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NEWS FROM NORTH CHICAGO

2020 North Chicago Community Days festival has been cancelled. Please follow the North Chicago City Hall Facebook page for information about fireworks on August 1st.

2020 SUMMER

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From the desk of Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

Of the fifteen years that I have been Mayor of North Chicago, the past several months has been one of the most challenging and rewarding.

Through these unique times, the City of North Chicago has been

able to provide uninterrupted service and assistance to our residents. I am very proud of our staff members of the city who have all gone above and beyond to make that possible.

North Chicago joins the rest of the state in moving along with Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. It is important to remember that as we see more things reopen, we need to make sure we follow the advice of the state and federal health officials to combat the coronavirus disease. Stopping the spread of coronavirus will only happen if we continue to practice social distancing, wear face coverings in public and regularly wash hands.

We have begun our **phased reopening of our North Chicago City Hall**, which is now open to the public until further notice on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may make an appointment to meet with staff on Tuesday & Thursday by calling 847-596-8600.

We will assess the success of this phased reopening to determine the next steps in a few weeks. For everyone's health and safety, we ask that you please wear a face covering, and practice social distancing while visiting.

For more specifics on the latest coronavirus disease information, visit www.NorthChicago.org, or call 2-1-1.

During your time at home, please complete the **2020 Census**. Having a complete count of our population ensures our community gets the money and resources it deserves. Should you need assistance, please call my office at 847-596-8610 and we will be more than happy to help.

As I have throughout my entire tenure as mayor, I will continue to work to ensure the North Chicago government is one for all the residents of our community.



North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. helped greet visitors and hand out supplies at the Massive Hand Sanitizer and Face Covering giveaway. The event was held last month at the Paris Banquet Hall.

We always stand committed to creating and maintain a just, safe, healthy, diverse and inclusive community. It is important for you to be assured that our North Chicago Police Department is dedicated to serving and protecting the public. Our officers go through extensive training and outreach programs to handle difficult situations in a fair manner. Several years ago we established a citizen's review board of our police department. These members of our community are there to make sure our police department acts without prejudice or bias. North Chicago is a safe community for everyone.

It's been said in times of crisis heroes are born and that is indeed what I've seen in our community. We've experienced many inspiring examples of service to each other. Neighbors are helping neighbors, citizens are sewing masks and running errands for each other, our businesses are donating protective equipment to first responders and their innovations are leading the way for the health and safety of all. Watching our staff and community determined to convert this disruption into an opportunity for connection, service and excellence is inspiring. Thank you for your enormous dedication, resilience and contributions.

Leon Rockingham, Jr.

Complete the 2020 Census to ensure we get our share of federal funding

Funding related to the Census count impacts the North Chicago community in many ways. School lunch programs, road projects, funding for emergency services, the library, and Medicaid are all adversely effected by a low response to the 2020 Census. Every 2020 Census form that is completed, makes a big difference. The Census response can be done online, over the phone, or by mail.

Online: My2020Census.gov. Phone: English: 844-330-2020, Spanish: 844-468-2020

What is the 2020 Census?

The Census is the official count of everyone living in the United States and its territories. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this count every 10 years. Census forms can be completed online, by mail or over the phone.

Why is the 2020 Census important to North Chicago?

Census data is used to help determine local funding for federal grants. The more accurate the count, the better opportunity North Chicago will have to receive our share of over \$675 billion per year of funding for schools, roads, public works, emergency preparedness and other programs.

The data collected by the Census can help our economic development efforts because the data can be used by businesses to decide where to build offices, factories, distribution centers, and retail stores. This all could have a positive impact on our community, including creating more local jobs.

Finally, an accurate Census count ensures North Chicago is adequately represented in state and federal government. Congressional representation can change with a change in population.

Will my information be confidential and secure?

Strict federal law protects your 2020 Census responses. It is against the law for any person to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Individuals with access to 2020 Census information take a pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time.

Recreational Cannabis in Illinois

**No Smoking
in Public Places
or Near Anyone
Under 21**

MUST BE AT LEAST

21+

TO PURCHASE,
POSSESS, OR USE

**Only LICENSED
Dispensaries
Allowed to Sell
Cannabis**

WHEN TRANSPORTING CANNABIS IN A VEHICLE

It must be in a sealed, child-resistant, odor-proof container, **not accessible** during transport.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE you can & WILL be ARRESTED if you drive high!

