and council starting at 7:00 p.m. I will continue to host my Fifth Monday Meetings, which give residents an informal open forum to gather, to discuss issues among their neighborhoods, and to ask questions of me. The upcoming

Fifth Monday meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on July 29, September 30, and December 30, 2013.

Being North Chicago residents, we all know what a wonderful city we have and how much we have to offer as a community. In an effort to share that community pride and spirit with visitors, new residents, potential business owners and other people across our county and nation, we have produced a North Chicago City Video. It highlights some of the positive aspects of life in our city that we want to share with everyone. I invite you to watch our video online at [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org). It is also available on Facebook and YouTube. Visit: [facebook.com/northchicagocityhall](https://www.facebook.com/northchicagocityhall) or [youtube.com/cityofnorthchicago](https://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthchicago).



Link to  
City Video

Finally, I want to personally invite you to the 8th Annual North Chicago Community Days festival, on August 2-4. We have some new and exciting additions to the event, including the Inaugural Community Days 5K. The City of North Chicago, Foss Park District, and North Chicago Community Unity School District 187 work together to provide this free event to our residents. Committee members work hard to raise funds to cover the expense of Community Days. Please take a moment to browse through the Schedule of Events at the centerfold of this newsletter for details. For Community Days information, please call 847-596-8640.

As always, please feel free to visit city hall anytime, we are here to serve you.

*Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

## WHAT ABOUT THE ALLEYS?

The history of alleys in North Chicago can be tied to the origin in the City of Chicago. In 1830, Chicago was platted with alleys providing rear access to most properties. Alleys were the overwhelming norm in city planning. Early suburban developments in the 1860s and 1870s showed ambivalence toward alleys and started moving driveways to the front yard. Around World War I, alleys were no longer considered an appropriate way to plan a city.

As North Chicago began as industrial city, much like the origins of the City of Chicago, it was laid out in a similar manner to the 1830 version of Chicago. With North Chicago having its beginnings before the suburban disdain for alleys became the norm, the east side of the city (east of Lewis Avenue) is full of alleys.

Alleys developed social meanings early on. The street was the respectable front and the alleys were where the servants and suppliers did the dirty work. Chicago's alley life had intense social criticism for the health and behavioral 'pathologies' it supported, but improvements were made and many alleys now contribute positively and hugely to the pulse of Chicago's daily life.

North Chicago is a reflection of Chicago's past. Many alleys have become dumping grounds for debris, a common place for graffiti, and a hideout for gang activity. We need your help to improve our alleys and follow the City of Chicago in its history by allowing our alleys to contribute positively to our citizen's daily life.

We control graffiti by taking it down as soon as we become aware of it. Public Works officials drive the alleys every 1-2 months. Building Department Code Enforcers usually are able to drive the alleys once per week. In the meantime, please contact Public Works at 847-596-8870 if you see graffiti, overgrowth of vegetation, or potholes.

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.

Since alleys can become 'out of sight, out of mind', we find that much of the landscaping is not controlled in the alleys. As you are required by ordinance to cut the grass in front of your house between the sidewalk and curb, you are also required to cut the grass and/or weeds behind your property up to the edge of the pavement. Landscaping that is at the rear of the yard can many times get out of hand and grow into the alley causing potential hiding spots for criminals and potential scratches to vehicles. Public Works employees come into the alleys at least once per year to clean up major debris and trim major amounts of overgrowth of landscaping, but this prevents us from providing additional maintenance to sidewalks, roads, and parkway trees. The more you can help us, the more we can help you.

A big problem in alleys is trash and illegal dumping. The city's refuse hauler, Advanced Disposal, has a program to take large debris from your property. Contact Advanced Disposal, 847-623-3870 to request a special pickup if needed.



