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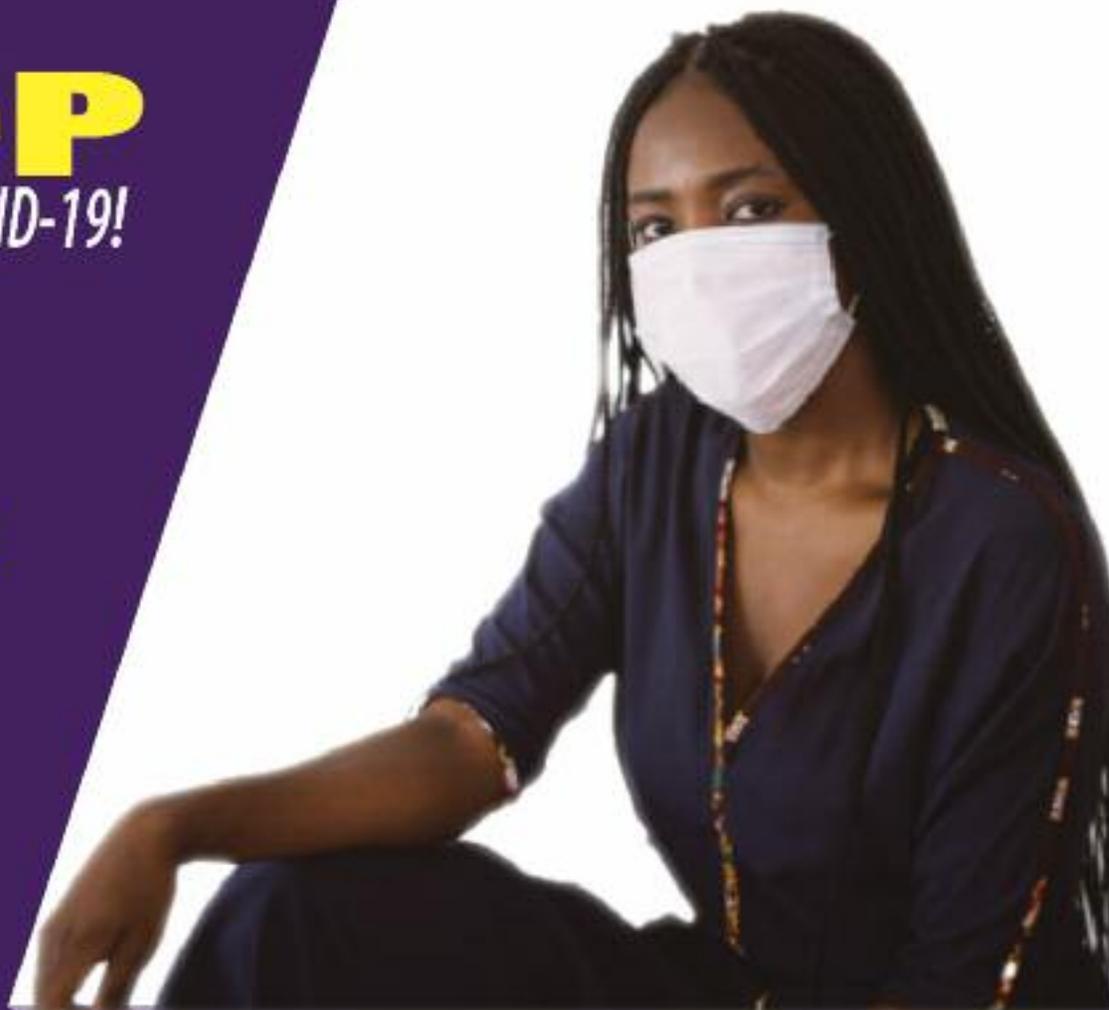
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THE E. REED REPORT

2021

The Year of Hope

In the 70's there was a delightful commercial that came out which said that Ala-seltzer spelt Relief. I remember another ad campaign for the same heart-burn medicine that said "plop plop fizz fizz oh what a relief it is." Ala-Seltzer became the go to medicine what whatever it is that ails if you had a sour stomach. They even made a version of the medicine for cold and flu symptoms. Fast forwarding 50 years, 2020 brought us a plethora of ailments that Ala-Seltzer can't fix. 2020 for many in many ways was the Evil year from Hell. It was the year of the Pandemic. It was the year of Race Riots in the Streets. It was the Year of Trump. It was the year of death and betrayal. Some say it was the real life version of the Purge. This purge killed nearly 2 million lives worldwide and about 350,000 people in the United States of America and this is no joke, movie, or imagined thing. This travesty happened right before our very eyes and in real time.