It is illegal for adults to smoke cannabis in the presence of children!

How much can an Illinois resident purchase/possess?

- 30 grams of cannabis flower
- 500 milligrams of THC in cannabis-infused products (edibles)
- 5 grams of cannabis concentrate (oil)

This information is intended for informational purposes and should not be viewed a legal advice.



What does the new Illinois cannabis law mean?

As a reminder, at the beginning of the year, it became legal for adults to possess and use recreational marijuana in Illinois, but the new law includes limits on how much residents can have and where they can use it. Public health related information about cannabis can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, <https://www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis>.

Federal grant gives North Chicago Police Department more police officers

The North Chicago Police Department was awarded \$750,000 to hire more police officers by the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Program.

The \$750,000 will be used over the next three years. The North Chicago Police Department is one of 596 law enforcement agencies nationwide to receive funding of the over 1,100 applicants.

According to a Department of Justice press release, the COPS Hiring Program has announced \$51 million in total grant funding as part of this year's Operation Relentless Pursuit. The awards will provide funding for the hiring of an additional 2,732 law enforcement personnel across the country.

The money will be used to expand the department's community outreach and combat gun and gang related crimes.



Take care in road work zones; summer construction coming to a road near you

Summertime road construction projects have started throughout the City of North Chicago. The projects include the revitalizing of Adams Street between 14th Street and 10th Street, Glendell Avenue between Juneway Terrace and Bayshore Drive, and the Naval Station Great Lakes Metra Station's parking lot. The construction is targeting areas that have deteriorated pavement that require asphalt surface removal and replacement. The asphalt resurfacing work will improve ride-ability and safety of the roadway. Funding for the construction will come from Motor Fuel Tax funds and reimbursement from Metra for the resurfacing of the NSGL parking lot.

A water main project is planned for 14th Street and Dugdale Road. The work includes the installation of new water mains, transfer of water services, abandonment of the existing water main, pavement patching, curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk replacement, and landscape restoration.



Water Main work at 20th and Dickey in North Chicago. This project was complete last fall.

The City's Public Works Department would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation as crews work to make these necessary infrastructural improvements. Residents are reminded to drive slowly and carefully through all work zones.



Use 2-1-1 for your social service needs

211 is a free, easy-to-use, three-digit information and referral hotline offering accurate, 24-hour personal help for hundreds of potential issues. The 211 service helps Lake County residents with housing, utilities, food, crisis help, mental health & addiction, health care, financial support, education, personal, child and family support, employment, transportation, legal and immigration, government, volunteering, and disaster information.

By telephone, Lake County residents can call 211. By text, residents can type their zip code to 898211 and receive a reply text to begin a conversation. By website (211lakecounty.org), residents can browse the website to look for resources.

Over 1,000 face shield kits made by North Chicago detective

Recently, North Chicago Police Detective Alex Flores generously spent his vacation time working to help other first responders. Flores is part of a team that makes PPE gear for other first responders in Northern Illinois. Detective Flores crafted to make over 1,000 face shield kits.

Thank you, Detective Flores!



North Chicago Firefighter recognized as champion



Chicago Bears Tarik Cohen and Anthony Miller paid a visit to the North Chicago Fire Department back in February. The two visited North Chicago Firefighter Wilton Hill as part of the #ChampionsofChunky promotion. Firefighter Hill was profiled for the generous amount of time he spends working in the North Chicago community. Not only is Wilton a firefighter, he's also the head football coach for the North Chicago Warhawks.

Thank you, Firefighter Hill for your dedication to North Chicago.

Eight demolitions planned for 2020 – Blight Busting continues in North Chicago

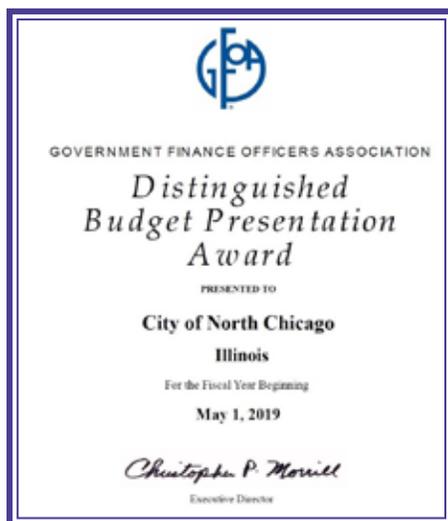
As part of an ongoing effort to combat the issue of vacant and blighted properties in its community, the City of North Chicago resumed its Blight Busting Program earlier this year. A total of four structures have been demolished since January.