## Infrastructure Projects are everywhere this year

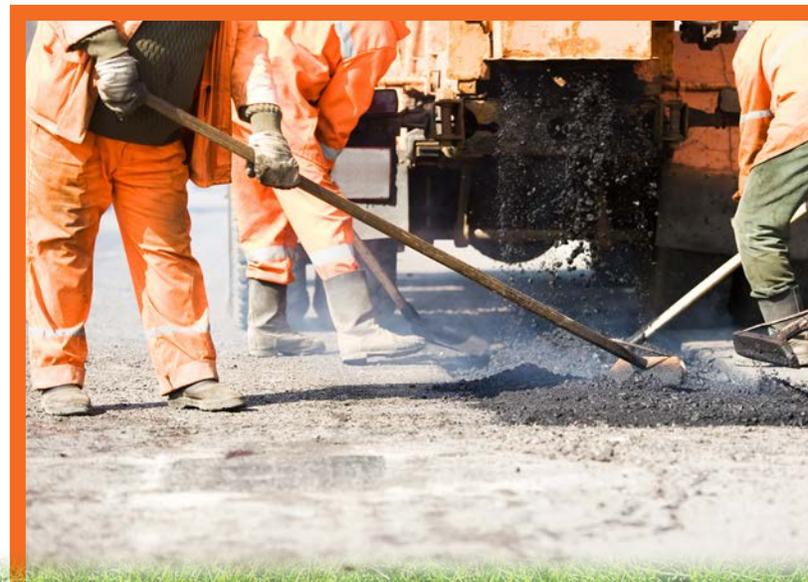
There is a good chance you have been impacted by the Midwest's annual roadside attraction, the orange traffic cone. In addition to our annual roadway project, we have had a special patching project, a special sidewalk project, and our annual striping, crack sealing, and sewer lining and cleaning projects.

We provided patching to roadways that are not planned for a complete resurfacing in the next 5 years. We patched the worst areas of Argonne, 16th Street, Foss Park Avenue, and Meadow Lane. We hope this provides a much smoother ride of the citizens of our city.

Areas of sidewalks on 10th Street were removed and replaced where trip hazards existed. Sidewalks were added on Lewis Avenue where an existing trodden path has existed for quite some time north of 17th Street as well as some areas south of 20th Street which were missing on the west side of the roadway. We wanted to ensure that pedestrians had a safe place to walk on Lewis Avenue, especially since it serves three schools, City Hall, Foss Park District, as well as Prairie View Apartments. Lewis Avenue is also a major bus route so it made sense to keep the pedestrians safe as vehicles make their way north and south each day. Back in 2010, we were behind on fixing sinkholes; we had a contractor come in to bring us up to date. We are now

doing the same process for many of our sanitary manholes. Some of these manholes are between 50-100 years old. During the light winter of 2011-2012, crews inspected each manhole, identified restoration needs, and began the rehabilitation process.

As a part of our daily operations, Public Works Crews are addressing potholes, completing additional strategic patching, repairing sinkholes, and repairing sidewalks. You may make a request by calling Public Works at 847-596-8870 or by using the Citizen Communication Center found on [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org).



## Grass Cutting – an opportunity for our citizens

Starting in 2012, the Public Works Department was tasked with the effort of cutting private grass lots of houses vacant and/or in foreclosure. We initiated a Summer Student Program, employing North Chicago citizens, ages 16-22, to assist in this effort. With the dry summer last year, as well as a reasonably dry spring, we were able to keep these lots cut at a reasonable length.

This year, we've had a lot of rain. Our Summer Student Program returned, but the dry weather did not, resulting in a backlog of lots to be cut. While we initially focused on completing some major patching work on Argonne and 14th Street and filled the majority of potholes to ensure safety of our commuters, we shifted all of our Street Division employees focus to grass.

Once the students go back to school, we may need some additional help with grass cutting from mid-August thru the end of October. We are considering opening this work up to other citizens looking for temporary work. Although the job pays minimum wage, we hope this new program will help some citizens monetarily and maintain the lawns.

If the program is successful this fall, we anticipate offering the temporary position in the spring of 2014 from approximately April 1 to Memorial Day. The Summer Student Program will then replace those temporary workers from Memorial Day to mid-August. Opportunities will be posted on the city website at [NorthChicago.org](http://NorthChicago.org).



