

# NORTHLAKE TEXAS

# Navigator

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## A Message From Police Chief Robert Crawford

Criminal activity seems to spike higher in the warmer months and the Northlake Police Department is encouraging residents to help curb the crime by locking your vehicle doors at night and removing all items of value. We have already experienced an increase in motor vehicles being rummaged through and items taken, such as firearms. When a firearm is taken, it is often used in other crimes. Be a responsible gun owner and secure your firearm.

Approximately 80 percent of all vehicle thefts are from unlocked vehicles. The other 20 percent is from shattered windows where property was left in plain view. We are asking that you do your part by locking your doors and securing your valuables. Help us make your community safer. Curb the crime – lock your doors, hide and secure your valuables, take your keys and firearms inside and report suspicious activity immediately. ▸

## Summer Water Consumption

Summer is here and temperatures are quickly climbing. With the warmer weather, it's crucial to be aware of water consumption inside and outside your

home to conserve water and save money on your water bill. According to the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, more than 50 percent of all landscape water is wasted due to overwatering, inefficient watering practices and broken or poorly maintained irrigation systems.

Upper Trinity urges to water lawn and outdoor plants twice a week, using the cycle method, and to water trees with drip irrigation. Choosing native plants, or plant life adapted for the Texas climate, for your landscaping and only watering between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. can help tremendously in saving water.



Watering for 30 minutes is equivalent to taking a four-hour shower. So, inspect your sprinkler system often to make sure there are no leaks, and it is functioning properly.

Not sure how much water your yard needs? Check out [WaterMyYard.org](http://WaterMyYard.org) for weekly water recommendations.

Additionally, the Town has partnered with Upper Trinity to offer free in-person sprinkler evaluations through M&M Irrigation. Click [here](#) to signup. ▸

## Road Construction Update

You've probably noticed, but the traffic signal on FM 407 and Cleveland Gibbs has been hung and we are just waiting for TxDOT to begin operation of the light. After it is turned on, the traffic light will run as a flashing light (red for traveling on Cleveland Gibbs and yellow for traveling on 407) for two weeks before beginning its full cycle. As a reminder, cars traveling straight through the intersection have the right of way over a left turning vehicle, no matter how long the left turning car has been waiting.



The construction on Old Justin Road is progressing to improve mobility, mitigate flood risk and replace the existing culvert with a properly sized and aligned one. The project is on track to be completed in September of this year.

The construction to fix the foundation failure on Dale Earnhardt Way should be completed in August. After completion,

## Northlake Commons Businesses Update

### Now Open:

Northlake Town Hall & Police Department ■ Family Healthcare Associates ■ Northlake Family Eyecare ■ Northlake Dentistry ■ Northlake Pet Hospital ■ La Vie Nails & Spa ■ Argyle Med Spa & Wellness Center ■ Northlake ATA Martial Arts ■ Lamar Bank ■ Papa John's

### Coming Soon

Wow Donuts ■ Bella Italia Bistro ■ Ridder Orthodontics ■ It's a Paw Thang ■ Orthopedic Associates ■ Amari's Home Goods ■ PostNet ■ Kay Braswell Insurance ■ Northlake Color Lab ■ Riata Therapy Specialists ■ Pharmacy Plus

the Town will move to Eagleton Lane/Uplands Drive in Canyon Falls to fix a similar issue. Northlake is improving these assets to extend their long-term use. ▽

### Shade Structure Legislation

The Town Council approved a unanimous Unified Development Code Amendment relating to shade structures (i.e. pergolas, patio covers, etc.) earlier in the month. Open air shade structures can now be erected within five feet of a common property line. ▽

### Fireworks

With the 4th of July coming up, we would like to remind residents that fireworks are only allowed on July 4th and December 31st from 6 p.m. to 11:59



p.m. All debris must be picked up by the property owner by 12 p.m. the next day. A fine of up to \$2,000 for each offense can be imposed if guilty of violating these provisions.

### Hazardous and Bulk Waste Pickup

With the Town's renewed contract with Waste Connections comes Hazardous and Bulk Waste Pickup. Used motor oil and used cooking oil, batteries of all kinds, paint of all kinds, household cleaners, light bulbs of all kinds, household cleaners, aerosol cans, automotive fluids and fuels, lawn and garden items (fertilizer, pesticides, weed killer, etc.), pool chemicals and additives,

varnishes, strippers, turpentine and stains and glues and epoxies can be picked up by HHW Solutions after making an appointment for pickup through the Waste Connections app ([Apple](#), [Android](#)) or by visiting [HHWSolutions.com](#). Chemicals must be in their original labeled containers (not applicable to used motor oil and cooking oil). All items must have spill-proof lids. Collect oil in a container with a screw-top lid. All items must have easily read labels. An appointment is not needed for bulk/bundle waste pickup, but the item(s) must be placed curbside no later than 7:00 a.m., be reasonably contained (i.e. lashing tree trimming bundles together), not exceed a total of three cubic yards (this is about the same space as filling the bed of a full sized pick-up three times) and not have a single item that weighs over 50 lbs. Appliances smaller than three cubic feet in size will be accepted, but items containing

refrigerant must have certified writing from a professional stating refrigerants have been removed. Waste related to construction/demolition will NOT be accepted. ▽

### Grass Clippings and Yard Waste

Here in Northlake, we are part of the Grapevine Lake and Lewisville Lake Watershed. This means that rainwater eventually ends up in either body of water and then is taken to a water treatment plant to be processed for consumption. Improper disposal of possibly harmful substances (i.e. household wastes like grease, oil, lawn clippings, pet waste, etc.) hinders this process and damages the watershed. To protect our watershed, please collect your yard waste and dispose of it properly. ▽

### Trash and Recycling Services

Beginning in May 2021, the Town of Northlake will take over billing from Waste Connections for trash and recycling services. Billing statements will be included in monthly residential water bills and will reflect charges for trash, recycling, water and sewer. Additionally, monthly rates for garbage and recycling services went down from \$16.23 to \$15.26.

Statements for utility services will be distributed between the 26 and 28 of each month and are due on the 15 of the following month. If the 15 of the month falls on a weekend or holiday, payment is due the following business day.

All billing-related questions (e.g., how much your statement will be, how to make a payment, when is payment due, etc.) can be directed towards the Town via email ([utilitybilling@town.northlake.tx.us](mailto:utilitybilling@town.northlake.tx.us)) or by phone (940-648-3290).

All service-related questions (e.g., to upgrade from a 65 to 95 gallon bin, what items are accepted for pickup, when bulk pickup is, missed pickup, etc.) and scheduling Hazardous Waste pickup can be directed towards Waste Connections via phone (817-222-2221) or their website (<https://www.wasteconnections.com/justin/contact-us>). ▽

