



View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

January / February 2015

Village President's Report - *Dale Berman*

The Village of North Aurora's Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is now available. The Village finished the year "in the black" and maintained the Village's strong financial position. A copy of the report is available at the Village Hall or residents may go to the Village's website and click on the Finance Department page to view a copy. Any questions about the report can be directed to Bill Hannah, Finance Director at 630-897-8228 ext. 225.



Over the past few months, the Village undertook the somewhat challenging but necessary "Rear Yard Water Main Relocation Project". The undertaking of this project was deemed necessary after several leaks were repaired on these rear yard water mains over the years, with the most recent repair made in August, 2013.

Staff started discussions in September, 2013, concerning our options on how to accomplish such a task and how it might be funded. Since the existing water main which serviced the homes on Roberts St., So. Grace St. and So. Adams was in the rear yards and the service lines entered each home in the rear, this was going to be a challenge. A normal water main replacement project would replace water main which is already in the Village right-of-way, between the street and sidewalk. Once the water main replacement is complete, new water services are connected to the existing service which is generally located in the front yards.

Thirty-seven (37) homes would be affected in the area of Roberts, So. Grace, So. Adams, West State and John St., along with a few commercial services on John St. This project would entail obtaining a "temporary construction easement" from each property owner, to allow for access on their property to make the necessary connections. Fences, mature trees, landscaping, decks, patios, garages and sheds were many of the "hurdles" we faced in our attempt to connect to existing rear yard service lines.

The Village allotted funding for this project in the 2014/2015 annual budget, along with applying for a Kane County Community Development grant which was received and will cover approximately 30% of the project cost. After a year of planning and preparation, project construction began in mid-October 2014, and is scheduled for final completion and restoration

Ash tree removal and replacements on parkways have been moving along at a good pace. The Village has removed 450 infected Ash trees in 2014 and will be removing approximately 600 more by March of 2015. The Village has also replaced 300 of those parkway trees this year and anticipates replacing approximately 800 more in spring 2015. in the spring.

Senior Services Associates Inc. is a non-profit agency serving Seniors in Kane County. This agency serves over 28,000 seniors, their families and caregivers annually. They are available to help provide answers to your questions and to ensure that you and/or your loved ones live the best quality of life possible. A caring and trained staff is available to provide a wealth of information and various services to assist Seniors. Some of their services include caregiver assistance, recreation, emergency services, health education, elder abuse intervention, home repairs, and more. The office for Kane County is located at 900 Lake Street, Aurora IL 60506. 24-hour emergency phone is 800-942-1724, office phone is 630-897-4035. Call or visit their website at www.seniorservicesassoc.org for more information.



Public Works News and Information

Waste Management Garbage Pick-up: Trash pick-up will not be affected by Presidents Day and will be picked up on Friday (February 20) as usual. **Christmas Trees** will be collected until the end of January FREE of charge. Christmas trees must be free of all decorations and cannot be in plastic bags. **Trees over 6’ will need to be cut in half.** Trees left for pick-up after the free collection period, will require a sticker that is visibly affixed to be collected

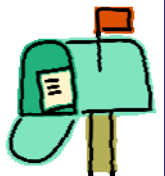
Snow Removal: Public Works will begin plowing streets when snow accumulates to 2 inches. Public Works crews will begin spreading salt on all Village streets when icing conditions exist, as well as reapplying after all streets have been plowed. Snow Plowing is based on street usage and levels of traffic for both the east and west sides of the village. Priority Streets are plowed and salted first, followed by secondary streets, and then cul-de-sacs, alleys and dead-ends will be cleared last. The following are priority streets in the village:

- * East Side – Banbury, Dee, Mitchell, Oak Crest, Pine Creek, Sharon, Long, Hartsfield, and Wingfoot.
- * West Side – Oak, Randall, Orchard Gate Way, Airport, Sycamore, Timber Oaks, Acorn, Juniper, White Oak, Western, Harmony, Meade, Bauer, Bennett

Residents are reminded of Village Ordinances pertaining to snow removal. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle or if already parked, to allow a motor vehicle to remain parked or standing in a public street or alley during or after a 2 inch snowfall, until streets have been plowed and cleared. It is also illegal to push, pile, or dump snow into Village streets. Ordinance violations result in fines up to \$750.