## Public Works Employees take part in APWA Snow Plow Roadeo



**Delmore Harris and Roger Hacke, Public Works**

Back in October of 2012, the North Chicago Streets and Utility Division Employees participated in a local Road Course known as a Snow Plow Roadeo. They did this to train for the upcoming snow season, but they also did it to determine who would represent the city at the Annual APWA Chicagoland Snow Plow Roadeo, held this year at the Schaumburg Boomers baseball stadium.

Roger Hacke and Delmore Harris won the right to compete in the annual event and represented North Chicago in a positive way. The event was a three-part competition. First, they drove through a tough road course without hitting any obstructions in the way and by hitting small cones to show how close the driver can get to the curb or an obstruction. After the road course, they had to take a 100 question exam within only a 30 minute timespan. Lastly, they inspected vehicles, to review and assess the problem. Between breaks, they were able to interact with other public works employees from other municipalities.

The competition uses volunteers as judges. Rob Freeman represented the City of North Chicago as a volunteer, which allowed the city to have additional positive exposure to the Chicagoland region.

The day ended with a barbeque luncheon. While the day was a bit chilly, it was still an enjoyable event. This was one additional step to show the rest of the Chicagoland region that North Chicago Public Works is a skilled and professional department.

## The Water Plant – Making Major Improvements

The North Chicago Water Treatment Plant was built in the 1930s and our goal is to make sure the plant is in top-notch condition when it becomes 100 years old just a couple decades from now.

Back in the plant operator's office area, we are replacing their water-testing unit as well as their flooring which was in need of an update. Many of our operator's have been with the city for a number of years and the improvements to their office area is not only a way to maintain the plant, but also to give something back to those operator's who have to run the plant 24/7/365 working holidays, birthdays, and missing other family events to bring citizens the best water on the North Shore.

As computer systems seem to be outdated as soon as they sit on the shelf to be sold, it is time for a major upgrade to the system that runs the water plant. We also have had a number of projects completed recently, will be completed soon, or are anticipated in the future that make this the best time to upgrade our entire software system to be ready for the future.

The Water Plant is comprised of numerous pumps which last anywhere from 5-10 years on average depending on the size and type of pump. Many of these are receiving replacements this year as they are at the end of their useful life. You never want a pump to fail on you and replace it when it fails. No pumps means no water, so we replace these proactively before we run into an emergency situation if one would fail.

Two other large projects have kept contractors present at our facility. We just completed a complete cleaning of our intake ensuring all zebra mussels and other debris is cleaned from the pipes that bring the water to the plant out of Lake Michigan. We are also just underway on a conversion of the way we treat the water. We currently use chlorine gas, but we are switching that to a liquid form which is much safer to use and will provide a quality of water that is just as good or better than what you are receiving now.

# FREE CDL TRAINING

## The City of North Chicago's COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

is now accepting applications. Call today!  
Please call: 847-596-8691, M-F 8:00A-3:00P

- ➔ Learn the process of obtaining a CDL from beginning to end!
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## Building & Community Development

### Building Permits

The Building Department wants to remind residents that permits are required for the following types of home construction projects:

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| -additions         | -basement finishes   | -decks               |
| -driveways         | -electrical upgrades | -fences              |
| -fireplaces        | -garages             | -gazebos             |
| -home construction | -major remodeling    | -patios              |
| -porches           | -re-roofing          | -sheds               |
| -siding            | -signs               | -sprinkler systems   |
| -step replacement  | -swimming pools      | -sewer line repair   |
| -concrete work     | -furnace replacement | -major plumbing work |

The permit requirement includes all commercial properties as well.

A permit must be obtained before work can begin for any of the above mentioned categories. The cost of a building permit varies according to the project. For more information or to schedule an inspection, please contact the Building Department at (847)596-8650.

