



# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



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**From the Desk of Village President Daniel Tannhauser** Happy Spring! I think we can all agree that this winter has been a mild one. Let's not jinx ourselves as we know the Midwest is known for late season snow storms.

With the beginning of Spring comes the beginning of Community events. One of my favorites is Community Kindness Day. Three years ago, a small group of friends recognized a need for a bit more kindness and goodwill in the world. From this idea they created Community Kindness Day, which this year will be celebrated on April 20th. You will find more information on this very special day below. Please do your own part to spread a little kindness not only on April 20th, but every day of the year.

Also below is information regarding our Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Program. The applications, in addition to more details can be found on our website, or at the Village Hall. Please consider honoring your Hero with a banner.

**Community Kindness Day is April 20, 2024** If you would like to participate and need inspiration or have an idea to share, please contact Jen Adams at [jennifer.adams17@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.adams17@yahoo.com) or Beth Ringelstein at [elizringel@comcast.net](mailto:elizringel@comcast.net), or by scanning the QR code. They would love to hear from you.

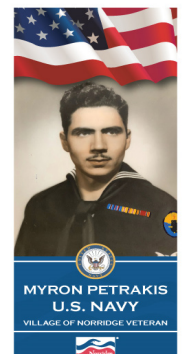


**Fill the Playpen!** The Village of Norridge, is once again a drop-off facility for the Salvation Army's Community Kindness Day "Fill the Playpen!" Campaign. From April 1st through April 20th, residents can drop off donations of diapers, pull-ups and wipes (all sizes) at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott Avenue, during normal business hours. On April 20th, the supplies will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Donations will also be accepted at the Salvation Army, 8354 W. Foster Avenue, Norridge on April 20th between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.



**Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Program** The Village of Norridge is pleased to introduce the Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Program recognizing current and former Norridge residents who served in a branch of the United States military. Applications can be completed and submitted electronically online via our website or a paper copy can be obtained at Village Hall.

Banners will be displayed along the 4000 block of Olcott Avenue as well as along Montrose Avenue. Banners will be displayed from mid-May to mid-November. Deadline to submit applications along with the required digital photograph is April 15.



**Vehicle Stickers & Animal Tags Sales begin May 1st.** Your current vehicle sticker will expire on June 30th. The 2024-2025 renewal applications will be mailed out the week of April 15th, and stickers will be on sale from May 1st until June 30th. The cost of a basic sticker will remain at \$10 and will be sold to residents who own automobiles, vans, or trucks up to 8,000 lbs. (B-Class trucks). Residents will have the option to purchase their vehicle stickers and pet tags on-line, in-person at the Norridge Village Hall, or by mail.

This year's vehicle sticker, designed by Norridge Police Officer Pete Giannakopoulos, celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Norridge Police Department's Shop with a Cop Program. During the holiday season, through the pairing with a "Cop", area children have the opportunity to shop for items that they may be in need of. Ten years ago, the program expanded to include school supplies to help children start off the school year with the tools they will need to succeed.



Village ordinance requires all vehicles registered to the Village of Norridge to obtain a vehicle sticker as stated in Section 94-302. This includes, but is not limited to, cars, trucks, motorcycles and trailers. Proof of registration is required for any vehicle that does not have a preprinted application.

All dogs and cats in the Village must have an animal license on their collar at all times. The cost of each tag is \$5.00 and a current certificate of inoculation in conformance with state law must be on file with the Village. If the rabies expiration date on the front of your mailed application has expired, proof of current inoculation must be presented at the time of purchase. No owner shall have more than three dogs or three cats, or any combination totaling more than three in any single dwelling unit.

VEHICLE STICKERS AND PET TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JUNE 30TH. LATE FEES AND FINES WILL APPLY AFTER JUNE 30TH. STICKERS MUST BE DISPLAYED BY JULY 1ST.