The North Chicago Blight Busting Program started in 2017. Since then, 26 vacant and abandoned properties throughout the city have been demolished. In addition, numerous other properties in the city have been renovated. The City of North Chicago coordinates the redevelopment of the blighted properties with community organizations to return them into productive use.

As a result of its focus on blighted and vacant properties, North Chicago property values have stabilized or increased and safety concerns have decreased for neighborhood residents.



North Chicago 2nd Ward Alderman, Bonny Mayfield talks with Evelyn Holmes of ABC 7 Chicago News about the city's Blight Busting program progress in her ward.



City receives prestigious government finance award

The City of North Chicago was recognized by the by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) with their Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the city's 2019/2020 fiscal year budget.

This is the second year the North Chicago Comptroller's Office has received the award.

According to the GFOA, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is "the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting." The group says the award, "represents a significant achievement."

The North Chicago 2019/2020 fiscal year budget was reviewed by selected members of GFOA professional staff and peer reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting. The feedback from the review is used to improve the budget document each year.



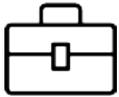
D187 STRONGER THAN EVER!

District 187 has been on a mission—advancing teaching and learning and empowering every child to pursue and realize their unique purpose. There’s no turning back—the state-wide school closing taught us how tough and creative we are. D187 is stronger than ever!

IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL BUILD ON AND ACCELERATE OUR PACE OF IMPROVEMENT:



Expand 1-to-1 learning so that **every** student K-12 will have a Chromebook this fall



Enhance our toolbox of social and emotional supports for students and adults



Boost college and career support for students through our Freshman Academy and College and Career department



Increase training and support for educators to creatively engage all students in powerful learning experiences that meet each student’s needs



Move forward with construction and improvement projects at all D187 schools to improve school environments

D187 DATA DOWNLOAD

90%

In year one, our Freshman Academy had a 90% on-track for graduation rate

70.4%

Our 2019 70.4% graduation rate has increased 13 points over the last year

1.2 years

In Math, our students are making more than one year of growth each school year

DISTRICT 187 IS FUELED BY THE STRENGTH AND GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- **AbbVie Corporation's** unprecedented \$40 million donation to build a new middle school.
- **The Steans Foundation** provides a level of support unparalleled in most school districts.
- **North Chicago Community Partners** offers the spectrum of direct services to students and their families from after-school programs to family and community engagement events.



Great things come out of North Chicago, District 187! As an alum and parent and grandparent of current students and graduates, I continue to be impressed and grateful for our schools. Teachers go the extra mile, making sure our children are achieving academically and caring for their well-being at the same time. During the school closure, the district provided meals to thousands and provided learning opportunities not seen in some other schools and districts. They know their students and community and always respond to our needs. District 187 goes above and beyond for our students and I couldn't be more proud or grateful.

-- Gloria Bouie, NCCHS Class of 1975; parent and grandmother of several current and former District 187 students

D187 is stronger than ever!

Please make sure you register your students for next year by calling your school's secretary or visiting D187.org

Thank you for supporting our schools and our students— together, there is nothing we can't do!



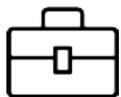
EL DISTRITO 187 MÁS FUERTE QUE NUNCA!

El Distrito 187 ha estado en una misión—avanzando la instrucción y el aprendizaje y empoderando a cada niño con el fin de persuadirlos a cumplir su propósito. No hay vuelta atrás—el cierre de las escuelas en todo el estado nos mostró lo fuertes y creativos que somos. El Distrito 187 está más fuerte que nunca!