### Unlicensed Contractors

If a property owner hires an unlicensed contractor, he/she does so at his/her own peril. In most instances, a dispute about non-payment or poor workmanship will arise. Any effort to ask for help from the Building Department or the courts will inevitably be unsuccessful. For the same reason, an unlicensed contractor may not use the courts to recover payment for work done. **BE SURE YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH!** Plumbers and Roofers must be licensed by the State of Illinois before they can be registered with the city. If you are negotiating with a contractor, call the Building Department at 847-596-8650 to find out if the contractor is licensed or registered with the City of North Chicago. We can also do State inquiries for Plumbers and Roofers.

### Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected on your normal garbage pick-up day, at the curb, by Advanced Disposal (previously known as Veolia) Phone # 847-623-3870. Tree branches, trimmings must be bundled in manageable bundles no longer than 5 ft in length. All other yard clippings must be in a paper yard waste bag or in a plastic trash can clearly marked "Yard Waste." Logs over 4" in diameter, and tree stumps, will not be picked up by Advanced.

### Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is the responsibility of property owners. Grass and weeds may not exceed 5" and when cut must not leave large clumping of dead grass. Trimming grass and weeds around structures such as buildings, fences, trees, etc. is also part of the grass cutting requirement. Grass is not to be blown into the streets as this may cause a problem with the storm sewers becoming clogged causing flooding during heavy rains. The Code Enforcers will issue a warning if a property is not in compliance. If the warning is not heeded, the city may cut the grass with the cost being billed to the owner and the owner possibly being summoned to Administrative Court. There will only be one warning.

If you know of a property that is abandoned and has tall grass, please call the Building Department at 847-596-8650 and we will notify the contractor. Abandoned properties have the grass cutting costs automatically placed as a lien against the property.



## 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.

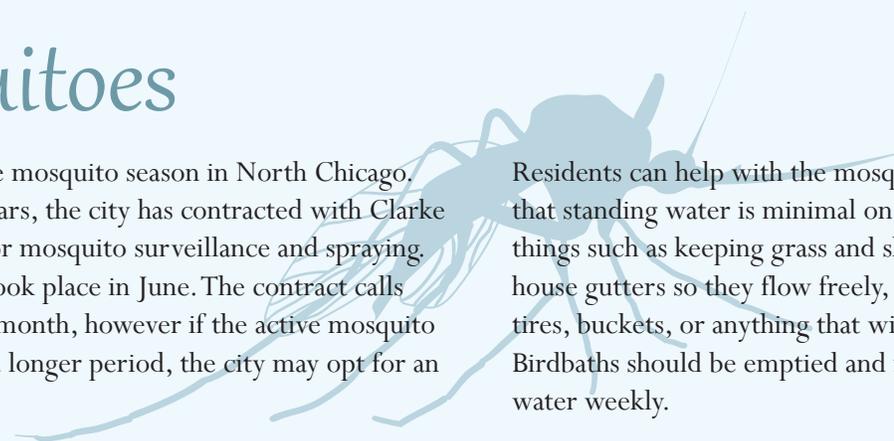
The Eastern Carpenter Bee is faithful to its home, preferring to lay eggs in the same hole it was born in and hibernated in. Females who leave the natal tunnel prefer to live nearby, often digging a new hole a few inches away in the same piece of wood. Over many years, the bees may almost completely 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.

## Mosquitoes

We are well into the mosquito season in North Chicago. As with previous years, the city has contracted with Clarke Mosquito control for mosquito surveillance and spraying. Our first spraying took place in June. The contract calls for spraying once a month, however if the active mosquito season extends for a longer period, the city may opt for an additional spraying.

Residents can help with the mosquito effort by making sure that standing water is minimal on their property. Simple things such as keeping grass and shrubs trimmed; cleaning house gutters so they flow freely, making sure there are no tires, buckets, or anything that will collect and hold water. Birdbaths should be emptied and replenished with fresh water weekly.