**We strongly encourage you to skip the line and buy online!  
Online portal opens May 1st at [www.villageofnorridge.com](http://www.villageofnorridge.com)**

**Hometown Heroes** The last three years, the Village of Norridge honored our Hometown Heroes during the months of May through August on our Facebook page. This year, we will once again be showcasing Veterans and active Military Members each Tuesday beginning in May. If you would like your hero spotlighted, please email a photo, branch of service, years of services, war or conflict served in, or any other information which you would like us to share with the Community. Emails should be sent to Joanna Skupien at [jskupien@villageofnorridge.com](mailto:jskupien@villageofnorridge.com) by April 30th. Prior submissions will once again be honored this year, and do not need to be resubmitted. Please feel free to contact Joanna at the above email if you want to update last year's submission or have any questions.

**Memorial Day Observance** Please join us on May 26th at 12:00 Noon for the Village's 31st annual Memorial Day Observance. Part of this ceremony honors Norridge residents and/or family members who have, or are currently serving in the military. Individual names will be read during the ceremony. If you would like to be honored, or would like to submit the name of a family member, living or deceased, to the list that will be read at this observance, please submit the name, rank and branch of service to Joanna Skupien at [jskupien@villageofnorridge.com](mailto:jskupien@villageofnorridge.com). Prior submissions will once again be read, and do not need to be resubmitted. Deadline for submissions is April 30th.



**9th Annual Car Show** The Village of Norridge Car Show Committee will hold its 9th Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 1st from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the former Divine Savior Church's front parking lot, 7740 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Those who wish to showcase their car will pay an entrance fee of \$20. The first 125 entrants will receive a goodie bag that includes a dash plaque and event trophy. Participants will be entered into a free raffle with prizes awarded every hour. This is a free event for spectators. Food and drink will be available for purchase. PLEASE NOTE: Rain date is June 8th.



**Touch-a-Truck** This year's Touch-a-Truck will be held in conjunction with the Car Show on June 1st from 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M., in the back lot off of Sunnyside Avenue. PLEASE NOTE: Rain date is June 8th.

**Garage Sales** Another sure sign of warmer weather are garage or estate sales. Before any garage or estate sale can be held, a permit must be obtained from the Norridge Village Hall 48 hours before the first date of the sale. Residents are allowed two garage sales per calendar year. The owner of the property must appear in person at the Village Hall with I.D. to complete the application. No garage or estate sale shall be for a period longer than three consecutive days. In addition, no sale shall commence before 7:00 A.M. and continue past 5:00 P.M.



The cost for garage sales are \$10 for each sale (maximum two sales per year). For estate sales held by an outside company, \$50 for the first sale and \$100 for the second sale (estate company must provide the Village with a copy of the contract at the time of application). Estate sales held by family members are \$10 for each sale (maximum two sales per calendar year).

**Community-Wide Garage Sale** The Village of Norridge's 2nd Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd. Important information if you wish to participate:

- Village ordinance limits the number of sales permitted during a calendar year to two sales. Participation in the Community-Wide Garage Sale will not count against the limit of two. You may still have two other garage sale events during the year and participate in the Community-Wide one as well!

- There is no fee to residents for the Community-Wide Garage Sale, however, you must complete an application to participate. The application can be found on the Village's website by scanning the QR Code.



- If you register by June 10th, the location of your sale will be added to our 2024 Community-Wide Garage Sale Event map.

- Participants will be required to display an official "Community-Wide Garage Sale participant sign in their window. Signs will be available at the Norridge Village Hall.