EN EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2020-2021, SEGUIREMOS CONSTRUYENDO Y ACELERANDO NUESTRO PASO DE MEJORAS:



Expandir el aprendizaje de 1-a-1 para que **cada** estudiante de K-12 tenga una computadora Chromebook este otoño



Mejorar nuestras herramientas de apoyo social y emocional para estudiantes y adultos



Aumentar el apoyo a los estudiantes para ir a la universidad y de las carreras profesionales por medio de la Academia de los Freshman y el Departamento de Universidad y Carreras Profesionales



Aumentar la capacitación y el apoyo para que los educadores involucren efectivamente a todos los estudiantes en experiencias de aprendizaje vigorosas que cubren las necesidades de cada estudiante



Seguir adelante con los proyectos de construcción y mejoras en todas las escuelas del Distrito 187 para enriquecer los entornos escolares

DESCARGA DE DATOS DEL DISTRITO 187

90%

En el primer año, nuestra Academia de Freshmans tuvo un 90% tasa de graduación a tiempo

70.4%

Nuestra tasa de graduación de 2019 de 70.4% ha aumentado 13 puntos durante el año pasado

1.2 años

En Matemáticas, nuestros estudiantes están obteniendo más de un año de crecimiento cada año escolar

EL DISTRITO 187 ES NUTRIDO POR LA FUERZA Y LA GENEROSIDAD DE NUESTRAS ASOCIACIONES CON LA COMUNIDAD

- La donación sin precedentes de \$40 millones de la **Corporación AbbVie** para construir una nueva escuela intermedia.
- **La Fundación Steans** proporciona un nivel de apoyo sin comparación en la mayoría de los distritos escolares.
- **Los Socios de la Comunidad de North Chicago** ofrecen una gama de servicios directos a los estudiantes y a sus familias desde programas después de clases hasta eventos para la participación de la familia y la comunidad.



Cosas buenas salen del Distrito 187 de North Chicago! Como alumna, madre y abuela de estudiantes actuales y recién graduados, sigo impresionada y agradecida por nuestras escuelas. Los maestros se esfuerzan para garantizar que nuestros niños obtienen un alto rendimiento académico a la vez que cuidan de su bienestar. Durante el cierre de las escuelas, el distrito proporcionó comidas a miles y oportunidades de aprendizaje no vistas en algunas otras escuelas y distritos. Ellos conocen a sus estudiantes y a su comunidad y siempre responden a nuestras necesidades. El Distrito 187 va más allá por nuestros estudiantes y yo no podría estar más orgullosa o agradecida.

--Gloria Bouie, NCHS Clase de 1975; madre y abuela de varios estudiantes actuales y previos del Distrito 187

EL DISTRITO 187 ESTA MAS FUERTE QUE NUNCA!

Asegúrese de registrar a sus estudiantes para el próximo año escolar llamando a la secretaria de su escuela o visitando **D187.org**

Gracias por apoyar nuestras escuelas y nuestros estudiantes— juntos, no hay nada que no podamos hacer!

City of North Chicago consolidates dispatch services with Mundelein

Effective June 18, 2020, the City of North Chicago emergency dispatch services was consolidated with the Joint Central Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board (JCLC-ESTB).

As recommended by the State of Illinois, the City of North Chicago merged its 9-1-1 dispatch services with the JCLC-ESTB, operated by the Village of Mundelein. Police and Fire service and response levels for residents of North Chicago will improve with the change in service. The consolidation allows for better training and more advanced technology while saving taxpayer money.

There are three communities utilizing the Village of Mundelein's consolidated dispatch center, however, calls will personally be answered for each municipality. These communities are members of the JCLC-ESTB: Village of Mundelein, Village of Winthrop Harbor, and the City of North Chicago.

North Chicago Consolidated Dispatch Services - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q** Will North Chicago Police and Fire first responders still respond to my home and patrol our streets 24-hours per day?
 - A** Yes. Nothing will change with regard to police patrol or police and fire response. If a citizen requests a police response in the City of North Chicago, a North Chicago Police Officer will respond as they currently do.
- Q** If I call, will the consolidated dispatching center slow down the response rates for police and fire?
 - A** No. Calls are routed the same way.
- Q** Who will answer the 24-7 non-emergency phone calls to the existing North Chicago Dispatch Center?
 - A** North Chicago Police Department administrative personnel will answer the administrative phones and be available for walk in guests at the police front desk Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To contact a specific unit within the Department or to leave a voice mail message for a member of the Department please dial (847) 596-8700. All non-emergency calls requiring police, fire public works or other city services response to the scene of the incident or event dial (847) 596 -8774. Emergencies, dial 9-1-1.
- Q** Who will assist me at the police department front counter outside the business hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.?
 - A** After standard hours, a trained dispatcher will have video coverage of the front vestibule at the police department. A phone is located in the vestibule for those with an emergency to use to contact dispatch. The dispatcher will have the ability to send a North Chicago officer to the lobby, or provide other assistance through a call box.
- Q** Will the front door to the police department be locked when the television monitor service is operating (outside of normal business hours)? If so, what if I feel threatened and would like to enter the building?
 - A** The police department lobby will remain locked. If an individual needs to enter the lobby for safety, the dispatcher can remotely unlock the door. The dispatcher will be able to observe the lobby via video feed.
- Q** What are benefits of consolidation for the City of North Chicago?
 - A** There are many benefits, including: improved service to residents. By sharing emergency dispatch services with other communities, residents of the City of North Chicago will be served by emergency dispatchers that will have access to better training and more resources. Additionally, the city will see savings in costs. The City of North Chicago will realize an approximate savings of \$500,000 in the first year of the consolidation agreement. Significant cost savings will continue each year.
- Q** Have other communities been successful with consolidated services?
 - A** Yes. Prior to the consolidation with the Joint Central Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board, North Chicago is the only municipality in Lake County besides Waukegan that was not in a consolidated or semi-consolidated emergency dispatch arrangement.