Here are the top stories that impacted our world in 2020. Some of them are local and some of them are national yet had enormous local impact and so are listed here.

1) The Covid-19 Pandemic eased it's way into our lives and killed nearly two million people world

wide and about 350,000 US citizens. There is no war in recent history that has had such a high casualty.

2) The Black Lives Matter movement sparked in part by the death of Floyd George whom we saw die under the knee of a White Police officer in a snuff-like film shown repeatedly over the national media.

3) The associated Black Homicides that continued to fuel the movement such as Breonna Taylor(26), Sandra Bland (25), Ahmaud Arbery(25), Rayshard Brooks(27), Daniel Prude(41), Atatiana Jefferson (28), Aura Rosser(40), Stephon Clark (22), Botham Jean (26), Philando Castille (32), Alton Sterling (37), Michelle Cusseaux (50), Freddie Gray(25), Janisha Fonville (20), and locally Marcellis Stinnette (18). Not all of these died in 2020.

4) The non-Covid-19 related deaths that shattered our world such as Chadwick Boseman, John Thompson, Kobe Bryant, John Lewis, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Charlie Pride, David Dinkins (New York's First Black Mayor), Betty Wright, Gale Sayers, Lou Brock, Little Richard, Earl G. Graves, Sr., Bill Withers, Rev. Joseph Echols Lowery, Fred "Curly" Neal (Harlem Globetrotter), JaNet Dubois (Good Times), Bobby Brown, Jr., Sadie Watts, Alderman Ernest Fischer, Sherese Tisby, Rev. Arthur Gass, and many of our friends and family.

5) Biden Defeats Trump was the much awaited "waiting to exhale moment" that ended what some are calling the most childish, racist, and narcissistic reign of a US Presidency in history, even though more than 70 million people voted for him.

6) Kamalal Harris became the first African American Female Vice President Elect.

7) Evelyn Alexander was named Mother of the Year, by The Peoples Voice Newspaper

8) Noted Grammy Award Winner, Hezekiah Walker headlined the College of Lake County Annual Salute to Gospel Music.

9) Recreational Marijuana was approved in Illinois and Michigan as well as 9 other states.

10) Voting by Mail was introduced on a wide-scale basis across the country.

11) State Senator Terry Link resigned from office after pleading guilty to tax fraud.

12) Adriane Johnson was appointed to re-place Terry Link as State Senator for the 30th Distrit.

13) The Top Five Pageants Miss Teen USA, Miss America, Miss USA, Miss Universe and Miss World were won by Black Women.

14) A street in Waukegan was named after the Late Mary Lacey.

15) Judge Reginald Mathews was appointed to the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Illinois as a judge.

16) Carolyn Jean Pope retired from the floral business and moved to Atlanta.

17) Robert and Debbie Richards were named the 2020 Most Influential African Americans of Lake County and the noted community icon, Real Estate Broker Debbie Richards celebrated her 70th Birthday with friends and family in early December.

And there you have it, a recap of some of the most interesting stories that unfolded during 2020. Some of them good, some bad, all a part of life. There is an old African Proverb that says, "One does not cross a river without getting wet". The old folks usta say, "You got to go through something to get to something". In other words, while this year was a year of despair, the other side of 2020 is 2021. It is a year of hope.

We are slowing moving though the worst pandemic in modern history, but we are going to get through it. We have suffered the pain of losing friends and relatives, but with mourning and time, we will get past this too.

We have uncovered the ugly veil of racism in some, but not all of its evil forms. And the world is seeing a side that only Black people have seen for years. But what is on the other side? It is hope. That is what it is.

I end this with an excerpt from a poem by Annie Johnson Flint, a poem that my mother had memorized and shared with us often. I can still hear her recite it.

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*God hath not promised that we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe:
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, Many a care.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way;
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, and undying Love.*

There in lives comfort for the future.
Happy New Year. Peace.

