



View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President's Report - Dale Berman



State of the Village - Clear Vision for North Aurora: "Pride in what we have accomplished in the past, hard work and determination in the present, and fundamental planning for the future." Please join me for the Annual State of the Village address and meet with North Aurora leadership and regional business owners. Learn where the Village wants to go as a municipal government, as an organization, and as a community over the next several years. A great deal has happened over the past year in North Aurora with new and exciting opportunities to come. The State of the Village will be held at The Oak Street Restaurant & Bar, 945 Oak Street, North Aurora, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome and lunch beginning at 12:00 p.m. General admission is \$30.00 and \$25.00 for Aurora Chamber members. For information and to register please contact Maureen Gasek, Director of Events and Marketing by email at mgasek@aurorachamber.com.

Street Signs



Residents may already have noticed the new blue street signs, which have been installed on the east side of the Village, with the old street signs on the west side in the process of being replaced (weather permitting). The new street signs are being installed to comply with federal regulations.

With the installation of the new signs, the Village has received a number of inquiries from residents with an interest in obtaining one of the old red street signs. The Village Board has determined they would like to make the red street signs available to residents for a minimal fee of \$5.00 per sign, with the proceeds going towards our annual North Aurora Days event.

The Village is currently removing all remaining red streets signs and is in the process of creating an updated inventory of signs that will be available for purchase. It is anticipated that staff will schedule a specific date in April when we will begin accepting requests for signs. This information will be available in our next newsletter. Updated information will also be posted on the Village's website (www.northaurora.org) and Facebook page, to keep the public informed. The Village is very excited about the new blue street signs and pleased to be able to incorporate the new Village logo on them. At the same time, we are able to preserve a piece of history by allowing residents to purchase a red street sign.

As a reminder, winter is not over yet, therefore, residents are reminded that there is no parking allowed on Village streets during or after 2 inches of snow fall, until the roads have been cleared of snow. Your cooperation in following this ordinance is greatly appreciated. On a brighter note, Spring is just around the corner.



Water Department Reminders

Prevent Frozen Pipes

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



- A trickle of both 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. It might be a habit to turn 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.

Noisy Water Pipes

The Water Department has started to receive more resident concerns about noisy water pipes in their homes. Homes built in 1999 or later have a device by the meter called a dual check valve which keeps water from flowing back from the house plumbing. Every so often this device can wear and get noisy when water passes through them. This device is the Village's equipment to replace (with no cost to the homeowner) so please call the Village Water Dept. first, prior to contacting a plumber. This will save the homeowner the cost of a plumber's service call.

Police Department News and Information

Too Good For Drugs is a comprehensive drug prevention program designed to mitigate risk factors and also protect against problem behaviors. Officer Robyn Stecklein teaches the program to 5th graders in three elementary schools each school year:

- Fearn Elementary School
- Goodwin Elementary School
- Schneider Elementary School



This year's program begins during the week of February 29th and goes through the end of the school year. Too Good For Drugs is a framework of social and emotional skills that develops effective communication skills, goalsetting, and decision-making. The program puts social and emotional learning to work through fun and interactive lessons, which builds the self-confidence young people need to make healthy choices and achieve success. The North Aurora Police Department is proud to provide this program to our community in partnership with West Aurora School District and with the generous assistance of the North Aurora Lion's Club, which provides "graduation" t-shirts for the students who complete the program. For more information about Too Good For Drugs, go to www.mendezfoundation.org or contact Officer Stecklein at (630) 906-8146 or by e-mail at rstecklein@northaurora.org.

Public Works News and Information

Snowplow Damage - Any damage to your lawn caused by the Village's snowplows will be repaired as the weather warms and the ground thaws. Please contact the Public Works Department at 630-897-1457 ext. 260 as soon as you identify snowplow damage.

Is your mailbox installed properly? During the winter, unstable mailboxes and decaying wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents should be aware that the Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by the snow from the plows. Spring is the best time for residents to be sure their mailbox is securely fastened to the post and that the post is securely set in the ground and in good condition. Check yours today!

Trash pick-up will not be delayed due to Presidents Day and pick up will be on Friday, February 19th as usual.

Please report streetlight outages to the Public Works Department. Street lights on wood poles are repaired by Com Ed. and can be called into the Village or to Com Ed at 1-800-334-7661. Street light repair service is scheduled when there is a group of lights needing repair, before the area can be serviced, so please contact the Village Hall as soon as a streetlight is out to add it to the repair schedule.

Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant: Please ask about the Village's Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant. Available to residents having frequent backups into their homes.

Yard waste pick-up resumes on Friday, April 1. Kraft paper bags and waste stickers are required for all yard waste pick-ups through the end of November. Brush and branches must be bundled in 4ft. Lengths, cannot exceed 50 lbs. and each bundle requires a sticker. Bagged leaves are picked up free of charge only during October and November. To dispose of leaves prior to October, they must be bagged and each bag requires a sticker.

Village of North Aurora Directory

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North Aurora Meeting Schedules

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each Month. **Due to the Feb. 15th Presidents Day Holiday, the second meeting in February will be February 22, 2016.**

Plan Commission meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month.

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora (unless otherwise posted).

The meeting schedules and all meeting agendas are posted on the Village's website: www.northaurora.org.

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures

President's Day - Monday, February 15, 2016
 Spring Holiday - Friday, March 25, 2016