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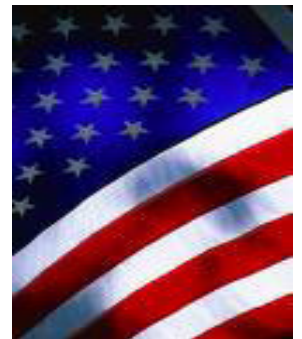
From the Desk of Village President Daniel Tannhauser Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were pleasant and peaceful. As we settle into another Midwestern winter of cold and snow, we would like to dedicate a portion of this newsletter to addressing some regulations, ordinances and questions regarding snow removal in the Village. Most of the information you will find in this newsletter is not new information, however, as with driving in the snow for the first time, we can forget from year to year. Though the hope is that Mother Nature will be kind to us again this winter, but in case she is not, please take a moment to refresh yourselves.

Beginning this Spring, the Water Department will begin a three year water meter replacement program. A map of the areas, and the target day of replacement is on Page 2. Not all water meters are in need of replacement. Those residents who will need to have their water meter replaced will receive a letter in the Spring. More details can be found in the article on Page 2.

The Village of Norridge will be introducing a Hometown Hero's Banner Recognition Program in 2024 to honor Norridge residents who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. Once the details are finalized, you will be able to find more about this amazing program on our website, social media pages and the April edition of the newsletter.

Finally, on the last page of this newsletter is a list of our 2024 community events. Please mark your calendars and join us for one, a few, or all the events listed.

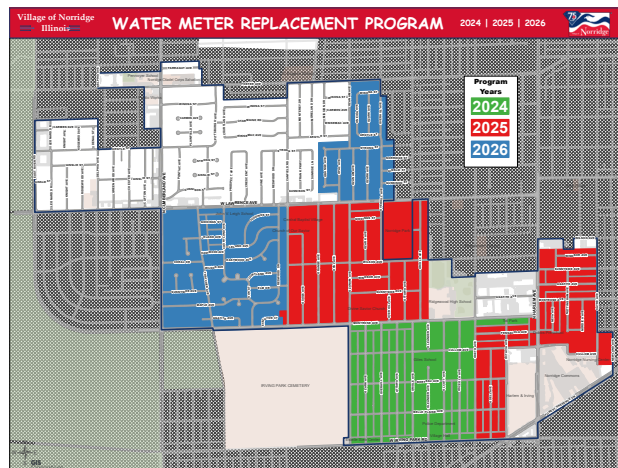
Hometown Hero The last four years, the Village of Norridge honored our Hometown Heroes during the months of May through August on our Facebook page. This year, we will once again be showcasing our Veterans and active Military Members each Tuesday beginning in May. If you would like your hero spotlighted, 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 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.



Hometown Hero Banner Recognition Program The Village of Norridge is excited to introduce a Hometown Hero's Banner Recognition Program, honoring current and former Norridge residents who served in a branch of the United States military. More information will be released in the April edition of the newsletter, as well as our social media pages, and website.

From the Water Department We are pleased to announce that 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 tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2024.

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. Click on the Residential Water Meter Replacement Program tab.



Snow Route Parking Restrictions We all knew the mild weather couldn't last forever, and now that we have the first measurable snow fall under our belts, many questions have been asked about the two different snow route designations and the regulations regarding them.

Odd/Even snow route area The Historic section of the Village, East of Harlem Avenue, the 8200 & 8300 blocks of Foster Avenue, and some streets near Leigh School are located in the odd/even snow route area. Simply put, from Wednesday through Sunday, after two inches of snow has fallen, there is no parking from 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on the side of the street with even addresses on even calendar dates and no parking on the side of the street with odd street addresses on odd calendar dates. These restrictions will remain in effect until the snow event is over and snow removal is completed.

Why the change? Like many municipalities, the odd/even snow removal restrictions are in place to aid Public Works in removing the snow quicker and more efficiently.

Why Wednesday – Sunday only? Year round street maintenance restriction days in the historic section are Mondays and Tuesdays. You are already moving your cars for these days. *NOTE: THE MAJORITY OF THIS CHANGE AFFECTS THE HISTORIC SECTION AND EAST OF HARLEM. IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA NEAR LEIGH SCHOOL THAT IS AFFECTED, YOUR STREET MAINTENANCE DAYS ARE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.*

Where can I park my car? You may park your car on the opposite side of the street, or as you do on your street maintenance day.

Designated snow route areas Please utilize your driveways, and move all cars off the street, after two inches of snow has fallen, until the snow event is over and snow removal is completed. By moving your cars, the plows can remove the snow fall before it freezes, which will eliminate any boulders being thrown back onto driveway aprons on street maintenance days.

