



View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

September/October 2014

Village President's Report - Dale Berman



North Aurora's riverfront is looking great these days! I would like to thank all the young men and women hired through the Village's Illinois Department of Natural Resources Youth Corps Grant program. The participants cleared out a very large section of invasive vegetation along the east and west sides of the river and spillway located along the Village Hall parking lot. They did a fantastic job of removing a large amount of invasive debris which filled up the back of three village dump trucks. Everyone worked hard and cooperatively to clean-up and beautify the riverfront and I want to thank them all for their hard work and a job well done!

Another great time was had by all at our recent North Aurora Days! It is gratifying to have so many dedicated volunteers who worked diligently to ensure that North Aurora Days continues to be entertaining and fun for all our residents and visitors. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the many exciting events! This is just another example of the incredible community spirit we have in North Aurora.

Congratulations to Officer Michael Quinn who was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Quinn was hired as a patrol officer in 2006 and has been a resourceful and dependable asset to the department. Quinn is an active member of the U. S. Navy Reserve and has a distinguished military background. In his position of patrol officer, he has held numerous lateral positions such as Honor Guard, Training Officer and also Defensive Tactical Instructor. In 2011, Quinn was nominated for the North Aurora Police Officer of the year. In addition, Quinn has been awarded the Medal of Distinguished Service Award and a Lifesaving Award by the Illinois Association of Chiefs. I am confident Sergeant Quinn will continue to excel as in this new position.

Be sure to check out the North Aurora Community-wide Garage Sales that will held on September 4, 5 and 6 (Thursday through Saturday). A map of the participating residences will be available on the Village's website at www.vil.north-aurora.il.us and also at the village hall.

The Village of North Aurora has been awarded a grant from the ComEd and Openlands Green Region Grant program. The grant was awarded for the North Aurora River District Alliance's (NOARDA) project funding the interactive Water Wonders Rain Garden in Riverfront park behind the Village Hall.

North Aurora Comprehensive Plan

The Village of North Aurora is in the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will address land use, development, transportation, neighborhoods, parks and open space, the environment, community facilities, and much more. The Village seeks your input to help create a plan that addresses local issues and aspirations. Please go to the Village's website at <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/> and click on the "Comprehensive Plan Interactive Website" button on the right-hand portion of the homepage. This link will take you to a one-stop portal where you can provide input through on-line mapping tools and questionnaires, receive all updates about the planning process, and review preliminary plan recommendations.

In addition to the project website, there will be several face-to-face opportunities to provide input. The next event will be a Visioning Workshop held in early September. Please check the Village's website for the date, time and location of the workshop. The workshop will allow you to put markers to maps and describe your vision for key issues facing North Aurora, such as the role of the Fox River with regard to recreation and development, the revitalization of IL 31, new economic development along Orchard Road, residential growth and development, public safety, and much more. The best way to receive information about the planning process is to check in on the project website. Village staff will also distribute information through its email distribution list regarding the Visioning Workshop, as well as provide opportunities to review preliminary recommendations. Please contact mtoth@vil.north-aurora.il.us to be added to the email distribution list.

Public Works News and Information

Garbage Pickup - Due to the Labor Day holiday, garbage pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, September 6th (one day later). Please have trash items out by 6 a.m. as Waste Management will run extra trucks on Saturday causing regular pickup times to change.

FREE Fall Clean Up Day - The annual Fall Clean Up day has been scheduled for **Friday, September 12**. Please have items out by 6 a.m. as Waste Management will run extra trucks causing pickup times to change.

Parkway Ash Tree Removal – The Village is in the process of removing 260 infected Ash Trees, as well as anticipating the removal of an additional 300 or more infected trees this year. The Village is also working on replacements as well by planting 300 new trees this fall, and possibly more if the budget will allow.

Mailboxes - Please ensure your mailbox is in good repair and is sturdy enough to uphold the pressure of snow coming off the plow prior to our upcoming winter season.

2014 Free Leaf Pick-up Program

FREE curb-side leaf pick up will run from mid-October through late November based on the schedule below. Residents should place their leaves at the curb on the appropriate Monday for pickup during the week.



