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



The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’ He and fellow citizens of all races led the unified advancement of civil rights. It was Dr. King who inspired

unity in all. He said, “We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” It is true. Unity matters. One person certainly makes a difference, but no community can prosper, or be strong if everyone is going in a different direction. When united, we are strong. Strength from unity is shown even in the tiniest of creatures. Ants are tiny creatures, but are strong when united. Strength from unity is shown even in nature. You can break one stick, but you can’t break a bundle of sticks. That is the power of unity.

As we work together, we learn from each other and create opportunities. It is service and dialogue that bring people together. There are many examples of how, we, in the City of North Chicago have been unified toward our goals. Our unified city implemented several policies, procedures, and committees to strengthen relationships among residents, businesses and stakeholders. For example, we implemented

President Obama’s “My Brother’s Keeper” program, we implemented the Ask 12 program, the Citizens’ Advisory Committee and the Citizens’ Police Academy as a way to help the community understand, respect, and trust the police.

We continue to work in a unified manner with various stakeholders such as AbbVie and Naval Station Great Lakes to strengthen our community. For example, AbbVie, along with the Heart of America Foundation, will partner with the community to redesign our library this summer. Libraries are an important part of a strong community and we look forward to this exciting project. Our partnership with the Navy continues as we explore the development of the world-class National Museum of the American Sailor at our Sheridan Crossing site.

Everyone has a role to play in achieving Dr. King’s dream of advancing social justice and economic opportunity. It is inspiring to have such incredible, unified citizens in the City of North Chicago. I am humbled to be your Mayor and I thank you for all of your hard work. Let us please stay unified as we travel this journey for a revitalized, strong and prosperous North Chicago.

*Leon Rockingham, Jr.*

## Public Works Department awarded Project of the Year



The City of North Chicago received the 2017 American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year Award, Transportation and Environment. The award recognized the water main and resurfacing work completed in 2016.

## Increasing the City's "curb appeal"

The City of North Chicago has increased its emphasis on reducing the number of abandoned vehicles throughout the city. Various departments, including the Police Department, are currently working to identify, tag and remove inoperable or abandoned vehicles from public and private property. We encourage our residents to contact the Police Department at 847-596-8714 to report any vehicles they believe to be improperly stored and/or abandoned. Additionally, if you are storing any such

vehicle(s) and need time to make arrangements to get it in working order, properly registered or moved to a proper storage location, we encourage you to contact the Police Department. For environmental purposes, City ordinance requires that all motorized vehicles be parked on a driveway or pad, constructed of the same or similar materials, alongside the driveway or behind the front of the principal building. Vehicles shall not be parked on the lawn at any time.

## Overnight parking prohibited

City ordinance prohibits overnight vehicle parking on any city street. Additionally, during or after a snowfall, there is no parking at any time of day on Adams, Argonne, Arrington, Broadway, Foss Park, Glenn Drive, Jackson, Lakeside, Lewis, Meadow

Lane, Morrow, Natoma, Renken, Sheridan, and 10th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 24th Street. Parking is restricted during this time to allow for snow removal operations, as well as emergency vehicle access throughout the City.

## Pet licenses

Pet tags are \$3 for dogs or cats before May 31 and \$5 after May 31.

Dogs defined as "Pit Bulls" have additional fees.

Please contact visit [www.NorthChicago.org](http://www.NorthChicago.org) for more information.



## City welcomes new Deputy Chief of Police

Lazaro Perez was sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police on October 17, 2016. Previous to joining the City of North Chicago, Perez was a sworn police officer for over 25 years and has held numerous positions from patrolman through Chief of Police. During his law enforcement career, Mr. Perez has received numerous departmental awards and numerous letters of commendations. “Deputy Chief Perez has what it takes to be a proven leader,” said Mayor Leon Rockingham. “Not only among the men and women of our police department, but also as an ambassador of our city.”