# Celebrating Diversity August 2-4, 2013

## 8th Annual North Chicago **COMMUNITY DAYS** MUSIC • FOOD • FUN

### Featured Entertainment



Tressa Thomas



Lonnie Givens



Bicentenario Calentano



Reginald T. McCants



Dexter Walker & Zion Movement



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2** • 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Uniting for Peace, Food, Entertainment & 5K Packet Pickup

7:00 p.m. Concert on the Lawn  
Silent Redemption and Tressa Thomas

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3** • 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

5K, Parade, Food, Vendors, Bingo Entertainment, Car Show, Kid Zone, Sports Tournaments, Fireworks

6:00 p.m. Concert on the Lawn  
Lonnie Givens and Reginald T. McCants

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4** • 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Food, Vendors, Kid Zone, Entertainment, Gospel

3:00 p.m. Concert on the Lawn  
Dexter Walker & The Zion Movement

### North Chicago Community Days Kick-off Parade Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m.

- A** Adams St  
North Chicago, IL
- 1. Head east toward Adams St
- 2. Turn right onto Adams St
- 3. Turn right onto 14th St
- 4. Turn left onto Jackson St
- 5. Turn right onto 19th St/Argonne Dr
- 6. Turn right onto Cty W34/Lewis Ave  
Destination will be on the left
- B** 1850 Lewis Ave  
North Chicago, IL 60064

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## No Trucks in Residential Areas

City of North Chicago Zoning Ordinances specifically state that commercial trucks over  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons are not allowed to be parked in residentially zoned districts. This specifically applies to dump-trucks; box trucks; semi-tractors, no matter if they are parked in the front, side or rear of a property.

Additionally, paving and landscaping equipment may not be stored or parked in residentially zoned neighborhoods. This would include bobcat (skid-steer tractors) and pavement rollers.

## Electronics Recycling and Tire Drop Off Year Round

Did you know that most electronics are not permitted in landfills? By law, the trash hauler is not allowed to pick these items up anymore. The city has partnered with SWALCO so that citizens may bring electronics to the City Yard at 1421 Renken Avenue, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. - except holidays. For special assistance, you may call 847-596-8870. It is important that you take these items to the City Yard for collection, as there may be a pick up fee in the future if the electronics are left on the curb.

Residents can dispose of their tires in two ways. North Chicago residents can visit the City Yard Main Office at 1421 Renken Avenue for tire drop-off instructions. Only rubber tires are allowed. The wheels/rims must be removed prior to drop-off. A maximum of four (4) tires can be dropped off per visit. This service is available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Four times each year, residents may place tires at the side of the road for pickup by the refuse company – the remaining curbside tire pick-ups for 2013 are the week of August 26 and the week of October 21.

## Jelly Belly Candy Company Celebrates 100 Years in North Chicago

This year, the Jelly Belly Candy Company is celebrating 100 years in North Chicago. The city is grateful for the commitment Jelly Belly has shown to North Chicago and we wish them many more years of "sweet" prosperity!

## Economic Development

### Take a Bite out of Blight!

Join the effort to reduce blight in North Chicago by taking part in our CURB APPEAL program. CURB APPEAL is a grass-roots movement designed to help North Chicago residents improve the appearance of their neighborhoods. Local volunteers, with the assistance of the city, will join together to clean-up trash, spruce up buildings and eliminate weeds and overgrown vegetation in residential areas throughout North Chicago. Through this coordinated effort, we can have a positive effect on neighborhoods by improving property values, reducing crime and restoring a sense of pride in our community. The best part about the program is that these improvements are at no cost to you! That's right – these improvements are done at no cost to the homeowner. This program is perfect if you are elderly and unable to make repairs, or if you simply lack the time or resources.

Are you interested in getting involved? You can help several ways:

- 1) Nominate your house or block for clean-up
- 2) Volunteer to help clean-up or make repairs, provide building or landscaping expertise, or become a Block Captain for your block
- 3) Donate items such as building/landscaping supplies, building materials or cash. We will also accept donations of bottled water and lunches during work days

For more information, please call the Economic Development Department at (847) 596-8670.

