



## Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

October/November 2018

### Village President - Dale Berman



The Village of North Aurora's Annual Veterans Day Event will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the North Aurora Veteran's Memorial located at Willow Way and Farview Drive. The North Aurora Honor Guard, Fox Valley Marines, and students from Marmion Academy will once again participate in this memorial event. Please join us as we honor our Veterans who served to protect our country and our freedom!

Drones, or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) as they are referred to by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have become quite popular and are used for a variety of reasons including: geological surveys, agriculture, viewing wildlife, filming sporting events, real estate and journalism, to name a few. Along with their popularity, these small, personal drones have become more affordable, and people are developing an avid interest in using drones as a hobby for their personal recreational use.

Recently, some residents have voiced concerns regarding the use of drones flying over private property. Although the Village does not regulate the use of drones in North Aurora, a drone hobbyist or professional pilot may be charged on a local ordinance for disorderly conduct if they use their drone for disreputable means. It is my hope that any of our residents who are flying drones as a hobby, would be respectful and considerate of their neighbors' privacy. Keeping a drone within the parameters of your own property, and communicating with your neighbors when flying your drone within a residential neighborhood, shows respect for your community and provides for good neighbor relations.

Currently, drone usage is regulated under the Federal Aviation Administration for recreational and hobby uses as long as the drone is under 55 lbs. Anyone flying a drone for profit, including volunteers or non-profit organizations, as well as government entities, have to be licensed by the FAA to fly. For more information on FAA regulations for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones) please visit the FAA website at: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>.

Recreational drone flying is best if done in open locations so that you can always see your aircraft. Drone owners may want to join a group or a club as a way to meet other people with an interest in flying drones. It's also a great way to learn how to use your drone, how to learn new techniques, and how to service and maintain a drone. Enjoy your drone but please respect the privacy of others.

### 2018 Free Leaf Pick-up Program

There are two options for the disposal of leaves. Residents may bag their leaves in Kraft paper bags and place at the curb. Waste Management will pick up leaf filled bags FREE on Fridays during October and November. Please note, yard waste (stickers required) will also be picked up on Fridays through November. (Landscape pick-up will resume in April).

Residents may also choose to rake leaves to the curb for the Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up. The Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up program will run from October through November based on the schedules outlined below:

**WEST SIDE:** Residents living on the **WEST side of the Fox River**, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 15, October 29 and November 12.**

**EAST SIDE:** Residents living on the **EAST side of the Fox River**, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 22, November 5, and November 19.**

Leaves must be raked to the parkway along the curb in a row parallel to the street, at least one foot, and no more than 5 feet, back from the curb, and no more than 2 ft. in height. Leaves must be free of all foreign materials such as plants, branches, rocks and landscape waste. Please do not place leaves on the road surface as they can create a hazard for motorists. **Leaves MUST be out by 6:00 a.m. on Monday** of the pick-up week, with leaves being picked up at any time during that entire week. The Village keeps a log of streets that have been serviced, therefore, the leaf-vector truck will not go down streets a second time, once they have already serviced a street that week. If leaves are not raked to the curb by Monday at 6:00 a.m. of your pick-up week, residents will either have to wait for their next scheduled pick-up week, or bag the leaves for pick-up. To allow better access for the leaf collection equipment, please park cars in drive-ways or garages during this operation. Please be sure to **keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts.** Please note snow, rain, below freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or possibly halt curbside leaf collection. Thank you for your cooperation in helping the leaf program run smoothly.

**Police Department News and Information**



**Child Car Seat Installations:** Studies show that over 80% of child car seats are not installed properly. The North Aurora Police Department offers free car seat installations, by appointment. We have certified car seat technicians on our staff who can inspect your seat and make sure that it is as safe as possible for your child. If it's not, they can install it and show you how to do it right. Schedule an appointment by calling 630-897-8705 during regular business hours.

**Visit Santa Event:** It's not too soon to mark your calendar! Bring the kids to our upcoming *Visit Santa* event on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the North Aurora Police Station, located at 200 S. Lincolnway (the event will be held in the community room). There is no charge and the kids can visit with Santa while parents can take pictures using their own camera. Light refreshments will also be served (while supplies last). Come join the fun!

**Public Works News and Information**

**Holiday Garbage Pickup** - Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, your Friday garbage pick-up will be delayed until **Saturday, November 24**. Please have items out by 7 a.m. as Waste Management will run extra trucks causing pickup times to change. Please note, the Veteran's Day holiday will not affect your regular garbage pick-up day.

**Mailboxes** - Repair and maintain your mailbox now. During the winter, unstable mailboxes and deteriorating wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance and proper installation of their mailbox and post. Residents should ensure 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 a mailbox is damaged by a snow plow, residents should call the Village as soon as it happens, so the Village can assess the damage and provide a temporary box until spring when a standard metal mailbox and/or treated post can be installed if the damage warrants.

Please be advised, the Village will only make physical repairs to a mailbox or post that has been hit directly by a snow-plow 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 documented evidence that a plow damaged the mailbox and/or post, then it will be the resident's responsibility to repair. Your cooperation and consideration in maintaining your curbside mailboxes is appreciated by the Village, by your neighbors and the United States Post office. As a reminder, the United States Postal Service requires all curbside mailboxes be installed at a height of 41 to 45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or the point of mail entry. Mailboxes should be set back 6-8 inches from the front face of the curb or road edge to the mailbox door.

**Halloween Suggested Trick-or-Treat hours are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31.**

The following safety tips are good to remember as your kids trick-or-treat throughout our neighborhoods: Children should always go in groups with adult supervision; All treats should always be inspected by adults before they are eaten; be sure to caution children to always look both ways and use crosswalks when they are crossing streets; and motorists please be extra careful when driving through neighborhoods. Please note, there is no scheduled rain date for trick-or-treating. Have a safe and fun Halloween!



**Village of North Aurora Directory**

Village Hall - 630-897-8228 / Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Website: [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org)

**Elected Officials**

Mayor Dale Berman  
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**Scheduled North Aurora Meetings**

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the North Aurora Village Hall (unless otherwise posted) (Please check the Village Website for any meeting cancellations)

**October 1 and October 15  
November 5 and November 19**

Plan Commission meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. - **October 2 - Cancelled / November 6**

Meeting Agendas are posted on the Village's website at [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org).

**North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures:**

**Monday, November 12 - Veteran's Day  
Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving**