



# Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2019

## Village President - Dale Berman

Veterans Day is a day to set aside to honor our veterans and thank them for their service in protecting our country and our freedom. This day was originally called Armistice Day due to the fact it fell on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War 1. In 1954 it was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.



The Village of North Aurora will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Monday, November 11, 2019 at 2 p.m.** at the North Aurora Veteran's Memorial at Willow Way and Farview Drive. Please join us as we honor our Veterans who served to protect our country and our freedom.

**Halloween** is coming up too and suggested **trick-or-treat** hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. I encourage all of our residents to practice safety so that everyone may have a safe and fun Halloween. Children should trick-or-treat with adult supervision and everyone should use crosswalks and look both ways while traveling while motorists should be extra careful driving through neighborhoods. Later on, candy and treats should be inspected by adults before they are eaten. Have a scarily good Halloween!

## Free Leaf Disposal

There are two options for disposal of leaves. Residents may bag their leaves in Kraft paper bags and Waste Management will pick up leaf-filled Kraft paper bags **FREE** on Fridays during October and November. **Please note:** Yard waste (stickers required) will also be picked up on Fridays through November. After November landscape waste will not be picked up until April.

Residents may also choose to rake leaves to the curb for the Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up. Leaves **must be raked to the parkway along the curb by 6 a.m. Monday** of the pick-up week. Leaf piles should be less than 2 feet in height, must be free of foreign materials (branches, plants, rocks and landscape waste) and raked in a row parallel to the street, at least 1 foot and no more than 5 feet back from the curb. The village's free leaf pick-up program will run from mid-October through late November based on the schedules outline below:

- Residents on the **EAST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 14, Oct. 28 and Nov. 11**
- Residents on the **WEST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18**

The Village keeps a log of streets that have been serviced and the leaf-vector truck will not go down streets a second time, once they have been serviced that week. If leaves are not raked to the curb by Monday, 6 a.m. of the pick-up week residents will have to wait for their next scheduled pick-up week **or** bag the leaves for pick-up.

Residents are encouraged to park in driveways or garages during this operation, to allow better access for the leaf collection equipment. **Please keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts.** Please note that [snow, rain, below freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or halt the curbside leaf collection program.](#)

## Village Electrical Aggregation Program

For the last several years the Village has managed an electrical aggregation program for residents that solicits pricing from energy suppliers in order to try and provide a competitive price and option for residents to consider in comparison to the default ComEd rate. The program to date has resulted in savings of about **\$300.00** to the typical North Aurora resident and overall the program has achieved an estimated **\$1.5 million** in total savings. The Village's current aggregation program expires in October 2019. The Village recently entertained bids to renew the program but unfortunately no bids were received with pricing below the ComEd rate.

Given that the submitted aggregation prices all came in above ComEd's current effective rates the **Village will be suspending the aggregation program and returning residents to ComEd.** Please be advised that residents will see their first ComEd energy-supplied bill in November and ComEd will be issuing notice of this change. The Village may solicit pricing again in the future to see if lower rates are available. If so, the aggregation program could restart at that time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Village Hall at 630-897-8228.

**Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705**

**Visit Santa**

Bring the kids to our upcoming **Visit Santa** event on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the community room at the North Aurora Police Station, 200 South Lincolnway. There is no charge and the kids can visit with Santa while parents can take pictures using their own camera. Light refreshments will be served. Come join the fun!



**Public Works News and Information - 630-897-8228 ext. 260**

**Garbage Pick-Up**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Friday garbage pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, November 30. Please have items out by 7 a.m. as Waste Management will run extra trucks, causing pickup times to change.

**Mailboxes**

During the winter, unstable and deteriorating mailboxes are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off snow plows. Residents are responsible for the maintenance of their mailbox and post. 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 so the damage can be assessed and a temporary mailbox provided. The Village will reimburse the resident up to \$100 for the new replacement/installation. The Village will only provide reimbursement if a mailbox/post has been hit directly by a snowplow blade or 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 and/or post will be the homeowner's responsibility. Your consideration in maintaining your curbside mailboxes is appreciated by the Village, by your neighbors, and the United States Post Office.

**Can You Believe Fall Is Here? Let's Take a Look at Some Fall Maintenance Tasks**

**Fall** is the perfect time to take care of the little things that can make a big difference for you and your home. Code Enforcement has put together a quick checklist as a guide to assist you with some common later season issues.



- Store or cover outdoor furniture and grills.
- Caulk joints and minor cracks on exterior walls and siding.
- Look for deteriorating finishes. Minor problems can be patched to preserve the wood.
- Drain and shut off sprinkler systems and other exterior water lines to avoid frozen and broken pipes.
- Insulate exterior spigots and other pipes that are subject to freezing but cannot be drained or shut off. Make sure that hoses are removed from all spigots.
- Clean storm drains, gutters and other drain pipes.
- Inspect or have someone inspect the roof for loose, damaged or missing pieces.
- Check attic vent openings for nests or other blockages.

Lastly, contact the Code Enforcement Division if you are aware of a property that may be vacant. As always, Code Enforcement is willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have, (630) 897-1457 ext. 265.

**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**

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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. (Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

October 7 and October 21 | November 4 and November 18

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

October 1 | November 5

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 East State Street (unless otherwise posted). All Meeting Agendas are on the Village's website at [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org) under the Government tab.

**Village Hall closed for the following Holidays:**

**11/11/2019 - Veterans Day**  
**11/28/2019 and 11/29/2019 - Thanksgiving**