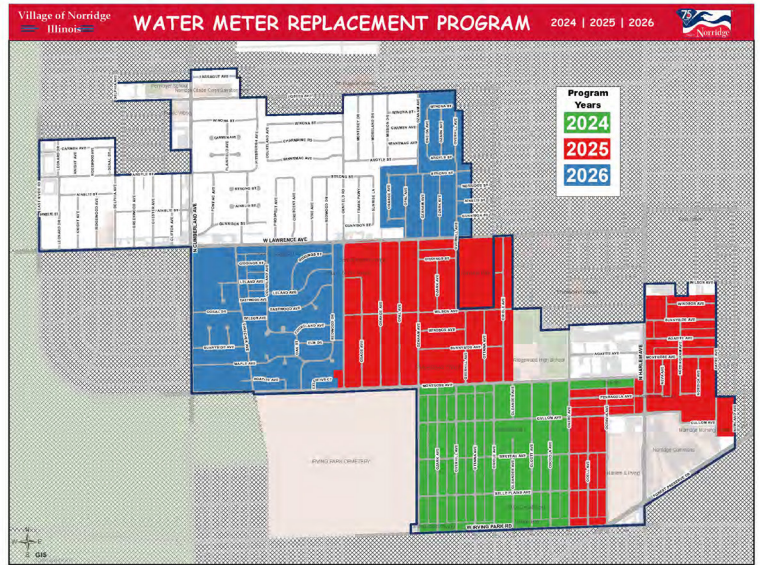
- The Community-Wide Garage Sale Event is a Friday and Saturday ONLY event. If you are participating, you may only be open for sales on those two specific days.

- The hours of operation for the Community-Wide Garage sale are 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or anytime in between.



**From the Water Department** As we published in the February edition of the newsletter, the Village of Norridge has entered into a contract with Calumet City Plumbing and M.E. Simpson Company to begin a three year residential water meter replacement program, which is beginning this Spring.

Not all residents in the 2024 portion of the map (green section) will need to have their meter replaced. Letters with appointment information will be mailed in early Spring to those residents who will have their meter replaced. Updates to this program will be posted on our website at [www.villageofnorridge.com](http://www.villageofnorridge.com). Click on the Residential Water Meter Replacement Program tab.



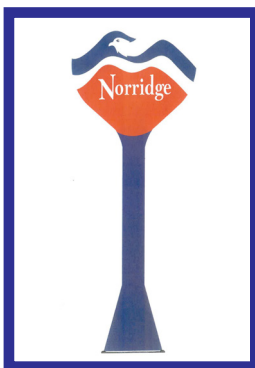
**Water Infrastructure Improvement Update** As we announced in the October 2023 Village newsletter, the Village has begun a three-year modernization project of the Village's two pumping stations and elevated tank (water tower). The project started with the 67 year-old Cumberland Avenue pumping station and reservoir. The Cumberland pumping station portion of the project is on schedule and work will be completed, and the station on-line, in mid-April. Here is a quick overview of work done so far:

**Cumberland Avenue Pumping Station**

- Three new 800 GPM Pumps
- New piping throughout the station
- A new concrete floor
- New roof
- New control cabinets
- Work continues on the electrical system
- New HVAC system
- New disinfection system
- Updated backup generator area



**Reservoir** The 1 MG reservoir has been drained, cleaned, and inspected with upgrades and repairs to begin soon.



**Elevated Tank** Beginning this fall, the Village's 67 year old water tower is getting a new look! The water tower will undergo an intensive restoration from the inside out. The water will be drained in order for interior work to take place. The tower will undergo a full reconditioning in order to bring it up to current AWWA, OSHA and ILEPA codes and standards. Interior corrosion and coating will be mitigated. It will also be scrubbed and painted on the inside. It's an intensive project, which requires a highly skilled team to get the job done. Once this is completed, the water tower will receive a new look on the outside.

**Clean-Up Week** The week of May 13th-17th has been designated as clean-up week in the Village of Norridge. On your regular pick-up day, you may dispose of any items other than the following: no construction materials, hazardous waste (including paint, oil & gas), electronics, old tires or lawn mowers will be picked up.

**Parkway Tree Planting Fee Waiver Extended** As you will remember, in an effort to support and encourage the planting of parkway trees, the Norridge Village Board, at the January 25, 2023 Village Board meeting, passed Resolution 23-01 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY FEE WAIVER RELATING TO PARKWAY TREE PLANTING". This resolution temporarily waived the tree planting fee in residential areas until December 31, 2023. The Village Board took further action at the October 25, 2023 meeting, passing Resolution 23-06, extending the fee waiver through December 31, 2024.

Residents who are interested in ordering a parkway tree will need to visit the Village Hall to complete an application and select a tree from the list of approved trees. You may also view the list on our website by scanning the QR Code.



