



# View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

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## Village President's Report - Dale Berman

The Village of North Aurora recently approved the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan outlines the goals that will be used to guide North Aurora into the future and help determine where the Village wants to go as a community. The Strategic Plan also outlines the action steps that will be taken to meet these goals. Residents can view the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan on our website by clicking on the link on the Government Transparency page under "Future Planning".



While on our website, be sure to subscribe to the new mailing list on the home page. Sign up to receive emails with links to the current Village newsletter, as well as, current meeting information for Village Board, Committee of the Whole, Plan Commission and Trustee Committee meetings.

Coffee with the Mayor continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to stop in for some coffee and conversation about your interests and concerns for North Aurora. It is always a pleasure to meet residents I haven't met before, as well as chat with the "regulars". No reservations are required, so stop in and join us.

Residents are reminded that there is No Parking allowed on Village streets after a 2 inch snowfall. This is to ensure that the entire street gets cleared of snow in order to allow Village snowplows to complete their routes as quickly and safely as possible. Also, snow may not be dumped, shoveled, or blown into the roadway as this delays snow removal and can cause dangerous situations. Please remove portable basketball poles from the curbside to avoid damage by Village snowplows and be sure your mailboxes are installed properly.

Residents who intend to be away for any extended period of time during the winter, should be sure to protect their home by keeping the temperature at the minimum of 60 to 65 degrees to prevent frozen pipes. Have your home checked regularly by a family member, friend or neighbor. If there is a problem with frozen pipes or water leakage, attending to it quickly could mean far less damage. Please consider your pets this winter. Pets are also sensitive to the cold weather, so when the temperature dips below freezing take care of pets and don't leave them out in the cold.

Please remember to shop North Aurora as the holidays approach. Shopping locally will benefit our community and will give back to our local businesses. Did you know that sales tax revenues make up 40% of all Village revenues that fund police, public works, community development and Village Hall services? North Aurora is fortunate to have a variety of retail stores, restaurants and other service businesses that residents should be proud to patronize. Be sure to check out the Business Directory on our website at [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org). Happy Holidays!



## North Aurora Water Treatment Plant Tour

The 5th grade class from Goodwin Elementary visited the North Aurora West Water Treatment Plant in November and learned all that went into the treatment process before the water made it to their faucets. A few weeks earlier Jeremy Barkei, the Senior Water Operator for the Village of North Aurora, provided a brief narrative and short power point presentation to the class describing source water and the treatment process the Village presently uses. The tour of the treatment plant enhanced the student's knowledge in the process that is required to provide clean, safe water for all village residents.



Mr. Barkei explaining to the students how the Village produces sodium hypochlorite (bleach) which is used as a disinfectant in the water treatment process.



5th Grade Goodwin Elementary students paying close attention as Mr. Barkei explains how the water treatment plant works.



Mr. Barkei performs a Titration Test to determine the concentration of the sodium hypochlorite which is produced at the treatment plant.

**Police Department News and Information**

The North Aurora Police Department is sponsoring North Aurora’s 2016 “Citizens’ Police Academy”. The purpose of the Citizens’ Academy is to build a better understanding between citizens and police through education.

This program will be an informative overview of the fundamentals of police work. Course topics will cover various aspects of police work and existing police knowledge, such as traffic law, investigations, criminal law, and use of force. Participants will have an opportunity to experience hands on traffic stop training, and simulated firearms training exercises. This program is designed to forge a stronger partnership between citizens and the police department. It is anticipated that this program will ultimately assist in the reduction of crime through a deeper community support for the police department.

Classes are scheduled to begin on February 25 and will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be 10 classes, the last class will be held on May 5. Participants in the academy must be North Aurora residents at least 18 years of age.

Applications may be picked up anytime at the North Aurora Police Department at 200 S. Lincolnway. Questions can be directed to Officer Robyn Stecklein at (630) 906-8146 or by e-mail at [rstecklein@northaurora.org](mailto:rstecklein@northaurora.org).

**Public Works News and Information**

**Garbage Pick Up:** Due to the Christmas holiday, garbage pick-up will be provided on Saturday, December 26 and due to the New Year’s Day holiday, pick-up will be provided on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Please note, there will be no delay due to Martin Luther King Day.

**Christmas Trees:** Christmas trees will be collected until the end of January FREE of charge. Trees must be free of all decorations and cannot be in plastic bags. Trees over 6’ will need to be cut in half. After the free collection period has expired Christmas trees will require one (1) refuse sticker visibly affixed to be collected.

**Mailboxes:** With winter around the corner it’s time to ensure your mailbox is secure and can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the snow plows. If your mailbox is damaged during a snow event the Village will only repair it if the plow makes contact with the mailbox. If the pressure of the snow coming off the snowplow does any damage, it will be the responsibility of the Homeowner. If a mailbox is damaged by a Village plow it will be temporarily repaired until it can be replaced with a standard 4x4 post and box in the spring.

**Fire Hydrants:** Whenever possible, we ask that all residents help the North Aurora Fire Department by clearing snow from around the fire hydrant on or near your property.

**Snow Removal:** Priority Streets are plowed first. Snow removal is based on street usage and levels of traffic. Listed below are the priority streets for the east and west side of the Village.



East Side – Banbury, Dee, Hartsfield Dr., Mitchell, Oak Crest, Pine Creek Dr., Sharon, Long and Wingfoot.

West Side – Airport, Bennett Dr., Bauer, Juniper, Meade, Oak, Orchard Gateway, Sycamore, Randall, Western, White Oak, Harmony and Timber Oaks Dr.

Secondary Streets are streets that collect and distribute vehicle traffic between the local street system and primary streets. Cul-de-sacs, alleys, dead ends and sidewalks will be cleaned last and are the least traveled.

Residents should be aware of Village Ordinances pertaining to snow removal. Violations of any of these Ordinances could result in fines up to \$750. It is illegal to park on Village streets after 2” or more of snow until streets have been cleared. It is illegal to push, pile, or dump snow into Village streets.

**Village of North Aurora Directory**

Village Hall Main Phone Number (630) 897-8228  
 Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Website: [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org)

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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. 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).

A meeting schedule and all meeting agendas are posted at the Village Hall and also on the Village’s website: [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org)

**North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures**

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2015  
 Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2015  
 New Years Eve - Thursday, December 31, 2015  
 New Years Day - Friday, January 1, 2016