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But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matthew 6:33

Shop With A Cop



The North Chicago Police Department held their annual Shop with a Cop program during the week of December 12, but this year was a little different. Because of COVID, this year's activities were split into two weekends. Officers shopped for approximately 45 families one weekend and gave out the toys and gifts the following weekend on a drive-thru basis at

Forrestal Elementary School.

Organized by Detective Harold Rollins, the Great Lakes Police, College of Lake County Police and numerous volunteers worked together to make the event a huge success

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Rotary Club Helps 1,000 Homeless Youth



The Rotary Club of North Chicago completed its 1st Holiday Stocking & Coat Drive for Fill A Heart 4 Kids just in time for the Holidays. The fundraiser was a huge success that helped to bring warm coats and loving holiday cheer to over 1,000 local foster and homeless youth.

Two neighboring clubs pictured here Waukegan Rotary Club and the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club collaborated helping to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Several Lake County community members and partners chimed in to purchase gift cards, toiletries, warm blankets and Coats purchased from Operation Warmth.

The Rotary Club of North Chicago is 83 years old, has 29 members, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at noon via Zoom. To learn more about becoming a member of Rotary Club go to: <http://northchicagorotary.org> or Check us out on Facebook: RotaryClubofNorthChicago or Email: rotarynorthchicago@gmail.com or to speak with someone please contact Angela Walker at 224-419-4777.



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Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Key Scientist in development of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) recently reported the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett has been instrumental in developing is highly effective, and will likely ship for national distribution to millions of Americans this weekend.

According to abcnews.go.com, when Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert and a leader during the coronavirus pandemic, was asked a blunt question during a forum hosted last week by the National Urban League about the input of African American scientists in the vaccine process, Dr. Fauci did not hesitate when giving his answer.

"The very vaccine that's one of the two that has absolutely exquisite levels — 94 to 95% efficacy against clinical disease and almost 100% efficacy

against serious disease that are shown to be clearly safe — that vaccine was actually developed in my institute's vaccine research center by a team of scientists led by Dr. Barney Graham and his close colleague, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, or Kizzy Corbett," Fauci told the forum. "Kizzy is an African American scientist who is right at the forefront of the development of the vaccine."

Corbett is an expert on the front lines of the global race for a SARS-

CoV-2 vaccine, and someone who will go down in history as one of the key players in developing the science that could end the pandemic.

She is one of the National Institutes of Health's leading scientists behind the government's search for a vaccine. Corbett is part of a team at NIH that worked with Moderna, the pharmaceutical company that developed one of the two mRNA vaccines that has shown to be more than 90% effective.

Even before Corbett took on one of the most challenging tasks of her professional career, she was a force to be reckoned with. As a student, she was selected to participate in Project SEED, a program for gifted minority students that allowed her to study chemistry in labs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and eventually landed a full ride to the University of Maryland Baltimore County, according to The Washington Post.

Corbett spent her summers at laboratories and earned a summer internship at the NIH, the very place where she would be instrumental in developing a vaccine for the coronavirus.

After graduating, Corbett enrolled in a doctorate program at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she worked as a research assistant studying virus infections and eventually received a PhD in microbiology and immunology, according to her LinkedIn page.

Her work with such pathogens began when she joined the NIH's Vaccine Research Center as a postdoctoral fellow in 2014.

-Curated by Black Good News



Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett

Grandparents and Kins Raising Grandchildren Essay Contest

Editor's Note: The Grandparents and Kins Raising Grandchildren organization held an essay contest for participating families and children. The first prize winner was an essay by Keith Hayward

The Coronavirus Pandemic has affected children all around the world. Some have benefited from Remote Learning, some haven't. Either way, the question is still out there: when will children go back to in person learning?

There are many students who are happy to be able to learn at home. But there are some students who are sad that they can't be at school with their friends and teachers. For some students, school is safer than being at home. For others, home is safer than school. But a student's safety is a priority.

The novel Coronavirus has spread throughout the country



like wildfire. As of 9/26/20, Illinois reported 2,441 new COVID-19 cases. At this time, it just isn't safe for students and teachers to go back to in person learning. It looks like students won't be going to their school buildings any time soon.