North Chicago Counts

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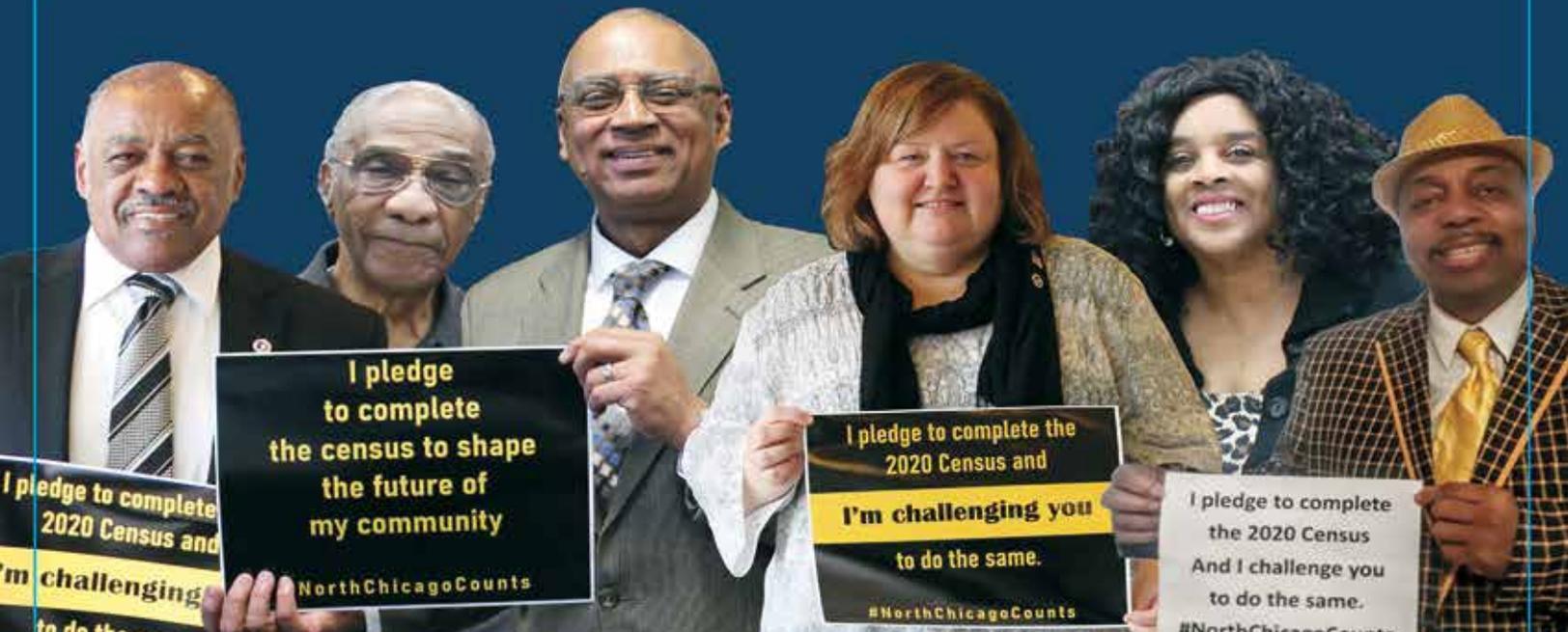
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