Fire Hydrants: When possible, please help the North Aurora Fire Department by clearing snow from around fire hydrants near your property. This will allow firefighters quick access in the event of a fire.

Mailboxes: The Village would like to remind residents that they are responsible for the maintenance and proper installation of their mailbox and post. Residents should ensure that the post and mailbox is sturdy and can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the snow plow. Village contractors and crews do their best to avoid hitting mailboxes, however, due to poor visibility, a mailbox or post may accidentally be damaged by the snow plow. If damage is done by a snow plow, residents should call the Village of North Aurora as soon as possible so that the Village can assess the damage and provide and install a standard metal mailbox and/or a treated post if the damage warrants. The Village will only make physical repairs to a mailbox or post that has been hit directly by a snowplow blade or some portion of the plow truck and will not be liable for mailboxes damaged by the force of the snow that comes off the plow. If there is no evidence that the mailbox/post was hit by a plow, then the Village will inform the resident that any repair of the mailbox and/or post will be their responsibility. Your cooperation and consideration in maintaining your curbside mailbox is appreciated. As a reminder, the United States Postal Service requires that all curbside mailboxes should be installed at a height of 41-45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry. Further, mailboxes are set back 6-8 inches from the front face of the curb or road edge to the mailbox door.



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Water Department Reminders

Extreme low temperatures in the winter can freeze and harm your pipes. The following steps can be taken to help prevent any frozen pipes in your home:

A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall. Open cabinet doors to allow the heat to get to pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls. Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night. You might be in the habit of turning down the heat before going to sleep, but further drops in the temperature overnight could catch you off guard and freeze the pipes in your home, so maintain a constant temperature.

Police Department Information - Nixle Notification System



All adult residents of North Aurora are urged to sign up for the Nixle Notification System, at www.Nixle.com. It's free and easy to subscribe. For residents who were previously signed up for the Village's Reverse 911 System, please note you will no longer receive any Reverse 911 calls, as the Nixle Notification system has replaced Reverse 911. Please note, messages are not sent out for every weather watch or warning; only when the weather is having, or are expected to have, a significant impact on our community, such as the blizzard of 2011.

Nixle Notifications will provide important emergency and time-sensitive updates via phone, text, and email and you can tailor how you receive the notices. Nixle provides three types of messages as noted below:

Alert - The most serious type of message reserved for critically important, time-sensitive information where loss of life and/or property is possible. By default, Alert messages come via text and email; however, you do have the ability to change settings. Alert message may also be sent via Voice Blast. Examples: Missing Child or Severe Weather Conditions.

Advisory - Important, need-to-know information, but less time-critical than Alerts. By default, Advisory messages come via text and email, but you have the ability to change settings. Examples: Road Closures, Police Activity, Traffic Congestion, or Suspicious Incidents.

Community - Everyday local news, happenings, and events. By default, Community messages come via email only, but you can change settings to receive Community messages via text if Press Releases (as when a major incident or arrest occurs). Please note that not all news is sent in Community messages; only those that the North Aurora Police Department feels residents should be informed of, before the next edition of C.O.P. Bytes or Village Newsletter is sent out.

Contact Deputy Chief Scott Buziecki by email at: sbuziecki@vil.north-aurora.il.us or call (630) 897-8705, ext. 752 with any questions you may have.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone No. (630) 897-8228 website: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us
 Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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

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| Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm) | 5 | 2 |
| Plan/Zoning Commission (7:00 pm) | 6 | 3 |

Village Hall Holiday Closures

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1
 Presidents Day - Monday, February 16