As a reminder, once the two inch threshold has been reached, the Village immediately activates the snow route hotline (708-583-5775), our website, GovDelivery and our social media pages. You can find the maps for the two snow route areas, as well as any updated information on our home page, under the tab "Snow Route Maps & Information."



State Roads Public Works Snow Command is not responsible for plowing the following roads: Cumberland Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Harlem Avenue and Irving Park Road. This removal is completed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Snow Plowing Alleys As a convenience to our residents, the snowplows will make one pass down the center of the alley in the Village once snow removal of the streets is completed.

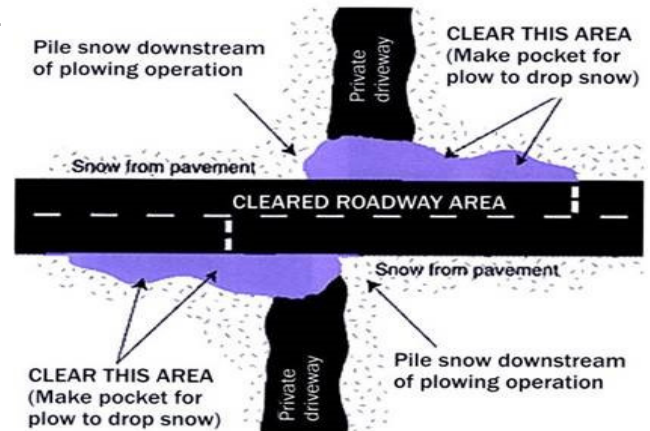
Property Maintenance List If you are interested in having your name added to our 2023-2024 Property Maintenance list, or if you would like to receive a copy of the list, please contact Kathy Gaseor at 708-453-0800 or at kgaseor@villageofnorridge.com. You may also obtain a list on our website at www.villageofnorridge.com, or on our Facebook page. All financial arrangements are made between the parties.



PLEASE NOTE: The list is subject to change. For the most current list, please check our website and Facebook page.

Snow on your apron and driveway An unavoidable, and unfortunate, consequence of municipal snow removal operations is when snow from the street ends up at the end of your apron or driveway. We understand the frustration this may cause. Here are some tips and reminders to help avoid headaches and backaches.

- Clear about 10 feet of snow from the right side of your driveway (as you are facing it).
- Pile the snow to the left of your driveway-downstream of plowing operations.
- Remember, shoveling or blowing snow from your driveway onto the street is prohibited, and can also create hazardous conditions for drivers.
- If you hire a snow removal service for sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, please make sure to talk with your contractor to ensure that snow is placed on private property and not on the right of way.



Mass Notification System With an aging infrastructure and the fluctuation of winter temperatures, water breaks will occur. A water break can happen at anytime, and requires the Public Works crew to shut off the water service in the area affected by the break until the repair is complete.

The Village of Norridge successfully launched a mass notification system in October of 2006. The Village uses this notification service to disseminate crucial information to our residential and business population. Notifications can be used for a myriad of situations such as a road closures, weather and other emergency situations. It is also the #1 method of notifying residents that their water service will be turned off due to a water break. The system has the ability to reach thousands of people in a matter of minutes. If you have not yet done so, we strongly encourage you to register your phone number and email address. Rest assured that your personal information will not be shared with anyone. Register by calling 708-583-5783, on our website at www.villageofnorridge.com, or by calling the Village Hall at 708-453-0800. It is also important to notify us if you change your phone number, or email address.



Please note: Water break mass communication calls are sent between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. If the crew needs to turn the water off during the middle of the night, no call is sent.

In a World Where You Can Be Anything - Be Kind It really isn't that hard. Though this quote pertains to so much more than snow removal, we can all remember a time when neighbors would be out in droves helping each other to clear the sidewalks and driveways of snow. Listed below are a few reminders of ways to be kind when the snow falls:

- Clear the sidewalks adjacent to your property of snow as soon as possible. Landlords are responsible for keeping sidewalks, parking lots and all common areas, including open stairwells, free from hazardous conditions at all times.

- When clearing the snow from your property, please do not blow it back into the street. Doing so can create hazardous conditions for cars. If you hire a snow removal service, please make sure they place all snow on private property and not on the right of way.



- The #1 complaint to the Village Hall is frustrated residents who have moved their car, cleared the snow from their apron or driveway, and then snow from the neighbor who didn't move their car is deposited back onto their clean driveway. Be a good neighbor and aid with snow removal by following the Village's snow routes and move your car. It will also save you from receiving a ticket.

- Residents are encouraged to help the Norwood Park Fire Department by shoveling out the fire hydrants. Shoveling a three-foot perimeter around a hydrant, and a path to the hydrant from the street, will allow quick access in the event of an emergency.

- Be a good neighbor by snow blowing, or shoveling your neighbors driveway and sidewalk. They may surprise you and clear your snow the next time. Check on your elderly or homebound neighbor.