## Community engagement top priority for Police Department

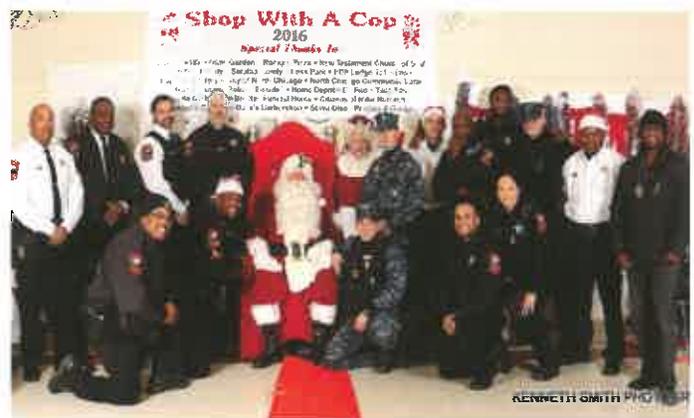
The City of North Chicago has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for \$375,000 to hire three new officers for the police department beginning in early 2017. The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a three year grant that will specifically focus on the police department’s efforts to strengthen the relationship between the community and officers. A letter of support from Senator Mark Kirk’s was instrumental in helping the City of North Chicago secure the grant funds.

“Our efforts to enhance and improve police community relations in North Chicago will take a big step forward with the addition of these three new officers,” said Mayor Leon Rockingham. “This is great news for the City of North Chicago and brings us even closer to our goal of achieving the staffing levels we need in our police force. With this grant, residents will see a greater presence of police officers to fight crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.”

## North Chicago Police Officers go “viral” on Facebook

The Annual North Chicago “Shop with a Cop” program was held on Saturday, December 10 at Forrestal Elementary School. This year, the North Chicago Police Department provided 27 families with gifts, activities, a visit with Santa and a holiday lunch. An unplanned part of the day included police officers, kids and parents dancing together to the Cupid Shuffle. Since the time it was posted on January 7, the video has reached more than 56,000 people and garnered nearly 30,000 views on the Police Department’s Facebook page.

This year’s program, led by Chief Richard Wilson and Detective Harold Rollins, was funded by donations from the City of North Chicago, Fraternal Order of Police, Waukegan Township and various Department fundraisers.



(North Chicago officers from left to right) Lt. Nash, Lt. Brame, Sgt. Hartmann, Ofc. Brown, Ofc. Grayer, Det. Galarzo, Ofc. Belanovick, Det. Rollins, Ofc. Tolver

## Property Tax rates to remain steady in 2017

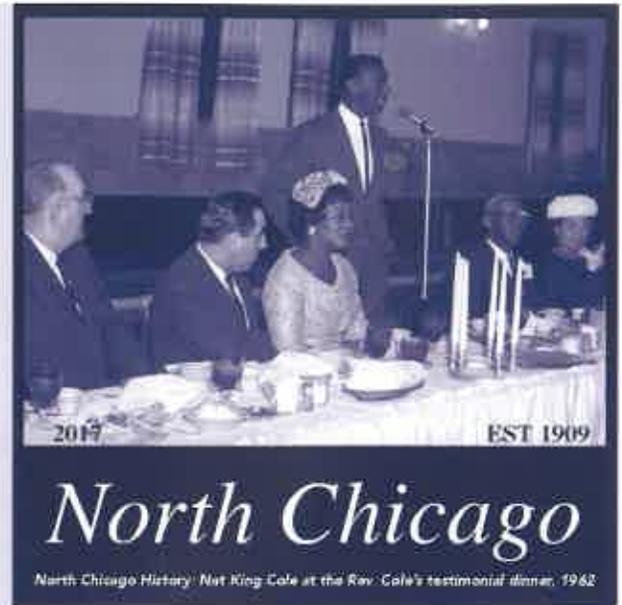
To reflect the City's commitment to minimizing the cost of municipal services on local taxpayers, North Chicago City Council has approved the property tax rate for the upcoming year at the same rate as last year. Therefore, there will be no property tax

increases due to the cost of city services. While there will be no increase due to municipal services, actual tax bill amounts may be impacted by changing property tax values.

## Historical photo to be displayed on vehicles

The 2017-2018 vehicle stickers will be available beginning on May 1 at City Hall. This year's sticker includes a historic photo of Nat King Cole at the Reverend Cole's testimonial dinner in 1962.