Residents living on the WEST side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: October 20, November 3 and November 17

Residents living on the EAST side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: October 27, November 10 and November 24

Leaves must be raked to the curb by **6 a.m. Monday** of the pick-up week. Leaf piles must be free of foreign materials such as branches, plants, rocks and landscape waste. Leaves should be raked in a row parallel to the street, at least 1 foot and no more than 5 feet back from the curb. Piles should be less than 2 feet in height. Leaves **MUST** be out by 6 a.m. on Monday of the pick-up week; however, please note leaves may be picked up at any time during that entire week. A daily log will be kept of streets that have been serviced and trucks will not go back down streets that have already been serviced.

To allow better access for the leaf collection equipment, please keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts. Residents are encouraged to park in driveways or garages. Snow, rain, freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or halt curbside leaf collection. For Residents who chose to bag their leaves please note Waste Management will pick up leaf filled Kraft paper bags free on Fridays during October and November. The last pick up for leaves and other landscape waste (sticker required) will be the last Friday in November, and landscape pick-up resumes in April. For any questions regarding the free Leaf pick-up, please contact the Village Hall or Waste Management at 800-796-9696.

Code Enforcement Reminders

Fall is the perfect time to take care of maintenance issues that can make a big difference for you and your home. The following are some household tasks that should be done before the cold weather sets in:

Inspect and clean all gutters and downspouts; seal gaps and cracks around all windows and doors with weather-stripping and caulk; inspect your roof for damage such as curled shingles, corroded flashing, or leaky vents; repair any damaged walkways, driveways, and steps; Trim back any trees and or bushes that hit your house or roof. Reduce the need to rake by cutting grass to a shorter length and try mowing over leaves to use for mulch; drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems; change the batteries in all smoke detectors. Please contact the Code Enforcement Department with any questions or concerns.

Police Department News and Information

The North Aurora Police Department offers many informative programs to residents, schools and businesses in North Aurora. A detailed description of all programs can be found on our website at <http://vil.north-aurora.il.us/departments/police/crime-prevention.aspx>. Below is a list of some of the programs available:

C.O.P. Bytes: C.O.P. (Community Online Patrol) BYTES Program is a monthly email newsletter that is a good resource for communication between residents and the department.

Too Good For Drugs: This school program builds essential life skills and teaches students the harmful effects of drugs, while building a strong rapport between officers and students.

Citizen Police Academy: This program, held annually, give participants an awareness of what police work is like. The program weekly for 10 weeks and is open to residents and people who work in North Aurora.

National Night Out: this event is held on the first Tuesday in August, as a way for neighbors to go outside and get involved with each other. Patrol officers stop by neighborhood gatherings as time allows.

School Fun Fairs: Each year we participate in fun fairs at each of our three elementary schools by holding a fast pitch booth, interacting with students and providing crime prevention materials to students and faculty.

Police station tours are available to school groups, scouting organizations, and other local organizations. We will provide a personalized, interactive tour of the facility and also hand out giveaways to the kids.

Halloween will be here soon (Friday, October 31). Village of North Aurora suggested Trick-or-Treat hours are 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A few safety tips to remember as kids trick-or-treat throughout our neighborhoods: children should always go in groups with adult supervision, treats should always be inspected by adults before they are eaten, caution children to always look both ways and be careful when crossing streets, (use crosswalks) and motorists please be extra careful when driving through neighborhoods. Have a safe and exciting Halloween!



Help Reduce Stormwater Pollution

In an attempt to educate the community on the potential for storm water pollution, we ask that residents be aware of the direct links between land activities and rainfall runoff that drains into storm drains and into rivers and streams. Please keep pet waste, grass clippings, leaves & debris out of street gutters; apply lawn chemicals sparingly; control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover; clean up spilled automotive fluids and don't hose the spills into the street. Please do your part to eliminate storm water pollution. For information on hazardous waste disposal and pollution prevention, please call Kane County at 630-208-5118.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone No. (630) 897-8228 website: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us
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Meeting Schedules

All Village Board, Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.), Plan Commission and Committee meetings will be held at the North Aurora Village Hall, in the Village Board Room at 25 E. State St. (unless otherwise posted) North Aurora. Agendas are available on the Village of North Aurora website at: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us

	Sept.	Oct.
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm)	- 15	6 20
Plan/Zoning Commission (7:00 pm)	2	7

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures
 Labor Day Holiday - Monday Sept. 1, 2014