Applications received from now until September 1st will be planted in late October. Don't miss out on this opportunity to do your part in beautifying our Village.

**From the Norridge Police Department** Spring and Summer are times when distraction burglaries are more common. Offenders try to distract you at the door or lure you out of the house in order for an accomplice to enter your home and search for cash and valuables. Many times they use vehicles with no clear identification of the services they are providing. These burglaries typically target our older population.

The Norridge Police Department would like to remind you that the Village of Norridge does not permit unsolicited contractors to go door-to-door without a permit and ID. Village inspectors and water department personnel will always have a Norridge ID, uniform shirt and marked vehicles with Village logos. They usually try to reach you by phone prior to coming to your house. If you have any concerns about why a person is at your door, don't open the door and contact 911 and request an officer for the suspicious person. Let us all help each other and keep an eye on our neighbors and neighborhood.



**Lawn Irrigation Systems** If you have a lawn irrigation system, the Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventer (RPZ) must be tested annually by a licensed plumber with a Cross Connection Control Device Inspector's license (CCCDL). It is advantageous to you to have the device tested in early spring when the system is being turned on. All tests must be completed and submitted to BSI by your due date.



If you decide to reconnect a previously inactive system, contact the Water Department at 708-453-0319. The RPZ must be tested before you start using the system and then annually by a licensed plumber with a CCCDL license.

**Sprinkling Regulations** No water shall be used for sprinkling gardens or lawns between 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. from May 15th through September 15th.

**Yard Waste Pick-Up Resumes** Yard waste pick-up resumes the week of April 1st on your regular garbage day. Please use brown lawn bags or open 30-gallon containers marked "Yard Waste Only". Yard Waste Only stickers are available at Village Hall. Any branches must be bundled and tied in 4-foot lengths and placed next to your garbage cart.

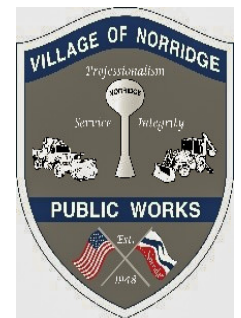
**Block Parties** As the weather begins to warm up, residents will begin to have thoughts of summer. If your block is planning a block party, the Village requires residents to obtain a permit to hold a block party. A completed and signed Block Party Application must be submitted to the Norridge Village Board for approval at least 45 days prior to the party date. Once your request is approved, a Block Party Agreement will be mailed to you for your signature. This agreement details the rules and regulations for the day of your block party. The organizer of the block party will be responsible for obtaining a permit. You can find our Block Party Application on our website by scanning the QR Code.



**Important Information About your Drinking Water** Our water system has been sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact Tom Slonski at 708-453-0800 ext. 5317 or [tslonski@villageofnorridge.com](mailto:tslonski@villageofnorridge.com). This notice is being published to you by the Village of Norridge, Illinois Water System ID #IL0312040 on April 5, 2024.

**National Public Works Week** The American Public Works Association has designated the week of May 19th through May 25th as National Public Works week. The APWA is proud to announce this year's theme as "Advancing Quality of Life for All". This year's theme illustrates how public works professionals contribute to and enhance the quality of life in all the communities they proudly serve.

Director of Public Works Joe Spain and his team help keep our Village strong by providing snow removal, water main repairs, water, emergency management and first response, and right-of-way management. They are what makes Norridge a great places to live and work.



**National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** Do you ever wonder who's the person behind our emergency calls to 911? All we know about them is their voice, which is why National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW), observed every April, has been set aside to recognize and celebrate another kind of superhero - the work of telecommunicators helping to save millions of lives every day. If it weren't for the telecommunicators flawlessly doing their jobs, billions of lives would have been lost due to untimely assistance.

So, throughout the week of April 14th through April 20th, we honor and thank those dedicated telecommunicators who have continued to serve in this demanding profession. We take this opportunity to thank all the Telecommunicators of MCD, not just this week, but all 52 weeks of the year.

