

Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

Village President's Report - *Dale Berman*

I am so pleased with the great turnout for our first North Aurora Police Department Open House and Community Picnic that was held last month. We estimated over 800 people took time out of their busy schedules to attend. There was something for all ages including bounce houses, a petting zoo, live band, free food, and tours of our facility. Although this started as a way for the police department to give back to the community, the outpouring of support from those in attendance left us speechless. I could not be more proud of our dedicated police officers and how



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they represent the best of North Aurora. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

North Aurora has recently accepted the transfer of North Aurora Riverfront Park from the Fox Valley Park District. The Village looks forward to working in partnership with NOARDA and the Fox Valley Park District to plan events and bring residents to Riverfront Park. With that in mind, the Village has recently approved an ordinance that would allow consumption of liquor in North Aurora Riverfront Park <u>only during any Village sponsored events</u>, such as the North Aurora River District Alliance's (NOARDA) Rhythm on the Riverfront summer concert series. The ordinance allows BYOB (bring your own bottle) and/or sales from a vendor with the necessary liquor license. In the case of BYOB, there would be no limitation on the type of liquor that could be brought into the park. However, if there is an event where liquor is sold, vendors would be limited to beer and wine sales only, as there is no liquor license classification allowing outside sales of liquor, other than beer and wine.

We are excited to welcome some recently opened businesses to North Aurora: The Hardware restaurant and brewery opened recently at 2000 W. Orchard Road; Taco Madre is now open at 352 N. Randall Road; and also, Nail Spa Couture recently opened at 1041-1043 W. Orchard Road. I hope residents will make an effort to frequent these new businesses! Welcome to North Aurora and we wish you all great success.

As a reminder to residents, be sure to properly prepare and secure your trash when putting cans out for trash pick-up on Fridays. Please be sure your trash is secure inside your trash bag or receptacle by making sure lids are secure in place and trash is not overflowing the can. This will allow for easier trash pick-up and will help keep loose trash from blowing around the neighborhood on windy or rainy days. Thank you for being considerate of your neighbors when preparing your trash for pick-up. Please remember this as you prepare trash for the Fall Clean-up Day, scheduled for Friday, September 23. Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 5, trash pick-up will be Saturday, September 10.

With school starting in just a few weeks, kids will be walking to school, crossing streets and waiting at bus stops. Remember, student safety begins with roadway safety. Be sure to obey the speed limit and watch



for kids in crosswalks. Drivers must always stop when a school bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students on a two-lane road way. The bus driver will flash the lights on the front and rear of the bus and the stop signal arm will be extended. Remain stopped until the lights and stop signal are turned off.

North Aurora has four tornado sirens in the village. The sirens are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. These outdoor warning systems are designed to alert residents, who are outside, that life-threatening weather conditions exist or a tornado warning has been issued. When the warning sirens go off, residents should immediately seek shelter inside and tune to local media for more information. Please monitor weather conditions and always be prepared to take shelter when a tornado warning is issued. The warning signals will go off <u>only</u> during the monthly testing or in the event of a tornado warning or life-threatening weather emergency.

The Village's tornado sirens are located at these four locations: the west side salt dome at Bennett Drive; Goodwin School at Poplar Place and Harmony Drive; Schneider School at Banbury Road and Dee Road; and at Rt. 25 and Butterfield Road.



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Police Department News and Information

New C.E.R.T. Class Begins in September - Is your family prepared for a disaster? The fact is not many families are prepared, but you can change that by attending our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course which begins in September. The free course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning September 14 and concluding on October 26, in the Community Room, at the North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway,



The topics of the course are: Disaster Preparedness; Disaster Fire Suppression; Disaster Medical Operations (2 parts); Light Search and Rescue Operations; Disaster Psychology and Team Organization; and Course Review and Disaster Simulation. After the conclusion of the course, attendees who successfully complete the training course may apply to volunteer on our CERT team. CERT volunteers are typically used to assist first responders during disasters, other emergencies, or planned special events.

Applications to attend the course are available at http://northaurora.org/forms.aspx.

Public Works News and Information

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, trash will be picked up on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Please have items out by 6:00 a.m. as Waste Management will have extra trucks out on Saturday causing pick-up times to change.

Fall Clean-up Day has been scheduled for **Friday**, **September 23**. Stickers are required for all regular household trash and yard waste. All other non-hazardous bulk trash items will be picked up for free. Please have all items out by 6:00 a.m. as route schedules change for this special pick-up day. Visit the Village's website at <u>www.northaurora.org</u> to download a copy of Waste Management's "Collections Guidelines" for further information. For electronic recycling, please contact Kane County or visit their website at <u>www.countvofkane.org/recycling</u>.

Street Lighting: 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.



Code Enforcement Reminders - Code Compliance

When a code complaint is received about a code compliance issue, the property that is in question is inspected in a timely manner, either from the public right-of-way, or, with permission, from the property of the complainant. Once a complaint is verified by an inspection, the property owner is notified either in person or by written notification and a compliance date is issued, along with a copy of the pertinent section of the Village Code may be provided. The date for compliance may be subject to change based on variables and with the approval of the Code Enforcement officer. The ideal outcome is complete compliance within the requested time.

After all attempts to attain compliance are exhausted, an ordinance violation ticket will be issued, or a summons to appear before a Hearing Officer will be issued. The goal of code enforcement is to achieve compliance, as opposed to punishment for non-compliance. Code Enforcement is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please call (630) 897-1457 ext. 231 to speak with our Code Enforcement Officer.

Village of North Aurora Directory		North Aurora Meeting Schedules
Village Hall Main Phone - (630) 897-8228 Police Department Non-emergency Phone - (630) 897-8705 Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Website: www.northaurora.org		Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings - 1st and 3rd Mon- days of each month:
		August 1, 2016 and August 15, 2016 September 19, 2016 (no meeting Sept. 5 - Labor Day)
Village Board President Dale Berman Trustee Mark Carroll	dberman@northaurora.orgustee Mark Carrollmcarroll@northaurora.orgustee Mark Carrolllcurtis@northaurora.orgustee Laura Curtislcurtis@northaurora.orgustee Chris Fabercfaber@northaurora.orgustee Mark Gaffinomgaffino@northaurora.orgustee Mark Guethlemguethle@northaurora.orgustee Michael Lowerymlowery@northaurora.org	Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of each month:
Trustee Laura Curtis		August 2, 2016 and September 6, 2016
Trustee Chris Faber Trustee Mark Gaffino Trustee Mark Guethle Trustee Michael Lowery Village Clerk Lori Murray		All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora (unless otherwise posted). Meeting schedules and meeting agendas are posted on the Village's website at <u>www.northaurora.org</u> .
Like us on Facebook!		North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures Labor Day - Monday, September 5, 2016