



# Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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## Village President's Report - Dale Berman

### State of the Village

Please join us for the Annual State of the Village address on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Meet with North Aurora leadership and regional business owners. Learn where the Village wants to go as a municipal government, 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, 945 Oak Street, North Aurora. Event 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, Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce Director of Events and Marketing by email at [mgasek@aurorachamber.com](mailto:mgasek@aurorachamber.com).



### What Makes a Good Citizen?

A good citizen is informed and involved in his/her community, someone who takes pride in all that the community has to offer. A good citizen will take the time to learn the issues and exercise their right to vote for the village officials who manage their community. Citizens have a responsibility to be informed on the current issues, not only with issues in the national news, but issues that impact the community in which they live. Residents often have many questions or concerns about their community and don't realize that information and answers are readily available to them.

A good citizen will want to get involved, may join a community group, or offer to volunteer. Citizens can help create a positive impact on their community in various ways. Getting involved in a community group that supports a common goal, or reaching out to elected officials for information, is a great way to learn about and understand the workings of your community.

Another positive impact citizens make is by exercising their right to vote. When only a small percentage of registered voters vote in an election, it is only this small percentage of citizens that is being heard. Just being a registered voter does not provide a citizen with an opportunity to help make decisions or to be part of the solution, unless they actually vote. Only by voting can a citizen have an influence on the community in which they live. Not only do voters select their village officials, but they also have the opportunity to vote for positions and issues of other government bodies such as: School District 129, Messenger Library District, Fox Valley Park District, and Kane County Forest Preserve. By also voting for these entities, the results can have a positive impact on the community as well. Please make an effort to learn about the current issues in your community and be sure to vote on April 4!

In keeping with our theme of being a Good Citizen, being informed is key. North Aurora offers many opportunities for residents to obtain information about the Village. Our website provides a wealth of information about the workings of the Village. The transparency of our government, and access to information and documents, is a priority of the Village. To that end, there is a specific transparency page on our website where citizens can see that the Village operates in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner. The Village also has a Facebook page, in an effort to be sure information is provided to residents through social media. Residents can also subscribe on-line to our mailing list to get up-to-date information about Village meetings and events. And as always, residents are always welcome to call the Village Hall.

### Government Education Program

In the near future, the Village of North Aurora will be providing an opportunity for residents to learn first-hand how their local government operates. Government 101 will be a new program that the Village will be offering to residents who live in North Aurora, as well as, people who work in the Village. The intent of the program is to develop a better understanding of local government through education. This program will provide an excellent opportunity for citizens to get involved and be informed. It is anticipated that the program will be a weekly event, for a set number of weeks. Each week will cover one of the various departments of the Village. The program is currently in the planning stages, so please watch for more information on the program and registration in our next newsletter, as well as, on the Village's website.

The North Aurora Mothers Club will be hosting their 7th Annual Community Dinner on Friday, March 10 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at West Aurora High School, 1201 West New York Street, Aurora (cafeteria door entrance No. 22). The spaghetti dinner will be prepared by the West Aurora High School culinary students, and dinner will be served by the North Aurora Mothers Club members.



**Code Enforcement News and Information**

**Are you a Good Neighbor?**

A good neighbor can help foster a great neighborhood along with improving the quality of life in the Village of North Aurora. The first part to being a good neighbor is easy. Start by being a good neighbor yourself; help foster helpfulness and kindness in others. Treat your neighbors as you would want to be treated. Introduce yourself and get to know your neighbors before any problems occur. Make sure your neighbors know who you are and strive to establish a good relationship that would allow them to be a point of contact in case of an incident or emergency. Being a good neighbor enhances communication between you and your neighbors, reduces crime, eliminates blight and maintains property values. By doing your part, the Village of North Aurora will continue to be a great place to work and live.



The following suggestions can help establish and maintain good neighbor relations: Obtain required building permits prior to starting renovations; keep the exterior of your property neat and clean; park vehicles on the driveway and not on the grass or blocking sidewalks; make sure that all vehicles are operable and are properly licensed if stored outdoors; prohibit your dog from roaming the neighborhoods and from excessive barking; clean up after pets; store excess trash and debris in approved containers; keep your grass cut on a regular basis; be aware that RV's, boats and campers may be parked on the driveway Friday thru Monday only.

**Code Enforcement**

Over the past several years the Village's Code Enforcement Officer position has operated at a part-time capacity. In September 2016, a full-time Code Enforcement Officer position was created, with staff available 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, during normal business hours. In addition to the full-time position, the Village's part-time Code Enforcement Officer will continue with evening and weekend hours, in order to manage cases that tend to be more prevalent during those times. Please contact the Code Enforcement Department at (630) 897-8228 ext. 231 with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Public Works News and Information**

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on Friday, April 7. 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 pounds and each bundle requires a sticker. Bagged leaves are picked up free of charge only during October and November. Any leaves left from last summer will need to be bagged and will require a waste sticker. Please note: trash pick-up will **not** be delayed due to Presidents Day with pick up on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> as usual.

Mailboxes: 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. 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 897-1457 ext. 260 as soon as you identify snowplow damage.

Streetlights: Please report streetlight outages to the Public Works Department. Street lights that are on wood poles are repaired by ComEd and can be called into the Village or to ComEd 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.

Sanitary Sewer Back-ups: If your residence experiences frequent sewer back-ups please contact the Village to ask about an Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant that you may be eligible for.

**Village of North Aurora Directory**

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 Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

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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 at 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 6, 2017** (No Meeting Feb. 20 - President's Day)  
**March 6, 2017 and March 20, 2017**

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

**Feb. 7, 2017 and March 7, 2017**

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora (unless otherwise posted). All meeting agendas are posted on the Village's website: [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org).

**North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures**

President's Day - Monday, February 20, 2017