### Welcome New Businesses

Please patronize the following new businesses in North Chicago:

- Vista Medical Center, 1801 Sheridan Road, Suite 101
- Boost Mobile, 901 10th Street
- Delores's Place, 1536 Sheridan Road
- Taste of the Carribean, 2203C Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
- Berna's Auto Repair Service, 1119 14th Street
- Rags 2 Riches, 822 14th Street
- Rock Motors, 303 10th Street

## Police Department

# Am I Witnessing a Crime?

There are some signs or behaviors that may be suspicious:

- A person “hanging out” or keeps coming in without purchasing anything may be waiting for other customers to leave before committing a robbery.
- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle, especially at night and in one of our parking areas, is highly suspicious.
- Vehicles’ moving slowly and running without lights or one that keeps passing the same area. It could be casing a building or house to burglarize, someone pushing drugs or someone planning another crime such as a robbery, kidnapping or sex offense.
- Unusual noises, including gunshots, screaming, sounds of fighting, barking dogs, or anything suggesting foul play, danger, or illegal activity.

If you are robbed:

- Cooperate fully. Remain calm and perform all actions slowly; sudden moves may panic the robber.
- Observe everything carefully. Try to remember the description of the suspect(s), including distinguishing features such as scars or tattoos; if they are right or left handed; and a description of any vehicle used.
- Write down as much of the information you remember as soon as possible to avoid confusion later.
- The first call you should make after the robbery is to 9-1-1, as soon as it is safe to do so. Report that a robbery occurred and stay on the line until the operator releases you, and answer all the questions as completely as possible.

If you witness one of these events or some other suspicious activity, call the Police Department immediately at 847-596-8774. If it is a crime-in-progress and police are needed immediately, call 9-1-1.

### Reporting Suspicious Activities

Remember, NCPD would rather be called and not needed than needed and not called!

- Remain calm. Keep away from the suspicious person(s) or activity and avoid taking any risks. Notify the Police Department, dial 911.
- Give your name; address, and phone number. The police may need to contact you for more information later. If you prefer, you can remain anonymous.
- Tell the police whether the crime is in progress, or has already been completed. (If you see a crime in progress, report it immediately. If you wait, the police will have a much more difficult time apprehending the suspect.)

Be prepared to give the following information:

- A description of what happened (time, place, and was anyone injured...).
- A description of the suspect (sex, age, race, weight, distinctive characteristics).
- A description of any vehicle(s) involved, license plate number, if possible, time and direction of escape.
- Additional details and circumstances (if any).

The Police Department provides 24-hour protection and community services. Programs and activities include preventive patrol, crime prevention activities, traffic and parking enforcement, ordinance enforcement, criminal investigation, emergency services.



## Safety

### Safety Tips:

- Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for "just a minute."
- Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- Consider alarm systems or trained security dogs for additional protection
- Look into motion detection lighting. Store tools, toys, etc., after use. Never hide keys outside your home. Keep bushes trimmed.

### If you go away for a while:

- Use timers so that lights, radio, TV, go on and off throughout the house to indicate someone is home.
- For longer trips, be sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor collect them daily.

### When entering your home/car especially at night:

- Avoid fumbling for your keys. Have them in your hand as you approach your home/car.
- When entering your vehicle check your back seats before getting in.
- Check for signs of forced entry such as broken glass, a torn screen or pry marks before venturing inside your home.
- Don't forget to keep all of your doors and windows locked.
- Remember, if you come home and see a broken window or a jimmied door - do not go in. Confronting a burglar can be dangerous. Phone the police immediately - 9-1-1.

## Personal Safety

- Before you leave, always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Carry a driver's license or wear an identification tag.
- Remember pertinent medical information.
- Stay in a familiar area.
- Do not walk in a secluded area.
- If followed, go to the nearest building and contact law enforcement.
- Carry a whistle or shrill alarm to summon help if needed.
- Do not leave your door unlocked. Someone may be watching to determine when the house is empty.
- Have your key ready before you reach your home.