During Remote Learning, I have thrived. There aren't as many distractions at home than at school. Plus, I have an advantage: My siblings are on Remote Learning too and my mom is an educator also working at home available to help me! I made High Honor Roll in my previous school year and I'm going to do it again!

In conclusion, students and families may disagree with our school districts' decision, but at this time, it is not safe for school districts to open.

-Keith Hayward



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News Digest

Hillary's Restaurant Burns on Christmas Eve

The historic Hillary's Barbeque Restaurant in Waukegan catch fire and burned beyond use on Christmas Eve, 2020. Sources close to restaurant employees report that no one was in the restaurant or harmed by the fire. It is also reported that the fire was a grease pit fire that had gotten out of control. Hillary's Restaurant has been a staple in the community for more than 30 years and is one of a few African American restaurant businesses in Lake County.



Schneider Statement on Coronavirus Relief Bill

DEERFIELD, IL — Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) issued the following statement after the President signed the bipartisan coronavirus relief bill:

"I am grateful the President has finally decided to sign the bipartisan Covid relief package. It's an essential compromise bill that, though short of what's ultimately needed, provides a down payment on the fight to defeat the virus, provide support for struggling Americans, and move our economy towards recovery and renewal.

"Because of Senate intransigence, the compromise bill falls short in many aspects — the direct payment checks will only be \$600 and it fails entirely to address state and local budgets that are struggling to employ our first responders and those on the front line of the fight against this virus. I look forward to addressing these concerns in upcoming legislation, and I hope that my Republican colleagues will join me tomorrow in voting to increase the check size to \$2,000.

"I also know that the incoming Biden Administration will address this pandemic with the seriousness it deserves and help provide the further relief we need. I see hope that Congress has now showed it is able to work together to provide Americans the assistance they need, and to up the fight to end the pandemic. Let's put politics aside and start to heal our nation.



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The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

January 2021

A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

Year End Impact Statement

Mary Lockhart-White - Executive Director



Community Action Partnership of Lake County would like to thank our Community and Corporate Partners for their support during 2020.

During this COVID-19 global pandemic and economic crisis, Community Action Partnership Board and Staff will continue to provide critical resources to help individuals and families in Lake County successfully navigate through this crisis.

Our agency has focused on funding sources and partnerships that have helped us meet our objective to connect and support individuals and families suffering from COVID-19 related loss of income and those most vulnerable to food insecurity. COVID-19 has led to homelessness, domestic abuse, seniors and quarantined families sheltering in place. Utilizing these funding

sources and increasing community partnerships, we have provided:

- 1) Short-term rental assistance for families suffering from COVID-19 related income loss
- 2) Support continuation of hot food delivery program for families experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse
- 3) Emergency Assistance Program that provides short-term rental, mortgage and/or utility assistance for families suffering from COVID-19 related income loss, to keep families in their homes and prevent homelessness
- 4) Low-income seniors, homeless and indi-

viduals/families sheltering in place with food resources, distributing perishable prepared meals

As we move into a new year, please consider donating to our hot meal program. We would like to continue our support to PADS and a SAFE PLACE by providing a nutritional hot meal. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

For additional information, call Mary Lockhart White at 847-878-7158.

Community Action is committed to "Helping People and Changing Lives".

We are ALL in this together.

As of December 2020, families who have benefited from our services this program year:

<p>32,043</p> <p>Number of homeless sheltered individuals were delivered hot meals since March 2020</p> 	<p>1,244</p> <p>Number of households served through food pantry assistance</p> 	<p>2,518</p> <p>Number of meals provided to family members through food pantry assistance</p> 	<p>751</p> <p>Number of boxes provided to families during food give-away</p> 
<p>102</p> <p>Number of families served through CSBG rent and mortgage assistance; Number applied 198</p> 	<p>553</p> <p>Number of checks received by landlords & Number of families served through COVID Housing Relief Program 399</p> 	<p>33</p> <p>Number of families served by temporary shelter assistance; Number applied 38</p> 	<p>4,649</p> <p>Number families applied for utility assistance; Number of calls 17,497</p> 

Santa Claus Came To Town



The Mayor of the City of North Chicago held a first ever North Chicago Santa Parade on Dec. 19th the week before Christmas. The parade started at 11 a.m. and wrapped up shortly after 4 p.m. Santa (Mayor Rockingham) spent over five hours passing through every ward of the city, making 12 stops along the way, passing out candy canes, taking pictures and spreading cheer!