- Thank a snow plow driver. They are working diligently to ensure that our streets are cleared, curb to curb of snow for our community, only to go home and have to shovel their own sidewalk and driveway.

Working together as neighbors and as a community, will help make our roads and sidewalks safe for all, and you may even have a little fun doing so.

When the snow melts As you remember, in recent years, our area was hit with back to back snow storms resulting in a significant amount of snow in a short period of time. This was followed up with warm temperatures and a quick thaw. Regardless of a rapid thaw or not, once the snow starts to melt, here are some tips to avoid snow melt flooding:

- Make sure that gutters and down spouts are free from snow and ice.

- If you have a sump pump, make sure it is working properly and that you have a back-up in place.

- Clear a path through the snow for water to drain to the street as the snow melts. Water will find the path of least resistance; providing an easy route for the water to run away from your home will help keep it from entering your home.

- Remove snow around your foundation walls, ideally about three feet.

- Consider clearing snow off your roof. Stores sell snow rakes, however, if you are not skilled in this area, please consult with an expert or hire a professional so that you don't damage your roof or get injured.

- Clear snow, ice or any debris from storm drains or catch basins.

Early Voting for the March 19, 2024 Presidential Primary Election will take place at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott Avenue during the following dates and times:

Monday, March 4th - Friday, March 8th and
Monday, March 10th - Friday, March 17th
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 9th & March 16th
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
(Village staff available only until 12 P.M.)

Sunday, March 10th & March 17th
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Monday, March 18th
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Early voting at this location is for registered Suburban Cook County voters only. For more information, please visit the Cook County Clerk's Office at <https://www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov>

Key Dates for the Upcoming Presidential Primary Election

03/03/24 Last Day to Register to Vote by Online Application

03/14/24 Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot

03/19/24 Last Day Mail Ballots can be postmarked

From the Building Department Beware of Overpricing: Smart Hiring for Home Projects

Stay Informed, Stay Safe: Before you commit to a contractor for your home improvement projects, it's crucial to do your homework. Avoid the pitfalls of overpriced or substandard work by following these simple guidelines:

1. **Get Multiple Quotes:** Always seek estimates from at least three different contractors to compare prices and services.
2. **Check Credentials:** Verify that the contractor is licensed and insured. This protects you and your property.
3. **Review Past Work:** Ask for references and review previous projects completed by the contractor. This will give you an idea of their work quality and reliability.
4. **Balance Cost and Quality:** Don't just opt for the lowest bid. Consider the balance between cost and the quality of work.
5. **Read the Fine Print:** Understand the contract details before signing. Look out for hidden fees or clauses that could inflate the cost.

Need Guidance? If you're unsure or have questions about the permitted work process, don't hesitate to contact the Village of Norridge Building Department for advice and guidance. They can provide you with additional resources and information to make an informed decision.

Contact the Building Department:

•Phone: (708) 453-0311

•Email: buildingdepartment@villageofnorridge.com

•Website: <https://www.villageofnorridge.com/departments/building-health-departments>

Remember: Protecting your home starts with making informed decisions. Choose your contractor wisely to ensure quality work without overpaying.

And the winners are ...At the January 24, 2024 Village Board meeting, the winners of the 2023 Holiday House Decorating Contest were honored. Seven volunteer judges individually scored the applicants on creativity, originality and arrangement. Awards were given for first, second and third place. Judge's Choice Awards were chosen by two different volunteer judges who drove through the Village looking for their "choice" based on their own critique. Below are pictures of the winning houses. A very special thank you to all who entered.



First Place - Santiago Family
7035 W. Agatite



Second Place - Hidalgo Family
4352 N. Osceola



Third Place - Banna Family
7948 W. Executive



Judge's Choice - Nano Family
4023 N. Oriole



Judge's Choice - Milio Family
8145 Charmaine

Calendar of Events The Village of Norridge's Special Events Committee is currently working on the Village's 2024 Community Events Calendar. Some of the events to watch for are:

- April 20, 2024 - Community Kindness Day
- May 26, 2024 - Memorial Day Ceremony
- June 1, 2024 - Car Show/Touch-a-Truck (Rain Date June 8th)
- June 14, 2024 - Flag Retirement Ceremony
- August 6, 2024 - National Night Out

- October 5, 2024 - Recycling Event
- October 2024 - Halloween House Decorating Contest
- November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day Observance
- November 30, 2024 - Tree Lighting Event
- December 21, 2024 - Santa Send Off
- December 2024 - Holiday House Decorating Contest

In addition, Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor, as well as Coffee with a Cop dates are being determined. Please watch our newsletter, Facebook and Instagram pages, and website for more information as these events approach.

Spring Ahead A sure sign of Spring is that daylight savings begins at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 10th. Please turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour. Also, remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