The Nat King Cole picture is one of several recently restored photos currently on display at City Hall which showcases our rich history. Other pictures include Sheridan Road, the original water plant and the Dari-Delite.



## North Chicago welcomes O'Reilly Auto Parts

Construction of a new building on Green Bay Road began in late autumn 2016 with an anticipated opening date in early 2017. Other businesses recently opened in North Chicago include Lucky Jack's at 1721 Sheridan Road, Sammies located at 1536 Sheridan Road and Paris Banquet Hall located at 14th and Lewis Ave.

## Improvements at the North Chicago train station

The North Chicago Train Station is now open Monday through Friday during morning (5:30-8:30 a.m.) and evening (3:00-7:00 p.m.) rush hours. Prior to the station reopening, the City of North Chicago installed automatic locks on the doors, emergency exiting, and interior and exterior emergency call buttons. Additionally, debit and credit cards are now accepted for parking fees.

## City offers convenient ways to pay utility bills

In an effort to offer the most payment options to North Chicago residents, the City accepts payment using MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards for utility payments online. Additionally, ACH Payments can be arranged for water bills by submitting an automatic bank payment authorization

form and a voided check to the City of North Chicago Payment Center, 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064. For more information, contact 847-596-8620.

*\* all credit card payments will include a third party service fee of 2.35% or \$1.00 minimum.*

## North Chicago Fire Department is a “Cut Above”



(Photo Left to right) FF Joe Schimanski, FF Jamie White, Commander Josh Rickabaugh, FF Will Matos, Commander Josh Monroe, FF Matthew Stoll, and FF Danny Roark (not pictured: FF Joe Hernandez)

On October 18, 2016, Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital announced North Chicago Fire Department as the recipients of the 6th Annual “A Cut Above” EMS Awards that honors EMS providers for their exceptional contributions to excellence in prehospital care.

Awardees for their heroic actions, critical care and response to a Major Motor Vehicle Accident saving a women’s life were Commander Rickabaugh, Commander Monroe, FF Joe Schimanski, FF Danny Roark and FF Joe Hernandez. Awardees for their heroic actions, critical care rendered in saving a life of a 9 year old child that was not breathing were FF Jamie White, FF Matthew Stoll and FF William Matos.

## How to respond in a medical emergency

First aid can be initiated by anyone in any situation, knowing the correct steps to take in those critical first moments of an emergency can mean the difference between life and death. REMEMBER, to be able to perform CPR effectively, it is essential to be properly

trained! The North Chicago Fire Department offers First Aid and CPR certification courses to the public. For more information visit [www.northchicago.org](http://www.northchicago.org) or contact the North Chicago Fire Department at 847.596.8781.

### Ten tips to keep in mind when responding to emergency situations:

1. Don't panic.
2. Make sure you are in a safe position to offer help. DO NOT attempt to assist victims if you are in danger.
3. Remember the ABCs of Life Support: Airways open—Open and maintain victim’s airway. Breathing restored—If victim is not breathing, then begin rescue-breathing techniques immediately. Circulation maintained—If no pulse is present, call 911 or your local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and then begin administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques.
4. Check for bleeding. Apply direct pressure with a clean cloth and seek medical attention as soon as possible.
5. Look for signs of shock and broken bones or fractures.
6. Call 911 or your local emergency services quickly and describe the problem. Be sure to give your name, location, and the number of people involved.
7. Check for emergency medical identification on the victim.
8. Loosen any clothing that may restrict victim’s breathing or interfere with circulation.
9. Never give an unconscious person anything by mouth.
10. DO NOT move injured persons unless situation is life threatening.

**2017 CPR/First Aid  
certification schedule**

February 4, 2017

May 13, 2017

August 19, 2017

November 18, 2017

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**CONCERT ON THE LAWN and Fireworks**

**Sunday, August 6, Noon-7pm**  
 Gospel Celebration • Food • Vendors  
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**CONCERT ON THE LAWN**



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 Hosted by City of North Chicago, North Chicago School District 187 and Foss Park District

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