It was a hit for young and old. Organizers say that it went to well, that it is likely to become an annual event in North Chicago.



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Saturday, — 7:00 PM
Saturday

Food For Body & Soul (Soup Kitchen)
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These little geniuses have some of the highest IQs ever in the world



Black Geniuses

Ramarni Wilfred, a British teenager, has an IQ score higher than Einstein's, Hawking's, and even Bill Gates'. Ramarni achieved a 162 on his intelligence quotient test.

The 16-year-old east London schoolboy is one of the 50 world smartest teens and was only 10 years old when he wrote a paper on the philosophy of fairness, and his unusually high essay score qualified him to take an IQ test at Birkbeck University.

At just four years old, New Orleans native Anala Beevers possessed an IQ over 145. By 10 months old she could identify and point to each letter of the Alphabet. Reportedly by 18 months, Anala was reciting numbers in both Spanish and English and by her fifth birthday she could recite the name of every North American state on the map, as well as every capital.

Four-year-old schoolgirl, Alannah George is UK's second youngest Mensa member with an IQ score of 140. She is obsessed with words and numbers and taught herself how to read before even starting school.

George prefers reciting the alphabet and times tables than singing nursery rhymes.

- Black Dollar Network

My Friends Are Little Lamps to Me



My friends are little lamps to me,
Their radiance warms and cheers my ways.
And all my pathway dark and lone
Is brightened by their rays.

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And never let them dim with doubt,
For every time I lose a friend
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by Elizabeth Whittemore: as published in "Harper's Magazine"

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The Ten Wealthiest Blacks In The World

Recently, Forbes released a list of 2020 billionaires, which ranked mega-rich by their net worth. While we can only dream of such wealth, playing online games, or wishing for success on the lottery, these people have succeeded through grit, hard work, and vision. 2020 has obviously been one of those years when people's fortunes have dropped or skyrocketed. While there are over 2000 billionaires on the list, we represent the top 10 Black billionaires who made this list from all around the world.

Aliko Dangote: With a net worth of \$8.3 billion, Aliko comes in at the top of the list of Black billionaires. He is number 162 on the list as a whole and while he may be the world's richest Black man, he is not the richest African on the list. Dangote made his fortune as a cement and sugar manufacturer, based in Nigeria. He is the Founder and current CEO of the continent's largest cement producer. The founder still owns 85% of this publicly-traded company, and this is the reason for this substantial wealth.

Mike Adenuga: At number two in the list of Black billionaires, Adenuga enjoys a healthy net worth of \$5.6 billion. He ranks at number 286 on the list of richest people and it is a wealth gained from his endeavors in oil and telecoms. He clearly has an eye for the sectors that rule the world. Arguably, connectivity now has similar kudos as oil did back in the late 1990s. His mobile communication company, Globacom, has more than 50 million subscribers. It is easy to see why he enjoys such great wealth.

Robert F Smith: The first Black billionaire from the US, Smith comes at number 330 on the list of the world's richest people. Smith was the founder of Vista Equity Partners. Getting into savvy investments is a sure way to grow your wealth. If you want to take your lead from a man with over \$50 billion in assets, then you too should specialize in investments in software companies. You might want to find the next gold rush by keeping an eye on Vista Equity because they could give you a headstart, as Forbes rates them as the greatest private equity firms out there.

David Steward: You will start to see a trend emerge amongst these billionaires. The route to your fortune is likely to be in technology. Steward is the chairman and co-founder of World Wide Technology and it has made him a cool \$3.5 billion. He is an impressive 535th on the list of richest people. This is even more amazing when you consider he once saw his car being repossessed. A great symbol

of resilience and self-belief.

Abdulsamad Rabiou: Rabiou is worth \$2.9 billion and ranks 712 in the world of richest people. Based in northern Nigeria, the Obu Cement and Cement Co. have earned the man his fortune. It was a merging of two massive cement companies that crowned his place in the rich-list. At the age of 59, he is a mogul who owns the BUA Group – which also trades in sugar and real estate.