## Curfew

### Age and hour restrictions:

It is unlawful for a person less than eighteen (18) years of age to be present at or upon any public assembly building, place, street or highway in the City at the following times unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian or other responsible companion at least twenty one (21) years of age approved by a parent or legal guardian or unless engaged in a business or occupation which the laws of this State authorize a person less than eighteen (18) years of age to perform:

Between 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Sunday; and

Between 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Saturday; and

Between 10:00 P.M. on Sunday to Thursday, inclusive, and 6:00 A.M. on the following day.

### Parental Responsibility:

It shall be unlawful for any person having the legal care and custody of a child under eighteen (18) years of age to allow or permit such child to go or be upon any public street, alley or other place in the city in the nighttime as restricted in the preceding Section, except in cases of emergency.

### Police authority to detain child:

Every member of the police force while on duty is hereby authorized to detain any such minor willfully violating the provisions of Section 8-19-1 of this Chapter until the parent or guardian of the child shall take him into custody, but such officer shall immediately upon taking custody of the child, communicate with the parent or guardian.



The City of North Chicago employs eleven 9-1-1 Telecommunicators, 9 full-time and 2 part-time. They are highly trained in public safety communications. They are willing, ready and able to help you. The citizens of North Chicago are the reasons these telecommunicators come to work every day. They want to be ready to help you. However, they are asking that the public follow a few guidelines. They understand that when there is a traumatic situation such as a house, fire, medical emergency or shooting it affects the way a normal citizen makes a call to the police.

Citizens should learn general guidelines to get help quickly. In a calm voice, you need to advise the 9-1-1 telecommunicator that you have an emergency. Understandably, we receive frantic calls. Often times, the callers are shouting that they need the police or an ambulance, but they do not give identifiable information. Imagine someone calling you and screaming. You simply would not understand what the caller is trying to get across.

When you call 9-1-1, please be ready to answer some very simple questions. They may appear to be annoying, but honestly, it is the most efficient and safest way to get help as quickly as possible.

- Where is the emergency? Be ready to give the correct address, street name or highway name. Also, note the direction of travel, intersection, a landmark in the area of occurrence to help better identify where you are located.

- What number are you calling from? ALWAYS give your area code and telephone number where you are calling from. In addition, the telecommunicator will be asking you to verify the phone number. This is in case you are accidentally disconnected. Do not get upset when asked this question, not only is it for your safety but it is also required of the telecommunicator to verify ALL information.
- What exactly happened? Clearly describe what has taken place and how many individuals are involved if appropriate.
- What is on fire? Note house, vehicle, brush or other types of structure.
- Is the person conscious and breathing?
- Is the person visibly injured? Can you determine where?
- Type and number of vehicles involved?
- If reporting a crime, vehicle description, suspect description. It is best to start from head to foot for the description and include the number of offenders.
- Are there weapons involved? Note the type, a gun, knife or other objects and number of weapons.

Remember to use 9-1-1 for emergencies only. Directions, directory assistance, delayed theft, burglary, and overnight parking requests are NOT emergencies. If the telecommunicator determines that your call is not an emergency, he/she will advise you to call back on the non-emergency number, which is 847-596-8774. We appreciate your understanding on this matter; we must keep the emergency line open for emergencies only.

Other ideas you can do to help speed emergency responders:

1. Learn our non-emergency number: 847-596-8774
2. Refrain from programming cell phones to auto dial 9-1-1. When cell phones auto dial 9-1-1, it causes numerous accidental calls and ties up the 9-1-1 system for real emergencies
3. If your cell phone comes pre-programmed with 9-1-1, disable it.
4. Remember when using your cell phone, you need to give your phone number, address and/or location of the emergency. Cell phones hit off cell towers and do not let us know where you are located.