Oprah Winfrey: Oprah is well known on the planet. She is a media guru and presenter and the richest black woman in the world. She is placed at 836 on the list of richest people with a net worth of over \$2.5 billion. Her connection to Apple TV is likely to only increase this wealth. While her talk show made her wealthy, it is the investments she made with this money that made her super-rich.

Michael Jordan: The first Black sportsman appears on our list – and is 1001 in the richest people in the world. He is also the only Black sportsman to appear on the list. He has a net worth of \$2.1 billion. While some of this wealth came from the basketball court, in truth most was made from his corporate partnerships. He used his savvy to connect himself with successful operations who wanted a chance to use his name in return.

Michael Lee-Chin: A native of Jamaica, Lee-Chin is ranked at number 1063 in the world. He is worth an impressive \$2 billion, based on his investments in companies. If you want some hints, he built much of his empire on his investments in the National Commercial Bank Jamaica and AIC Limited.

Isabel dos Santos: Isabel is the eldest daughter of the former president of Angola. She is worth an impressive \$1.4 billion thanks to being a stakeholder in a lot of Angolan banking and telecommunication companies. You might have noticed that connectivity and finance are trends in making money in today's world.

Patrice Motsepe: Motsepe became a billionaire in 2009 and was the first Black African to appear on this list of richest people. He is worth a massive \$1.4 billion made thanks to his company African Rainbow Minerals, a mining enterprise. - Content Curated By MG Media

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February 20, 2021
11am - 2pm

SALUTE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATORS' EVENT
"IDA B. WELLS - PERSERVERED FIGHTING THE VIRUS OF INJUSTICE"

Recognition of Educators and Scholarship recipients!

Tickets: \$50.00
For tickets or information please contact:
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GUEST SPEAKER
MICHELLE DUSTER
Author, Professor, Public Historian
(Advocate for her Great-grand mother IDA B. WELLS)



Vote for a Secure future of our City's Money!
Early Voting Start February 8th, 2021
Election Day February 23rd, 2021

Vance's Priorities:

- Start a Saving initiative
- Money Management Classes for Adults and Children
- Work to bring Economic Development through Public Private Partnerships for funding local Small Businesses
- Create a online Public database of all Financial Documents
- Annual North Chicago Treasurer Scholarship
- Work for a solution to our City's Pension crisis



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RE-ELECT LEON ROCKINGHAM, JR.

Primary Election Feb. 23, 2021

CONSISTENT PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP



Moving North Chicago Forward: Recent City Accomplishments

- ✓ **As highlighted in regional media, including Newsradio WBBM and ABC 7 television, the North Chicago Blight Busting program** has cleared dozens of vacant and abandoned properties and replaced them with new, owner-occupied homes. This program has stabilized home values and increased safety in our neighborhoods.
- ✓ **Metra Train Station Renovation** - The city is in the process of updating the exterior of the train station with planned improvements including new siding, energy efficient windows, enhanced lighting, and a new roof.
- ✓ **Economic Growth** - The city has seen nearly two years of sustained growth in equalized assessed value of property across the community. This has led to more investment in, and redevelopment of our city. Some of the recent highlights include the renovation and expansion of a prominent gas station at Green Bay Road and MLK Jr. Drive, the planning of a new, 3 acre truck stop on Route 41, and the \$40 million development of the former Marion Jones Townhouses.
- ✓ **Opening of Family Dollar Store at Lewis Avenue and Audrey Nixon Boulevard (14th Street)** - Under Mayor Rockingham's direction, the city has worked to bring new businesses and jobs to North Chicago. The Family Dollar store opened to the North Chicago community in January 2018.
- ✓ **Housing Development** - Worked with the Lake County Housing Authority on the construction of the Brookstone and Regency at Coles Park development. This project created 170 new affordable townhomes and 50 new affordable senior housing units.
- ✓ **Road Improvement** - Audrey Nixon Boulevard (14th Street) reconstruction project. This was a joint partnership with the Lake County Department of Transportation, the City of Waukegan and the City of North Chicago.
- ✓ **Improved City Water System** - Massive water main replacement and roadway re-pavement along Dickey Avenue between Argonne Drive and 24th Street. Maintaining the infrastructure of the city's water supply has been an important item for the Mayor's administration.

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM

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