The City of North Chicago 9-1-1 Communications Center is here to help you when you need our help. Help us help you.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Grilling Safety Tips

Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill is a sign summer has arrived and a welcome sight to all. However, fire anywhere else can make your summer barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

### Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

### Propane grills

Check the propane tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

## WHICH KIND OF EXTINGUISHER SHOULD I USE?

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) classifies fires into five general categories (U.S.):

- Class A fires are ordinary materials like burning paper, lumber, cardboard, plastics etc.
- Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, and common organic solvents used in the laboratory.
- Class C fires involve energized electrical equipment, such as appliances, switches, panel boxes, power tools, hot plates and stirrers. Water can be a dangerous extinguishing medium for class C fires because of the risk of electrical shock unless a specialized water mist extinguisher is used.
- Class D fires involve combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium, potassium and sodium. These materials burn at high temperatures and will react violently with water, air, and/or other chemicals. Handle with care!!
- Class K fires are kitchen fires. This class was added to the NFPA portable extinguishers Standard.

Here are the basics on typical extinguishers and their uses: Water extinguishers are suitable for class A (paper, wood etc.) fires, but not for class B, C and D fires such as burning liquids, electrical fires or reactive metal fires. In these cases, the flames will be spread or the hazard made greater! Water mist extinguishers are suitable for class A and C.

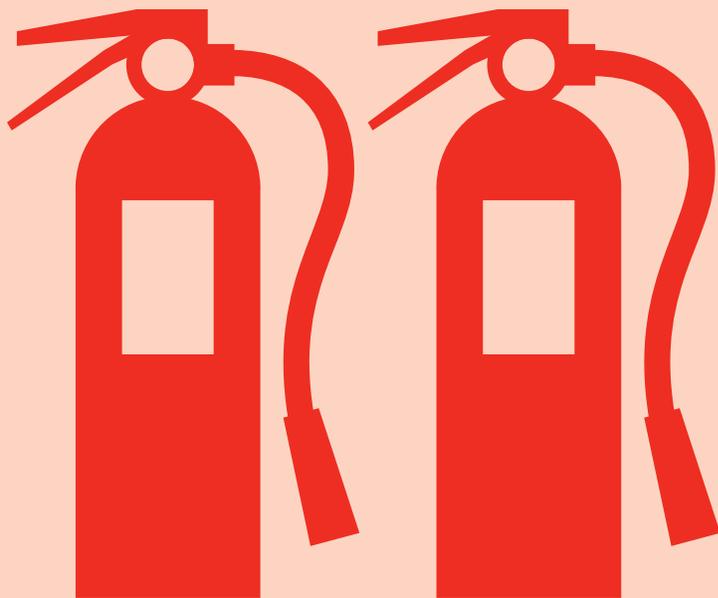
Dry chemical extinguishers are useful for either class ABC or class BC fires (check the label) and are your best all-around choice for common fire situations.

CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) extinguishers are for class B and C fires. They don't work very well on class A fires because the material usually reignites. CO<sub>2</sub> extinguishers have an advantage over dry chemical in that they leave behind no harmful residue.

Metal/Sand Extinguishers are for flammable metals (class D fires) and work by simply smothering the fire. You should have an approved class D unit if you are working with flammable metals.

Proper planning can avoid situations where you might have to make a choice between extinguisher types. Ensure that the extinguishers closest to your aircraft, computers, and pool chemicals are of an appropriate type.

**Be safe and God bless. Have a great summer!**



### **Lake Front Swimming Restriction**

Foss Park located at the lakefront is a great place to spend a summer day having a picnic, or enjoying one of many outdoor activities available. However, the beach has a no swimming restriction. Swimming is extremely unsafe due to dangerous underwater currents that are not visible from shore.

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For vendor, parade, 5K or sponsorship opportunities, please call 847-596-8640.

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### Special Events

#### Uniting for Peace

Friday, August 2 • 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join Lake County congregations for the 2nd Annual North Chicago Community Days Uniting for Peace. This prayer and spiritual event celebrates healing, peace, unity and community prosperity. All are welcome!

#### 5K Family Fun Run & Fitness Walk

Saturday, August 3 • 8:00 a.m.

Entry fees: \$25 adult, includes technical t-shirt\*

\$10 under age 18, includes cotton t-shirt

Registration: Sign-up online at [www.thtiming.com](http://www.thtiming.com)

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